

Candidate History

Previous Elected Offices:
none!

Which Years Did You Serve:

Have you ever received an endorsement from Progressive Maryland?

YES OR NO

If Yes, when:

Have you ever assisted Progressive Maryland in achieving its goals?

YES OR NO

Describe:

Wrote letters of support for HB344 and HB107 in the 2010 General Assembly

Major Endorsements (Elected Officials/Organizations/Opinion Leaders):

Josh Cohen (Mayor of Annapolis) - to be announced

Issue Questions

1. There is a serious concern that the economic development subsidies (i.e. direct grants, special tax districts, tax abatements, revenue bonds, etc.) go to companies which ultimately take more in aid than they return in the tax base by creating poverty wage jobs which require their employees to use public assistance. Do you support requiring companies which receive economic development subsidies to create good jobs that pay a prevailing wage with benefits?

YES OR NO

Comments:

2. Do you support extending collective bargaining rights to any company which receives economic development subsidies, allowing the workers their right to decide if they would like to join a union or not?

YES OR NO

Comments:	
8. Will you support passage of a law that prohibits the use of public funds by county contractors for anti-union activities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments: I don't think public funds should be used to intimidate or dissuade union participation	
9. Project Labor Agreements have been proven time and time again to bring in projects on time and on budget but they also have the added benefit of building community partnerships with the contractors and unions to hire locally and provide family healthcare and a career path for residents. Would you support executive or legislative action putting PLA's on all contracts over \$500,000?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments:	
10. Currently the low bid system of contracting is a race towards the bottom for the federal, state and local government. Would you support moving contracting towards best value contracting which will allow extra points for contractors who provide apprentice programs, hire locally, provide family healthcare and pensions making it more likely that the contractor that does more for his employee's and the community will get the contract?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments:	
11. Do you support requiring all contractors and subcontractors who bid for jobs on publicly-subsidized construction projects to participate in apprenticeship programs that provide employees with free training for life?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments: I support apprenticeship but "for life" seems like a long time.	
12. Do you support requiring a prevailing wage be paid to construction workers on all projects initiated by a public entity, whether or not that public entity has given hiring authority to private developers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Comments:	
8. Will you support passage of a law that prohibits the use of public funds by county contractors for anti-union activities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments: I am not sure what "anti-union" activities are, but I don't think public funds should be used to intimidate or dissuade union participation	
9. Project Labor Agreements have been proven time and time again to bring in projects on time and on budget but they also have the added benefit of building community partnerships with the contractors and unions to hire locally and provide family healthcare and a career path for residents. Would you support executive or legislative action putting PLA's on all contracts over \$500,000?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments:	
10. Currently the low bid system of contracting is a race towards the bottom for the federal, state and local government. Would you support moving contracting towards best value contracting which will allow extra points for contractors who provide apprentice programs, hire locally, provide family healthcare and pensions making it more likely that the contractor that does more for his employee's and the community will get the contract?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments:	
11. Do you support requiring all contractors and subcontractors who bid for jobs on publicly-subsidized construction projects to participate in apprenticeship programs that provide employees with free training for life?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments: I support apprenticeship but "for life" seems like a long time.	
12. Do you support requiring a prevailing wage be paid to construction workers on all projects initiated by a public entity, whether or not that public entity has given hiring authority to private developers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Comments:	
13. Often County money is used for construction work performed by out-of-state firms that bring in their own low-wage workers, rather than using trained and certified workers who are County residents. Would you support a local residency requirement that requires that 51% of new hires on County-financed construction projects go to County residents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments:	
14. Retail is one of the fastest growing sectors of Maryland's economy, yet retail jobs are some of the lowest paying jobs which usually do not offer benefits, forcing many of their workers to rely on some form of public assistance. Would you support a bill that would require large employers who build new stores in Maryland over 75,000 square feet to pay a "living wage" with benefits as well as be required to adhere to local hiring provisions?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments:	
15. Counties employ contractors that often pay wages below the poverty level. The state government and four large jurisdictions in Maryland (Montgomery, Prince George's, Howard and Baltimore City) have passed "Living Wage" laws applicable to their contractors. Do you support passing a "Living Wage" requirement to be paid by county contractors similar to other "Living Wage" laws in Maryland?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments: I support a living wage, but it should be enacted on a level playing field for all counties. I would not want to install a disincentive for good businesses to come to AA County.	
16. Currently, only Prince George's and Montgomery County library employees have collective bargaining rights. In the 2010 General Assembly session, a bill would have extended basic collective bargaining rights to library employees in your county who do not currently have these rights. Would you support a bill to extend collective bargaining rights to library employees in your county, allowing the library employees to decide if they want a union or not?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments:	

<p>17. All across the country, gay and lesbian employees face discrimination in workplace benefits, with many individuals unable to obtain health insurance for their partner through their employer, even though health insurance is in many cases offered to the spouses of employees. Do you support extending domestic partnership benefits to same-sex partners of county employees?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<p>Comments: Absolutely.</p>	

<p align="center">Assisting Progressive Maryland & Allies</p>	
<p>18. For the measures above that you have agreed to support would you be willing to:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-sponsor legislation? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with our lobbyists to pass the bill? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testify at a hearing in support of legislation? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak at public events in support of legislation? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a letter in support of legislation? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write an op-ed in support of legislation? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<p>19. In order to build progressive grassroots organization, would you be willing to help by:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking at Progressive Maryland events? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urging employers to respect their employees' right to form a union by remaining neutral during a union campaign? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urge employers to recognize a union voluntarily when the majority of their employees choose to form a union? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a letter to unorganized workers endorsing an organizing drive by a labor union? 	<input type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk a picket line with a labor union? 	<input type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other (Please specify): 	