

**Justice and Advocacy Council of Prince George's County
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Survey of Prince George's County Executive Candidates August 2010

Candidate	PG Dept. Housing & Community Development	Anti- Foreclosure Action	Envision Prince George's	Emergency Housing for Young Mothers	Adult Bookstore Zoning	Domestic Violence Shelter	Domestic Violence Monitoring
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Introduction

The Justice and Advocacy (J&A) Council of Prince George's County is a group of advocates from Catholic parishes in Prince George's County taking their faith to the public forum in the halls of Upper Marlboro, speaking for the poor and vulnerable here in Prince George's County. The J&A currently has three issue three primary areas of concern: promoting affordable housing, supporting domestic violence victims, and discouraging adult bookstores. These concerns are reflected in these questions. We also consulted Catholic service agencies and other service agencies for their concerns about the needs of the residents of Prince George's County. Some of their concerns were incorporated into this questionnaire.

This survey of Prince George's County candidates is a way to share our experience with Prince George's County government and inform all of us about the candidates' views of issues concerning the poor. We hope you find it helpful.

There are two questionnaires with similar questions, 7 questions for County Executive Candidates and 8 questions for County Council Candidates. All 5 of the County Executive Candidates and 43 of the 44 the County Executive Candidates and 43 of the 44 Count Council Candidates are members of the Democratic Party. One County Council Candidate is a member of the Republican Party. Candidates without answers did not respond to the survey.

For the full list of responses visit the web sites: www.catholicstandard.com or www.stmarysum.org or www.stmoscs.org

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1. Department of Housing and Community Development

The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (PG DHCD) has returned millions of dollars to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development due to missed deadlines. Do you support or oppose a major/national search for a new director with the knowledge and experience to overhaul the DHCD and make it fully functioning?

2. Anti-Foreclosure Action

According to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, foreclosures in Maryland are going down, but Prince George's County once again leads the state in foreclosures, with 25.7% of the total number of foreclosures in Maryland. Do you support or oppose committing more resources for non-profit housing counseling agencies and anti-foreclosure programs to stem our foreclosures?

3. Envision Prince George's

Envision Prince George's is an initiative of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). It has engaged individuals and groups from across the County as active participants and stakeholders in envisioning the County's future. Do you support or oppose the implementation of the Envision process in all of its multiple areas of concern? (<http://envisionprincegeorges.org/>)

4. Emergency Housing for Young Mothers

Catholic service agencies in Prince George's County are reporting a significant increase in the number of requests for emergency housing for young single mothers. The quantity of housing for single young mothers needs to increase. Do you support or oppose additional funding to increase the quantity of emergency housing for single mothers and their children?

5. Adult Book Store Zoning

In September 2009 Council Bills 28 & 29 were enacted by the County Council requiring adult book stores and adult video stores to be located only in industrial zoned areas. Adult book and video stores in residential and commercial areas would be forced to move, effective 2011. This new law would also limit their hours of operation; no longer will they be permitted to be open 24 hours a day. Do you support or oppose making this new law a priority for enforcement?

6. Domestic Violence Shelter

The availability of temporary and extended housing for victims of domestic violence and their children is scarce and limited in Prince George's County. Do you support or oppose funding for additional shelter for victims of domestic violence?

7. Domestic Violence Monitoring

In May 2010 Governor O'Malley signed several bills passed by the General Assembly to assist domestic violence victims. Among them is House Bill 665 which sets up a pilot program in Prince George's County that would allow judges to release individuals before their trial for violations of protective orders on the condition that they wear a global positioning satellite tracking device. Do you support or oppose funding this monitoring program?