



GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE

GBC's 2020 Baltimore City Election Coverage Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE: KEITH SCOTT (D)

The Greater Baltimore Committee has identified key policy priorities to drive discussion in the 2020 Citywide Elections. The priorities are:

1. Prioritize enhanced coordination across criminal justice agencies and support evidence-based crime reduction strategies to improve public safety.
2. Implement strategic and inclusive economic development strategies to attract and retain businesses and residents.
3. Exert solid, steady leadership to stabilize Baltimore City government and create a culture of integrity, transparency, and efficiency.
4. Support education and workforce development programs that prepare Baltimore residents for family-supporting jobs in high-growth industries and create programs or initiatives to attract talent to Baltimore City.
5. Utilize policy, funding, and intergovernmental coordination strategies to enhance Baltimore City's transportation and mobility infrastructure and operations.

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1. Prioritize enhanced coordination across criminal justice agencies and support evidence-based crime reduction strategies to improve public safety.
 - What are three actions that you would take in your first year to improve public safety?

Can't answer that question until I know exactly what I'm working with

- As Mayor, what steps would you take to improve coordination across federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies and with the Judiciary?

Again I will not be able to answer that question without knowing what I'm working with

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- What are your plans to address “squeegee kids” and panhandlers in City intersections?

Kid supposed to be in school

2. Implement strategic and inclusive economic development strategies to attract and retain businesses and residents.

- What strategies or programs would you put into place to encourage businesses and residents to move to Baltimore City?

Fitness options in affordable housing is a requirement

- What strategies or programs would you put into place to encourage existing businesses and residents to stay and expand in Baltimore City?

Neighborhood association will be established that reflect the people who live in these areas

- Do you have ideas or suggestions to reform the property tax structure in the City?

I can answer that question because I don't know what I'm working with

- What are your top three priorities or programs to grow Baltimore’s tax base?

Jobs in construction work call people working economy will grow

3. Exert solid, steady leadership to stabilize Baltimore City government and create a culture of integrity, transparency, and efficiency.

- Baltimore City is at a crossroads and in need of strong, ethical leadership. Why are you the best candidate to lead the City into a new decade and chapter?

I don't have enough information to answer that question cuz I don't know know what I'm working with

- What are three actions that you would take to improve transparency and efficiency in City government?

None of the information to make a accurate answer to this question

- Several charter amendments have been proposed and are pending legislative review and approval.

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- What is your position on the composition and function of the Board of Estimates?

At the time I do not have enough information to answer this question when I become meant I would be more knowledgeable of this situation and act accordingly

- Do you think that the Baltimore City Charter should require a Chief Administrative Officer? Please explain your answer.

I do not have enough information to answer this question

- How would you structure your Administration (ie, CAO, Deputy Mayors, Chief of Staff, etc.) to provide the most efficient delivery of City services?

I do not have enough information to answer this question

4. Support education and workforce development programs that prepare Baltimore residents for family-supporting jobs in high-growth industries and create programs or initiatives to attract talent to Baltimore City.
 - Under the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission, Baltimore City stands to receive an additional \$500 million annually in State education aid by Fiscal 2030. In order to receive this additional funding, Baltimore City must increase its investment as well, by \$330 million annually by Fiscal 2030. According to Maryland Department of Legislative Services figures, Baltimore City currently spends less than 15% of its budget on education compared to a statewide average of 36%. What is your plan to meet the increased obligation of Baltimore City? Please be specific in identifying areas or agencies that will see reduced appropriations as well as revenues that may be increased.

I do not have enough information and to answer this question

- Currently, 0.2% of the City's budget is dedicated to workforce development. What is your position for funding workforce training and adult education programs to reduce unemployment and adequately prepare City residents for jobs in high-demand industries?

Derek relationship with the US will be established

- What role should the City play in attracting and retaining top talent to fill in-demand jobs in high-growth industry sectors?

I would assess that question when I get more information

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5. Utilize policy, funding, and intergovernmental coordination strategies to enhance Baltimore City's transportation and mobility infrastructure and operations.

- What are three things you would do to improve transportation and mobility in the City?

I do not have enough information to answer this question thoroughly

- Do you support enhanced investment in transportation infrastructure, including that for pedestrians, bicycles, and scooters?

I do not have enough information to answer this question therapy

- What is your position on the creation of a regional transit authority to oversee the transit network?

I do not have enough information to answer this question thoroughly