CLEVELAND PARK
SMART GROWTH

2022 ANC Candidate Questionnaire

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1) What are the main issues you hope to address as an ANC Commissioner?

I plan to address issues of pedestrian safety, especially along Connecticut Avenue. Cleveland Park residents who live on, or use, Connecticut Ave. should feel protected from, not vulnerable to, car traffic when going about their daily lives. I also look forward to representing the perspectives of the many apartment residents in ANC 3C in policy discussions that can feel dominated by the interests of single-family homeowners.

2) The Cleveland Park and Woodley Park commercial areas on Connecticut Ave are now allowed to be zoned for greater residential density. What will be your priorities and approach to any rezoning requests for the area that come before the ANC?

Population density is good and should be inclusive, not exclusive. My priority will be to make new housing in Cleveland Park as inclusive and as accessible as possible. Our neighborhood benefits when its residents represent diverse lived experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives.

3) How will you incorporate racial equity in your approach as an ANC Commissioner?

We live in a predominantly white neighborhood, which is in large part due to past exclusionary housing policies. For example, I live in a cooperative that for a long time did not allow people of color to become shareholders. As an ANC commissioner, I will acknowledge the effects that past racist policies like that continue to have on our community today. I will do my best to use my position to ensure that the perspectives of people of color are included in ANC discussions.

4) ANC 3C includes the Woodley Park Historic District, most of the Cleveland Park Historic District and several historic landmarks. How will you approach Historic Preservation applications in your SMD (if applicable) and in ANC 3C generally?

It is important to retain the historic architectural value the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park neighborhoods. To that end, I would want to assess whether Historic Preservation applications are being made in good faith and in the collective interest of the community, or to protect the personal interests of the petitioners themselves. We should not allow for the weaponization of historic preservation to hinder the inclusive growth of our communities in ANC 3C.

5) Are you committed to supporting the Connecticut Ave reconfiguration approach known as Concept C? (Yes or No), and what will be your priorities when it comes to the reconfiguration of Connecticut Ave?

> Yes, I support Concept C. My priority is public safety, by which I mean the lives of Cleveland Park residents. We all deserve, and should be guaranteed, safe mobility along Connecticut Ave. We should be able to walk with our children, eat lunch outside, take our dogs for a walk, ride a bicycle or public transportation, or drive or be a passenger in a car without fearing for our lives.

6) What else do you want neighbors to know about you and why you are running to represent them?

> I have lived in Cleveland Park since moving into Tilden Gardens in 2017. In the past few years, I have become more connected to the local community by delivering groceries for Ward 3 Mutual Aid and by volunteering with the Friends of the Cleveland Park Library. My spouse and I are gardeners in the community garden on Sedgwick St. and we became parents last December. Pushing a stroller around the neighborhood has made us suddenly aware of every inaccessible sidewalk and dangerous crosswalk in the neighborhood. I want to address these unnecessary risks to protect all of us.

About Cleveland Park Smart Growth

CP Smart Growth is a community of over 500 Cleveland Park-area residents who share an interest in promoting and discussing urbanist issues. Our mission is to advance smart growth policies in Cleveland Park to ensure an economically vibrant, environmentally sustainable, and socially inclusive neighborhood. We do this through education, organizing, and advocacy.

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