



## Democratic Men of Mecklenburg County Endorsement Questionnaire

Please provide your full name and detailed responses (100-300 words each) to the following questions. Responses demonstrate your alignment with our mission to re-engage men in Democratic activism, addressing the 2024 election's male voter and volunteer gap (New York Times: 2.1 million voter loss; Catalist: 6-point male support drop). Submit by **August 30, 2025**, to [endorsement@demmenofmeck.org](mailto:endorsement@demmenofmeck.org). Attendance at the Final Word Forum (**September 2, 2025**, Gilde Brewery) is also required for endorsement consideration. Endorsements will be announced September 3, 2025, at [demmenofmeck.org](http://demmenofmeck.org).

Candidate Information: Full Name: **Dr. Tigress Sydney Acute McDaniel, JD**

Office Sought: **Mayor of Charlotte**

1. What specific steps or initiatives have you taken to connect with and mobilize male voters in Mecklenburg County, particularly white, Black, or Hispanic men who may feel disconnected from the Democratic Party?

**I have been a staunch advocate for better bipartisan and interpartisan relations, in that the two-party system is not a monolith and, of course, there are other viable parties like the Green Party and Libertarian Party, and even sub-parties like Progressive Dems et cetera. I facilitate open dialogue forums to fact check political propaganda, both in person and virtually, having also interviewed men who feel disconnected from the Democratic Party, with the mission to counter disillusionment and inspire re-engagement. On my YouTube channel (@seetigressrun) I have a series entitled "How To Implement A More Perfect Union," through which I survey state legislature to ascertain bipartisan relations, demographics of its House and Senate, and its correlation to legislation juxtaposed citizens' needs and demands. Because**

**most legislatures are primarily made up of male legislators, including both Democrats and Republicans, the aspect of white, Black, or Hispanic men who may feel disconnected from the Democratic Party has definitely been core to my coverage, which surprisingly shows that there is no truly monolithic philosophy of thought for either party.**

2. What strategies, programs, or incentives have you implemented to encourage men in Mecklenburg County to actively volunteer or participate in Democratic campaign activities or grassroots activism?

**I run The Aboveground Railroad Incorporated (ARC). It's a social relief and civil rights advocacy organization. Because of my upbringing, having my father in my life, my uncles as cherished father figures and mostly male academic advisors/mentors in the fields of Applied Science, Economics and Law, I've always excelled in working with men, and thus have had no need to "implement strategies, programs or incentives to encourage men to actively volunteer or participate in" the political or community activism. I typically inform them of my volunteer needs, and they show up. I am humbly proud to be well respected amongst my male counterparts. A few election cycles ago, I launched the Charlotte Truth Alliance, with a vision and mission to (1) restore civility and unity across political parties, (2) end the gender war, (3) end ethnic and party infighting, and (4) ultimately promote more harmonious decision making and governance. We actually have a meeting this Saturday, August 29, 2025. Again, I informed male community leaders and they responded confirming that will attend and participate.**

**From the community lens, The ARC has facilitated community events through our subsidiary project, The Southern Hospitality Project. I asked a male club owner if we could transform his venue for one evening into restaurant experience for the unhoused and he said YES without reservation. I, then, sought out a business that could provide transportation to bring the unhoused there, and I was referred to a male party bus owner, who agreed to provide transportation at no costs. My volunteers, including male attorneys, medical doctors, local business owners, blue and white collar workers, and even retirees, and I served our guests, those unhoused, as if they were guests in our home.**

**I'm confident I can inspire men to actively volunteer and participate.**

3. How have you created or supported inclusive spaces, including social media platforms like Facebook, where men in Mecklenburg County can openly discuss and champion Democratic values without fear of judgment?

**Yes; please refer back to my response to your first question. As a Black woman of Haitian descent, and understanding the sector of Black men who feel disconnected from the Democratic Party, I know how to create and support inclusive spaces, and have made a significant impact doing just that.**

4. What part(s) of your platform directly address issues important to men in Mecklenburg County, such as jobs, education, or community safety, to encourage their support and active involvement with the Democratic Party?

**Vocational legal education! Like reading, I assert that legal education is fundamental. Vocational legal education affords a working knowledge of law, which too many lack. Many, if not all, the issues that plague men entail law. Insufficient understanding of law is arguably the primary reason why men face a myriad of disadvantages in family law, criminal law and financial wellness. I am THE only lawyer running for Mayor. Although I am not yet licensed, and thus can only use the title of “lawyer” as opposed to “attorney” until I am, my Juris Doctorate and legal acumen will still yet serve you well.**

5. Given the small percentage of Democratic men across Charlotte’s City Council, County Commissioners, and CMS Board, do you believe this is fair representation? Why or why not?

**I do NOT. Ideally, city and county government should reflect fair representation of the diversity of Charlotte, including but not limited to ethnicity and gender. In fact, leaders of any organization should fairly represent the membership body. Lack of fair representation can result in biased decision making.**

6. How will you collaborate with our group to build stronger community connections and encourage greater male participation in Democratic politics through events, outreach, or other initiatives in Mecklenburg County?

**I’ll lend my unrivaled academia, wealth of experience in engaging and working with my male counterparts, pragmatism, transformative leadership style and emotional intelligence to build stronger community connections and encourage greater male participation in Democratic politics.**