



Connect with your Neighbors.....Change the World

# 2024 Auditor General Questionnaire

Prepared by: Matthew Daggett Phone/Email: 215-696-0291

Campaign Manager: Matthew Daggett  
Phone/Email: matt@malcolmkenyatta.com

Committee Name: Malcolm for PA PAC  
Website: www.malcolmkenyatta.com

Campaign Address: POBox 3307 Phila, PA 19130  
Campaign email address: matt@malcolmkenyatta.com

Candidate Phone: 267-574-2264  
Email address: malcolm@malcolmkenyatta.com

## CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: Malcolm Kenyatta Office Sought: Auditor General

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: Malcolm Kenyatta Date: 2/22/24

Please complete, sign and return this form via email in PDF format to [info@phillynn.org](mailto:info@phillynn.org)

and mail or email a copy of the signature page to

**Gloria Gilman**  
**121 South Broad Street Suite 1710**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19107**  
**215-601-2197**  
**gmgilman@gmail.com**

**I. BACKGROUND – PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CURRICULUM VITAE AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:**

**1. What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held?**

If you have previously held a government office(s), state:

- a. the name(s) of the office(s) and dates served  
State Representative of 181st District, 2018–Present
- b. the primary issue areas with which you were involved? I have led the fights on protecting the right to unionize, access to abortion, gun violence, affordable housing, criminal justice reform, and non-discrimination legislation.
- c. your main accomplishments

I have led the fights on protecting the right to unionize and access to abortion. I brought to light Republicans' attempts to subvert the election results of 2020 through a so-called "election integrity" bill, getting the Fairness Act passed out of the House. Additionally I worked hard to get Democrats to flip the House.

**2. What about your background qualifies you to hold this office, including any civic activity that you may have been involved with over your adult life?**

When I talk about tough issues that face many working families across the Commonwealth, I speak from experience. I had to get a job at the age of 12 to help pay bills. My parents divorced when I was very young which meant I had to move around a lot. I lost both my parents by the time I was 27 because they didn't have access to affordable healthcare. I became a junior block captain when I was a teenager because I wanted to see positive change on my block. I believe those who are closest to the pain should be closest to the power. We need government to work for working people, and that starts by having working people in government positions like the legislature and the Auditor General's office.

**What three things would you most want to accomplish if elected?**

As Auditor General, I will rebuild the Bureau of School Audits, restart the annual compliance audits ended by the current Auditor General, and demand accountability from all our schools — including cyber charter schools.

I will also stand up for our workers by creating a worker liaison and using the power of the office to take on wage theft, employee misclassification, and union busting. Every worker deserves a decent wage and the right to unionize. I'll also protect pension funds by ensuring they are properly funded and managed. I will use the office to measure and support efforts to make communities healthier and safer. We need transparency on how huge hospital nonprofits and long-term care providers use state dollars. We need to analyze our approach to community safety and gun violence reduction to target investments in the things that really work to reduce crime, particularly gun crimes.

**3. What is your evaluation of the current Auditor General in the performance of his duties?**

He is a complete failure at his job. The single largest taxpayer expense in Pennsylvania is to our schools and he ended audits for that as soon as he took office. As Auditor I will bring those audits back..

**4. What is your strategy to win this race, including all relevant organizational, financial and grass-roots components?**

I am uniquely poised to turn out the vote in this election. Research shows that when a millennial is on the ballot, more millennials turn out to vote. When a candidate of color is on the ballot, more Americans of color turn out to vote. Young voters and voters of color are critical to ensuring victory in 2024. Pennsylvania needs a candidate who can inspire and activate voters across the Commonwealth. Every union that has endorsed in this race as endorsed me. I have also been endorsed Working Families Party, Councilmembers Nicolas O'Rourke, Kendra Brooks, Jaime Gauthier, to name a few.

## **II. INTRODUCTION**

Although many of the questions below call for a simple yes or no answer, please feel free to provide an explanation for any of your choices. If you have not yet come to a final decision, please state which way you are leaning and what additional information you would need before deciding, if any.

## **III. QUESTIONS**

**5. The Auditor General in the past has issued a number of Special Reports (based on audits) that address economic and social issues – e.g., the high cost of prescription drugs in Pa., cost of climate change in Pa.; workforce development. What are the top three issues you would target in audits and Special Reports?**

Auditing our schools, protecting workers' rights, and holding non-profit hospitals accountable

**6. What power does the Auditor General have relating to the City of Philadelphia, the School District, and their related entities?**

To audit the schools, both public and charter. The current Auditor General eliminated school audits. I'll bring it back on day one.

**7. Would you be interested in auditing the State Revenue Dept with a focus on the extent to which it maximizes collection of corporate and other taxes that fall on high-income taxpayers?**

Yes

8. Do you believe you would have the power to analyze whether the State, and the City of Philadelphia, maximize the return they get on funds within their control and whether they could be enhanced by moving funds into a public bank? Would you pledge to conduct such a study?

The Auditor General is limited to auditing state funds, however the Auditor is empowered to work with City Controllers. Yes I am committed to looking into this.

9. Would you commit to a performance audit of the two State Pension Funds' engagement of private managers to determine if the pension investments further or detract from the State's policies on the environment, reducing poverty, public health, affordable housing, and living wage?

Yes

10. Do you believe you have the power to audit the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and would you do it?

Yes I can audit state funds that go to PIDC.

11. Would you commit to a performance audit of the Dept of Environmental Resources, specifically regarding its enforcement of fracking regulations?

Yes

12. Would you commit to conducting an audit of the personnel practices of selected State offices to determine if, and the extent to which, personnel practices are conducted in a nondiscriminatory manner?

Yes

13. What role, if any, do you see the Office of Auditor General playing on issues relating to economic, social and racial justice?

The Auditor General has the core responsibility to make sure our social safety net programs run effectively and are reaching people who need them, so racial and social justice are at the core of that.

14. As a general matter, why should it matter to progressives, poor people, people of color and marginalized communities, who wins this office?

The Auditor General is the one position in state government that works to find ways that working people are being screwed and then bring people together to fix the problems we find. The AG is not just the chief watchdog and public advocate, but it could also be one of that can work hand and hand with organizers.

15. How would you bring more public attention to the results of your audits and reports?

This office is a unique opportunity to provide the public with information on how effectively their tax dollars are being spent. Not only can we isolate where there is waste fraud and abuse, but we can also find out what does work and share that information with municipalities across the Commonwealth.

Frankly many Auditor Generals come into office without a bully pulpit, as a legislator I've build one — calling for justice and fairness. I'm confident that along with innovative strategies to better present the data, I'll be able to build on the platform I've built over the years to draw attention to my findings.

