

**2022 Axios DC Voter Guide**  
**DC Council At-Large Election**  
**Karim D. Marshall Questionnaire Responses**

Please respond to these questions for Axios D.C.'s Voter Guide on the at-large D.C. Council race. This guide will be presented to readers in Axios' Smart Brevity format, therefore our space is limited.

Each question has specific limits for length. Any answers that don't conform to our guidelines will be edited by Axios D.C., and candidates may not review our edits. Once the guide is published, candidates will not be able to add responses.

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**Email\***

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**What is your name? (If you are not the candidate, please include your role with the campaign.)\***

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**If you are not the candidate running for office, please check this box to confirm that you are authorized to respond to this survey on their behalf.\***

[I am authorized.](#)

**What neighborhood does the candidate live in?\***

[Benning Ridge/Fort Dupont Park](#)

**Housing affordability is a massive city issue. All three incumbents are members of the Housing Committee and are involved in oversight of public and subsidized housing. What letter grade would you give Council member Anita Bonds as the committee's chair?\***

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F

**What is one way the D.C. Council can improve oversight over the D.C. Housing Authority, which a federal report recently described as failing to manage the city's affordable housing and public housing?\***

The HUD report does not identify any NEW issues. Residents, employees, and advocates have raised these issues for decades. I would immediately work within the Council and with the Executive to create a comprehensive plan to address housing of all types and configurations in the District including the lack of resources and trained staff at DCHA. We MUST work together to solve these issues.

**As an at-large member representing the entire District, how do you plan to build community ties across D.C.'s diverse neighborhoods?\***

Through outreach. As Councilmember, I would stay in communities to gather feedback on the performance of the Executive from residents instead of just sitting in the Wilson Building and invite real residents into the process of governing.

**What is one solution for reducing crime?\***

There are several interconnected solutions that must be done simultaneously to reduce crime, but the most effective single solution we can take is to create additional chances for jobs, trades, and careers for people in under-resourced communities.

**How should the city restore the vibrancy of downtown D.C.?\***

Embrace the new reality of land use and remote work. Reconfigure the downtown core into a region that provides access to co-located work, retail, and more housing to replace the decreased demand on office space.

**D.C. students have faced tremendous learning loss during the pandemic. Should the D.C. Council have a standalone Education Committee to oversee the city's leadership on schools?\***

Yes

No

**D.C. plans to build 10 miles of protected bicycle lanes a year. As council member, would you vote to build more, build fewer, or build the same amount?\***

Build more.

Build the same amount.

Build less.

**Summarize the state of the city in five words or less.\***

Vast untapped potential.

**What is 1 fun thing voters don't know about you?\***

Nerd alert: I'm a huge fan of comic books (85% Marvel, 10% DC, 5% Image)