



# MCCC 2014 Candidate Questionnaire

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**Office you are seeking:** State Senator **District:** District 14

**Years of residence in the district in which you are running:** 35

## Education Information

**College, Post-graduate, Technical School or Certificate Program you completed and the degree(s) you attained.**

University of Maryland-2 years in pre-med Towson University- BS in Education George Washington University- Master of Fine Arts

## Employment Information

**Current Occupation:** Senator, District 14 **Current Employer:** People of Maryland

**How long have you been employed here?** 12 years

**If less than two years, please provide immediate previous employer:**

## Questions

**In your opinion, what are the key issues facing the business community in the district/county/state you seek to represent?**

Retaining and promoting jobs, improving education to all, improving transportation

**What do you believe are the core responsibilities of the position you seek and what will you do to carry these out?**

To respond to the needs and issues of my district, the County and State

**Please explain your budget priorities and describe your approach to the role you will play in impacting the County/State budget.**

I prioritize education and transportation issues as primary to economic strength of this area.

**What improvements do you believe are needed to the transportation infrastructure In Montgomery County and Maryland? Please list them in your priority order.**

Improve reliability and connectivity between private (cars) and public transportation

**If elected, how do you plan to address the perception and reality of Montgomery County and Maryland having a less competitive business climate?**

This perception is incorrect and is promoted by other areas to attract business. I believe we need more editorials and local news media pointing out the advantages Maryland offers.

**How do you define economic development?**

It is providing the educated people and infrastructure to promote businesses that offer high paying secure jobs.

**What role should government play to help attract, grow and retain business?**

It needs to help create an educated and trained work force, a variety of housing options and transportation links

**What current economic development initiatives do you support?**

Support of high tech research projects leading to product and systems development

**What new economic development initiatives would you propose?**

**Please use this opportunity to provide any other information you would like MCCC members to know.**