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Kevin Chin - District 1 County Council Candidate

Question One

Do you believe the documented racial disparities summarized above warrant County-level intervention? If not, why not? If so, please describe:

- What specific actions would you take in your first year in office to investigate root causes?
- What measurable outcomes would you expect to be achieved by the end of your term?

Answer. Yes I do. I support increased transparency and reporting. The more information and data we have the better we can make decisions as a community. I'm very interested in finding and solving root causes. That's my main driving force behind running for county council. I see problems when they become emergencies, and I want to fix that upstream. We need to be upfront that there are enormous racial disparities in income and family/social support. This is upstream of racial disparities in policing. As a county, we need to ensure that residents are supported from an early age in strong programs like Infants and Toddlers Programs through HCPSS as well as housing support in our Low Income Housing Units (LIHU) and Moderate Income Housing Units (MIHU).

Question Two

Please describe your support for legislation in Howard County requiring annual public reporting of data (including race) concerning policing outcomes, including arrests,

juvenile arrest, and use of force data (like Montgomery County's law). Would you sponsor the legislation? Co-Sponsor if introduced by another Council Member? Vote in favor of? Vote against?

Answer: Yes, I would support legislation of public reporting of data and policing outcomes. Again, the more information we have, the better we can serve the community.

Question Three

Please describe your support for a study to be conducted by an independent 3rd party expert in police accountability matters to identify the root causes of the racial disparities in Howard County LEA outcomes and a remediation plan to eliminate unjust disparities that may be found.

Answer: Yes, I would support an independent 3rd party organization to identify root causes of racial disparities.

Question Four

Please describe your thoughts on improving transparency and accountability in Law Enforcement in Howard County

Answer: I'm glad the task force has improved transparency, and I'm fully in support of successful efforts like Body Worn Cameras. This allows collection of objective data and can clarify the facts when there are discrepancies between police and residents.

I'm in support of Crisis Intervention Teams that specialize in interacting with residents who are undergoing mental health crises. Nearby Anne Arundel County has implemented this with much recognition. We can learn best practices from neighboring jurisdictions.