



CLEVELAND PARK
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2020 ANC Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for running for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner! ANCs play a key role in our neighborhoods and we are fortunate for those of you willing to dedicate volunteer service to making our communities better. This year, Cleveland Park Smart Growth is asking all candidates running in ANCs 3C and 3F to respond to our Candidate Questionnaire below. We will publish your responses on our website so voters can learn more about you.

There is no space limit to your responses so use as much space as you need under each question. Please use this document to enter your responses, save it with you last name in file name, and return it (ideally as a PDF) via email to cpsmartgrowth@gmail.com by **5pm on October 5th**.

Name: Stephanie Zobay
SMD: ANC3C08

1) As you may know, DDOT is studying the future operations of Connecticut Ave from Chevy Chase through Woodley Park. As an ANC Commissioner, what would your priorities be for the future configuration of Connecticut Ave?

My priorities are safety, efficiency, and equity. Keeping pedestrians safe with proper signage, signaled crossings, and visible crosswalks is a priority. Moving traffic through the corridor efficiently with signal adjustments, crosswalk countdowns and enforcement of ALL vehicles during rush hour is a priority (have you gotten stuck behind the mail truck parked outside the post office during rush hour, when it is only 2 lanes southbound?). Keeping those that use alternative forms of transportation, such as Metro riders, bikers and scooters is also a priority. The fact that Connecticut is utilized by commuters and Metro buses makes this a tricky corridor to find alternatives.

2) What policies should the city pursue that you would support as an ANC Commissioner to help reduce car-dependency?

A more efficient Metro system is important, as Metro serves many of our senior residents. Car-shares near commercial districts are feasible. During the pandemic, I have been biking more, and I appreciate the availability of bike lanes - but there is an enforcement issue, as people continue to block bike lanes for curb drop off and pick up. However, I believe that bikers in the street should obey the traffic laws that pertain to other street vehicles, and not run stop signs and red lights.

3) Should this part of the city be contributing more new housing as the city grows? Why?

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As our Nation's capital, DC should reflect the diversity in the nation. Affordable housing is one way to maintain this. However this should not come at the expense of green space or current residents - developers need to work with neighborhoods, conforming to the character of the neighborhoods. But new development could potentially mitigate increasing property tax rates. New housing also brings pressure on our school systems, and a plethora of urban issues. It is not enough to just add housing, without considering the unintended consequences result.

3a) If yes, what are some of the ways in which your Single Member District and your broader Advisory Neighborhood Commission area can add housing?

4) ANC 3C includes the Woodley Park Historic District and most of the Cleveland Park Historic District, while 3F includes part of the Cleveland Park HD (Sedgwick & Tilden Gardens). How will you approach Historic Preservation applications in your SMD (if applicable) and in your ANC generally?

While ANC3C08 does not contain any historic districts that I am aware of, as a former Commissioner, I have seen the passion in the residents who live in the historic districts to preserve the historical nature of their homes. I would support those Commissioners who have done their due diligence to make sure projects in their historic districts reflect the nature of the neighborhood.

5) What steps would you take to make your ANC more transparent, inclusive and engaged with your community?

ANC3C has a website and I would make sure that announcements of interest to the community were posted on the website. This could include meetings with DDOT, WMATA, cultural happenings, neighborhood association meetings, and PSA announcements.

I do believe the virtual nature of the meetings during the pandemic make it possible for more people to attend public ANC meetings. But I also feel like the pandemic has isolated community members who are not connected to the virtual realm, and especially for households with children, this is something that we should come together to remedy.

6) What else do you want neighbors to know about you and why you are running to represent them?

As an Assistant Scoutmaster, I believe in the scout oath - specifically, doing my duty to god and my country. Being an ANC Commissioner allows me to serve my country, my city, my neighborhood, and my family.

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About Cleveland Park Smart Growth

CP Smart Growth is a community of over 500 Cleveland Park-area residents who share an interest in promoting and discussing urbanist issues. Our mission is to advance smart growth policies in Cleveland Park to ensure an economically vibrant, environmentally sustainable, and socially inclusive neighborhood. We do this through education, organizing, and advocacy.

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