Metropolitan Washington Council
AFL-CIO

2018 District of Columbia Committee on Political Education PRIMARY ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
Overview:

The Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO, is comprised of 185 local unions representing working people in all public industry sectors. The Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO’s priorities are outlined below:

• Creating family sustaining jobs for all;

• Investing in education, infrastructure, healthcare and transportation;

• Improving the lives of workers through education, quality job training, career advancement and livable wages with good benefits;

• Ensuring fair, progressive tax policies;

• Making high-quality, affordable healthcare available to everyone;

• Holding corporations and government more accountable to ensure that the public good is served by taxpayer dollars; and

• ensuring that a worker’s universal right to organize and to bargain collectively for wages, hours and conditions of work are maintained and enforced.
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Does your campaign accept PAC contributions? **Yes**

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**Current At-Large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia**

**Current DC Democratic Party Chairperson**

**Former Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (12 years)**

**ANC Chairperson (8 years)**

**Former Ward 5 Democrats Chair**

Office ___________________ Term _______ Office ___________________ Term _______
Have you ever received labor's endorsement? YES When? 2014

NATIONAL NURSES UNION
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
AFSCME COUNCIL 20
LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICAN (LiUNA) MID
ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 36
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PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU SEEK LABOR'S ENDORSEMENT:

I commend the Mid-Atlantic Labor Council for their many years working to uplift the quality of life of District residents and for providing professional services to the city, quality job training/apprenticeship programs for our youth, and for using your collective voice to highlight the social justice and human rights causes.

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ____________

Please return your signed questionnaire by Wednesday, May 9, 2018 to the below address:
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A. **Workplace Rights:** (Please answer by checking the box)

There are certain basic workplace rights that the unions and members of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO believe are fundamental and absolutely essential. Collective bargaining elections and representation are permitted for private sector employees, whereas for public sector employees in Maryland, legislation is required in order to have those same rights. Over the past decade, these rights have been given to many states, higher education and K-12 public school education employees and some county employees. However, thousands of public sector employees are still denied these rights.

1. Would you support comprehensive collective bargaining legislation that would provide collective bargaining rights (including exclusivity, binding arbitration and an independent labor board) for all public employees-local, county, school boards and state?
   
   X Support □ Oppose □ Not sure
   
   What is your position on each of these fundamental rights?

2. The right of workers to organize and have union representation
   
   X Support □ Oppose □ Not sure
   
   The right of an individual to collectively bargain is sacrosanct and must always be protected.

3. The right to freely exercise workplace rights free from harassment, intimidation and/or delays
   
   X Support □ Oppose □ Not sure
   
   Superiors and Supervisors who intimidate, harass or take other actions against an employee for exercising their rights must be removed or punished.

4. The right to bargain collectively with a legal obligation on both sides to negotiate in good faith
   
   X Support □ Oppose □ Not sure
   
   As long as the terms are agreed upon by both parties.
5. The right to resolve differences in a fair, impartial and timely manner, including binding arbitration

X Support □ Oppose □ Not sure

The employer should not have a greater advantage with the arbitration process, but they too often control the process. For example, I have been assisting a Teamster's worker who was dismissed for “violating company procedures” because she alerted her supervisors of unsafe and unsanitary working conditions by a text photo. The employer, a company that was contracted by the District government dismissed the employee because she took a photograph of the unsafe and unsanitary product. She did what anyone would do by alerting her superiors. Following her dismissal, they set the arbitration for 5 months away. After interjection, the arbitration was moved to 4 months away from infraction. This is an injustice. Who can afford 4 months without pay? I want to work with DC Labor to shorten the wait for arbitration. It should be 60 days or less.

The National Labor Relations Act grants private sector workers the right to organize themselves and be represented by a union in collective bargaining negotiations. From time to time, opponents of collective bargaining propose legislation to curtail workers’ bargaining strength and effectiveness. Under the innocuous sounding name of “Right-to-Work,” this legislation purports to protect the rights of workers and improve the state’s economic development climate. But the net result in Right-to Work states is that workers earn less, have fewer health care benefits and have higher job fatality rates. Right to Work laws prohibit workers from negotiating a “union shop” or “union security” clause in their contracts. Such a clause obligates those in the bargaining unit to pay their fair share of the collective bargaining representation costs. By wiping out that protection, Right to Work actually weakens the rights of working people.

6. Would you support Right to Work in DC?

X Yes □ No □ Not sure

We are fortunate that DC is not a Right to Work State and must join together to ensure that Republicans in Congress do not attempt to legislate it here.

Opponents of the labor movement have tried in recent years to stifle labor’s political and legislative voice through a friendly sounding proposal called “paycheck protection.” It proposes to give rank and file members more control over how their dues money is spent. It does so by requiring unions to spend an incalculable amount of time and money jumping through bureaucratic hoops. The net effect is that it would make it virtually impossible for unions to represent their members in the political and legislative arenas.
7. What is your position on the so-called paycheck protection idea?

☐ Support   X Oppose   ☐ Not sure

This is a blatant attempt to weaken the voice of working American men and women to benefit corporations.

When workers choose an exclusive collective bargaining representative, that union is legally obligated to represent every worker in the unit. Even when some people choose to be non-members, the union must represent them fully and fairly. In other words, those who pay dues are obligated to subsidize those who don’t.

8. In your opinion, should a union be permitted to collect a service fee from non-members for the cost of union representation as long as there are protections for those who object on religious grounds?

X Yes   ☐ No   ☐ not sure

The union fully represents both equally and a service fee is reasonable.

9. Please provide us with at least two examples of what you have done legislatively to support workers’ rights?

I co-introduced the Patient Protection Act of 2015 which will provide safe nurse and support staffing levels in our hospitals.

Voted on several budgets that protect unionized workers rights, ratified contractual agreements with salary increases, and fully funded public union employee’s pensions.

Sponsored the B22-0750 - Injured Public Workers Fairness Amendment Act of 2018 which establishes that an emotional condition or disease may meet eligibility standards for an injury in the context of workers compensation.

Voted in support of the fight for 15/hr.
Voted in support of Family and Medical Leave Act
Voted for DC Fair Elections
B: Workforce Violence:

1. What is your position on work place violence in the Hospital and Health care facilities?

   California is the only state in the nation to have passed comprehensive workplace violence prevention legislation to protect registered nurses and other healthcare workers. I look forward to working with the National Nurses Union and DC Labor to implement similar protections in DC.

2. How do you see yourself as an elected leader championing this issue for workers?

   I see myself a partner with DC workers. Violence against employees of our government or any workers that deliver services must not be tolerated. I am committed to taking action to prevent these abuses if and when they occur. Perpetrators should be held to an enhanced penalty.

C: Health Care: (Please answer by checking the box)

1. Nurses and other health care workers are often required to perform manual lifting of patients, without support offered by additional personnel, equipment, or training. As a result, registered nurses experience high rates of musculoskeletal disorders and injuries from lifting patients. Such injuries can have long-term detrimental effects on workers’ ability to perform daily tasks, leaving them with chronic debilitating pain and often forcing them to leave the workforce. Indeed, about 12 percent of the nursing workforce leaves the bedside each year due to back injuries.

   Do you support legislation that would require every healthcare employer to implement a comprehensive, evidence-based safe patient handling program that includes the use of lift teams, patient handling equipment, and proper training for healthcare workers?

   Yes, the safety of the patient AND the worker must be a top priority. Quality training should be mandated to protect both patient and worker and would lead to less injuries and save costs in the long run.
2. Health disparities, including those resulting in deaths, in the District of Columbia between black and white residents and between those in different wards are severe. Do you believe these disparities are a serious problem?

X Yes   ☐ No   ☐ other (explain below)

If so, what policies are you proposing to eliminate these disparities?

I have voted to fund and build a new FULL-SERVICE hospital in the East End of the city that will help provide needed services to Ward 7 and 8 residents. I have voted to provide funds and advocated in support of expanding the DC Department of Health’s roving health mobiles to reach neglected communities. As Chairman with oversight on the Office on Aging, I have led a series of healthy eating seminars across our Senior Wellness Centers to teach older residents of color about how food choices affect health.

I also worked to ensure that DC’s Age Friendly plan follows the World Health Organizations Plan and sets goals of providing outreach to seniors on fixed incomes. I have also advocated that Carefirst expend their millions of dollars in reserves in these communities by creating health care networks.

Will you highlight these problems in your election campaign?

X Yes   ☐ No   ☐ other (explain below)

3. Currently 28 million Americans, including at least 26,000 people in the District of Columbia, have no health insurance. Although the District government moved to expand Medicaid to cover an additional 35,000 people and has created an insurance exchange pursuant to the federal Affordable Care Act, it is the case now and will continue to be true that many people with health insurance cannot afford to use it due to high premiums, high deductibles and high co-pays. Nurses are concerned about the impact on access to health services resulting from limited networks of providers, and high out-of-pocket costs. Health insurance companies have reported record stock price increases, and hospitals anticipate increased revenues as well.

Furthermore, the subsidies promised under the Affordable Care Act may not be available because of federal budget constraints, and in any case will be insufficient for many Americans with low and moderate incomes. And the DC government contracts with private insurance companies to administer the District’s Medicaid program, while some states administer their Medicaid insurance program in-house at approximately half the cost.
4. Will you support a “patient bill of rights” to ensure health care access and limit out-of-pocket costs for receiving care outside of insurance company-established networks?

   X Yes          □ No          □ Other (explain below)

It is reflective of my Democratic values to support a “Patient Bill of Rights”

5. Do you support prohibiting “balance billing” of patients by healthcare providers who seek reimbursement beyond what insurers pay?

   X Yes          □ No          X Other (explain below)

There should be no hidden costs in health care. I am willing to look at Germany’s prohibition law to see if it could be applied in DC.

6. Do you support “in-sourcing” DC’s Medicaid program so that private insurance corporations aren’t allowed to profit off this vital public program?

   □ Yes          □ No          X Other (explain below)

I want those on Medicaid to receive quality services for both inpatient and home care.

7. Are you in favor of a publicly administered, state-based, single-payer universal health care system and, if so, what steps are you prepared to take to make it a reality in the District of Columbia?

   X Yes          □ No          □ Other (explain below)

I support a single payer system both locally and nationally.

Currently, the District has implemented the Affordable Care Act through the creation of the DC Health Link. I have worked very closely with the DC Health Link Exchange and I remain informed on their operations frequently. Voting to provide funds for the startup of the Health link, I took pride that the exchange met the ACA deadline which provides quality health care plans for our residents and has reached 96% of residents while the District’s Medicaid program is reaching over 92% of those in need. I am open to work with NNU to look at any new forms that works well for the public, including a single payer health system.

The issue with the DC Health Link system and its successes is that it is a multi-payer system with various limits on healthcare coverage via multiple private or public sources. Some plans provide great coverage at a great
cost, while others are more affordable with less coverage or higher deductibles. This affects our middle class and poorer residents who tend to have greater health needs. Whereas; a single payer system will help bridge these health plan disparities and create a level playing field where our poorer residents receive the same quality care.

D: Education:

1. What steps will you take to promote public unionism in DC if, as is expected, the Supreme Court will rule against unions in *Janus vs. AFSCME*?

   *I will fight against measures that take away a worker’s right to fairness, equality and dignity. Forty years ago, the Supreme Court approved this arrangement called “Common Share” and we must fight to preserve it.*

2. Do you believe that the students of Washington, DC would be better served if the District ended Mayoral control of schools and educational policies were once again the purview of an elected School Board?

   □ Yes  □ No  X other (explain below)

   *I don’t want us to replicate a system that led us into our current state of DCPS affairs. We are on the right track, and while we are not moving fast enough and are focusing more time on the school system’s structures rather than on the school system’s students and their needs for learning, I believe with independent oversight and dedication, we will get to where we need.*

3. Do you believe the Washington Teachers’ Union and DCPS should have the right to collectively bargain on teacher evaluation standards and procedures? If so, what steps will you take to achieve this goal?

   X Yes  □ No  □ other (explain below)

   *I will continue to be a vocal advocate on allowing teachers to have the resources and support necessary to exercise their skills in the classroom not on absolute test score thresholds.*

4. DCPS has one of the highest teacher turn-over rates in the nation. What would you do to address this problem?

   *We need to end the rapid turnover rates. To have a system in place to have an honest and objective evaluation of the teacher based on styles, approaches, learning improvement and not just test taking.*
5. How are you going to help guarantee transparency in the DCPS budgeting process to make sure that funds earmarked for Title I programs and at-risk programs are used as intended?

6. The achievement gap in DC between low income students and their more affluent peers is 38 times the national average.
   - What do you believe are the causes of the achievement gap?
   - What will you do to address this problem?

7. The DCMR Title 5 states that principals and assistant principals serve one year without tenure in the position. Retention and reappointment shall be at the discretion of the Chancellor. Principals and Assistant Principals have no due process rights resulting in a high turnover of school administrators. How would you propose building continuity of leadership in the face of this situation?

E: Accountability/Economic Development: (Please answer by checking the box)

Short-term rental companies like, Airbnb, have grown exponentially in the last few years. In order to protect our neighborhoods and communities from commercial operators who convert valuable housing into de facto hotels, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie introduced the Short-term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Protection Act of 2017. This bill will 1) limit short-term rentals to primary residences, 2) remove the incentive to operate commercially by putting a cap on the amount of days a host can rent their home while not present, and 3) hold hosting platforms accountable.

1. Will you vote in support of this bill?
   - X Yes
   - ☐ No

Short term rentals are a factor in the affordable housing crisis and need regulation. I like the Arlington County regulation.

2. Late last year, a Council committee held a hearing on noise complaints. It was evident from this hearing that the vast majority of the complaints should be addressed through better enforcement of the existing Noise Control Act. Unfortunately, some have proposed solving their noise concerns with draconian legislation that would limit the exercise of free speech in the District. Do you promise to defend the Noise Control Act, which provides critical protections for residents and visitors seeking to exercise their free speech rights in the District of Columbia?
X Yes □ No

I convened the hearing. My intent is to highlight the issue and call for greater enforcement of the Noise Control Act. I would never limit a person’s constitutional right to free speech or assembly.

3. Would you be willing to support DC legislation that would require any and all presenters, promoters, vendors, “Events DC”, et al doing any form of for-profit theatrical presentation, show or concert on City property or on property controlled by the City to pay all of their employees an area-standard wage, provide health care coverage and access to job training in the Technical Entertainment Industry?

□ Yes □ No

When you say any and all, I’m unsure. Many worthy not for profit organizations raise needed funds through such venues. However, they would have to abide by all applicable laws and regulations as they relate to employment.

4. Congress extended the Abolishment Act (D.C. Code §§ 1-624.08 et seq.), effectively allowing the DC government to define the procedures governing any RIF initiated by an agency head, by limiting the procedures to which an aggrieved employee is entitled and rendering those procedures nonnegotiable. Although this was a misguided effort to help DC government reduce costs, agency heads exploited this Act, often using it as a means to rid their agencies of unpopular employees.

5. The use of such improperly targeted RIF’s is an abuse of authority and does not serve the interests of the District. DC workers covered by a collective bargaining agreement have been unfairly deprived of any meaningful opportunity to assert the rights that they were intended to have under the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act.

Will you support legislation to repeal provisions of the Abolishment Act that override collective bargaining agreements?

X Yes □ No

Employers should not have the right to dismiss a qualified employee as a reduction in force and then hire a new employee into a newly titled position. Arbitration should be used.

6. Should DC government be able to override collective bargaining agreement provisions regarding RIFs?

□ Yes X No

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The collective bargaining agreement must stand and remain legally binding.

The Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1974 (CMPA) establishes the right of DC government employees to form unions if they so desire, and sets out how representation elections will be held, how collective bargaining will be conducted, and how disputes will be resolved.

7. Some ES employees (paraprofessionals) work only 10 months out of 12. Would you support legislation to allow these workers to receive unemployment services during the summer months when they are deemed as officially being laid off employees?

X Yes □ No

8. Will you vote to uphold the provisions of the CMPA if they are challenged in any way which reduces workers' rights?

X Yes □ No

Noncompliance with wage and worker protection laws persists at a high level around the country. A 2008 survey found that 68% of people working low-wage jobs in large cities experience wage theft every week, losing about 15% of their earnings. When our laws regarding the minimum wage, overtime, wage theft, and paid sick leave are violated, workers and their families face real and dire consequences. They suffer increased poverty rates and are more likely to rely on public assistance, straining safety net programs and hindering workers' ability to improve their economic futures. But the harms of wage theft also extend beyond its immediate victims, reducing taxable income and exerting downward pressure on the wages of all workers in affected industries. Law-abiding business owners are also harmed as their competitors unlawfully trim labor costs.

9. What steps will you take toward eliminating all forms of wage theft and fostering an environment of worker protections throughout the District of Columbia?

I would work with a city-wide campaign to educate workers, especially those in the immigrant communities who face language barriers on how to protect their wages from being altered by their employer. I would highlight how we have whistleblower protections in place which enhance the rights of employees to challenge the actions or failures of employers without experiencing repercussions.

While wage theft is pervasive and highly damaging, there is some good news: the problem is not unassailable. To be most effective, anti-wage theft laws must be meaningfully and effectively enforced and must be accompanied by other legal provisions that empower victims to speak up against their abuse, such as strong anti-retaliation laws.

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10. Will you work with community groups, city administration and others to support proven programs that combat wage theft: Community engagement in language access programs; Public Education Partnerships; the Development of Community Allies to assist with third party enforcement?

X Yes □ No

11. Will you increase funding in the departments and programs that have proven to ensure that workers are paid correctly and made aware of their rights under the law, such as: increased funding in DOES for investigators, funding for community members who are third party enforcers; increased penalties for employers who violate the laws and; funding for a robust Public Awareness and Accountability Program?

X Yes □ No

12. Will you provide the funding to implement the Procurement Integrity, Transparency, and Accountability Amendment Act of 2016, which requires that city contracts above $75 million have a Project-Labor Agreement?

X Yes □ No □ other (explain below)

I believe the cost of implementation would not be as severe the Fiscal Impact statement presented.

13. Income and racial inequality are growing in DC. What would you do to address that?

Similar to income inequality, health disparities, along with housing and educational disparities are issues that must be addressed. These issues are all intertwined and unjustly affect our poorer residents of color. I am glad that the city is doing better at taking an overall comprehensive approach to these issues but certainly, more can be done but government can not solve or legislate away these factors, government must work with community and organizations to uplift those marginalized.

F: Transportation: (Please provide your response on a separate sheet).

1. Do you believe that any privatization of public transit is acceptable for the improvement of service at WMATA, DC Streetcar or DC Circulator? If so, please explain.

□ Yes X No other (explain below)

WMATA problems are lack of maintenance. After years of neglect the chickens have come to roost as they say. WMATA employees are not the problem, poor
management is. Additionally, I share concerns with the workers of the DC Streetcar and would like to assist them in holding a vote to unionize.

2. In the 2018 legislative session in Maryland, ATU Local 689 aggressively pursued legislation to see assaults on transit workers charged as an automatic felony. Will you work to make sure D.C. joins Maryland in raising the penalty of assaults on transit employees?

   X Yes   □ No

I've shared with SEIU 722 my interest to author legislation that would add enhanced penalties on not only transit workers but on all government employees who interact with the public. For instance, a traffic enforcement officer often gets verbally assaulted and sometimes physically assaulted. These assaults must be deterred and prosecuted with enhanced penalties.

1. CLASS I / Freight & Passenger Railroad – Safety & Security

Union Station is the second busiest station in the national Amtrak network with five million annual passengers. MARC, and Virginia Railroad Express (VRE) transport daily 50,000 commuters and visitors to the District of Columbia. The combined ridership for Amtrak, MARC, and VRE is expected to increase from 14 million – 34 million by 2040.

Freight railroad traffic through the District of Columbia is projected to increase by 57% to 48 daily double-stacked freight trains from the Ports of Norfolk, Charleston, Jacksonville, and Miami.

Wards 4,5,6,7 host the railroad corridors with a combined population of 297,747 residents equaling forty-four (44%) percent of the total population. Our 700,000 population is projected to increase by 30% by 2040. Many of these new residents will live and work in the old and new communities adjacent to railroad corridors.

The past two years the District of Columbia has experienced major railroad incidents:

• May 2016 - 170 car CSX train freight train derailed in Ward 5 traveling through the District of Columbia on the CSX Capital Sub-Division from Cumberland, Maryland to Hamlet, North Carolina. Fourteen cars derailed with seven tanker cars containing sodium hydroxide, ethanol, and calcium chloride leaking its contents.

• June 2017 – Two CSX Transportation employees were struck and killed by a southbound Amtrak Train No. 175 north of Union Station in the Ivy City.

In 2017, the Council approved the Rail Safety and Security Amendment Act (D.C. Law 21-254) authorizing the creation of an Emergency Response and Rail Safety Division within the Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE). It also would establish a Railroad Advisory Board.
2. In FY 2018 budget, the Council did not appropriate any funding to establish the State Rail Safety Office. Would you support full funding to establish the Rail Safety Office in the FY 2019 budget?

   X Yes   □ No   □ other (explain below)

I voted in support of this legislation and will lobby my colleagues to fund this needed office.

3. Would you support an amendment to D.C. Law 21-254 “Rail Safety and Security Amendment Act” authorizing the DOEE to assess penalties and fines for safety or security violations on the railroads operating in the District of Columbia?

   X Yes   □ No   □ other (explain below)

I believe the fines and penalties will offset the cost of safety office.

G. Utility Issues: (Please provide your response on a separate sheet)

   I.   DC Water – Clean River Impervious Area Charge (CRIAC) Fee

   Over past 30 years, the Metropolitan Washington Council / AFL-CIO has opposed policies that denied reasonable, fair, and equitable utility rates to District of Columbia residents.

   It is our view the (Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge) CRIAC being imposed on ratepayers by DC Water is of these policies. The CRIAC is onerous and undermines public support for Clean River Projects to improve storm water management and the Anacostia River.

   More importantly, the CRIAC fee disproportionately affects senior citizens, working families, and long-term homeowners. It is also contributing to accelerated gentrification and the de-stabilization of many legacy neighborhoods and communities. The CRIAC fee is making the District of Columbia unaffordable for its many public servants and residents. DC Water must develop a plan to broaden its rate base, to include assessments on the District of Columbia and Federal Governments.

   The Metropolitan Washington Council Labor Council is committed to reducing the financial burden of the CRIAC charges and a more equitable formula to fund restoration and preservation of the Anacostia River.

   If elected to the Council of the District of Columbia, will you commit to:

      14. Do you support efforts to reduce and expand the distribution of CRIAC charges across rate groups?
X Yes □ No □ other (explain below)

I was not a member of the council when this law was enacted but the Clean Rivers fee needs to be reevaluated. Some have suggested that DC government pay their fair share.

15. Do you support greater oversight of DC Water operations and ratemaking? Including requiring Council approvals for all new fees, charges and rate hikes imposed on District of Columbia ratepayers.

X Yes □ No □ other (explain below)

I co-introduced the DC Water Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2018 to allow the Office of People’s Counsel authority to have oversight represent District residents in matters related to DC Water.

H. Retail/Budget

1. Do you support Fair Scheduling legislation to require employers to give retail and restaurant workers their weekly work schedules at least two weeks in advance, and requires employers to offer part-time workers more hours when a fellow employee leaves, rather than hiring additional employees?

□ Yes □ No X other (explain below)

2. What are your top three priorities for the DC budget?

Addressing the affordable housing crisis, eradicating homelessness, and providing ALL students with an equal quality education are my three top priorities.

Candidate (Please Print Legibly): Anita Bonds
Signature: 

Date: 5/9/18

Thank you.