



**Eckington**  
Civic Association

## **Ward 5 Councilmember Candidate Questionnaire**

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Please respond to each question in 200-300 words. We know that you might have more to say on each topic, but shorter answers will better help residents digest these materials. Feel free to direct folks to other resources on your website if you have more to say than this space allows. Thank you!

**Q1: Like many Ward 5 neighborhoods, Eckington is home to a significant amount of land that is currently zoned for industrial uses. In your view, what is the best use of that land and why?**

Ward 5 has continued to be a dumping ground due to lack of leadership, stewardship and concern for the residents. Within the first 100 days in office, if elected, I will conduct an assessment of every Ward 5 community, including determining if any brownfields exist. I will confer with residents regarding their wishes. As a trained biologist I support activity that is environmentally safe for humans, other animals and all living organisms.

**Q2: Eckington is bounded by four large arterial roads—New York Avenue, Florida Avenue, North Capitol Street, and Rhode Island Avenue. Do you think those corridors should be transformed, and if so, how?**

These corridors present an opportunity for transformation to make them safer, more aesthetically viable and conducive to housing, new businesses and tree canopy expansion.

**Q3: Eckington has been impacted by armed carjackings and homicides in recent years. At the same time, Eckington residents have also expressed concerns about policing in**

**D.C. How would you approach public safety as a Ward 5 Councilmember? Do you have thoughts about the revision of the D.C. criminal code that is underway or other policy changes being considered?**

I am the only Ward 5 candidate that has won multiple awards for serving the public, including improving public safety. I have previously been endorsed by the Washington Post (twice), Afro American Newspaper, Doctor's Political Action Committee and Tobacco-Free D.C. I am endorsed in this election by former MPD Assistant Chief Diane Groomes, who leads security at the Wharf and Chief Regis Bryant, who is the former 7D commander. I am also endorsed by MPD officers who live and work in Ward 5.

**Q4: Eckington residents are concerned about air pollution from the Fort Myer asphalt plant, vehicles on large nearby arterial roads, and the like. How would you approach this and other environmental issues in Ward 5?**

Air quality is important and Ward 5 continues to suffer disproportionate cases of asthma, breast cancer and other illnesses. I will work with the EPA to take corrective action regarding brownfields and air quality incursions and use legislative remedies, if necessary to address companies that dump on Ward 5.

**Q5: Eckington, Edgewood, and other Ward 5 communities have struggled to secure important amenities that are commonplace in Wards 3 and 6. If elected, are you committed to ensuring that Ward 5 elementary and middle schools are modernized and that a D.C. public library serving Eckington and Edgewood is built?**

Absolutely! Ward 5 needs a strong advocate to get our fair share of OUR budget resources. I am a strong advocate with a record of achieving equity for my constituents and a "powerful voice for the community". I know how to make Government work for our residents and have a strong record of accomplishment. I transformed my community without displacing residents, making it safer, stronger and more livable. I am a fighter and no one works harder!