

Progressive Maryland

Presentation for the Prince George's County Council
December 2022



Introduction to Progressive Maryland

Progressive Maryland exists to empower communities to act for social and economic justice by developing leaders, cultivating allies, and building grassroots power to advance economic, racial, and environmental justice in Maryland.

Here's a broad overview of what we do:

- ★ Build local groups and progressive infrastructure throughout the state
- ★ Build the public support and pressure necessary to pass reforms and structural changes
- ★ Train and Elect people from our movement to govern



ORGANIZED PEOPLE + ORGANIZED MONEY = POWER!!!



Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Starts with Black Workers.

BLACK COMMUNITIES MATTER
BLACK CHILDREN MATTER
BLACK VOICES MATTER
BLACK SUCCESS MATTERS
BLACK HEALTH MATTERS
BLACK VOTES MATTER
BLACK BUSINESSES MATTER
BLACK LOVE MATTERS
BLACK STORIES MATTER
BLACK FUTURES MATTER



Speakers



Brianna Nave, Organizer
at One Fair Wage



LeShaun Quander-Mosley,
PM Leader and Member of the
Prince George's County
Democratic Central Committee



Larry Stafford, Jr.,
Executive Director
at Progressive
Maryland



Eliminating the Tipped Minimum Wage

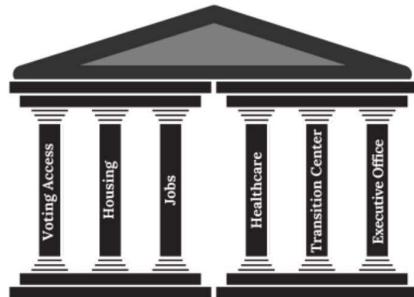
- We helped win the state legislation that increases the minimum wage to \$15 for a typical worker by January 2025, as part of the Fight for \$15 Maryland Coalition.
- We are now supporting efforts to eliminate the tipped minimum wage to ensure that EVERY worker in our state, including those who receive tips on the job, has fair liveable wages for economic security and racial justice.



Re-Integrating Formerly Incarcerated Workers with Family Sustaining Jobs

- We have secured funding for employment wage incentives for businesses to hire returning citizens.
- Our Faith and Community Engagement (FACE) Resource Network provides a variety of comprehensive services and resources that promote restorative practices that address trauma, strengthen families, and help reduce recidivism.

Here are our pillar priorities we are working towards :



As a direct result of our advocacy, the county increased funding for reentry work from zero dollars in 2019 to over \$300,000.



A Community Wealth Approach to Economic Development



- Traditional economic development practice and developer-led regeneration are failing to address the economic challenges of our time. Community wealth building is a new people-centred approach to local economic development, which redirects wealth back into the local economy, and places control and benefit into the hands of local



Key Aspects of Community Wealth Building

- Plural ownership of the economy
- Making financial power work for local places
- Fair employment and just labour markets
- Progressive procurement of goods and services
- Socially productive use of land and property



Q&A

