

Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO

**Meredith Wellington, candidate, Montgomery County Council, District 1**

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Candidate Questionnaire

Answers to Questions I, J and K

**Question I. Transportation**

I support the recent legislation passed by the Maryland Legislature and signed by the Governor, establishing a dedicated, permanent allocation to Metro of \$167 million per year. This legislation was crafted in coordination with Virginia and District of Columbia and signals a new era of cooperation among the three jurisdictions.

The Maryland legislation also imposed a greater level of scrutiny on WMATA, and hopefully the Maryland legislators and Governor will be able to exert influence to improve workers' safety and other terms and conditions of employment. Although these issues will not come before the County Council, I will voice support for these efforts.

I do not support the creation of a federal control board to run WMATA.

**Question J. Bail Reform**

I support Bail Reform Efforts. Two hundred years ago the United States abolished debtors' prisons, and people should never be jailed simply because they are poor and cannot afford bail.

**Question K: Confederate Monuments and Memorials**

As we have recently witnessed around the United States, Confederate monuments and memorials are divisive and antithetical to a welcoming and inclusive environment for all in our communities. I support legislation to remove these symbols from public spaces and placing them in appropriate museums as historical objects.