

1. Affordable Housing: Estimates show nearly half of all D.C. renters spend more than 30% of their income on rent. What resources, if any, will you advocate for to create more affordable housing options in the District?

I will push for increased federal investment in affordable housing production, including expanding Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and supporting community land trusts that permanently protect affordability. I will fight to restore and strengthen HUD funding and tenant protection programs that the current administration has cut or threatened.

On the development side, I will support transit-oriented, walkable, mixed-use development: dense housing centered around transit corridors, with retail, community amenities, and affordable units built in from the start rather than added as afterthoughts. I will also support modifying the Height Act to allow taller buildings outside the original L'Enfant federal city plan, creating new housing capacity while preserving the character of downtown DC.

2. HUD funding: There's a debate on the national level over homelessness and housing funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. What role do you think federal funding should play in D.C.'s response to homelessness, and how would you advocate for federal resources for the city?

The root cause of homelessness for most people is a lack of affordable housing. I would use my position on the oversight committee to ensure that HUD is executing its mandate to the highest standards. I will also push for the development of new financing options for office to residential conversions, allowing alternative asset managers to invest in those projects.

3. Camping: A few years ago, the Grants Pass case made it lawful for cities to punish people for sleeping outside, and some lawmakers have talked about a national camping ban. Would you support such a ban?

No. Criminalizing homelessness is not helpful.

4. Stakeholder Input: How have you involved people with lived experience of homelessness in your policy-making, and how will you in the future?

While I was President and General Counsel at the Ad-Mo based non-profit Peer Forward (then called College Summit) we served students who were experiencing homelessness. We helped them become the first in their family to attend college, driving enrollment rates in DC from under 40 percent to over 60 percent. As delegate, I will ensure that my constituent services personnel conducts outreach to individuals in shelters and experiencing homelessness.