

CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

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RESUME`

EDUCATION: Master's Degree, English Literature, University of Pennsylvania (1966); Bachelor of Arts Degree, Immaculata College (1963); Ph.D studies, Program in Writing, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania (1985 -87).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Member of Baltimore City Council, former 2nd District (1975-83); President of City Council (1987-95); and, Member of City Council, 14th District (2004-present).

High school teacher and undergraduate instructor by profession, most recently serving as adjunct faculty in English and/or Urban Policy at Johns Hopkins University, UMBC and Maryland Institute, College of Art (1984 – 2004).

Administrator, Division of Geriatric Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and director of Robert Wood Johnson "Hospital Initiatives in Long Term Care" grant awarded to the Division (1984-87).

President and unpaid director of Greater Homewood Community Corporation in Baltimore City (early 1970's).

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Member, New Democratic Club in Baltimore City (NDC-2) from its beginnings. Campaign manager for Brown-Campbell-Perkins legislative campaign, 1978. Volunteer in numerous local Democratic campaigns in Baltimore City, most recently including for Delegate Maggie McIntosh (2002) and

43rd Legislative Team of Joan Carter Conway, Curt Anderson, Maggie McIntosh and Mary Washington.(2010).

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please respond to the following questions:

1. TAXES

To increase job opportunities and improve the quality of life in Baltimore, taxes should not overburden businesses and families.

In addition, specific tax rates should be competitive with surrounding areas and revenues used to fund the services for which they are collected.

Tax Question:

What improvements to Baltimore's tax policy would you support?

In addition, which taxes could be increased, decreased, introduced or eliminated?

Your Response:

Improvements: Enact "penalty" tax rate for abandoned properties. Adopt transparent criteria for local development tax relief. Negotiate "service charges" for revenue-earning non-taxable properties. Legislate annual cuts for all taxable properties, triggered by indicators of recession recovery. Retain 4% Homestead cap for owner-occupants. Seek Homestead "portability" to promote homeowner-to-homeowner sales.

Increased, decreased, introduced, eliminated: Increase voluntary or "service charge" contribution of properties owned by revenue-earning non-profits. As recession recedes, decrease and eventually eliminate the package of fee increases imposed to close \$121 million budget deficit in fiscal year 2011. Introduce dedicated source of revenue in support of City school system's \$2.3 billion backlog of school facility repairs, renovations and replacements.

2. TRANSPORTATION

Following recent cuts in funding for needed improvements to Maryland's transportation system many transportation related jobs have been lost and future economic activity may be constrained due to limited mobility and increasing traffic congestion.

Tax Question:

How would you propose to improve Baltimore's transportation infrastructure?

Your Response:

Create physically segregated bicycle lanes on all City arterial roadways. May seem like a minor initiative compared to Red and Green lines, but it is an improvement within City government's capacity and authority. Let's do it as we meanwhile lobby and plan for the "mass"-ive initiatives required.

Adequately fund MTA buses to operate reliably, effectively and affordably --- to make connectivity with mass transit a possible and popular option which attracts increased multimodal transit patronage.

Energetically and consistently enforce the City's new truck route requirements so as to protect residential neighborhoods from truck traffic and disruption. Prioritize enforcement against speeding through restoration of police department's traffic division.