

MADSA LOCAL CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL INFO

Contact Info

Candidate Name: [Christian Wise Smith](#)

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Photo of Candidate:

Are you a dues-paying member of DSA?

Highest Office Previously Held: N/A

DSA Affiliation:

If elected, will you publicly identify yourself as a Democratic Socialist & MADSA Member?

As a member, yes.

Election Info:

Office / District Sought: Fulton County District Attorney

Number of Years You Have Lived in the District: 2

Please list the name of any current or former members of this legislative body with whom you have interacted/worked with and any noteworthy results/reflections from that interaction:

Date of Election: June 9th

Date of Runoff (if necessary):

Open Seat or Incumbent: Paul Howard

Name & Political Party of Incumbent (if applicable): Democratic Party

Number of Qualified Candidates for Seat: (including yourself): 3

Number of Constituents in District: 1.064 million

Number of Registered Voters:

Voter Turnout in Last Election for this Seat:

Campaign Strategy:

Endorsements Received for this Election:

Do you have a Campaign Slogan:

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities?

What is your path to victory in your election? How will you win?

Amount of Money Raised So Far:

Have You Begun Knocking Doors?

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ECONOMIC POLICY

1. Do you support raising the Minimum Wage of local employees to a living wage of \$15 per hour, including all industries and tipped workers, and then indexing the minimum wage to inflation? Yes.
2. Do you support establishing Community Land Trusts (CLTs) to buy and develop property in public trust for the community?
3. Do you support providing City/County services such as Parks, Transportation or Community Support Services that allow citizens to pay on a sliding scale according to their income?
4. Do you support making Public Transit Free? Yes.

ECO-SOCIALISM & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

5. Do you support MADSA's vision of a [Green New Deal for Georgia](#)? MADSA is currently working on Green New Deal policy recommendations for local municipalities. Please provide any eco-socialist policy proposals you have here.

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FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

6. Do you support the requirement of set asides for affordable housing in the construction and/or renovation of multi-family housing?
7. Do you support requiring landlords to provide tenants with 72-hour notice of eviction and barring tenant-eviction during inclement weather? Yes.
8. Please provide any additional Fair & Affordable Housing policy proposals you have here.

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RACIAL JUSTICE & REPARATIONS

9. Do you support Reparations for African American Descendants of Slaves? If so, what is your Reparations plan?
10. Do you support financial aid to alternative institutions of color (banks, grocers, corporations), including policy that subsidizes and offers low-interest, interest-free or federally guaranteed low-interest loans to promote the development of cooperatives (food, residential, etc.), land trusts and culturally responsive health infrastructures that serve the collective needs of historically marginalized/redlined communities?
11. Do you support the Elimination of Holidays from your Local Calendar honoring the Confederacy?
12. Do you support the restriction of local funds from support Confederate Memorials?
13. Do you support a Resolution refusing for your local police department to cooperate with ICE? Do you support a Resolution expressing opposition the locating of Immigrant Detention facilities in your municipality?
14. Please provide any additional Racial Justice & Equity policy proposals you have here.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM & PRISON ABOLITION

15. Do you support the full legalization of Marijuana, including the pardoning or commuting of all Cannabis/Marijuana-related sentences? Yes.
16. Do you support the legalization of Cannabis for medicinal use? Recreational use? Yes for both.
17. Do you support the decriminalization of narcotics use? Yes.
18. Do you support abolishing mandatory minimum sentences? Yes.
19. Do you support abolishing the use of private prisons? Yes.
20. Do you support abolishing cash bail? Yes.
21. Do you support abolishing to the privatization of police, prisons, jails, probation, parole, food, phone, probation and all other criminal justice-related services? Yes.
22. Do you support the demilitarization or disarming of police? No.
23. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work? Yes
24. Please provide any additional Criminal Justice Reform policy proposals you have here.

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GENDER EQUITY & REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

25. Do you support public bathroom accommodations for trans and non-binary persons?
26. Do you support efforts to end the gender wage gap, including legislation to ban gender discrimination in hiring and compensation?
27. Do you support providing municipal employees with paid sick leave and paid parental leave?
28. Do you support a Non-Discrimination Ordinance in housing & municipal employment?
29. Please provide any additional Gender Equity & Reproductive Justice policy proposals you have here.

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ELECTORAL REFORM

30. Do you pledge to accept no money from for-profit corporate donors, for-profit corporate PACs, real estate developers, or lobbyists employed by for-profit corporations?
31. Do you pledge not to accept donations from Fossil Fuel Companies?
32. Do you support Election Day voter registration, automatic voter registration, expanding early voting, open primaries, and making Election Day a local Holiday?
33. Do you support lowering the Voting Age to 16?
34. Do you acknowledge that the US's voting systems are archaic and undemocratic, and do you support proposals to reform our elections such as multi-member districts, proportional representation, ranked choice voting, and abolishing the Electoral College in favor of election by national popular vote, and ranked choice voting?
35. Please provide any additional Electoral Reform policy proposals you have here.
36. How do you plan to finance your campaign ethically?