



The Caribbean-American Political Action Committee

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Caribbean-American Political Action Committee (C-PAC) District of Columbia – 2020 Candidate Questionnaire

Please return the completed form via email to cpac.dmv@gmail.com by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Responses will be shared with C-PAC's membership.

Office Sought: Ward 8

Candidate's Name: Jeronda Hilton

Current Occupation: Banker

Party: Democrat

Campaign contact information (Address, Phone, Fax, Email, Website): 20409, Irving place, SE, Washington, DC 20020

1. What specific actions will you take to improve the well-being of your constituents and improve District services and access for all residents?
 - Initiate Neighborhood Re-assessment Plan (NRP): Detailed Analysis that focuses on:
 - 1) Business enablement – Incentives for business environment
 - 2) Housing – Enable opportunity for affordable housing in the District
 - 3) Safety – how can the District be the safest area within DMV
2. During recent legislative sessions, the D.C. Council advanced B23-0201, a bill to establish a District of Columbia Office of Caribbean Affairs (OCA), which is a long-standing priority of the Caribbean-American Community. Please explain your position on this legislation and whether you will support efforts to staff and fund the proposed office?
3.
 - I support the legislation along others – Africans & Hispanic as well.
4. What initiatives did you lead or support that impact Washington, D.C.'s Caribbean-American community?
 - None at this point because I am seeking opportunity to represent the District.
5. Are you familiar with the status and impact of Caribbean-American owned businesses in your community and throughout Washington, D.C.? How will you support the viability and competitiveness of the City's small, minority, veteran, women, and especially Caribbean-owned businesses? In addition, how will you improve procurement and contract opportunities for these businesses?



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- **Require** further studies to guide my judgement – I am pro-small business
6. There are increased concerns regarding violence – especially gun violence – in many parts of the District. What are your proposals to address and stem violence with 21st century tools and policies?
- **I will sponsored District Buy back program** every five years. Incentive will be good to eliminate hand-gun
7. How do you propose increasing access to safe, quality, affordable mental and physical health care and services throughout the District of Columbia?
- **I will do assessments of those areas** in my first 90 days and create program/projects out of the feedbacks.
8. Unfortunately, the challenges and concerns facing immigrants are increasing at an alarming rate. Do you support comprehensive immigration reform? How do you propose addressing the challenges facing DREAMers, the administration's suspension of temporary protective status for many D.C. residents, and the constant threats facing sanctuary cities?
- **Give permanent residency to DREAMers** who have lived in the country for 10 years and paid taxes
9. There is growing attention and distress about the significant increase in lawsuits filed against District residents by debt collectors over the last few years. What is your position on the Debt Buying Limitation Amendment Act, which is pending before the D.C. Council's Committee on Business and Economic Development and the Council's Committee of the Whole?
- **I will support and work status of limitations on selected debt ratios.**
10. What concrete steps will you take to improve the District of Columbia's Public-School system – including facilities and equipment, teacher treatment, relationships with parents, as well as education standards and test scores in all wards of the City?
- Do an assessments and studies to guide decision making. Option to include recommending hand over to **School Boards** with good planning.
11. In Washington, D.C., many seniors seek to age in their homes and/or communities. What efforts will you take to improve service accessibility, support for families, and the quality of programs offered to the City's senior citizens?
- Need **assessments** to guide my decision making and recommendations



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12. What priority issues inspired your candidacy for political office?

- As a resident I am tired of complaining. Now, I want to get involved and help to improve quality of life in the District, strengthen the neighborhoods, deliver superior services while embracing the diversity, and making the areas a desirable, safe city in which to live, work, raise a family, shop, study, play and grow old.