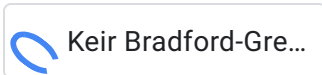


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Background Info & Questions

Please list all public service positions held over your career including unpaid public service. *

Assistant Public Defender - Defender Association of Philadelphia
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Chief Defender of Philadelphia,
Commissioner, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Chair of Racial and Ethnic Disparities subcommittee
Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Law Enforcement Community Advisory Commission
Commissioner, Commission on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Please describe the general background of your public service during your professional career. *

In my career, I've been a vocal advocate for marginalized individuals in the justice system. As the first African American to lead a defender office, I improved processes and outcomes, fostering community engagement. Initiatives included a pre-entry coalition, participatory defense hubs, and influencing the driving equity bill. Collaborating with Power Live Free, I educated the community on police accountability. Partnering with the NFL and Big Brother Big Sister, I brought alternatives to youth in the justice system. I expanded our mission to advocate beyond the courtroom, emphasizing empowerment, collaboration, and challenging systemic narratives for justice.

Please describe your accomplishments in promoting the concept of equity for all people. *

As Chief Defender, I transformed the public defender's role from reactive to proactive, enhancing public safety. A key achievement is the establishment of participatory defense hubs in Philadelphia. These hubs, utilizing trained community volunteers, provide crucial support, perspective, and insights for individuals navigating the justice system. This collaborative approach has proven effective in preventing wrongful convictions, ensuring fair responses to behaviors, and creating alternative options that leverage community resources.

Please describe any particular qualification you possess which was developed either through your career or in your community that would enhance your ability in the office you seek. *

Throughout my career, both as a federal defender and later as Chief Defender, I've advanced legal principles to align with current societal needs. I've pioneered novel legal theories to ensure fair application to all communities, emphasizing equal protection under the law. Appointed by Gov. Josh Shapiro to lead the state's largest public defender association, I transformed the office into a community defender offering 21st-century services. Managing a staff of 500 and a \$50 million budget, I've demonstrated effective administrative skills. My expertise in systems and outcomes has allowed me to enhance systems for broader impact, and my trial and investigation skills, developed defending indigent individuals, are unmatched. As Attorney General, I bring a unique blend of legal expertise, administrative prowess, and a deep understanding of community challenges, providing effective solutions to enhance public safety.

Please describe any particular qualification you possess which was developed either through your career or in your community that would enhance your ability to serve in government. *

Throughout my career, I have dedicated myself to promoting fairness, equity, and justice for all. The qualification I've developed is a unique ability to bring context to problem-solving, facilitating the creation of comprehensive solutions. This skill enables me to take a panoramic view, crucial for high-stakes decision-making in government.

As a public defender, I went beyond client representation, collaborating with stakeholders to improve the efficiency and fairness of our justice system. I worked with the District Attorney's Office and the courts to enhance pretrial procedures, ensuring a more just process. Additionally, my work with coalitions and justice stakeholders on probation cases allowed me to advocate for individuals who were navigating the complexities of the court system. My ground-level understanding of these issues equipped me to contribute valuable insights to solution-oriented discussions. Building strong relationships, I fostered collaboration between the Defender Association and City Council, ensuring effective communication, legal insight, and partnership on public events. I have leveraged my extensive experience to engage with state and national stakeholders, sharing insights to develop policies that enhance outcomes and advance public safety. My commitment to justice, collaborative approach, and ability to bring a comprehensive perspective uniquely qualify me to serve effectively in government, advocating for the well-being of all citizens.

Please list all endorsements you have received *

Emily's List, The Collective PAC, Higher Heights, Sen. Tony Williams, Laborers Local 332, Ernest Garrett, Philadelphia City Councilmember Isaiah Thomas, state Reps. Carol Kazeem, Regina Young, Gina Curry and Heather Boyd, Collingdale Councilmember Felecia Coffee and Upper Darby Councilmember Michelle Billups.

If elected, what are your top three priorities? *

As Attorney General, I'll challenge powerful interests, from corporate polluters to predatory lenders. My top priorities will include protecting access to vital services like healthcare and housing, ensuring financial stability by holding accountable those engaging in predatory practices, and tackling crimes committed in boardrooms, such as illegal gun distribution and pharmaceutical companies' false advertising. I am committed to being the people's lawyer, advocating for fairness, justice, and the well-being of all.

Questionnaire

Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability. Please select **no opinion** if you believe your position prevents you from answering a question. Comments are provided **only IF** you would like to expand on your multiple choice answers.

1. Do you feel the government has done its job of making our region more equitable? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

2. What is within the government's ability to make our region more equitable, and what in your view, is its role? *

I can use the platform to advance all inequities in our systems that are supposed to support and protect us. I will also work with other entities to launch investigations where we need to figure out what is happening with respect to the services they provide.

Most importantly, I can also use the law as a catalyst for social change. The role of the attorney general can launch investigations into any employer in the state if there is enough evidence that the practices are harmful or discriminatory.

3. Do you believe the government has a role to play to address our region's longstanding racial, gender and sexual identity inequities? *

Strongly Agree

Agree

Somewhat Agree

No Opinion

Somewhat Disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

4. What is that role? What specific policy decisions could help address these inequities? *

I will be able to enhance diversity and inclusion practice in business enterprises by working with and educating business on the need for good social, environmental and governance work. Attorney's General are helping to advance DEI in business practices. I will also hold anyone accountable for discrimination on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation or religion in accordance with our state constitution. I understand what discrimination and racial bias looks and feels like on a systemic level. I will be able to attack it, using the power of the law, head on.

5. Should the Attorney General's office focus on addressing the root causes of the racial and other inequities within the Pennsylvania region? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

6. How do you feel you may do this for Pennsylvania and the people you represent?

My answers above capture most of this question. As the chief enforcer of business and government practices, I will play a huge role in level setting the playing field for communities.

7. Do you support efforts to increase the minimum wage? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

8. Do you support efforts to legalize cannabis in PA? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

9. Do you support the expungement of records related to cannabis sale, possession, and or/usage with or without legalization? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments *

I have been fighting for most of my career.

10. Do you believe that is local governments are unwilling or unable to investigate officer involved shootings or use of force incidents, the Attorney General should intervene? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

11. Do you support a pathway for immunity for those with cannabis related conditions and an inclusion of such individuals in the emerging cannabis industry? Why? Why Not? *

I strongly support immunity for individuals with cannabis-related conditions and their inclusion in the emerging cannabis industry. I recognize the evolving landscape of cannabis industry and advocate for legal protection for those seeking medicinal cannabis benefits and oppose legal consequences for improving well-being through these choices.

As part of my commitment to criminal justice reform, I assert that non-violent offenders, especially those with cannabis-related convictions, shouldn't face enduring legal consequences. Embracing the emerging cannabis industry offers economic opportunities and promotes social justice by addressing historical injustices by responsible inclusion, ensuring equitable access for those disproportionately affected by past drug policies and discriminatory practices.

12. Should the Commonwealth pass new laws to protect voting rights in light of new challenges against the recently passed ACT 77? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

13. What, if any, is the biggest threat to voting rights in Pennsylvania? *

I would identify the biggest threat to voting rights in Pennsylvania as the persistent efforts to suppress and restrict access to the ballot box. We are witnessing a wave of legislation aimed at limiting access to the ballot box, disproportionately affecting marginalized communities. From strict voter ID requirements to limitations on early voting and mail-in ballots, these measures undermine the fundamental principle of democracy – that every eligible citizen has the right to cast their vote freely and without unnecessary obstacles.

As your candidate for Attorney General, I am committed to fighting against any attempts to suppress the voices of Pennsylvanians. I will work tirelessly to protect and expand voting rights, ensuring that every eligible citizen can exercise their democratic right to participate in shaping the future of our great Commonwealth.

14. Do you support the creation or continuation of universal health programs, such as Medicare for All? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

15. If you answered yes, do you believe this should be permanent or a stepping stone to single payer healthcare?

Single payer healthcare.

16. Should the government require local law enforcement agencies to ban chokeholds and no knock style raids in order to receive assistance? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

17. Do you believe the affordable, fair housing crisis includes having the government address issues with zoning, rent control, and eviction alternatives? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

18. What do you believe the solutions to the housing and eviction crisis should be?

To address the housing and eviction crisis, I propose investing in affordable housing initiatives, supporting the development of affordable units through public-private partnerships. I advocate for fair housing policies to prevent discrimination, strengthen anti-discrimination laws, and promote inclusive practices. To combat evictions, I propose working with the legislature and fair housing advocates to bolster tenant protections, such as eviction diversion programs. I have longtime track record of collaborating with community stakeholders, policymakers, and experts to develop comprehensive solutions to complex issues, and I would use this same approach to ensure all Pennsylvanians have access to safe, affordable housing, and the threat of eviction is minimized through thoughtful and compassionate policies.

19. Should Pennsylvania end qualified immunity for government officials, including law enforcement agents, in civil actions alleging deprivation of rights? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

20. Should Pennsylvania pass legislation requiring the Commonwealth to focus on the ability to release net-zero carbon emissions into the atmosphere by the year 2050? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

21. Do you believe business entities who consolidate industries are depriving Pennsylvanians of competitive options ? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

22. Do believe the Attorney General's office has a responsibility to reduce the prison populations by deferring to community placement options when feasible to do so such as the plea and diversion process? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

23. Do you believe the law supports investment into business education and sustainability into underserved and and underrepresented communities ? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

24. Should the ICE detention facilities in the United States be subject to greater oversight? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

25. Should the Commonwealth work within its power to ensure access to banking for locally regulated cannabis businesses? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

26. Do you believe there should be any new gun legislation to combat the health epidemic of mass shootings and gun violence? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

27. Do you support a path to citizenship for “dreamers”? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

28. Do you understand how predatory lending impacts communities whether it is student loans or credit card companies? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

29. Do you understand the differences between human trafficking, sex work, and the adult entertainment industry? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments *

Human trafficking involves exploitation and coercion, necessitating a comprehensive response to rescue victims and hold traffickers accountable. Sex work involves consensual transactions, and I advocate for considering decriminalization and harm reduction strategies to prioritize the health and safety of sex workers. The adult entertainment industry encompasses legal activities, requiring protections for workers' rights. My commitment is to address exploitation and harm, especially involving children, while respecting the autonomy of adults engaged in consensual activities. I aim to implement policies that protect the vulnerable, empower individuals, and combat human trafficking.

30. Do you promote diversion of people with mental illness from the criminal justice system, and to increase access to community mental health services? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

31. Do you believe the Commonwealth has a role to play in reducing the maternal and infant mortality rates for the Black community in Pennsylvania? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

32. According to the FBI, White Supremacy is on the offensive both in government * and in our socio-political rhetoric. What can be done to protect communities of color, LGBTQ folk, Women, Immigrants and other at risk communities from this very real threat?

As a woman of color, I approach the threat of White Supremacy not just as a policy challenge but as a deeply personal concern. The rise of extremism and hate impacts my community, my family, and individuals who look like me. This reality fuels my commitment to addressing this issue with a sense of urgency and empathy.

I understand the fear and anxiety that marginalized communities, LGBTQ individuals, women, immigrants, and others face in the wake of White Supremacist threats. It's not just statistics; these are real people experiencing real harm.

I will advocate for policies that not only strengthen the legal framework against White Supremacy but also address the systemic issues that give rise to it. This includes promoting education that fosters understanding and empathy, dismantling institutional biases, and empowering marginalized communities to stand against hate.

I believe that by combining strong legal measures, community engagement, and a genuine understanding of the lived experiences of those at risk, we can confront the threat of White Supremacy head-on. I am committed to being a fierce advocate for justice, equality, and the safety of every Pennsylvanian."

33. How do you define community safety? How can your position work to keep the * community safe?

Community safety is the idea that people are safe and secure not just from street level threats, but threats from entities that seek to take money out of pockets, food from our tables, roofs from over our heads and pollute our air and water. As AG, I can go after the corporate greed and protect Pennsylvanians from being taken advantage of. We also need to address gun violence in our community. Of course, those who inflict harm on our communities need to be held accountable but manufacturers of guns who allow weapons to flood our streets without regulation need to also be held accountable.

34. How do you plan to stay updated with changes in auditing and accounting practices, regulations and industry trends?

I plan to stay updated through continuous education, expert collaborations, government partnerships, technology utilization, and a convening a diverse advisory team to ensure a comprehensive understanding of auditing and accounting practices.

35. Do you support expansive ballot access to include drop boxes, ballots translated into multiple languages, and extended voting opportunities on the weekends? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

36. Do you believe the process to reinstate the right to vote for returning citizens (those returning from government detainment) should be streamlined and automated to inform participant upon release? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

37. What can you do to improve the quality of life of the average Black 22 year old in your district?

As a mother to a young-adult Black son, I am deeply invested in the well-being and future success of young black men across Pennsylvania, not just one district. When it comes to improving the quality of life, my focus is on prevention rather than solely addressing issues through criminal justice reform. I'm a strong advocate for early intervention programs that identify and address educational gaps, ensuring that every child has the tools they need to succeed. By investing in quality education from the start, we set the stage for positive life outcomes. I'm committed to creating opportunities for job training, apprenticeships, and career development. By providing young individuals with the skills and resources they need, we can steer them away from paths that might lead to challenges in the first place.

Mental health is another crucial aspect of prevention, and removing the stigma surrounding it, we can address issues proactively and ensure that our young individuals have the tools to navigate life's challenges. This commitment is not just a political stance; it is a personal pledge as a mother.

38. Why should voters trust you to operate differently? How will you ensure transparency if elected?

For me, it's not about what I am going to do, my record of standing up for people even when it's not politically advantageous for myself is evident and well documented. As Chief Defender, I held my office to the highest standards of transparency and accountability. We brought the community into the criminal justice system and provided them resources to how to navigate it. They were well equipped to push or help their advocate do a better job. I have dedicated my career to justice and fairness and I will continue this in the Attorney General's office. I value communication and community participation. As AG, I will represent the people and only the people and not my own self interests.

39. Do you believe art is a vital resource for education, tourism, violence intervention, and cultural competency? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

40. Do you believe in the fundamental right to free speech even when offensive includes students and cultural organizations? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

41. How do you define governmental transparency?

I would define governmental transparency as an unwavering commitment to openness, accountability, and accessibility in all aspects of governance. It's about ensuring that the actions, decisions, and processes of government are clear, understandable, and readily available to the public. Firstly, it involves providing accessible information. This means making government data, decisions, and policies easily understandable and available to the public. Transparency is about breaking down complex bureaucratic language and presenting information in a way that everyone can comprehend.

As AG, I will be dedicated to upholding and promoting transparency in every aspect of governance for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians.

Comments

43. What does reproductive justice mean to you?

Reproductive justice is a deeply personal commitment for me. "I am reproductive rights" signifies my belief that each generation, including my daughters, should have expanded autonomy over their bodies. It rejects punishment for women's reproductive choices and advocates for fundamental rights aligned with personal circumstances. Central to this is removing the government from the doctor's office, preserving the privacy of the doctor-patient relationship. Reproductive justice aims beyond legality, fostering a culture that values women's agency, dismantles barriers, addresses healthcare disparities, and empowers choices. It envisions a future where women make reproductive decisions free from fear or interference, celebrated as essential to personal autonomy and equality.

44. The medical result of pregnancy decision should not result in a criminal arrest * or prosecution of the individual or their doctor.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

45. Do you support reparations for the descendants of those who were enslaved or denied governmental services based upon their racial classification? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

46. Do you support an end to lifetime parole in Pennsylvania? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

46. Do you support a restoration of gun rights to those who have completed their * sentence of incarceration and who have not committed a violent act within a minimum 10 year time period following their release?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

47. Do you support protections from discrimination that would allow members of the LGBTQIA+ community protection from eviction, employment opportunities, and medical discrimination? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

48. Pennsylvania has one of the largest aging populations in the country. Do you believe our government can do more to improve the conditions of the facilities and the overall quality of life for our seniors? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

49. How do you define disability justice and how have you worked in the past to uphold its principles?

Disability justice, to me, is about recognizing and affirming the rights, dignity, and autonomy of individuals with disabilities. It's not just about accommodations; it's about dismantling systemic barriers, challenging ableism, and creating a society that values and includes every person, regardless of their abilities.

Throughout my career, I have been committed to upholding the principles of disability justice. This involves actively working to ensure that our policies, practices, and institutions are inclusive and accessible. I've advocated for accessible public spaces, education, and employment opportunities, recognizing that everyone deserves equal access to participate fully in all aspects of life.

50. How have you worked in the past to engage youth, particularly those who have been considered at risk?

In the past, I've been deeply committed to engaging with youth, particularly those considered at risk, and have implemented a targeted prevention program at a high school in Montgomery County. The program was designed to address the unique challenges and needs of at-risk youth, providing support, mentorship, and resources to empower them towards positive outcomes.

51. Artists, cultural spaces, and artist practitioners provide a vital partnership and resources to government agencies. *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

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Thank You

Thank you so much for applying. We appreciate your commitment to public service and working to ensure the people of the Commonwealth are well represented.

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