



OFFICIAL NIMBY PAC CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2024



Dear candidates who want to run for office in Takoma Park:

Bee-fore you even think about making decisions on my bee-half, you will need the endorsement of my pollinator action committee, NIMBY PAC.

The hive mind collective knows that a place on the NIMBY PAC's coveted Honey Ballot is the only endorsement that matters. Please disregard the hundreds of other so-called questionnaires floating around written by random political groups you've never even heard of. Their endorsements will actually lose you votes in Takoma Park.

Even though I already know which candidates NIMBY PAC will endorse, I created a series of disingenuous, unfair, and misleading questions meant to trick you into either agreeing with me or making you sound like a jerk. If you refuse to complete this questionnaire, prepare to be without the most sought-after endorsement of all time and be publicly stung by my ridicule.

Good luck to all.

1. Please provide your name, ward, and the office for which you are running and intend to use to block all change in Takoma Park.
2. Please provide the names of the Takoma Park committees, commissions, or task forces on which you have served, and the number of testimonies you have given at weekly city meetings. Also list any neighborhood, community, or tenant associations for which you have held office. If these do not apply to you, just list how many years you have owned a house here and why that makes your individual interests more valid than those who have lived here less time than you.
3. Do you support including affordable and workforce housing in the redevelopment of the former Washington Adventist Hospital site while also supporting an impossible series of obstacles to navigate in order to build it? List your favorite obstacles.
4. Would you propose strengthening Takoma Park's rent-stabilization policy so that it would further diverge from the County's version and thus prevent development from happening not just for the next 40 years but for the next 100?

Circle: Yes or Strongly Yes

5. Zoning changes encouraged by the recently amended Takoma Park Minor Master Plan will end Takoma Park as we know it. If elected, what measures will you prioritize to protect residents from imminent death?



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6. If elected, will you work to ensure that future land use decisions by the City are informed by local "experts" who do not have relevant education or professional experience in land use planning?

Circle: **Yes** **or** **Yes and I have a PhD in Neoclassical French Literature.**

7. Do you believe that the Mayor and Council should review and reconsider which services the City provides, versus the County, with complete disregard for budgetary constraints and then immediately demand to secede from the County if you don't get your way?
8. Would you welcome an endorsement from evil billionaire and non-Takoma Park resident Eric Saul of Affordable Maryland PAC, who spent \$500,000 in an attempt to defeat our Lord and Savior of R-60 single family zoning, Marc Elrich, in the 2022 County Executive race, and endorsed candidates in the Rockville and Gaithersburg city elections that went on to promote more housing, bike lanes, ADUs, butcher shops, and satire into their once-great towns? Insult Saul in the space below to let him know your affordable housing plan prevents him from living rent-free in your head.
9. Do you believe that the City-owned land at Takoma Junction is now essential to many local businesses at the Junction, and to the community, in terms of providing space for parking, deliveries, and an open gathering place for public events and therefore should be sold to the Co-op for 1 dollar?

Circle: **Yes** **or** **No? Okay, free then.**

10. A recent report authorized by the City Council studied closing the remaining open lane of Laurel Avenue in the block with the post office. Are you in favor of permanently closing that block to all automobile traffic to punish all of the stores that do not have signs posted in their historic windows for the Ward 3 candidate I am already planning to endorse?
11. What are your ideas for making real progress toward racial equity in our City that could possibly be better than planting Black Lives Matter signs in our front yards then making absolutely no real efforts towards actual racial equity?
12. What additional steps should the City Council take to address the climate emergency while expanding Takoma Park's own carbon footprint by still opening up Laurel Avenue to two-way traffic and not letting apartments be built at the Metro station?
13. As with other City projects, the cost of the library renovation has increased dramatically. If elected, how would you propose to halt the project and instead reconstruct the old library?



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14. The City in recent years has had to use reserve funds to pay for expenses. At the same time, property taxes have risen to levels that make it difficult for some residents to stay in their homes. If elected, how would you lower taxes even more for people with hundreds of thousands of dollars of equity in their homes while also increasing city employee salaries, offering more city services and awarding more grants to the Co-op and Historic Takoma?
15. What is your vision for the equitable and inclusive use of the public land at Takoma Junction, given what we learned about our ability to use Peter Franchot to assist in finding creative ways to block any proposal we don't like?
16. What do you think the City should be doing to improve the safety of our communities from more renters and New Hampshire Avenue?
17. What do you think the City should be doing to further delay the arrival of the Purple Line?

**Please submit all answers in writing to
Nimbee at the Takoma Park Street festival
on October 6th and receive a free sticker!**

