



Montgomery County 2022 Candidate Questionnaire - Alex Bieber

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What Office Are You Seeking in the 2022 Election? State Senate MD-14

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Please Answer the Following Questions- responses will posted in their entirety and will not be edited.

Someone new to Montgomery County may ask, "What's the Ag Reserve and why is it important?" What's your answer?

It maintains Montgomery County's rich farmland, beautiful forests and other green areas for current and future generations.

What is your vision for the future of the County's Agricultural Reserve? Briefly, how would you achieve that vision?

Keep the "Master Plan" alive.

What are your priorities regarding stewardship of the County's natural resources (water, forests, open spaces) and parkland?

Maryland is a beautiful state from the coast to the western mountains and everything in between, namely Montgomery County. Sensible stewardship is what comes to mind. Knowing that I've enjoyed parks, camping, drives in the country, and fresh produce while living in MD, I want my children to enjoy the same.

What role will you play with regard to ensure that we safeguard our drinking water supply both surface and groundwater?

With votes in the senate, fund any clean up projects needed or reservoir repairs/additions required.

What are your top priorities to help the County address climate change? What role will the Ag Reserve play?

As long as the Ag Reserve is allowed to thrive, that delightful stuff called Oxygen will keep coming out of those trees and shrubs and corn stalks; let's keep it that way.

What more can be done to support our local farm businesses and rural communities?

Reduce tax burdens on productive land, where productive land doesn't have to mean just food production. Maintaining the road and utility infrastructure for these communities is a high priority.

What are your regional transportation priorities? Do you support M83 and an additional Potomac bridge and outer beltway through the Reserve or adjacent rural zones?

In general I support ways to make travel safe and available. I'd have to learn more about the M83 project to render a yes or no at this point. If it wasn't a toll road, I'd be more inclined to be for it. As

for an additional Potomac bridge...bringing the hustle and bustle, added commerce and just volume of persons from Northern VA so easily into Montgomery County without a hell of alot of thought, prep and planning is a hard sell. And even with all that, it still may be a mistake that would change our county for the worse.

How should our County manage its solid waste? What role should incineration, composting and recycling play?

I've heard that there are ways to get power from incineration so I'd like to hear more about that. Recycling and composting are great even if they're not 100% cost neutral. I have some great childhood memories of packing up the family van all morning and going to the Shady Grove Transfer Station; getting a Slurpee on the way home as a reward. If another transfer station is needed or if our current landfill situation is lacking, a sensible solution can be worked out.

What are your views on the general plan update "Thrive 2050," both the process and the draft now before the Council?

Considering the way the "wind has been blowing" of late and the corresponding persons that have been in power in the county, I am generally suspect of "Thrive 2050". I'd have to take each piece of it and make an assessment.

Do you believe that the way that local government branches, state entities, and the public currently interact can be improved? If so, what steps would you take?

Carve out more time for interactions. Government should move like a glacier most of the time. Popular and unpopular proposals should get the same air time in the media and government info sites. Voting is a one and done for 2/4/6/etc. years. The decisions that are made during that time need input and scrutiny not just at the next election.