

2022 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire



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1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a intellectual/developmental disability (IDD), and if so, would you describe its impact on you? If not, what impact do you want to have for people with IDD and their families?

Yes. One of my closest family members and individual that I have a deep care and connection with is my brother Naeem. He has both physical and cognitive disabilities and with my mother as limited English skills, so I have helped to manage his care and bonded with him since the day he was born. The impact has been profound as I have watched him grow up and helped him to navigate the challenges he faces on a daily basis. One example is that I take him everywhere with me that I possibly can and if there are impediments to him attending, including fundraisers and other events, then most of the time I will respectfully decline unless of course he just doesn't want to go with me. :) I wouldn't trade him for anyone or anything and I want a world where he can thrive.

2. What are your top three priorities and how would you ensure people with developmental disabilities and their families are included in them?

My top priorities are working towards increasing opportunities and to decreasing disparities. especially in underserved communities. I think the best way to be most inclusive to any population is to center their voices and opinions when considering solutions of any kind. This applies to people with disabilities as much as any excluded or underserved population.

3. If cuts became necessary due to a recession or economic downturn, how would you protect services that people with IDD and their families need?

Cuts come up and they are daunting to consider. However, we have many places in our budgets that we can look to before considering cuts to those who are already struggling with resources. I believe we should look first to those that have breaks and other incentives before we look to any impact on services for individuals. For example, we can close tax loopholes and for larger corporations first and then go down the line in areas that have stronger growth opportunities when recessions are over. People, especially people with disabilities do not have the same opportunity to recover and we need to make sure that we understand that and act accordingly.

4. Is there other information you'd like constituents with developmental disabilities and their family and friends to know?

You deserve better. I want to work with you and other impacted communities to make sure that my colleagues are hearing the issues that are important to you and prioritizing solutions that are coming from you.

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