

MADSA LOCAL CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL INFO

Contact Info

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Photo of Candidate:

Are you a dues-paying member of DSA? No

Highest Office Previously Held: Mayor

DSA Affiliation:

If elected, will you publicly identify yourself as a Democratic Socialist & MADSA Member? No but I will join as a member and promote the issue causes of the MADSA.

Election Info:

Office / District Sought: DeKalb County Commission Super 6

Date of Election: 5/19/2020

Date of Runoff (if necessary): N/A

Open Seat or Incumbent: Open

Name & Political Party of Incumbent (if applicable):

Number of Qualified Candidates for Seat: (including yourself): Emily Halvey, Maryam Ahmad

Number of Constituents in District: 350,000

Number of Registered Voters: 230,000

Voter Turnout in Last Election for this Seat: 30,000 (roughly)

Campaign Strategy:

Endorsements Received for this Election: N/A

Do you have a Campaign Slogan: New Energy, New Ideas, Moving DeKalb Forward

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities? Inclusion, Environment and Housing

What is your path to victory in your election? How will you win? Direct voter contact! Our goal is to hit 40,000 doors by May 19th!

Amount of Money Raised So Far: \$10k

Have You Begun Knocking Doors? Yes!

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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. In the City of Clarkston we have already raised the minimum wage for our city employees to \$15/hr. DeKalb has also enacted a policy of a \$15 min wage
2. Do you support establishing Community Land Trusts (CLTs) to buy and develop property in public trust for the community? Yes, and that is an important part of my housing policy

ECO-SOCIALISM & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

3. Do you support MADSA's Georgia Green New Deal? MADSA is currently working on Green New Deal policy recommendations for local municipalities. Please provide any eco-socialist policy proposals you have here.

I 100% support a Green New Deal for Georgia. In Clarkston, we have drafted a city-wide urban agriculture and micro-farming ordinance, as well as a city-wide single-use plastic ban, we also passed a 100% renewable energy transition resolution with the principles of equity and justice embedded in the resolution. I will push for a DeKalb Green New Deal.

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FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

4. Do you support the requirement of set asides for affordable housing in the construction and/or renovation of multi-family housing?

I support the use of inclusionary zoning policies and floating zones to ensure that affordable housing is not only integrated into existing housing, but that developers have to meet rigorous design and community standards, ie., creating shared community greenspace in their developments, permaculture design standards, ev/solar ready buildings, etc.

5. Do you support requiring landlords to provide tenants with 72-hour notice of eviction and barring tenant-eviction during inclement weather?

Yes! Tenant rights are essential and I will work with local groups to organize housing tenants.

6. Please provide any additional Fair & Affordable Housing policy proposals you have here.

In Clarkston we created an affordable housing trust that we can use for downpayment assistance, rent assistance, housing renovations and energy efficiency upgrades. We are currently also reviewing an addition to our Non-Discrimination Ordinance to include source of income in housing. I will push forward these reforms and others at the County level in the same way we did in Clarkston.

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RACIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY

7. Do you support Reparations for African American Descendants of Slaves? If so, what is your Reparations plan?

Yes! Through housing remedies outlined in the Color of Law. And I will support a study commission to review the legacy of housing discrimination in DeKalb.

8. 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?

Yes.

9. Do you support the Elimination of Holidays from your Local Calendar honoring the Confederacy?

Yes. DeKalb does not have calendar days honoring the confederacy, and I believe all local municipalities and the state of Georgia should also remove them.

10. Do you support the restriction of local funds to support Confederate Memorials?

Yes

11. 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?

Yes. We have passed a non-detainer policy here in Clarkston. I will support that policy in DeKalb.

12. Please provide any additional Racial Justice & Equity policy proposals you have here.

I will support decriminalizing cannabis possession county wide.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

13. Do you support the full legalization of Marijuana, including the pardoning or commuting of all Cannabis/Marijuana-related sentences?

Yes.

14. Do you support the legalization of Cannabis for medicinal use? Recreational use?

Yes! And I'm happy to say that Clarkston was the first city in Georgia to decriminalize simple marijuana possession. We will push for the same DeKalb County wide.

15. Do you support the decriminalization of narcotics use?

Yes.

16. Do you support abolishing mandatory minimum sentences?

Yes

17. Do you support abolishing the use of private prisons?

Yes! Our prisons should be places for restorative justice, not money-making institutions designed to keep people incarcerated.

18. Do you support abolishing cash bail?

Yes.

19. Do you support abolishing the privatization of police, prisons, jails, probation, parole, food, phone, probation and all other criminal justice related services?

Yes.

20. Do you support the demilitarization of police?

Yes

21. Do you support decriminalization of sex work?

Yes! We can look to the Nordic model on how this successfully works.

22. Please provide any additional Criminal Justice Reform policy proposals you have here.

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GENDER EQUITY & REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

23. Do you support public bathroom accommodations for trans and non-binary persons?

Yes. Our bathrooms should be gender-neutral

24. Do you support efforts to end the gender wage gap, including legislation to ban gender discrimination in hiring and compensation?

Yes.

25. Please provide any additional Gender Equity & Reproductive Justice policy proposals you have here.

I also believe more open data and transparency around employee salaries would help tackle some of the current gender wage gaps.

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ELECTORAL REFORM

26. 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?

Yes.

27. Do you pledge not to accept donations from Fossil Fuel Companies?

Yes.

28. Do you support Election Day voter registration, automatic voter registration, expanding early voting, open primaries, and making Election Day a local Holiday?

Yes! In Clarkston we have already made Election Day a local holiday for all municipal employees. We will do the same for DeKalb.

29. Do you support lowering the Voting Age to 16?

Yes!

30. 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?

Yes

31. Please provide any additional Electoral Reform policy proposals you have here.

I also support the right of all Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) to vote in municipal elections. In Clarkston, we have many LPRs who came as refugees who pay taxes, own homes and business, contribute to our community, but are not able to participate in our democracy. We should allow them to vote in County wide elections.

32. How do you plan to finance your campaign ethically?

My campaign is funded by friends, family, and small-dollar donors. I will be engaging progressive groups and labor unions to help support our campaign.