

2021



PRIORITY AGENDA

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- Racial equity and inclusion in the sports betting licensing process.
- Unemployment insurance reform in processing, administering and distribution of claims.
- Housing stabilization and eviction prevention to including assistance with rental utility costs (arrearage)
- Closing the wealth gap by increasing economic mobility (changes in taxation, income equity, expand prevailing wage, etc.).
- Support frontline healthcare workers by providing on the job protection (PPE, equipment and information/skills on COVID-19); protect mental and physical health (provide leave as necessary); and ensure receive additional (hazard) pay.
- Provide greater access for Black business recovery from the effects of COVID-19 with specific funding programs for Black businesses and reforms that will assist Black banks in providing loans and other programs to Black businesses.

EDUCATION

- Support MGA veto override of legislation entitled, “Blueprint for Maryland’s Future” (HB 1300/SB1000).
- Support MGA veto override of legislation entitled, “Historically Black Colleges and Universities-Funding” HB1260/SB1043).
- MSDE must provide guidance to ensure that all students are supported with equipment (computers) and tools (tutoring, PPE, etc.) for successful learning.
- Ensure broadband access for low income families.
- Reform the school resource officer program.
- Culturally responsive K-12 curriculum that will provide education on race and bias in a manner that leads to an understanding of the ramifications of prejudice and racism.

HEALTHCARE

- Reduce the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Black community.
- Create a racial health disparities strike force to collect data, review and recommend efforts to eliminate health disparities in the Black community.
- Focus on Black maternal health and eliminate maternal deaths.
- Create and fund Health Equity Resource Communities to help reduce health inequities, including grants, tax incentives in locations in the state with poor health outcomes that contribute to health inequities

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Repeal of Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR).
- Reform the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) to eliminate the shielding of police misconduct records as reflected in Anton's Law.
- Creation of a statewide use of force statute to standardize law enforcement's use of force and to ensure criminal penalties for noncompliance.

ENVIRONMENT

- Increase production of energy from renewable energy sources.
- Eradicate those energy sources that create pollutants, hazardous waste and water contamination situated near Black communities.
- Increase quality local food production through urban farming and other local food production and distribution.