

**Herndon Town Council and Mavoral Election 2018**  
**Candidate Information**

Provide a background statement that demonstrates the qualities, qualifications and background you possess that make you suited for the Town of Herndon Town Council. The background might include why you decided to run for this role and your personal connection to Herndon.

How long have you been a member of FCDC? Why did you join? Have you ever held or do you currently hold any positions within FCDC, DPVA or the DNC?

What other organizations do you belong to? In what capacity or role?

**Town Administration**

Name one issue that the Town is not currently addressing (or not addressing adequately) and how you would address it.

Do you believe the Town has effectively incorporated recommendations from the community? What practices would you employ to stay connected with the community at large? How would you invite greater participation in public hearings, advisory councils, etc.?

As Democrats, we support raising workers' wages. What role should the Town play in increasing the pay for public and private workers? Will you work with labor unions to achieve this goal?

**Inclusion**

What can Herndon do to protect the rights of minorities, including voting rights, in our community?

Would you support a safe, organized center, similar to The Centreville Labor Resource Center where residents and contractors could negotiate work arrangements with day laborers in Herndon?

Our children in our local public schools have lost teachers specifically because they could not afford to live in our area. Likewise, our growing businesses need service employees. How will you address the need for affordable housing and homeownership, consistent with the 2035 Vision for the Town, so that we can ensure the young people growing up in Herndon and individuals working here at every level can afford to live in the town?

Identify an underserved portion of our population and explain how you would reach out to include and serve them.

**Development**

Describe how you would build a 21st Century Infrastructure in the Historic Downtown? How will you maintain the traditional character of Herndon while supporting development?

What will you do to ensure an optimal mix of commercial and residential development?

How would you support Herndon's small businesses, including encouraging woman-owned and minority owned businesses to come to Herndon?

**Environment**

How have you supported environmentally responsible policies within Herndon? What additional efforts will you make?

How would you bring solar and other renewable energy opportunities to Herndon?

## **Arts**

What role do you think art and arts organizations should play in Herndon? What role should the government play in supporting the arts and encouraging the arts as an amenity to the Town?

Do you support a downtown Herndon Arts Center? What do you think it should include? What role do you think the Town should play in funding and managing the Arts Center? What role should the non-profits who occupy the space play?

Do you think some parts of our community are excluded from involvement in the Arts? If so, what would you do to include them?

## **Candidate Open Questions**

What is your personal vision for Herndon, and how do you think we will get there?

What else do you want to tell us?