



1. Why are you running for this seat?

As a native and resident of Alabama's 2nd Congressional District, I am running for office because I have an inherited obligation to the citizens of Alabama's 2nd Congressional District. While I was on active duty serving in the United States Marine Corps, I often came home to Mobile, AL, and the city's conditions and the people's needs caught my attention. After retiring from the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., in 2017, I found that there were a myriad of issues and concerns that bothered the citizens. Some of these issues still affected people which prompted me to run for the office in 2020 and becoming the 2020 Democratic Nominee. Once again, I am making it my duty to be a part of the solution, not the problem, and address the needs and concerns of the people because it's time for the citizens to have the representation that they deserve. This district needs a leader that will put its needs before his or her own needs. I am that leader. I am the return on investment!

2. How do you plan to address disparities in educational opportunities and resources among different communities within our district?

The ultimate determination of opportunities and resources for schools lies in the hands of the elected school board commissioners serving at the state and local levels. However, I will meet with those directly involved in the education of students to get an understanding of what is needed to ensure that our students are receiving the best education. I will advocate for funding, and I will ensure that funds are allocated in a manner that will allow schools across the district to have access to the same opportunities and resources.

3. Given the rising cost of housing in our area, what measures will you support to ensure affordable housing options for all residents, including low-income families and individuals?

I am committed to working hard to build strong communities through housing programs that work for all low to moderate-income residents. Additionally, I will support programs and policies that will assist qualified residents with mortgage financing options most appropriate for their varying financial circumstances. Furthermore, I currently work with and will continue to support and advocate for nonprofits organization to assist Veterans and the Homeless population.

4. With budget constraints, how will you prioritize funding for social services, such as mental health programs, addiction treatment, and support for vulnerable populations?

Helping those who are in need is one of my top priorities. I will ensure funding is provided to create programs and provide resources for those suffering from mental health issues, homelessness, and addiction, to name a few. I will advocate for social service funding because everyone deserves a chance at a better life and not become a victim of the streets.

5. What steps do you think government should take to address police brutality against communities of color?

For the government to address police brutality against communities of color, our criminal justice system needs to undergo an end-to-end criminal justice reformation. An increase in the civil rights sector, a renewal and expansion pattern and practice investigations, enforcement of consent decrees, and supporting legislation to end racial profiling are some of the steps that should be implemented.

6. Do you support an individual's right to reproductive rights?

America is a country that was founded on the ideal of freedom and all citizens are granted rights. Healthcare falls within the realm of accessible rights. I feel universal health care, in its truest sense, cannot be achieved unless we work together to protect women's reproductive health and rights. As your Representative in Congress, I will work hard to support policies that will protect a woman's decision, as espoused by the U.S. Constitution to ensure a woman's socioeconomic well-being and overall health.

7. Will you make it a priority to get the John Lewis Voting Rights Act passage?

I am an avid proponent of protecting civil rights as one of the most important responsibilities for Members of Congress. I strongly believe that all people have a right to participate in our government and our society without fear, oppression, or discrimination. It is unfortunate that we still encounter instances of some who are working to turn back the clock and undo the hard-won victories of our nation's civil rights heroes. As your Representative in Congress, I will remain zealous in the effort of working with Congressional colleagues to establish policies that will preserve and expand protections for all Americans, empower voters, and ensure that our nation's civil rights legacy is protected with the passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.