

Section 1: Candidate Information

• Full Name (Required) Noah Emmanuel Waters

• District running for (Required) At-Large

Section 2: Questionnaire

How will you ensure that Prince George's County government leads by example in hiring, retaining, and promoting employees with disabilities, and what accountability measures will you implement?

I would continue funding and support for the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC) and accountability by way of an open-door policy for staff, guardians who provide services and community members who observe concerns regarding persons with disabilities. I would continue to support Melwood's Disability Employment-Disability Job Placement service and am proud to say that I worked as a transport-driver for Melwood years ago and have great respect and admiration the disabled individuals they serve.

What comprehensive employment initiatives will you champion to create meaningful career opportunities for county residents with disabilities?

I would expand the scope of employment opportunities for disabled persons by visiting and becoming involved with organizations like ADRC, Melwood, Project Hire Apprenticeship, Maryland Division of Rehabilitation (DORS), ARC, and M-NCPPC to create career opportunities for county residents with disabilities.

What comprehensive, county-wide accessible transportation solutions will you develop beyond existing paratransit services?

I will support existing paratransit services and will work to learn more about possibilities to achieve more comprehensive county-wide accessible transportation solutions.

How will you ensure that all new transit infrastructure exceeds ADA minimum standards and truly provides accessible, reliable public transportation?

I will work with experienced experts in the field of public transportation such as Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 689 and others to establish new transit infrastructure that exceeds ADA minimum standards and provides viable-accessible and reliable public transportation to persons with disabilities.

What specific actions will you take to increase the supply of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing options throughout Prince George's County?

I will support and support funding when necessary for programs that will increase the supply of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing such as Pathway to Purchase (P2P), Home Investment Partnership Programs, Accessible Dwelling Units (ADUs), and Community Impact Grants.

What policy changes will you advocate to improve healthcare access including provider training and accessible medical facilities?

I will take a lead on working with healthcare providers to create incentives to attract more healthcare providers, such as physicians, nurses, and medical specialists to Prince George's County and to expand hospitals or build new medical facilities capable of providing specialized care for ailments such as heart disease, cancer, and specialties not typically available in Prince George's County.

How will you expand integrated, trauma-informed mental health services specifically designed for children and adults with disabilities?

I will promote immediate job and revenue creating opportunities by way of economic heritage tourism and Agri-tourism (not hyper-scale data centers) to fund and expand comprehensive integrated mental health services designed for children and adults with disabilities.

How will you ensure that first responders receive regular training on interacting with and supporting people with diverse disabilities?	As a current first responder (part-time police dispatcher) and former police officer who served on two police departments and retired from Prince George's County's Police Department, I will help ensure that first responders receive regular training on interacting with and supporting people with diverse disabilities.
How will you ensure adequate funding and accessibility of programs that help older adults maintain independence when they acquire disabilities?	I am the county council candidate who proposes using the county's heritage designation (CR-038-2025) to boost economic heritage tourism throughout Prince George's County and to bring jobs and revenue to the county. Prince George's County has over 460 historic sites and at least 200 sites that are on the National Register of Historic Places. Combining the attraction of the upcoming Sphere at National Harbor in conjunction with the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area's history and sites will allow Prince George's County to be at the center of potentially one of the largest tourism attractions on the east coast. This will create jobs and needed revenue to fund things like adequate funding of programs that help older adults maintain independence when they acquire disabilities.
What will be your top three legislative priorities to advance disability rights and full inclusion in our county? (Please list and briefly describe your top three priorities.)	1) Funding resources. 2) Adequate staffing for agencies such as ARC and the Aging and Disability Services Division within the Department of Family Services. 3) Educating the public about disability rights and people with disabilities.

Consent & Submission

Consent checkbox (required)

I consent to my responses being shared publicly in full. 

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