

**CONGRESSIONAL 2022 QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR PHILLY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKS**

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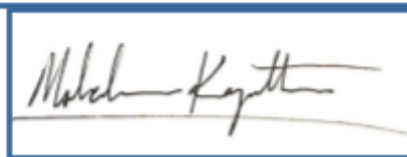
CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: Malcolm Kenyatta

Office Sought: US Senate

I have read the attached questionnaire responses and certify that the information provided is accurate and the opinions stated accurately reflect my own positions.

Candidate Signature:



Date: 2.17.22

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2022 Congressional Questionnaire

BACKGROUND *Please note: answers to questions 7-9 are optional.*

1. **What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held?**
State House, 181st
 2. **If you have previously held a government office:**
 - a. **What are the primary issue areas in which you were involved?**
Good union jobs, Education, Eliminating Poverty and Democracy
 - b. **What committees, caucuses or working groups have you served on?**
Commerce, Finance, State Government, Liquor Control
 3. **If you have not previously held a government office, what community or policy issues have you worked on, and in what capacity? (Please provide the names of two or three individuals who can provide information about your previous work.)**
 4. **Please provide copies of all your significant campaign materials, including position papers, advertisement copy, and flyers.**
- * Please see attached files*
5. **What, if any, endorsements have you received? What others are you seeking?**

Endorsing organizations: SEIU State Council, Collective PAC, One Pennsylvania, Working Families Party, Democracy for America, Victory Fund, Brand New Congress, Voters of Tomorrow, American Federation of Teachers, Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, Temple Association of University Professors, AFSCME 1199C, AFSCME DC33, Teamsters Local 623 and Teamsters BMWED.

Endorsing individuals:

Gloria Steinem, Activist, **Wanda Sykes**, Comedian and Activist, **Cristela Alonzo**, Comedian and Biden Surrogate, **Lee Daniels**, Actor, producer and activist.

Endorsing elected officials: **Sharice Davids**, Member of Congress

AL Green, Member of Congress, **Chairman Matthew Bradford**, Democratic Appropriations, Pennsylvania State House D-70, **Chairwoman Donna Bullock**, PA Legislative Black Caucus, Pennsylvania State House D-195, **State Representative Jeanne McNeil** Pennsylvania State House D-133, **State Representative Chris Rabb**-State House D-200, **State Representative Stephen Kinsey**, Pennsylvania State House D-201 (and former chair of the PA Legislative Black Caucus), **State Representative Joe Hohoenistein**, Pennsylvania State House D-177, **State Representative Danillo Burgos**, Pennsylvania State House D-197, **State Representative Maureen Madden**, Pennsylvania State House D- 115, **State Representative Jess Benham**, Pennsylvania State House D-36, **State Representative Nancy Guenst**, Pennsylvania State House D-152, **State Representative Donna Bullock**, Pennsylvania State House D-195, **State Representative Danilo Burgos**, Pennsylvania State House D-197, **Former State Representative Tony Payton**, **Isaiah Thomas**, Philadelphia City Council At-Large, **Kathy Gilmore Richardson**, Philadelphia City Council At-Large, **Jamie Gauthier**, Philadelphia City Council At-Large, **Kendra Brooks**, Philadelphia City Council At-Large, **Mark Squilla**, Philadelphia City Council, **Gopal Balachandran**, State College Borough Council, **Rich Biever**, SCASD School Board, **Peter Buck**, SCASD School Board, **Carline Crevecoeur**, SCASD School Board, **Deanna Behring**, State College Borough Councilmember, **Hoff Tout**, William Penn District School Pres, **Cindy White**, Community Organizer and Gun Reform Advocate, **Jennifer Millner**, Council - Aliquippa, **Safronia Perry**, Council - Carlisle, **Brenda Landis**, Council - Carlisle, **Benjamin Hover**, Council President - Landsdowne, **Claudette Williams**, Council President - Mt. Pocono, **Magda Byrne**, Council Vice President - Landsdowne, **Jason Moser**, Centre County Controller, **Laura Shadle**, Democratic Jury Commissioner, **Sean Shultz**, Mayor Carlisle, **Olivia Bennett**, District 13 Councilmember, Allegheny County, **Tierra D. Williams**, Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors, **Kolbe Cole**, Former State Rep Candidate- Beaver County, **Shanna Danielson**, Former State Senate Candidate, **Zachary Cole**, Lehigh County Commissioner, **Chardaé Jones**, Mayor- Braddock, **Dwan Walker**, Mayor - Aliquippa, **Mark Barbee**, Mayor - Bridgeport, **Tim Scott**, Former Mayor - Carlisle and **Michael Penn**, Mayor - Mt. Pocono.

6. What is your plan to win this race, including your fundraising goals and strategies.

- Our path to victory in the Primary and general is clear - win the black and brown vote throughout the state, play competitively among white progressive and young voters in Philadelphia, the Collar counties, Pittsburgh and college towns, and do reasonably well among white suburban voters. This grouping is not only the electoral coalition that will win us the primary, but the one that will be our base to build off of as we head into the general election.
 - Malcolm has already received the support of many labor unions including SEIU AFT, PFT, TAUP, AFSCME 1199c, AFSCME DC33, Teamsters BMWED and Teamsters 623.

- Malcolm is the one candidate in the race that can reassemble and energize the Biden coalition that won the state for Democrats in 2020.
 - He has secured critical endorsements from across the party and the commonwealth i.e. State Rep. Jessica Benham (Allegheny County) to Chairman Matt Bradford (Montgomery County) who is the Democratic chair of the powerful PA House Appropriations Committee and the highest ranking member of the General Assembly to endorse to date.
 - In a recent Pennsylvania Democratic Party State Committee endorsement vote the elected party officials, Rep. Kenyatta did extremely well and forced the party officials to not endorse anyone not even his opponents who are far more well connected.
 - As well as major national endorsements from celebrities like Gloria Steinem and Wanda Sykes to national organizations like the Working Families Party.
- Malcolm's unique and inspiring story positions him well to be the candidate who can run on a message that we need to fundamentally change who represents us in the Senate.
 - Malcolm's message and lived experience will resonate in both suburban and urban areas of the state.
 - Malcolm comes from a working poor family where he tragically lost both his parents before the age of 27 due to them rationing their medicine to be able to pay bills and put food on the table.
 - Malcolm is young, black, gay and from Philadelphia. This gives him a built-in electoral advantage in the primary given the electoral coalition we are looking to build for victory.
 - As a first time federal and statewide candidate, we were never going to raise the most in this race, but we are on track to hit our goals and raise what we need to in order to get our message out, win the nomination, and ultimately win the general election.
 - In a large primary field, with one candidate who has run statewide before and another who has raised tens of millions for a high-profile House race, Malcolm has been able to raise a total of \$1.5 million for our campaign.
 - Population changes in the state and the fundamentals of the electorate in both the primary and the general favor a candidate from Southeastern Pennsylvania where the majority of the votes will come from.
 - The more we can highlight his charisma and intellect (both in person with voters and over our digital and social media) — the better. **Put**

simply: the more voters get to know Malcolm and hear directly from him, the more support he gains. At a recent event in Chester County, Malcolm's ability to connect was palpable and highlighted in the article ([click here](#)). This is happening all over the commonwealth!

7. What, if any, genders, do you identify with?

Male

8. What is your sexual orientation?

Gay

9. What is your racial, ethnic identity?

Black

ISSUES

Please note: Although many of the following questions may be answered “yes” or “no” you should feel free to elaborate if doing so would provide a clearer statement of your position. If you believe you do not have enough information to answer a question, or have not formed an opinion, please so state.

II. Income and Wealth Inequality, and Benefit Programs.

1) **What is your position on the rate of the estate tax, and to whom it should apply?**

I support the estate tax for high earners.

2) **How, if at all, should the personal income tax be modified?**

We must completely repeal the Trump tax cuts and have a progressive tax system where we the wealthiest are paying their fair share.

3) **Would you impose a tax on stock and bond transactions? If so, at what rate?**

Yes.

4) **Would you support a wealth tax?**

Absolutely- I think Senator Warren has laid the groundwork for this to happen and I look forward to working with her and others to accomplish this when I am elected.

5) To what level and by what date would you raise the minimum wage to ensure it provides a sustainable living wage?

We need to immediately raise the minimum wage to at least \$15 and index it to inflation. If I had my way I think \$22/hour would actually be a more livable wage.

6) Would you support a single-payer health care system or seek to improve Obamacare, and if the latter, how?

Yes I would.

7) Would you support universal childcare, and/or universal pre-K to reduce poverty?

Yes I absolutely would support universal childcare and universal pre-K.

8) Would you support making the choice of union membership less onerous by, among other things, requiring certification of unions based upon a card-check alone, easing union organizers' access to the workplace, and barring mandatory attendance by workers at employer anti-union meetings?

Yes we must pass the Pro Act – I would absolutely be proud to support this and more by standing alongside union members in their efforts to bargain, during picket lines and or strikes. I am proud to have received the support of so many labor unions

9) What you break up or nationalize the big banks?

Absolutely and I applaud the work you have done in the city and I am hopeful that Philadelphia can take the lead on this and build upon what is being done in North Dakota.

10) How, if at all, would you modify the Federal Reserve system?

Open to conversation on this.

III. Campaign Finance and Voting Rights.

1) Would you support a publicly financed system of campaign financing?

Absolutely and this is long overdue. I think especially if you look at a race like this and how much money is spent and how

millionaires have a hand up to represent the hard-working people of this country.

- 2) Would you support complete transparency regarding the funding of campaigns, including disclosure of all spending by wealthy donors?**

Absolutely! Our broken campaign finance system is key to the well off and well connected blocking progress on progressive legislation.

- 3) Would you impose a cap on spending by Super-PACs, advocacy groups and lobbyists?**

Yes. We need to overturn Citizens United and I would support a cap for the same reason I would support a cap on spending of the candidates. This not only allows working class candidates like myself to be on a level playing field but to limit the influence of folks like big pharma's influence in politics.

- 4) Would you support a Constitutional Amendment establishing that corporations are not people and do not have the rights of citizens, such as free speech or religion?**

Yes.

- 5) What reforms would you support to make it easier to vote in Federal elections? (e.g., early voting, same day registration, a federal Holiday on Election Day, federal standards for voting rights, counting of votes, and redistricting by states, a Constitutional Amendment establishing the right to vote, restoration of the Voting Rights Act to its original scope)?**

I have attached my 8 point democracy plan where I layout in more detail my thoughts on what we can do to support folks voting. I believe in same-day registration, election day as a holiday, getting rid of gerrymandering, and much more.

IV. Climate Change. Would you support:

- 1) A tax on carbon?**

Yes, I would support a carbon tax.

- 2) A full or partial ban on offshore drilling?**

Yes

- 3) A ban, or other limitation, on fracking?**

I am proud to have been the first candidate in this race to support a ban on all new fracking and I am proud to stand by that.

4) A ban on mountaintop removal?

Yes

5) Raising petroleum fuel economy standards to 65 miles per hour by 2025?

Yes.

6) Legislation requiring 100% clean energy by a date certain (please specify the date) and the funding needed to make it a reality?

Yes, I support this. Ideally, we can do it sooner but by 2050 seems like a realistic date and as a Senator, I would push this as much as possible.

7) Banning new nuclear plants and enacting plans for the ultimate shutdown of existing ones?

Nuclear energy should be a part of a carbon zero future.

8) Infrastructure support (recharging stations, etc) and tax incentives for electric automobiles?

Yes.

V. Immigration. Do you believe we should:

1) Provide a path toward citizenship for the 11 million residents who are here without papers?

Yes and I think it is shame that we haven't done this sooner and even right here in PA we have the Berks Detention center.

2) Allow non-citizens to buy health insurance under Obamacare?

Healthcare is a human right. Period.

3) Provide humanitarian parole to return unjustly deported immigrants and unify broken families?

Yes I support this and have always been an advocate for restorative justice.

4) End the dumping of Central American immigrants in dangerous locations in their home countries?

Yes, more instances of this occurring are appalling and we need to stop this.

5) Allow Syrian refugees and others subject to political violence to settle in this country?

Yes.

VI. Racial Justice. Do you believe the federal government should:

1) Demilitarize local police forces?

Yes and I have legislation with Chris Rabb to do just that.

2) Provide incentives, or mandates, to:

a. increase diversity in local police forces?

Yes

b. require police to use body cameras?

Yes

c. promote community policing?

Yes

d. replace police as the first or sole responders to incidents not involving the threat by purported offenders of violent force?

Yes and I have been proud to see the work that Councilmember Brooks has done on this in Council.

3) Abolish minimum sentencing?

Yes and in my capacity as a state legislator, I was proud to educate several of my colleagues to pull off the minimum mandatory bill.

4) Decriminalize possession of marijuana or other controlled substances?

Yes.

5) Ban private prisons?

Absolutely

6) Ban the box that requires job applicants to declare prior arrests?

Yes

7) Require that the environmental analysis for a permit for a polluting facility must consider both the disparate and cumulative environmental burden borne by a community?

Yes

- 8) **Provide reparations for the impact of slavery and Jim Crow on African-Americans?**
I support the current legislation on this moving in Congress.

VII. Women's Rights. Do you believe the federal government should:

- 1) **Enact legislation to end wage discrimination based on gender?**
Yes
- 2) **Guarantee affordable childcare for every working parent?**
Yes
- 3) **Require employers to provide paid family leave, paid vacation and paid sick days to every American worker?**
Yes
- 4) **End the ban on federal funding for abortion services?**
Yes

VIII. War and Peace. Do you think the federal government should:

- 1) **Use economic incentives to pressure Israel to end the occupation?**
I do not support BDS.
- 2) **Support a policy of reducing American military presence around the world?** Yes
- 3) **Repeal or modify the Patriot Act?** Yes
- 4) **Bar the US from torturing prisoners under any and all circumstances?** Yes
- 5) **Cut the defense budget to increase spending on social service priorities at home?** Yes
- 6) **Close Guantanamo?** Yes
- 7) **Pursue a different policy with North Korea?** Would like to discuss more with the board what is meant here.
- 8) **Ban first use of nuclear weapons and renew arms negotiations to lower nuclear stockpiles?** We need to work to denuclearize the world.

IX. Corporate Tax Policy. Do you think we should:

- 1) **Prevent corporations that are American for all practical purposes from avoiding U.S. taxes by claiming to be a foreign company through the establishment of a post office box in a tax haven country?** Yes
- 2) **Repeal loopholes and tax subsidies throughout the federal tax code that benefit oil, natural gas, and coal special interests?** Yes!
- 3) **Ban corporate inversions that masquerade US corporations as foreign corporations to evade corporate taxes?** Yes and I support a global minimum tax.
- 4) **End the carried interest loophole?** Yes
- 5) **Reverse or modify the Trump tax bill's corporate tax cuts, and if so, how?** Yes

X. Education

- 1) **What is your view of the appropriate role of testing in student and school evaluations?** Increased standardized tests are a huge problem and I would support doing much less!
- 2) **How, if at all, should the federal government promote equity in school district funding?** We should quadruple Title I funding.
- 3) **Do you support eradicating all student debt?** Yes
- 4) **What role should charter schools play in school districts and how do you believe the federal government should either promote them, restrict, or otherwise regulate them?** Charter schools must be held to the same standard as their public counterparts.
- 5) **Do you support making public college tuition free? If not, do you have other proposals to reduce the cost of a college education?** Yes.

XI. Miscellaneous

- 1) **How, if at all, do you think U.S. trade policy needs to change?** We need to focus on workers first.

- 2) **What measures would you support to reduce youth unemployment, particularly among minorities?** We need to expand federal funding to City Year and the summer jobs program.
- 3) **How would you reform or repair Social Security?** We should lift the contribution cap to increase funding
- 4) **How would you prioritize the elements of the President's Build Back Better Plan, and would you vote to pass those elements without the rest?** Yes. I would be a huge fighter for this.
- 5) **How, if at all, would you change the filibuster?** I would eliminate it altogether.
- 6) **How, if at all, would you change the process for certifying the election of Presidents?** We should abolish the Electoral College.
- 7) **Do you believe the Supreme Court should be enlarged, or other measures taken to reverse the ability of the Court to permanently be in the way of progressive legislative policies?** I believe we should expand the Supreme Court