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- 1. Please articulate your overall vision for how young people will be supported from cradle to career in Baltimore City? What will be the priority strategies within your first four years in implementing this vision?**

My vision is it takes a Village to Raise a Child. That said I will pump a lot of resources to community organizations and schools to help build a better Parent, Teacher and Student triangle relationship. Everything starts at home and in areas of poverty where its most effected will be the priority to assist in a child mental and physical health for them to recieve the nourishment and support from everybody. At the same mandate living wages, bring forth more permanent affordable housing, public services and reform the police department at the same time to achieve this succes

- 2. The Mayor and City Council do not currently have oversight authority over Baltimore City Public Schools. Would you advocate changing the current city/state partnership? What changes would you recommend to the overall administration/approach of public education in Baltimore City?**

I will advocate for the city to have control of the public schools in Baltimore. I would reccommend the administration to put forth a vision of success that I can sign on to seek future success. I am personally not a fan of Charter school so I will limit and or decrease charter school in Baltimore city it does not prove it better the public schools when they hand pick their students. Elementary and Middle School age kids will be separated and will have priority in attending charter schools thats in their neighborhood versus having to inconvenience families to travel a distant to take their child to school. Also put more stronger emphasis in supporting special eduction here in Baltimore city for kids in those needs also

- 3. Eighty percent of a young person's life is spent outside of school, yet just 15% of Baltimore's school aged young people have access to afterschool programs. City leaders from around the country have begun to identify the importance of afterschool and summer programs as a critical support and have invested in citywide systems. Participation in out-of-school time opportunities boosts academics, attendances, school promotion and completion and it helps connects young people to caring adults. If elected, what would your approach be to addressing opportunities for youth beyond the school day and school year?**

The current Mayor and her administration closed 24 rec centers in the city I plan to reopen 24 rec centers back in the city and increase stronger programs to benefit all needs.

- 4. In the 70's and 80's Baltimore operated around 130 recreation centers. That decreased by nearly half by the early 90's. Currently, Recreation & Parks operates just 40 recreation centers. There are ongoing questions about the available resources of the Department based on the lack of audits. Some of the recreation centers require major upgrades in both physical plant and programming. While a few new, modern recreation centers and being built, it is clear that many**



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neighborhoods lack quality recreational opportunities. How would you change the trajectory of Recreation and Parks? How will you address the challenges of programming and physical plants?

I plan to use some of the public bonds to create a 21st century state of the art system for the recs and parks to offer the best system in the country and within my first 100 days there will be a major change for the better.

5. Young people want jobs and they are natural entrepreneurs. Unfortunately, youth unemployment is at an all time high and young people are denied the experiences and skills they need to be prepared to enter the workforce. If elected, what will be your approach to youth employment and entrepreneurship? How will you partner with Higher Education and Industry?

First I will have a major meeting with corporate to small businesses to challenge them to bring programs and or offer jobs and internships where the youth can work get paid. I will work with schools to provide more youth internships especially paid to give opportunity to see to their success as being citizens of Baltimore city. Living Classrooms is a great example and I will help provide resources to organizations like them that provide jobs for the youth.

6. The resilient young people of Baltimore City experience trauma every day. They are both witness to and victims of violence. They have very real reasons to feel stressed and afraid. A growing body of research recognizes the importance of understanding and implementing trauma informed care within schools, community services, social services, and law enforcement. What approaches will you take, if elected, to implement trauma-informed-care and/or restorative practices in the public sectors?

Being elected Mayor from my current situation in life will be a major role model to step away and not stress the ills and to work with mental health specialists to create programs and with spiritual leaders to help give guidance.

7. In 2014, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake, with the support of City Council, established one of the strictest youth curfew laws in the nation and advocated for year round curfew centers. Proponents of the curfew centers thought they were a good strategy to keep kids safe and to connect young people and their families to services. Opponents feared the curfew enforcement would further strain police community relations and disproportionately target young people of color. Questions remain about the actual utilization of the curfew centers and whether or not the "Youth Connection Centers" serve their intended purpose. If you are elected, what would your position on Curfew and Curfew Centers be? How would you build more positive interactions between youth and law enforcement?

I will remove these Curfew centers and to help build a better relationships set of a Police Athletic leagues throughout the city to help build a better relationships between the youth and BPD.

8. The parents and families of young people are often left out of the equation when we are seeking solutions. Family and community engagement requires long term, sustained efforts to build trust



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and offer authentic opportunities for families to have a voice and feel supported. The Community School strategy has been shown to increase family and community engagement and improve school climate and culture. The city funded community school strategy is currently operating in 50 schools out of 180. Do you think every school should be a community school? How would you expand the strategy?

I presently don't have a position for and against it will be something I personally would have to research and or if I support its because majority of the my constituents would want this.

9. *The Baltimore City Health Department provides chilling statistics in its 2014 Health Disparities Report. Factors of race, gender, economics, and zip code can all be determining factors for a short and painful life, and the trajectories begin even before birth. Given what we know now about what works, how will you approach making sure every child has the opportunity to grow up to become a healthy adult?*

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10. *The bright green footprints painted on Baltimore City sidewalks are supposed to denote safe walking passageways for children to get to school. However well intentioned, the reality is that in many neighborhoods there are no safe passageways, and green footprints cut through active drug and gang territory. With schools of choice, some older students are traveling more than 2 hours both morning and evening on unreliable and sometime unsafe public transportation. What will you do when elected to make sure young people can make it to school everyday safely?*

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