



Baltimore County *Voters' Guide* 2026 Primary Election

League of Women Voters of Maryland

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All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for a particular office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates are printed exactly as submitted. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 500 characters, and any additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond by our deadline, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Only voters registered with the Republican or Democratic parties may vote for candidates in this closed primary election. Candidates for Judge of the Circuit Court will appear on both the Republican and Democratic ballots. There are no nonpartisan races in this primary. The deadline to update your registration to select a party affiliation is Tuesday, **June 2, 2026**.

Additional information on the candidates is available at VOTE411.org, which has any updates received after our deadline. Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. If the candidate submitted a campaign website, it is listed under her/his name.

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Voting Information

Early Voting

Where:

- Arbutus Recreation Center – 865 Sulphur Spring Road, Halethorpe MD
- Baltimore County Board of Elections – 5 Crossing Way, Owings Mills MD
- Honeygo Run Community Center – 9033 Honeygo Boulevard, Perry Hall MD
- Jacksonville Recreation Center – 3065 B Sweet Air Road, Jacksonville MD
- Maryland State Fairgrounds – Mosner Miller Building, 2200 York Road, Lutherville/Timonium MD
- Randallstown Community Center – 3505 Resource Drive, Randallstown MD
- Reisterstown Senior Center – 12035 Reisterstown Road, Reisterstown MD
- Towson University, South Campus Pavilion – 1 S. Auburn, Towson MD
- Victory Villa Community Center – 404 Compass Road E, Middle River MD
- Watersedge Community Center – 7894 Dundalk Avenue, Dundalk MD
- Woodlawn Community Center – 2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Gwynn Oak MD

When:

7:00 am to 8:00 pm from Thursday, **June 11, 2026** through and including Thursday, **June 18, 2026**

If you vote during Early Voting, you cannot vote by mail-in ballot or on Election Day.

Voting By Mail

You may request that a mail-in ballot (formerly called an absentee ballot) be mailed to you or sent via an email link. Apply online or by printing out an application from the State Board of Elections website:

www.elections.maryland.gov

An application for a mail-in ballot must be received by your local Board of Elections

- **Tuesday, June 16, 2026**, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax, or
- **Friday, June 19, 2026**, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website (you must still print and mail the ballot - you cannot return it by email).

If you hand deliver your ballot, you must deliver it to a ballot drop box, to your precinct polling place, or to your local board of elections by **8 pm** on **Election Day**.

NEW FOR 2026: If you choose to return your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than election day in order to be counted. The US Postal Service has changed its procedures for postmarking mail, so it is possible that a ballot put in the mail on Election Day might not be postmarked until a day or two later. On or before Election Day, it is best to return your ballot through a ballot drop box or at your precinct polling place.

Drop Box Sites

- Arbutus Recreation Center - 865 Sulphur Spring Road, Halethorpe MD 21227
- Baltimore County Board of Elections - 5 Crossing Way, Owings Mills MD 21117
- Baltimore County Board of Elections (former) - 11112 Gilroy Rd, Hunt Valley MD 21031
- Baltimore County Historic Courthouse - 400 Washington Avenue, Towson MD 21204
(NEW)
- Catonsville High School - 421 Bloomsbury Avenue, Baltimore MD 21228

- Catonsville Middle School - 2301 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore MD 21228
- CCBC Hunt Valley - 1101 McCormick Road, Hunt Valley MD 21031 **(NEW)**
- County Campus Metro Centre at Owings Mills -10302 Grand Central Ave, Owings Mills 21117
- Deep Creek Middle School - 1000 S. Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore MD 21221
- Dumbarton Middle School - 300 Dumbarton Road, Baltimore MD 21212 **(NEW)**
- Eastern Technical High School - 1100 Mace Avenue, Essex MD 21221
- Fifth District Elementary School - 3725 Mt. Carmel Road, Upperco MD 21155
- Franklin High School - 12000 Reisterstown Road, Reisterstown MD 21136
- Hereford High School - 17301 York Road, Parkton MD 21128
- Honeygo Run Community Center - 9033 Honeygo Boulevard, Perry Hall MD 21128
- Jacksonville Recreation Center, Sweet Air Park - 3605 B Sweet Air Rd, Phoenix 21131
- Kingsville Elementary School - 7300 Sunshine Avenue, Kingsville MD 21087
- Loch Raven High School - 1212 Cowpens Avenue, Baltimore MD 21286
- Milford Mill Academy - 3800 Washington Avenue, Baltimore MD 21244
- New Town High School - 4931 New Town Boulevard, Owings Mills MD 21117
- Northwest Academy of Health Sciences - 4627 Old Court Road, Baltimore MD 21208
- Overlea High School - 5401 Kenwood Avenue, Baltimore MD 21206
- Padonia International Elem. School - 9834 Greenside Drive, Cockeysville MD 21030
- Parkville High School - 2600 Putty Hill Road, Baltimore MD 21234
- Perry Hall High School - 4601 Ebenezer Road, Nottingham MD 21236
- Pikesville High School - 7621 Labyrinth Road, Pikesville MD 21208
- Pikesville Library - 1301 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville MD 21208 **(NEW)**
- Randallstown Community Center - 3505 Resource Drive, Randallstown MD 21133
- Randallstown High School - 4000 Offutt Road, Randallstown MD 21131
- Reisterstown Senior Ctr, Hannah Moore Campus - 12305 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville MD 21136
- Ridgely Middle School - 121 Ridgely Road, Lutherville MD 21093 **(NEW)**
- Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center - 323 Sollers Point Road, Dundalk MD 21222
- Towson University, South Campus Pavillion - 1 Auburn Drive, Towson MD 21204
- Univ. of MD Baltimore Campus, The Commons - 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore MD 21250
- Victory Villa Community Center - 404 Compass Road E, Middle River MD 21220
- Woodlawn Community Center - 2120 Gwynn Oak Ave, Woodlawn MD 21207 **(NEW)**
- Woodlawn High School - 1801 Woodlawn Drive, Woodlawn MD 21207

NOTE: If you mail your ballot, the envelope must be postmarked on or before primary election day **June 23, 2026** and received by your local board of elections by **10 am on June 24, 2026**. If you request a mail-in ballot, you will not be permitted to cast an ordinary ballot during Early Voting or on Election Day - you will be provided a provisional ballot that will be counted only if your mail-in ballot is not received.

ELECTION DAY VOTING

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

ELECTION INFORMATION

Don't know your polling place? Not sure if you are registered?

Visit – <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>

Rumors about the election?

Visit – <http://www.elections.maryland.gov> – click on the link for “Press Room” and you will

see a link labeled "Rumor Control."

Baltimore County Board of Elections

5 Crossing Way
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
410-887-5700, elections@baltimorecountymd.gov
Hours: 8-4:30, Monday - Friday

Maryland State Board of Elections

P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
Phone: 1-800-222-VOTE (8683); Toll Free: 800-222-8683
Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258
Hours: 8 - 5, Monday - Friday.

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Governor / Lieutenant Governor

DUTIES: The Governor is chief executive officer of the state and commander-in-chief of the Maryland National Guard. The Governor appoints state judges and heads of statewide departments, proposes the annual state budget to the Maryland General Assembly and may veto legislation passed by it.

The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor, carries out specific duties assigned, and fills the office of Governor if the incumbent dies, resigns, or is incapacitated.

TERM: Four years. Limit of two consecutive terms.

SALARIES: Governor \$195,000, Lieutenant Governor \$175,000

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team.

WEBSITE: governor.maryland.gov

Questions

AFFORDABILITY: Many Marylanders are struggling to afford basic expenses such as housing, groceries, childcare, and healthcare. What will you do to make living in Maryland more affordable?

VOTING: What strategies will you use to encourage all eligible voters to vote in every election?

HEALTHCARE: What will you do to make sure people in Maryland have prompt and timely access to needed healthcare across Maryland, including rural and inner-city communities?

ECONOMY: In light of economic uncertainties, declining federal dollars, and loss of federal jobs, what will you do to promote economic and job growth?

IMMIGRATION: Federal agents have been stopping and detaining residents in Maryland and across the nation, often using aggressive tactics. What is your position on this?

BACKGROUND: What else do you want voters to know about you?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Eric S. Felber / LaTrece Hawkins Lytes

Campaign Website: felberforgovernor.org

AFFORDABILITY: Maryland has one of the highest cost of living and utility expenses in the US. Our campaign's priority is to fix that by capping utility fees, increase safe and affordable housing, provide affordable childcare and fix a broken medical system which allows insurance companies and private equity to charge exorbitant prices for care. We want to increase minimum wage to \$30/hr by 2030 to make a living wage compatible with living expenses.

VOTING: We strongly encourage everyone to vote in this upcoming election. We need to vote to keep ICE and its facilities out of Maryland, recover lost jobs and businesses, and to decrease crime in the streets of our cities and suburbs. It is crucial to vote on these matters to fix them. We will campaign throughout the state posting signs and banners and educating anyone on the crucial process of voting.

HEALTHCARE: I am a physician and my lieutenant is a diabetes educator and organ transplant advocate. Our backgrounds are decades of experience in community medicine. We understand the hardships of medical care and its finances intricately. Timely access is crucial to obtain healthcare across Maryland, including rural and inner-city communities. We will put Maryland first, and do everything we can do to help people feel better and get the medical care they need.

ECONOMY: Thousands have lost their jobs and businesses. This is a top priority of our campaign. Economic and job growth is critical to a Maryland economy which has stalled for the past 10 years. We must act now to turn the economy around and restore lost jobs. Federal workers, researchers, farmers, and many others have experienced a decline in jobs. We must work together and help each other regain jobs and businesses in light of declining federal dollars and economic uncertainties.

IMMIGRATION: Our position is clear to remove ICE from Maryland. Our top priority is to stand behind every single person in Maryland, every immigrant, and every citizen to prevent ICE from acting on our residents. Our diversity in Maryland is what makes us great and we will not allow in any circumstances for ICE to change that. Stopping and detaining residents using aggressive tactics will not be allowed. Due process is a critical part of our Constitution and must be followed.

BACKGROUND: We will fight for abortion rights and reproductive freedom, LGBTQ+ rights, environmental safeguards, justice reform, decrease in crime, affordable housing, increase the minimum wage, lower utility costs, free public transportation and education, and fight to remove ICE.

Wes Moore / Aruna Miller

Campaign Website: WesMoore.com

AFFORDABILITY: We must protect our people, drive down costs, and strengthen our state's economic competitiveness. It is our responsibility to build an economy that makes sure more Marylanders can afford to live here, buy a home, create wealth, and live a secure middle-class life. That's why we're creating jobs, building more affordable housing, and introducing legislation to combat price gouging.

VOTING: Democracy works best when everyone is involved—it doesn't matter what political party you belong to, where you live, or how you worship, we have a duty to make our

voices heard. That's why we've passed legislation to protect election workers and keep ensuring Maryland's elections remain free and fair.

HEALTHCARE: Affordable, accessible, and equitable health care is the foundation on which we build everything else—from safer neighborhoods to more vibrant communities. Your zip code shouldn't determine your level of care, or if you can access it. That's why we've fought to fund rural hospitals and create quality and accessible healthcare across the state.

ECONOMY: After years of economic stagnation, we are jumpstarting Maryland's economy. In just three years, Maryland has added nearly 100,000 jobs and created over 35,000 new places of business. We will continue to pass legislation and take actions that have created jobs and helped Maryland create about 45% more new establishments each month than in 2019.

IMMIGRATION: In Maryland, we defend Constitutional rights and Constitutional policing—we will not allow untrained, unqualified, and unaccountable ICE agents to deputize our law enforcement officers. We will continue to work with federal partners to hold violent offenders accountable—while refusing to blur the lines between state and federal authority in ways that undermine the trust between law enforcement and our communities.

BACKGROUND: It is the honor of my life to serve Maryland. From creating 100,000 jobs to bringing down violent crime to record lows, we've made great progress, but the job isn't finished. I'm asking for your support to continue our mission to ensure more Marylanders can afford to live here, buy a home, create wealth, and live a secure middle-class life.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Carl A. Brunner, Jr. / Kevin L. Rhodes, Sr.

No response received by deadline.

L. D. Burkindine / Jeremy M. Shifflett

Campaign Website: www.ldburkindineforgovernor.com/

AFFORDABILITY: As Governor I will Establish a grant program for housing where the grant is for purchasing of housing the grant will give a person the down payment and settlement fees. Establish A CO/OP program for Farmers markets . Farmers to sell directly to the public-consumers. Childcare Facilities will be added to all Schools , parents will have freedom of choice . Establish new programs . Healthcare connection to be advanced to allow all Marylanders choice. Details provided upon written request.

VOTING: Bring truth to election process. Assuring Voters that their votes count. Voter ID is a must to insure against voter fraud.

HEALTHCARE: As Governor oversight and transparency will be on the top of the list. Healthcare connection will become the go to provider. State departments will be held accountable for non-compliance to execute claims in an... urgent manner. Day one of my administration I will declare poor healthcare a state of emergency. Providing Executive order fixing the problem. First

ECONOMY: First of all, the federal government is not our enemy. As Governor I will establish a working relationship with all federal agencies. Bring back manufacturing cut regulations to allow companies to grow. Manufacturing provides living wages. Power plants are a must. Building - Manufacturing, Power plants lead to work better paying jobs (living wages) Details upon written request

IMMIGRATION: I support all law enforcement. Maryland is one state part of The United States of America. As Governor I will reverse the newly enacted law - Bill 245/House Bill 444. Giving People drivers License's does not make them a legal citizen. Maryland cannot be a safe haven for criminals or illegal aliens. My administration will be tough on crime. Protecting and serving the people of our great state is the most important job and I am

looking forward to doing just that.

BACKGROUND: I have been Businessman for over 40 years. Working harder than anyone around me, providing solutions, fixing repairing bringing people together is in my DNA. Hands on approach, Finish the job. As governor I will Be working for the people, and I will have an open-door policy.

Dan Cox / Rop Krop

No response received by deadline.

Ed Hale / Tyrone Keys, Jr.

Campaign Website: haleforgov.com

AFFORDABILITY: Maryland families are being squeezed by rising costs. I will focus on lowering energy prices by expanding reliable in state power generation, reducing regulations that drive up housing and food costs, and bringing discipline to government and public spending. Maryland should once again be a state where working families, young people, and retirees can afford to live and build a future.

VOTING: Voting should be convenient, secure, and trusted. I support early voting, clear voter information, accurate voter rolls, and strong civic education so every eligible voter knows how and when to participate. Confidence in elections and broad participation are both essential to a healthy democracy.

HEALTHCARE: Every Marylander should be able to access care when they need it. I will expand the healthcare workforce, support rural and community health centers, reduce unnecessary regulations that limit providers, and expand telemedicine. Our goal should be practical solutions that shorten wait times and bring quality healthcare closer to every community.

ECONOMY: Maryland must compete again for jobs and investment. I will reduce unnecessary regulations, support small businesses and entrepreneurs, invest in infrastructure and reliable energy, and promote industries such as technology, manufacturing, agriculture, and maritime trades. A strong economy begins with making Maryland a predictable and welcoming place to invest and work.

IMMIGRATION: Public safety must come first. Maryland should cooperate with federal authorities when dealing with individuals who are committing crimes and jeopardizing public safety. At the same time, enforcement must respect constitutional rights and due process. Cooperation focused on removing dangerous offenders helps keep communities safe while maintaining respect for the rule of law.

BACKGROUND: I am not, nor do I ever want to be a career politician. I am a longtime business leader who believes in the strength of the Maryland family and the resources and people in our state that make Maryland great. My background is rooted in the belief that our government should be small, efficient, and accountable to the taxpayers who pay for it. I am running for governor to restore opportunity, strengthen our economy, and keep Maryland a place where hard work leads to success. Help is on the Way

Douglas Larcomb / Martina D. Duncan

AFFORDABILITY: My administration's policy will support the current safety net policy with funding for Child Care Scholarship program, Housing Choice Voucher program. Maryland's Renters Tax Credit will continue. My administration brings forth a plan for State Owned Non Profit Energy for an electrical grid that will significantly reduce cost of electricity in the State through deregulation of grid operators and eminent domain. Maryland will fund a gentrification program to increase inventory in available housing

VOTING: My administration will bring about excitement through engagement including awareness advertising with regard to how important each voice is. The issues at Stake now

have arrived at critical mass. I encourage all eligible voters to register daily while I engage with the Public wherever I go. Judicial Reform will bring Unity within the Inner City initiatives of Baltimore and beyond. We all have a voice with regard to key issues such as Affordability, Public Safety & now more than ever Self Defense

HEALTHCARE: The Maryland Children's Health Program which supports children and pregnant mothers will continue to be funded. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Seniors will continue to be funded. Medicaid for low income residents shall continue to be funded. Fund Adults and Children with Disabilities which is cut. Budget will be revisited. Money from all of the Ambitious Unsustainable spending leading to insolvency on Green Energy initiatives will be Suspended with my first Executive Order.

ECONOMY: Maryland ranks 46 in the Nation in competition with all other States for the purpose of attracting New Corporate Business. Can you believe the idiocy? There is no business acumen in this State! The State boasts a whopping 8.25% Corporate Tax Rate because of your greed via leadership who push a false narrative on a Green Energy plan. Incentivized policy of Tax Abatement on Corporate Tax for 10 years with a 2.5% Corporate Tax rate promise after will bring New Industrial and Advanced Technology.

IMMIGRATION: There are approx 230,000 undoc immigrants in Maryland or 2.6% of the popul. It is mathematically impossible to deport 11 Mil. people so it was always a lie. Deporting 7,000/wk in the US equals approx 375,000 a year. The birth rate of 11 Mil. is higher than that therefore a zero sum task. My admin will create our own State registry to doc the undoc Immig. through the Gov. Office of Immig. Affairs. The St. will complete its own background checks while allowing temp in state wk permits. Not Citizen

BACKGROUND: Judicial Reform: There are NO self defense laws leaving unnecessary unprecedented power in the hands of prosecutors and judges. Reasonable Legalese Reform relieves injustice in the court. Self Defense Laws such as Reasonable Restraint, Castle Doctrine and Stand Your Ground will be enacted while placed into Maryland Code. Judicial Reform will bring Unity in what is supposed to be a free state. 1.12% of Marylanders are incarcerated or on some kind of supervision. That is an oddly high number.

John A. Myrick / Brenda J. Thiam

Campaign Website: johnmyrickformdgovernor.org/

AFFORDABILITY: By reducing State spending, and making government more efficient, we will reduce taxes and fees for Marylanders. We will cut energy costs by 50% within 4 years by re-opening plants and moving toward new nuclear technologies. This will drive down prices across the board. We will lower insurance costs, including medical malpractice insurance, which will reduce healthcare costs. We will look at ways to increase access to childcare. We will reduce regulations that drive up the cost of housing.

VOTING: Voting is the most important thing we do. We support efforts to ensure that voter rolls are current, and that all eligible voters have the chance to cast their ballots. We will work to increase the number of polling places across the State.

HEALTHCARE: By reducing malpractice insurance costs, we will drive down healthcare costs. We will seek to eliminate Plan Benefit Managers (PMBs) that inflate costs for healthcare. We will increase access to healthcare in our rural and urban communities through Public-Private Partnerships, and through working with our federal partners. We will restore the prescription drug coverage plan for State Retirees. We will negotiate with drug companies to reduce costs that the State (Medicaid) pays for medications.

ECONOMY: We will lower the Corporate Tax Rate from 8.5% to 5.0% to attract businesses to Maryland and to help those already here. We will work with the federal government to stop the hemorrhaging of federal jobs from Maryland. We will repeal the 3% Tech Tax. We will reduce burdensome regulations that stifle business development. We will attract new, good paying jobs to Maryland and provide economic opportunities for Marylanders. We will restore vocational & computer certification training to our schools

IMMIGRATION: I support cooperation with ICE. Participation in the DHS 287(g) program is vital to protecting Marylanders from criminal Unlawful Aliens and I will seek legislation making this the standard. If Maryland participates with our federal partners, not only do we enhance safety for our residents, but we eliminate the need for mass ICE deployments to find these criminal Unlawful Aliens. I also support "Plan Dignity," the most comprehensive federal immigration bill in the past 40 years.

BACKGROUND: We are Public Servants, seeking to improve the lives of EVERY Marylander. Using a common-sense approach to governing, fiscal restraint, and logic, we will restore prosperity to Maryland. We will bring accountability to Annapolis. We will reduce taxes and fees, cut energy costs, provide economic opportunity, improve our failed schools, and restore public safety for ALL Marylanders. We will never forget that we work for YOU!

Michael Oakes / Ronald W. Abend

AFFORDABILITY: Change 99% of the policies instituted in the last 4 yrs

VOTING: Already have instituted the coalition of RID. Stands for republican independent democrat. All are welcome to vote for me to change Md for the better

HEALTHCARE: There are many plans and programs already in place. No one should be denied. If they are then they're not taking advantage of the complex systems the current government has in place.

ECONOMY: Get rid of all the ridiculous paperwork and regulations that hinder small business creation.

IMMIGRATION: The previous US administration allowed millions to enter our country illegally. If they're here illegally they need to be arrested and sent back to their home country by what ever means necessary. If they are US citizen with proper id there should not be a problem

BACKGROUND: I want to have equal representation for all. Unlike the current system where one party outnumbers all others, knows nothing about candidates, votes because there's an R I or D after the name and really doesn't care about Md. I don't accept campaign contributions because it leads to corruption. I also will not be accepting a salary. My primary goal will be electric rates reduction and a change in the property tax system

Nancy Jane Taylor / Rachel Hannah "Mohawk" Swift

AFFORDABILITY: WELL I HAVE AN AMAZING RESPONSES BUT I apolo.\nGize, SAMSUNG I SAID APOLOGIZE. I don't know if it's my horrible cheap Samsung or this website, but it does not copy and paste what so ever. I'm sorry. I cannot be more thorough with my responses. AS I INTENDED ORIGINALLY NOTHING Whatsoever, because it will not remain on the screen. WE'RE TURNING BACK TO EMPTY FIELDS IT deletes ALL TEX as I click off this page EACH TIME you'll have to catch me on the flip side TRUST ME! U WILL HEAR OUR VOICES

VOTING: I am the best campaign strategist ever!! IT IS NOT MY FAULT THAT TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT WORK PROPERLY y DO YOU THINK I'M RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT AGAIN 2024 2026* 2028 2032AD *STATEWIDE. i received 1% of the vote in West Virginia 2326 votes! Looking at 2020 results IF CAN BE BEAT, yes SO CAN i Google REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS WV 2024 NOW MY MOTHER'S GOVERNOR TAYLOR AT THE TOP OF THE TICKET AS THE CANDIDATE. I'M JUST LIEU. SWIFT it's all about beating 2028

HEALTHCARE: Promote healthier lifestyles more socialization promote blood & living kidney donations i'm doing everything in my power 2 keep my mom out of hospital hospitalizations is not acceptable. You are NOT coming out that hospital any better than you went in this corrupt pharma health care system you are better off praying to any deity you can think of for a cure Don't give me started on how it cost if they transp u wrong! AN EXTRA \$10,000 MORE IF U HAPPENED TO GO to Carroll co hospital<NW HOSP=POISION

ECONOMY: WOW AS A RINO, the description of question indicates policy is shady at best. Wow! I do believe some people (R) missing the 2020 ECONOMY RIGHT ABOUT NOW! correct DOES NOT HAVE GOOD IDEA agree BUT BANKRUPTCY !! We WOULD NEVER HAVE never GONE INTO t CURRENT SEVERE GREAT DEPRESSION W IN THE OVAL OFFICE SO I CANNOT RETYPE UP MY GOOD RESPONSES look is MESSING UP! NO JUSTIFICATIONS, OK FOR A CHANGE, LET'S HAVE NO EGOW ♡PERSONAL GREED

IMMIGRATION: UNDER AGE CHILDREN MINORS 4-YEAR-OLDS, 8-YEAR-OLDS, 15-YEAR-OLDS BUT NOT LIMITED TO, KIDDO (R) IN CAGES LET'S SEE YOUR CHILD IN ONE THOSE U WOULD BE SCREAMING! THE KIDS COMMITTED NO CRIMES. THEY ARE UNDER EIGHTEEN. THAT IS NOT A GREEN LIGHT! For you to drop your pants again & again Sorry I do not have enough space to write again +1,200X PLEASE CALM DOWN YOUR SINFUL LUST UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES WITH JUVENILES FOR THOSE LITTLE KITTYS

BACKGROUND: Taylor gone to church all of her life SHE READS HER BIBLE EVEN AT 3AM! SHE UNDERSTANDS THE CAMEL CANNOT GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE. U DON'T NEED A SIXTY DOLLAR \$60 "CHINA BIBLE" TO TELL U THAT. FYI CORRECT She has not had any sexual activities with anyone under 18yo She ONLY HAD SEXUAL ACTIVITY w ONLY 2 MEN [NOT +1200little teen kitty] gave live births indicating birthdays included to13children SHE WILL WIN THIS ELECTION! Lieu/DAUGHTER R.SWIFT2024# is THE BEST CAMPAIGN STRATEGIST EVER

Shannon Wright / Reba A. Hawkins

Campaign Website: Wright4Maryland.com

AFFORDABILITY: As Governor Fast-track housing for all Stabilize property taxes Expand workplace-based childcare options Strengthen Maryland's food supply chain Expand agriculture partnerships Increase access to home-based chronic-care support Fix a broken education system Cut waste, fraud, and mismanagement Support small businesses Invest in job training and apprenticeships I'll do this without raising taxes Maryland should be a place you can life, not just survive it.

VOTING: As Governor We will have year-round civic education Work with community organizations, faith leaders, and institutions Meet voters where they are Support early voting, and secure mail-in options Clear information about when and how to vote Run registration drives in underserved areas Use technology to provide reminders Strengthen trust by ensuring elections are transparent "A healthy democracy depends on participation"

HEALTHCARE: As Governor, we will Ensure every Marylander gets prompt, reliable healthcare Expand community clinics, urgent-care , and mobile health units Increase access to home-based care Strengthen partnerships with hospitals and local providers Keep essential services in underserved areas Hold insurers accountable for delays, denials, and hidden fees "When care is local, transparent, and responsive, Marylanders get help when they need it—not weeks later."

ECONOMY: As Governor We will grow our tax base Redirect resources into economic engines Cut waste, fraud, and mismanagement Strengthen small businesses with targeted investments Reduced regulatory barriers Invest in job training, apprenticeships Connect Marylanders to high-demand careers Create workforce pipelines Support rural and urban economic corridors Attract new industries "With declining federal dollars, and the loss of federal jobs, Maryland needs a Governor who will build a strong economy."

IMMIGRATION: As Governor, I will not allow Marylanders to be unprotected. I will require federal agencies to coordinate with state and local authorities before operations take place. I will demand clear protocols, clear identification, and accountability so Marylanders know their rights and know who is acting in their communities. We can support lawful enforcement without allowing intimidation or overreach. Public safety requires order and we will protect both safety and civil liberties with equal force.

BACKGROUND: I am a faith-driven leader, and strategist dedicated to strengthening

Maryland's families and rebuilding trust in public institutions Known for my work at the intersection of policy, service, and empowerment. I has spent years working with parents, educators, small businesses, and local organizations to address challenges in education, healthcare access, economic mobility, and public safety. I am a wife, pastor, author, and policy advocate who authored 2 bills this session, HB1626 and HB163

Comptroller

DUTIES: The Comptroller collects, manages, and plans for state revenues. This includes Maryland taxes on income (personal and corporate), retail sales, motor vehicle fuel, tobacco, alcohol, and estates. The Comptroller, Governor, and state Treasurer serve on the Board of Public Works, which approves major contracts for the purchase of goods and services by teh state government.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$175,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: marylandcomptroller.gov

Questions

CONTRACTS: What factors will you use, in addition to cost, to evaluate major state contracts?

TAX POLICY: Please explain what legislation affecting tax policies you will actively support for consideration in the legislature.

CHALLENGES: What are the major financial stressors that the state of Maryland will face in the coming term?

REVENUE: The Comptroller's Office issues revenue projections annually that are used to develop the budget. How do economic uncertainties affect your ability to ensure these projections are accurate?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Campaign Website: brookelierman.com

CONTRACTS: On the Board of Public Works, I ensure Maryland receives the best value - not just the lowest price - from every contract dollar. Beyond cost, I evaluate vendor track records, commitment to MBE goals, labor standards, local economic impact, and accountability mechanisms. I've also modernized contract spending reporting so Marylanders can see exactly how their money is being spent. Smart procurement means stronger communities and a more equitable Maryland economy.

TAX POLICY: As Comptroller, I do not set tax policy - I administer tax laws equitably and make government work better for every Marylander. I've expanded branch offices, boosted call center staff, and launched new tools to ease filing. I've championed access to Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, supported small businesses, and returned a record \$121 million in unclaimed property in FY25. I'll keep fighting for free federal tax filing so every Marylander can access the money they've earned.

CHALLENGES: Maryland faces two major financial stressors: a rising cost of living pushing residents out of state, and the unprecedented threat to federal funding - including the loss of thousands of federal jobs, cuts to grants and contracts, and reduced Medicaid, SNAP, and disaster relief. My office now publishes state-of-the-economy reports to keep policymakers

and the public informed. We must be clear-eyed about what reduced federal investment means so we can build a strong financial future together.

REVENUE: Economic uncertainty is the defining challenge of revenue forecasting and today's environment is among the most volatile we've seen. Tariffs, federal cuts, inflation, and market instability all hit Maryland revenues in unpredictable ways. As Chair of the Board of Revenue Estimates, I ensured we proactively adjusted projections in December 2024 leading to a year of stable finances, and our new tax system gives us real-time visibility to better understand our financial situation.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Sonya Dunn

Campaign Website: www.VoteSonyaDunn.com

CONTRACTS: Primary factor: Is the company a Maryland-based firm? If not, what state resources or taxpayer support will it require to establish and maintain a presence in Maryland? Capacity building within Maryland is critical to strengthening and growing our procurement economy. State procurement dollars should support and circulate within Maryland whenever possible. Other factors include local workforce impact, compliance history, accountability, efficiency, risk management, and community engagement.

TAX POLICY: FOR: HB 392 & HB 1554 - Short term revenue loss but helps retain manufacturing jobs and reduce food deserts in Maryland. FOR: HB 1422 & SB0858 - Adds teeth to compliance unit to address repeated failed audits by state agencies. Strengthen financial management oversight of budgets and contracts. AGAINST: 2025 BRFA (Tax Changes) - 2% capital gains tax on high earners and 3% tax on IT/data services discourages investment, limits capacity building, and accelerates wealth migration from Maryland.

CHALLENGES: Budget & Revenue Shortfalls: structural deficit, slow revenue growth, federal job losses, and high-income out-migration. Economic Competitiveness: business out-migration, affordability, taxes, and inflation. Public Spending Cost: education costs, Medicaid, state pensions, and rural hospitals. Infrastructure Risks: transportation trust fund shortfalls, aging infrastructure (state buildings, water, sewer), energy transition costs, healthcare workforce, cybersecurity, and IT modernization.

REVENUE: I would be straightforward and transparent with taxpayers: Maryland is in a structural deficit. Rose-colored revenue projections create public distrust and lead to spending cuts to public and social programs. Maryland families, businesses, and communities deserve better. I plan to use conservative forecasting practices with a spectrum of investment risk profiles. Build a team of reliable economists and financial analysts who evaluate risks like the migration of businesses and taxpayers.

Attorney General

DUTIES: The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, all state departments and boards, and most commissions. The Attorney General represents the state in all cases that relate to the Governor, the General Assembly and most state agencies. The office also has responsibilities for consumer protection, civil rights, medical and investment fraud, and the juvenile justice system.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$175,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: oag.maryland.gov

Questions

CIVIL RIGHTS: What do you see as the greatest threat to Marylanders' civil rights, and what will you do to protect them?

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Do you support initiatives, such as restorative justice practices, to reduce incarcerations and create better outcomes in the juvenile justice system?

PRIORITIES: As Attorney General, what will be your top priority areas, and how will you implement those priorities?

DISINFORMATION: Will you use the Attorney General's office to protect consumers from disinformation and fraud, including false advertising and scams? If so, how? If not, why not?

ADVOCACY: On what issues, if any, will you support bringing actions against the federal government on behalf of Marylanders?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Anthony G. Brown

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

James B. Rutledge, III

Campaign Website: <https://www.electjim.com>

CIVIL RIGHTS: The greatest threat to Marylanders' civil rights is the erosion of equal protection under the law — when government plays favorites, enforces laws selectively, or uses legal power as a political weapon. I will enforce civil rights protections evenhandedly, without ideology. Every Marylander, regardless of background, politics, or zip code, deserves equal justice. I am committed to uphold the MD Constitution and apply the law without partiality or prejudice as the AG's oath of office requires.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: As AG, I will focus on victim-centered justice and public safety. I support approaches that hold young offenders accountable, change the direction of their lives, protect victims, and reduce recidivism. Restorative justice can complement — but not replace — accountability. I will work with prosecutors, juvenile case workers, and community leaders to identify solutions that can actually reduce juvenile crime and create hope for our young people, who are often victims of abuse themselves.

PRIORITIES: 1) Fighting crime by supporting our State's Attorneys and law enforcement and by putting the rule of law ahead of partisan politics; 2) Thwart cyber predators by pushing cyber-crime investigations to the next level, and 3) Protect clean water and our Chesapeake Bay by investigating and prosecuting environmental crimes that harm them. I will promote the Maryland Constitution without partiality or prejudice to build confidence in our institution of law for all Marylanders, not just a favored few.

DISINFORMATION: Absolutely. Protecting Marylanders from consumer fraud, scams, and deceptive business practices is a core responsibility of the AG. I will aggressively seek to hold these predators accountable. What I will not do is use the office to punish political speech or label a political viewpoint as 'disinformation' — that path leads to censorship, which I condemn. The AG does not have the power to declare whose political opinions are acceptable. That decision is made by the voters of Maryland.

ADVOCACY: The AG should defend the people of MD when the federal government exceeds the authority granted to it by the US Constitution. The MD Constitution declares that federal laws are the Supreme Law of the State and "all the People of this State, are, and shall be bound thereby." It is a grave matter for MD to resist federal authority and sue to nullify

federal law. I will make my decisions based on the facts and the law, and my allegiance to the MD Constitution, not to partisan politics.

Representative in Congress

DUTIES: U.S. Representatives make laws, oversee the operations of all federal government departments and investigate issues of national importance. Laws that impose taxes always begin in the House of Representatives. Through impeachment, the House of Representatives can recommend that the Senate remove from office a public official accused of a crime.

TERM: Two years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland is represented by eight of the 435 Representatives.

WEBSITE: www.house.gov

Questions

ELECTIONS: What laws will you support to protect election integrity and secure accurate vote counts?

IMMIGRATION: Do you support current approaches to enforcing federal immigration laws? Why or why not?

AFFORDABILITY: Many Marylanders are struggling to afford basic expenses such as housing, groceries, childcare, and healthcare. What will you do to make living in the United States more affordable?

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: What do you see as the United States' role on the world stage?

SAFETY NET: How will you safeguard social safety net programs for the most vulnerable Marylanders?

Congressional District 1

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Victor Allen Guidice

Campaign Website: GuidiceforCongress.com

ELECTIONS: None. Our elections are secure. There is no evidence that they are not.

IMMIGRATION: Absolutely not. We are human beings, damnit. I am the descendent of immigrants to this country.

AFFORDABILITY: I wish to change building regulations that prevent affordable starter homes, keeping first time home buyers from reaching that goal. I wish to transform MD's 1st District into an agro-economic powerhouse by utilizing the pioneering techniques of the Netherlands. I believe that we can produce many billions more in agricultural dollars, reducing our cost of food here, and bringing many jobs into this region. I will support legislation which promotes Universal Health Care and Universal Childcare.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The United States is the most successful country in the history of the world. We must once again make it the shining example of what a country should be. To lead by example, not through might. By showing compassion and respect for our own citizens, we will once again become that shining example.

SAFETY NET: We must reverse the detrimental legislation that has been passed recently.

Dan Schwartz

Campaign Website: <https://www.schwartzforcongress.com/>

ELECTIONS: I would vote to restore the Voting Rights Act, which has been hollowed out by the Supreme Court and support legislation to ban partisan gerrymandering and put redistricting decisions in the hands of independent state commissions. Partisan gerrymandering kills people's faith in fair representation which undermines elections. I would also support the For the People Act which better funds equipment upgrades, provides security standards, broadens ways to register and expands early/mail voting.

IMMIGRATION: No. While we need immigration enforcement, the current approach is intentionally cruel. We need a complete overhaul in how ICE and CBP operate. ICE should not have a larger budget than the Marine Corps. Much of its budget must be reallocated and all types of law enforcement need to be held to high professional standards that protect people's civil liberties. I am worried about the message being sent to my six year old who wants to be a police officer when he sees heavily armed men in masks.

AFFORDABILITY: I will support legislation to reign in the President's use of tariffs and require him to follow the ruling of his own Supreme Court. I will fight to roll back the President's tax cuts for billionaires, and seek bipartisan support to overhaul the US Tax Code to ensure that corporations and billionaires are paying their fair share. We will seek permanent tax cuts for working class families instead of billionaires.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: For decades, US foreign policy has been used not just to project military power, but to influence through diplomacy and aid. By feeding kids in war-stricken nations, fighting HIV/AIDS (PEPFAR program) etc. we build long term political and economic influence around the world. This administration has pulled back from these critical efforts while at the same time utilizing our military in the most interventionist fashion of any administration since WW1, increasing global instability.

SAFETY NET: Reversing the draconian cuts from the Big Beautiful Bill is step one. Another step is allowing people to choose to buy into Medicare if they want. That will expand the risk pool and expand people's ability to get the healthcare they need without going bankrupt. Closing tax code loopholes for billionaires and corporations to make them pay their fair share will also shift the burden of supporting social safety nets off the backs of the middle class.

George Walish

No response received by deadline.

Randi White

Campaign Website: RandiforMD.com

ELECTIONS: The most important step is passing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore the protections of the 1965 Voting Rights Act that were weakened by the Supreme Court. We also have to fight gerrymandering that disenfranchises Black voters, support nationwide automatic voter registration, and oppose efforts like the SAVE Act that make it harder for eligible Americans to vote.

IMMIGRATION: No. Immigration enforcement isn't the problem—the way it's being carried out is. In MD-01, immigrants help power our agriculture, construction, and hospitality industries. Targeting hardworking families instead of real threats doesn't make us safer—it just spreads fear. Enforcement must follow the law, respect due process, and treat people with dignity.

AFFORDABILITY: My job as a congresswoman is to make life attainable for the people of MD-01. Right now, corporations pay poverty wages and taxpayers end up covering the

difference through SNAP and Medicaid. That's backwards. I'll fight for real accountability on price-gouging and work toward universal healthcare and childcare so families aren't forced to choose between basic needs.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Right now, the U.S. is losing credibility on the world stage because our leadership keeps choosing conflict over cooperation. Our allies need to know that many Americans still believe in diplomacy and partnership. In Congress, I'll work with Democrats to rebuild those relationships and do real outreach so our allies know they still have partners here.

SAFETY NET: I'll fight to restore full funding for Medicaid and SNAP and protect the programs families rely on. I also support expanding Medicare and strengthening Social Security so people can retire with dignity. My standard in Congress will be simple: my votes will be for expanding the safety net and taking care of the people of MD-01 and not cutting it.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Chris Bruneau

No response received by deadline.

Andy Harris

No response received by deadline.

Congressional District 2

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.

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ELECTIONS: I am committed to protecting the right to vote, which is why I am a proud cosponsor of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act, legislation to ensure every American's voice is heard at the ballot box. I also oppose legislation that creates new barriers to voting like the SAVE Act, which could disenfranchise millions of Americans, particularly women. Finally, I will continue to trust and support state and local election officials who fairly and effectively run secure elections.

IMMIGRATION: I do not. Under the current administration, ICE has repeatedly undermined public trust, including through wrongful arrests, the deportation of American citizens and a routine disregard for widely-accepted law enforcement standards. This reckless conduct turned deadly when two Americans were killed during federal enforcement operations in Minnesota. These tragedies were entirely preventable and demand immediate change.

AFFORDABILITY: Voters gave Congress a clear mandate: address skyrocketing costs. Unfortunately, Congressional Republicans have consistently prevented efforts to lower costs for hardworking Americans. In fact, their support for cost-raising tariffs and refusal to extend the now-expired Affordable Care Act (ACA) tax credits have only increased the cost of living. That is why I am fighting back everyday: against the tariffs, and for the ACA tax credits and other programs that put money back into your pockets.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: We should be focused on ensuring the safety of Americans and setting an example for the entire world through a balance between strategic defense spending, international aid and diplomacy. Trump Administration policies have done the opposite: cutting aid and taking unauthorized military actions, which undermines our credibility abroad and risks more conflicts — actions that jeopardize the lives of our military

personnel and drive up costs at home.

SAFETY NET: We must strengthen our social safety nets – not weaken them. I opposed legislation giving tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy while cutting Medicaid and SNAP. I fought to release SNAP funding during government shutdowns and introduced amendments to block unnecessary work requirements. I will continue to fight cuts and work to strengthen support for vulnerable Marylanders.

Clint Spellman, Jr.

Campaign Website: <https://www.citizensforclintspellmanjr.com>

ELECTIONS: There should be immediate action towards this abusive behaviour towards our democracy. Because of these political extremists, there has been a threat of overturning the government and institutions, along with injuries and deaths of American citizens due to their reckless acts. Extreme consequences should be put into law for extremist politicians. These laws should apply to every American citizen, including Congress, the Senate, the President and Vice President, and yes, even the Supreme Court.

IMMIGRATION: No, one problem The Laken Riley Act should be amended. or abolished it, it has already destroyed innocent immigrants and American citizens. Second, it should be a more humane processing system to speed up the pathway to citizenship.

AFFORDABILITY: Raising the minimum wage from 7.25 an hour to 23.85 an hour with a cost of living increase every 2 years for the next 10 years. universal healthcare that will cover everyone and eliminate medical debt. a job growth programme that will help unskilled workers, unemployed/underemployed/homeless people/veterans and formerly incarcerated people, and also people in disenfranchised neighbourhoods. my Poverty to Profession will be 10- to 14-week program to pre-train for certified/professional jobs.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: A joke, because of this administration. We are laughed at and mocked. and hated by other countries. Also, the United States' undying support for Israel has made us unpopular with other countries as well. Global leadership and security are what we seriously need to get back in our government.

SAFETY NET: Protecting SNAP and Food Security: Despite federal changes to SNAP work requirements for individuals up to age 64 taking effect in late 2025, Maryland is focusing on robust outreach, increasing state-funded SNAP support, and enhancing the "Summer SNAP" programme for children. Launching "Longevity Ready Maryland": This 10-year, first-in-the-nation plan integrates state resources to support an aging population, specifically targeting Medicaid and food assistance.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Nnabu Eze

No response received by deadline.

Dave Wallace

Campaign Website: Davewallace.us

ELECTIONS: The Save Act is essential to assure photo Voter Identification, and proof of Legal U.S. Citizenship is required, as well Voter rolls are purged of any persons, deceased, moved, or where citizenship has not been proven. That we eliminate mail in ballots except in cases of special circumstances, and military service members. And eliminate same day registration and voting. Eliminate Voting Machines use Paper Ballots. To protect every person's rights: one person one vote.

IMMIGRATION: We must assure America is secure to prevent senseless acts of violence from those who have entered our country illegally. We must maintain secure borders, as

they establish our safety, security, and sovereignty. A nation that fails to control its borders cannot protect its citizens, preserve the rule of law, or sustain the liberty that defines the American Republic. End sanctuary for illegal aliens at all levels of government.

AFFORDABILITY: Lower Costs the Restore America's Mission Way: 1. Energy: Expand U.S. energy to cut fuel and power prices. 2. Taxes: Reduce property and payroll taxes to raise take-home pay. 3. Regulation: Cut red tape lowering housing and business costs. 4. Competition: Restore fair markets to prevent price gouging. 5. Manufacturing: Bring production back to the UNITED STATES to stabilize supply chains. 6. Infrastructure: Improve transport and logistics to reduce delivery costs.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Peace Through Strength: Create abundant U.S. energy; establish Baltimore LNG exports; use wage-disparity and reciprocal tariffs to restore U.S. industry and the District's industrial production with high-paying jobs; secure Baltimore Harbor against illegal drugs and interdict fentanyl trafficking; protect U.S. commerce on the high seas; sanction Russia for its war against Ukraine; deter Chinese aggression; eliminate Iran's state-sponsored terrorism; end UN interference in our sovereign republic.

SAFETY NET: RAM Model: Root out corruption, waste, fraud, and abuse to restore billions to critical public services. Expand mental health capacity and ensure veterans receive timely care through community doctors, clinics, and hospitals. Reinstitute able-bodied work requirements and lower barriers to employment to rebuild the economic ladder so all Americans can pursue happiness and achieve the American Dream. Reform Social Security to strengthen it and reform it to assure families can build legacy wealth.

Congressional District 7

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Mark S. Conway, Jr.

No response received by deadline.

Tashi K. Davis

No response received by deadline.

Theo R. Gillespie

No response received by deadline.

Kweisi Mfume

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Scott M. Collier

No response received by deadline.

State Senator

DUTIES: Maryland State Senators enact laws, raise revenue through taxes and fees, and approve the spending of money by state agencies in an annual budget. They may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters and oversee the operation of all state government departments. The Senate confirms the Governor's appointment of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

TERM: Four years, no term limit

SALARY: \$56,636

HOW ELECTED: Senators are elected district wide. The state has 47 election districts. Each district is represented by one senator.

WEBSITE: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Members/District>

Questions

DATA CENTERS: Data centers can bring some important economic benefits, but also have a negative impact on the power grid, water supply, and land use. Do you support the establishment of additional data centers in Maryland? Why or why not?

UTILITY COSTS: What do you see as the factors contributing to escalating utility costs in Maryland? How will you address them?

TRANSPORTATION: Should the availability of public transportation be improved across the state? Why or why not?

BUDGET: Maryland is required to balance the budget every year. What will be your three top budget priorities, and what programs will you fight for?

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are an important part of our community and make significant contributions, including to Maryland's economy. What will you do to support immigrant communities in Maryland?

Legislative District 6

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Justin Holliday

DATA CENTERS: I strongly oppose additional data centers in Maryland. They place a heavy strain on an already expensive and overburdened power grid, likely driving energy costs even higher for residents and small businesses. These facilities also consume significant water and land resources. Despite their size and impact, they create very few long-term jobs, offering limited economic benefit to local communities compared to the lasting infrastructure burden they impose.

UTILITY COSTS: Rising utility costs in Maryland are driven by limited in-state energy generation, reliance on imported power, grid congestion, and costly infrastructure upgrades passed on to consumers. High-demand users like data centers also add pressure. I will prioritize expanding local energy generation to reduce dependence on out-of-state power, strengthen ratepayer protections, and increase oversight of utility rate hikes. We must ensure reliability while keeping costs affordable.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes, but it must be done strategically. Improving public transportation can ease congestion, expand access to jobs, and support economic growth. However, investments should focus on reliability, safety, and routes with clear demand, not wasteful expansion. We should prioritize maintaining and upgrading existing systems, improving regional connectivity, and ensuring taxpayer dollars deliver real, measurable benefits.

BUDGET: My top budget priorities are lowering the cost of living, reining in wasteful government spending, and supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs. I will fight for programs that reduce gas and electric costs and roll back taxes and fees that disproportionately burden working-class and fixed-income residents, while creating a more business-friendly environment for growth. We must focus on easing financial pressure while supporting long-term economic opportunity.

IMMIGRATION: I support the government prioritizing the removal of those who commit violent crimes and threaten public safety, while securing our borders. Those who follow the law, contribute, and aspire to be American citizens should be granted legal pathways to citizenship, just as previous generations have done. Guided by my Catholic faith, I believe we can uphold the rule of law while treating people with dignity and supporting those pathways.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Daniel Eisenhart

No response received by deadline.

Johnny Ray Salling

DATA CENTERS: They are in indirect to the state. But we need a study before we do something like this. In our state.

UTILITY COSTS: The problem is we have eliminated the supply that we have in Maryland and we did not look into how we can make sure that we can replace it.

TRANSPORTATION: In some of our areas, we do need improvement and access. But we need to be very careful on how we do that.

BUDGET: Education, health, DDA.

IMMIGRATION: I support legal immigration and not illegal immigration. There is and always have been a legal way to become an American citizen.

Legislative District 7

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Bill Geibler

Campaign Website: www.geibler.org

DATA CENTERS: I support a comprehensive policy framework aimed at reducing the utility costs borne by residents caused by the proliferation of data centers. This policy focuses on four primary strategies: forcing private funding of infrastructure, implementing "Bring Your Own Power" requirements, developing specialized rates and tariffs, and strengthening regulatory oversight.

UTILITY COSTS: Increased utility costs are driven by several primary forces, including increased distribution and infrastructure costs, increased demand and supply constraints, and volatile markets for energy supply costs. The solutions I support, include tax credits and rebates, price caps and rate stabilization, ongoing assistance programs, partnerships with nonprofits, and investment in renewable energy, smart grid technology, and energy efficiency standards.

TRANSPORTATION: Expanding access to public transportation in Maryland is crucial for stimulating economic growth, alleviating poverty by linking residents to employment opportunities, and promoting equity. Improved transit options enhance regional competitiveness, diminish environmental pollution, and offer safe, sustainable, and affordable alternatives to dependence on cars.

BUDGET: I am committed to creating a prosperous and sustainable future for our community. My campaign is centered around three key budget priorities: investing in education, environmental protections, and economic equity. These priorities are interconnected pillars that will build a stronger, more resilient Maryland for all its residents. I will fight for programs like the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, the Maryland Utility RELIEF Act, and the Enough Act.

IMMIGRATION: My work would strengthen the key pillars that support Maryland immigrants. This includes: The Office of Immigrant Affairs (which focuses on skill development, business resources, reducing exploitation, and neighborhood-based opportunities), organizations that offer refugee and asylee support programs, legal and rights protection entities, and community service groups that support education and health integration.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

J. B. Jennings

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 8

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Carl Jackson

Campaign Website: www.carljackson.info

DATA CENTERS: I support. Data centers can be an important economic driver for Maryland, bringing jobs and private investment. But we have to get the balance right. These facilities use a tremendous amount of electricity, which means new infrastructure and power supply will be needed. I believe those costs should be paid by the large energy users creating the demand not passed along to everyday ratepayers and development should move forward in a way that also protects our natural resources.

UTILITY COSTS: Maryland's rising energy costs reflect a supply and demand gap that has been building for years. Demand is growing, existing plants have retired, and new generation especially renewable has not come online fast enough. PJM capacity prices have also increased, influenced in part by the projected needs of large energy consumers such as data centers. Moving forward, Maryland must streamline the process for bringing new generation online and ensure that large user cover the cost.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Many residents in my district (D-8) rely on public transportation to get to work, school, and essential services, particularly in more densely populated areas. Improving reliability, frequency, and access is critical to expanding economic opportunity. At the same time, the State must strike a responsible balance by continuing to invest in road maintenance and infrastructure so suburban and outlying communities can travel safely and efficiently.

BUDGET: My top priorities are protecting the Blueprint for Maryland's Future by making sure it stays fully funded. With our changing economy, we need more state funding for workforce development. This is especially important for D-8 given the legacy of so many communities made up of working people. We must invest in technical education and workforce training programs that prepare Marylanders for good-paying, in-demand jobs. affordable housing. Finally, we must continue to invest public transportation

IMMIGRATION: Immigrant communities are essential to Maryland's economic growth and civic life. Especially in D-8. I support policies that improve access to education, workforce development, and entrepreneurship opportunities, as well as language access initiatives that

ensure meaningful participation in government and community institutions. I oppose 287(g) agreements, as they weaken trust between law enforcement and immigrant communities and can negatively impact public safety.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Yahu Blackwell

Campaign Website: www.blackwell4md.com

DATA CENTERS: The proposed data centers have the potential to provide economic opportunity and jobs, but need to be held responsible for providing their own power generation. As your State Senator, I will work to reduce regulations and red tape to assist in making this partnership a reality. Any excess power generated could be added to the grid further driving down utility costs for Marylanders.

UTILITY COSTS: "Day One" I will prioritize this massive energy crisis and bring relieve to Marylanders. People should not have to choose between food & electric. The current administration is shifting the blame, but utility costs are skyrocketing because of the failed energy policies coming out of Annapolis. We need to incentivize and not penalize affordable energy producers who utilize "coal and natural gas". These penalties are ultimately passed down to rate payers leaving us with Net Zero in our wallets!

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation is a need for ALL Marylanders, especially providing public transportation services to our seniors and vulnerable adults. Transportation is a massive necessity to handle our day-to-day needs, to navigate our professional lives and more. I will 1000 percent support transportation needs.

BUDGET: Education is my top priority! I recently spoke at the Board of Education on the budget needs. Poor education leads to a poor society. I would also like to tackle public safety, affordability, and prescription medication.

IMMIGRATION: Legal immigrants are Marylanders too; I will do all I can to help them be successful in our great state. I myself is a 7th Generation GaDangme American. I support anyone who comes to our great state legally and contributes to our great state.

Legislative District 10

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Ben Brooks

DATA CENTERS: With the continued advancement of technology, data centers are an inevitable and growing part of our economy. I support the responsible development of data centers in Maryland because they can bring jobs, investment, and innovation to our state. However, without strong guardrails, they risk placing significant strain on our power grid, water resources, and surrounding communities. The goal must be responsible growth, not unchecked expansion.

UTILITY COSTS: Marylanders are facing rising utility costs due to a combination of structural pressures on our energy system. These include increasing demand, constraints on in-state energy generation, aging grid infrastructure, and market volatility that can drive up prices for consumers. Addressing these challenges requires a balanced and forward-looking approach. We must strengthen in-state energy generation to reduce reliance on external markets and improve price stability.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is fundamentally about access. For many Marylanders, especially in rural areas, suburban communities, and underserved urban neighborhoods, limited transit options can mean limited access to jobs, education, and healthcare. Expanding and improving service helps connect people to opportunity and

strengthens the workforce. From an economic perspective, strong transit systems support business growth and regional competitiveness.

BUDGET: Maryland's balanced budget requirement means we must be disciplined and strategic in how we invest taxpayer dollars. My top three budget priorities focus on strengthening our future, lowering costs for families, and protecting our most vulnerable communities. Maintaining full funding for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is essential to ensure every student has access to a high-quality education, supported by strong teachers and the resources needed to succeed.

IMMIGRATION: Maryland's diversity is one of its greatest strengths, and public policy should reflect and support that. Ensuring that immigrant communities feel safe and protected must remain a priority. This includes advancing and upholding state-level protections that safeguard due process, prevent discrimination, and maintain clear boundaries between local services and federal immigration enforcement. Residents should be able to access schools, healthcare, and public safety services without fear.

Republican Candidates

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

Legislative District 11

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Shelly L. Hettleman

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DATA CENTERS: I would support the establishment of additional data centers only with very specific guardrails and oversight that will protect the electric system and ratepayers. Data center operators would need to: 1) register with the Public Service Commission before connecting to the electrical grid; 2) bear the responsibility to pay for the development of transmission & distribution infrastructure; 3) not pass on the costs on to residential ratepayers; 4) participate in a demand response program.

UTILITY COSTS: An explosion in the use of AI as well as our reliance on computers and cellphones have led to increased demands for energy. PJM, our regional transmission org., has been very poor in planning and approving energy projects. As a result, in 2024, PJM's '25-'26 capacity auction resulted in an 800% price increase, raising total costs from about \$2 billion to over \$14 billion in '25. It's critical that PJM diversify its approval process, we rein in utilities, and that we expand in-state generation.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes, definitely. Our residents want options and we should be providing a range of modes of transportation to get MD'ers to where they need to go. Transportation is the second largest expense for families and the greatest source of climate pollution. We spend too much time sitting in traffic and have some of the highest asthma rates in the U.S. Buses with dedicated lanes, bicycle and pedestrian paths, ferries, and light rail are a few of the modes of transportation we should be expanding.

BUDGET: Education, healthcare & transportation are some of our state's largest expenditures and are among our most important investments. We must invest in a high quality education system to prepare the next generation for the workforce and to be critical thinkers. Especially in the face of federal gov't, actions, our residents need quality affordable and accessible healthcare services. And, we need to invest in our transportation system to expand economic opportunities and address environmental issues.

IMMIGRATION: I have done a number of things to support the immigrant community: 1) fought to provide legal services to those facing deportation to ensure due process of law; 2)

opposed local law enforcement cooperation agreements with ICE; 3) supported banning the wearing of masks by law enforcement; 4) opposed detention centers being built in MD; 5) supported laws to protect sensitive locations like courthouses, schools, hospitals, etc. from ICE; 6) protected sensitive data from being used inappropriately.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jim Simpson

DATA CENTERS: While I support the concept, these data centers are very power intensive. Given the Democrats' absolutely ignorant and irresponsible approach to grid management by restricting the use of clean gas and coal power generation, energy costs for Maryland residents have already skyrocketed. Data centers will only make it worse. Unless the Democrats can be restored to sanity regarding energy production and its cost to consumers, (unlikely to occur), I would oppose data centers.

UTILITY COSTS: The Democrats have taken irresponsible and costly actions to eliminate the use of plentiful natural gas and clean coal for energy production. This has resulted in skyrocketing energy costs. At the same time, they have promoted many new, unsightly, unreliable and environmentally destructive solar farms--which REQUIRE subsidy (i.e. taxpayer support) to survive, while producing tiny amounts of electricity. So-called "clean" energy is one of the biggest scams in US history.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe public transportation in Maryland is currently more than adequate. As a Baltimore County resident, I witness the light rail on regular occasions, rarely with more than a few people on board. While I recognize some individuals' reliance on public transportation, there is no shortage for those in need. We don't need more public transportation in my district, and I believe greater use is part of a long-term plan designed to eventually ban private auto ownership and use throughout MD.

BUDGET: 1. The Democrats compulsively overspend every year and use gimmicks to balance the budget. My goal as senator would be to reduce overall spending. I question many of the Kirwan Commission's recommendations, given that education costs per student are already higher than most other states. However I do support spending on school renovation and/or construction in those districts where needed. 2. Reduce all taxes. 3. Dredging the Conowingo dam to restore the oyster fishery in the upper Chesapeake.

IMMIGRATION: I fully support legal immigration. Legal immigrants rarely require help, are a boon to the marketplace, and adapt to our language and culture. I would support help to those who struggle with this, but for most legal immigrants it isn't a problem. Illegal aliens are not immigrants and have no legitimate place here. They have stolen jobs and businesses, especially in poorer communities, and have spiked criminal activity. Sanctuary policies have contributed to every crime committed by illegals.

Legislative District 42

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Paul Henderson

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DATA CENTERS: I support data centers that are appropriately sited, vetted, insured and staffed. That is not currently the case. Data centers should only be constructed AFTER the power grid has been hardened, and additional power generation capability has been brought on line.

UTILITY COSTS: The escalating cost of utilities is driven by demand outstripping our

supply of electricity. We have been too slow to bring more generating capacity online in Maryland as the demand for power has increased. To counter this we need to bring more capacity online. The only immediate ways we can do this is through solar, wind and battery storage. We need to pursue all three in the near term and look to nuclear, hydro, and geothermal sources in the longer term.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes public transportation should be improved across the state. It is important because fast reliable public transportation helps everyone. It can reduce congestion, increase access to both workers and customers, and reduce pollution. Additionally it is a form of freedom for the parts of our society who cannot afford personal cars, or who choose not to own them.

BUDGET: My three budget priorities are education, healthcare and transportation. I will fight to make Maryland schools the envy of the country. I will seek to provide world class health care to everyone in the state, and extend coverage to those living without access to good health care. I will work to maintain and expand the states transportation network so we can all remain connected to places to work, play and worship.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are an energizing addition to our communities and their contributions cannot be measured. It is important for us as a state to welcome immigrants without discrimination, treat all people fairly no matter their legal status, and encourage their integration into our daily lives.

Paul V. Konka

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DATA CENTERS: We must protect our farmland! Additional data centers may be established in Maryland if nonproductive land is available and the companies that own the data centers pay 100% of the utility costs, which have been increasing partly due to the use of data centers.

UTILITY COSTS: Data centers have led to increased utility costs, and these costs should be paid by the owners of the data centers. Extreme cold weather also plays a role. While weather cannot be controlled, ensuring energy efficient homes and businesses will help. Energy efficiency and lower costs through Maryland's EmPOWER program should continue. As a Finance Professor and former Supervisory Accountant, I have the education (MBA and JD) and experience to effectively handle utility costs and budget issues.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Improved public transportation will help all Marylanders through a better environment with fewer private cars on the road. Those who do not have a car will get to work under better circumstances. Having to change buses two, three, or even four times to get to work is not productive.

BUDGET: No new taxes! 1. Education 2. Law enforcement and Public Safety 3. Environment

IMMIGRATION: Maryland has many organizations that serve immigrant communities, including CASA, Esperanza Center, Catholic Charities, Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service, and others. Services include health assistance, English classes, vocational training, and employment placements. I support those services for the immigrant communities.

Stephanie Popescu

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Kevin Ford

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DATA CENTERS: Data center power needs are one of the reasons Maryland is threatened by the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project. I worked closely with my local Delegate in

opposition to this awful plan and continue in my firm opposition. The disruption of prime agricultural land by the MPRP is unacceptable. If data centers are going to expand, or new ones are built, they must provide their own power sources and needs.

UTILITY COSTS: Poor leadership by the Maryland democrats are the primary reason for the spike in MD utility costs. Extreme environmental policies have restricted energy production in MD which leads to rate increases. These extreme environmental policies need to be revised and apply some degree of common sense so MD can produce power again. Data centers must be required to provide their own power for their operations to avoid competition with Maryland residential customers.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is very costly. I have major concerns including: low demand/ridership, high costs, infrastructure concerns, reliability concerns, and in some instances safety concerns. Maryland's low population density in many areas make most forms of public transportation unviable. We need to carefully analyze the costs, benefits, and use of all forms of public transportation and make certain taxpayers are receiving value from our transportation dollars.

BUDGET: Public safety is my top priority. Our citizens deserve to be safe in their homes and communities. Communities must be fully served including police, fire, and EMS. Economic competitiveness and job growth are also a top priority. Our economy must grow which includes expanding agriculture/agribusiness and emerging technologies. We need to focus on vocational training and building a skilled work force. Our schools are failing. We simply can not continue to throw money at our education system.

IMMIGRATION: We all welcome legal immigrants. We want people from around the world to come to our country if they wish as long as it is done legally. Unfortunately, Maryland's current leadership has elected to attempt to reward illegal behavior, ignore immigration law, and turn Maryland into a sanctuary state. Worse yet, we have ended the 287g program which has severely hampered law enforcements ability to keep Maryland safe. Our entire community is served well when we enforce the law equally.

Matt Fox

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No response received by deadline.

Adam Wood

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 43

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Mary Washington

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

Legislative District 44

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Charles E. Sydnor, III

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DATA CENTERS: My support is contingent on their being developed transparently, responsibly & in a manner that will not inequitably burden communities. Their water and electricity usage shouldn't be hidden in nondisclosure agreements & their development should include strong energy efficiency standards, renewable power use, & careful water & land management to minimize environmental impact & ensure local communities benefits. Development should create high-skilled jobs & attract technology investment.

UTILITY COSTS: While escalating utility costs in Maryland are driven by rising fuel prices, supply constraints, and increasing demand on the electric grid, knowing that some of this is associated with data centers, I have introduced legislation to prohibit state government from entering into NDAs with data center developers. This would help communities to understand the true costs of these developments in terms of things like water and electricity consumption, protecting us from unpredictable price increases.

TRANSPORTATION: Improving public transportation across Maryland is essential for our economic growth, mobility, & equity. Our transit must be more reliable & better connect people to jobs, like at Tradepoint, education, & healthcare while reducing traffic congestion & pollution. Expanding bus, rail, & regional transit options, like the Redline will support families, strengthen local economies, & create a more sustainable transportation system that benefits both urban & rural communities throughout Maryland.

BUDGET: I will be advocating for funding for: (1) various nonprofits' capital projects in District 44 to receive funding so that they may continue helping to feed, train, & provide other services to Marylanders, (2) our schools have the financing they need, & (3) Western Baltimore County Redevelopment Authority for operational funding to help support communities in western Baltimore County.

IMMIGRATION: I have supported the immigrant community in Maryland since my first term which began 2015. Most recently, I (1) voted for SB 1 (Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings), and (2) introduced a floor amendment making SB 245 (Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition) an emergency bill. I also sponsored SB 55 which is intended to classify less serious traffic infractions as secondary offenses thereby limiting interactions with law enforcement for everyone.

Republican Candidates

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

House of Delegates

DUTIES: Maryland State Delegates enact laws, raise revenue through taxes and fees, and approve the spending of money by state agencies in an annual budget. They may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters and oversee the operation of all state government departments.

TERM: Four years, no term limit

SALARY: \$55,636

HOW ELECTED: Elected by residents of each of Maryland's 47 legislative districts.

WEBSITE: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Website/Members/District>

Questions

DATA CENTERS: Data centers can bring some economic benefit, but also have a negative impact on the power grid, water supply, and land use. Do you support the establishment of additional data centers in Maryland? Why or why not?

UTILITY COSTS: What do you see as the factors contributing to escalating utility costs in Maryland? How will you address them?

TRANSPORTATION: Should the availability of public transportation be improved across the state? Why or why not?

BUDGET: Maryland is required to balance the budget every year. What will be your three top budget priorities, and what programs will you fight for?

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are an important part of our community and make significant contributions, including to Maryland's economy. What will you do to support immigrant communities in Maryland?

Legislative District 6

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Artus W. Huffman

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DATA CENTERS: Data centers play an important role in Maryland's technology economy, but their development must be carefully managed. I support the responsible growth of data centers only when strong safeguards are in place to protect our power grid, water supply, land use, and surrounding communities. Maryland should require clear standards for energy efficiency, environmental protection, and responsible siting. I am not in agreement the council bill that puts data centers in District 6 at this time.

UTILITY COSTS: Rising utility costs in MD are driven by aging infrastructure, supply costs, increased energy demand, and regulatory decisions that impact rates. Many residents in our region rely on BG&E, and recent rate increases have placed additional pressure on working families and seniors. In some cases, families report using portable heaters because they cannot afford their full heating costs, which raises serious safety concerns. I support stronger oversight and energy bill assistance, and solar.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Reliable public transportation connects residents to jobs, schools, healthcare, and other essential services. In communities in District 6, many residents rely on public transit to travel throughout the region. However, challenges remain, including limited service frequency, long transfer times, reduced late-night options for workers with nontraditional hours, and traffic congestion along major corridors such as Eastern and North Point Blvds. Maryland should invest in improving reliability.

BUDGET: Maryland must maintain a balanced budget while investing in the needs of our communities. My top three budget priorities are education, economic opportunity, and safe communities. I will support strong investment in public education to ensure students and teachers have the resources they need to succeed. Second, I will prioritize economic development that brings jobs and investment to communities. I will support programs that strengthen community safety, including youth services and mental health.

IMMIGRATION: We should strengthen partnerships between schools, local governments,

and community organizations so immigrant families can access the support systems they need to succeed. When we ensure that all residents are treated with dignity and fairness, we strengthen Maryland's economy and the well-being of our communities.

Megan Ann Mioduszewski

No response received by deadline.

Rayneika Robinson

DATA CENTERS: I believe data center proposals must be reviewed carefully. They should meet strong labor and environmental standards, protect neighbors, limit water and energy impacts, and pay for their own grid upgrades rather than shifting costs to consumers. It is important to listen to community members and collaborate with them since these decisions will impact their community. Projects that meet these expectations can be considered, and those that do not should not move forward.

UTILITY COSTS: Utility costs are rising due to fuel markets, aging infrastructure, storm recovery, and multi-year rate plans that shift risk to consumers. I support stronger oversight, transparency, and affordability measures. BGE's role as the primary utility provider in the region highlights the importance of strong consumer protections. Working with community partners and BGE is essential to addressing these challenges.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland's transportation system should be available to all Marylanders across the state so everyone has equal opportunities to travel. Accessible transportation helps people reach jobs, schools, medical care, and essential services. It strengthens local economies and reduces barriers for older adults, people with disabilities, and families. Reliable and connected transit options make communities safer, more equitable, and easier to navigate for everyone.

BUDGET: I prioritize safe communities with strong services and community resources. This includes violence prevention and reentry support, medical care access including women's health, energy affordability, workforce training, and the upkeep of public buildings. I value public service improvements and initiatives that support worker safety, wellness, and fair treatment. I will listen to community members and partners collaborating on programs and services they believe will help them thrive.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are an important part of our communities and contribute to our economy, culture, and workforce. I believe in ensuring access to language support, medical care, and community resources that help families stay stable and safe. I value programs that support education, job readiness, and fair treatment. I will listen to immigrant residents to understand what resources help them thrive.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

Bobby Al Jolson Berger

DATA CENTERS: I would consider the economic growth. It would really depend upon specifics.

UTILITY COSTS: I consider this a big concern. I would lean toward skepticism on energy demands from large data centers that could drive costs up and push more towards oversight and alternative uses.

TRANSPORTATION: Balance is the key, if we keep that focus, I would oppose the bill if it led to higher taxes and increased government spending. If it attract jobs, eases congestion, I'm for it.

BUDGET: This would depend on the district itself. I would search for bills that reduce government spending and avoid overly complex urban planning.

IMMIGRATION: Absolutely if they are here legally, they are welcome to all America has to offer. If they are here illegally, I support deportation.

Henry J. Ciezkowski

Campaign Website: VoteForHenryC.Com

DATA CENTERS: Data centers can bring jobs and economic investment, but growth must be balanced with responsible planning. We must ensure our power grid, water supply, and land use can support them without burdening residents or raising utility costs. I support careful evaluation, transparency, and strong infrastructure planning before approving additional data centers.

UTILITY COSTS: Families and seniors across Maryland are feeling the pressure of rising utility bills. Contributing factors include energy supply challenges, infrastructure costs, and regulatory decisions. We need better oversight of rate increases and responsible long-term energy planning that protects consumers while maintaining a reliable and resilient power grid.

TRANSPORTATION: Reliable transportation helps people reach jobs, schools, and healthcare. Improvements should focus on reliability, safety, and efficiency while respecting local community needs. Transportation investments should strengthen economic opportunity and ensure residents across Maryland have practical options to travel for work and daily life.

BUDGET: My top three priorities are reducing unnecessary costs, increasing budgeting transparency, and ensuring taxpayer dollars are used efficiently. I believe the Government should be careful stewards of public funds, focusing on delivering quality services without placing undue strain on residents. I will fight for programs that get the economy moving again, put more money back in people's pockets, and reduce the cost of living for all Marylanders.

IMMIGRATION: I support legal immigration and policies that ensure safe and orderly processes under the law. Strong communities are built when people work together, respect the rule of law, and share a commitment to safety, opportunity, and responsibility. Programs that encourage these things will have my support.

Robin L. Grammer

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DATA CENTERS: Data centers should come at their own cost. We should not be subsidizing them with tens-of-millions in tax subsidies as we are currently. The costs of operating data centers shouldn't come at the expense of ratepayers.

UTILITY COSTS: Utility costs are driven up overwhelmingly by extremist energy mandates. These mandates subsidize energy sources that barely contribute to generation. These mandates punish efficient energy sources so radically that businesses decide to close our current baseload plants - the resulting closures drive up prices, create blackouts and force eminent domain for transmission expansion. These mandates do not include long term solutions such as nuclear. These mandates must be repealed.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transit should not be subsidized by gas taxes on drivers.

BUDGET: Repeal the taxes on retirement income so that Marylanders can retire in Maryland. Repeal property taxes to restore the American dream of home ownership. Repeal income taxes so that our youth can actually afford to live and raise a family in our state. I will fight for lower spending and lower taxes.

IMMIGRATION: I will support our immigrant communities by fighting for lower taxes, more affordable living and opportunities for Maryland's children. I will also fight for Maryland's communities by opposing open borders immigration policies.

Bob Long

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No response received by deadline.

Ric Metzgar

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 7A**Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 2.

Tom Baker

No response received by deadline.

Ly Xinzhen Brown

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DATA CENTERS: I strongly oppose construction of new AI data centers. Recent reports in Forbes and Harvard Science Review, among others, document how these data centers pollute nearby communities, excessively consume otherwise drinkable/potable water, and rely on a global ecosystem of labor exploitation that primarily impacts vulnerable and marginalized workers. Lower-income communities and communities of color are especially vulnerable to these environmental harms.

UTILITY COSTS: Construction of new data centers, inflation, and the impacts of climate change have all contributed to higher utility costs. I support public utility management, energy price caps for low- and middle-income families, more robust utility payment assistance programs, a construction moratorium on new data centers, and increased wages (including an increased minimum wage) as measures that will all slow down these utility cost increases and improve people's financial wellbeing.

TRANSPORTATION: We need much more funding to improve access to public transportation across the state. Accessible and affordable public transportation connects people living in all types of communities from rural to urban and everywhere in between, increases access to educational and economic opportunity, and makes it possible for everyone to have greater dignity, safety, and freedom of movement within Maryland and to neighboring states and Washington DC.

BUDGET: Education, health care, and housing. All Marylanders deserve high quality, robust educational options from preschool to higher education and vocational training. We deserve affordable, accessible, and culturally responsive healthcare, including access to fully funded long-term services and care for elderly and disabled people through Medicaid. And we deserve affordable housing, strong protections against eviction and unaffordable rent hikes, and access to rental and homebuyers' assistance.

IMMIGRATION: As a Chinese American born outside the United States, immigration is very personal for me. I support housing, labor, and health care protection for all immigrants as part of Maryland's communities, and support for immigrants in Maryland public schools, community colleges, and public universities. I oppose any cooperation between cities, counties, and the state with ICE's mass deportation agenda, including shared resources, data, and facilities.

Satish Chapagain

Campaign Website: satishfor7a.org/

DATA CENTERS: Maryland agencies already require zoning approvals, environmental permits, and grid reliability reviews, but many experts argue that stronger oversight and planning are needed to ensure residents do not bear the cost of infrastructure and environmental impacts. Maryland should welcome data centers, but only under a responsible and sustainable development policy that protects residents, the environment, and the power grid while still encouraging economic growth and innovation.

UTILITY COSTS: Escalating utility costs in Maryland are driven by several key factors, including aging energy infrastructure, increased demand from large-scale developments. In addition, extreme weather, fuel price volatility, and the transition to cleaner energy sources. As a policymaker, my priority is to protect Maryland families and small businesses from rising utility costs while ensuring a reliable and sustainable energy system. My goal is to build an energy system that is reliable, environmentally.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is not just about mobility—it is about opportunity, economic growth, and quality of life. As a policymaker, I support smart investments in public transportation that are efficient, equitable, and community-focused. This includes expanding transit access in underserved areas, improving reliability and safety, supporting environmentally friendly transit systems, and ensuring state funding is used responsibly to deliver real benefits to residents.

BUDGET: As a policymaker, I understand that Maryland must balance its budget every year while still meeting the needs of working families, students, seniors, and small businesses. I will prioritize smart spending that strengthens essential public services while ensuring taxpayer dollars are used efficiently and transparently. 1. Education and Workforce Development 2. Affordable Utilities, Infrastructure, and Transportation 3. Healthcare and Community Support Programs.

IMMIGRATION: As a policymaker, I strongly believe that immigrants are a vital part of Maryland's social, cultural, and economic strength. Immigrant families contribute to our workforce, open small businesses, pay taxes, and enrich our communities. I will stand against discrimination and support policies that protect civil rights and human dignity. Maryland should continue to protect immigrant workers, supporting families, and promoting equal opportunity strengthens the entire state.

Cleveland M. Reynolds, Jr.

DATA CENTERS: No, I don't believe the benefit is worth damaging the water supply or messing up the land. If it could be done with minimal impact on the water and the land then I would reconsider.

UTILITY COSTS: The greedy Billionaires are the reason. I would charge them more taxes the more profit they make. I would give tax breaks the less money they make to encourage them to keep prices lower. The top of the company has way to many high priced executives and taxing the company the more profit they make may encourage them to keep costs down.

TRANSPORTATION: Mass transit in Maryland in General is not as good as other states and cities. Buses are not the answer, Light Rail or a monorail type system would be a better route, but funding is the big issue. Giving tax breaks to a company or companies to build a system of this nature in key areas in the state may encourage a company to build this with minimal taxpayer dollars.

BUDGET: During this administration compensating for the loss of health care and feeding low income people would be first, then Education followed by infrastructure improvements not funded by the Biden administration. Education would be the one that I would fight for. The better educated the students are the more positive impact they will have on our communities.

IMMIGRATION: I work with many fine immigrants, more assistance with getting citizenship would help. I have seen them taken advantage of for cheap labor. Getting green cards, so they can work and have more rights so they are not exploited would help them immensely. Free English classes would be of value to help them in selecting a job to feed their families. ICE protection under the way the agency is run now is needed. When it goes back in two years then this won't be as important.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 2.

Ryan Nawrocki

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DATA CENTERS: Data centers can bring jobs and investment, but they must not drive up utility bills or strain our power grid and water supply. Growth should benefit communities, not burden them. New facilities should provide their own power and meet strong standards. Most importantly, local communities, not Annapolis, should decide where data centers are located.

UTILITY COSTS: Maryland families are struggling with rising utility bills. Too much of the cost comes from mandates, surcharges, and policies that have reduced reliable power generation while increasing dependence on imports. Maryland should focus on producing affordable, reliable energy here at home, reducing unnecessary mandates, and putting ratepayers first.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation policy should reflect how Marylanders actually travel. Most families rely on their cars every day, yet a large share of gas and vehicle taxes is diverted away from roads and bridges. Our priority should be safe roads, reduced congestion, and rebuilding the Key Bridge, while ensuring transportation dollars serve the taxpayers who pay for them.

BUDGET: Maryland's budget has grown dramatically, yet taxpayers are paying more while facing growing deficits. The government should follow the same principle families do: live within its means. My priorities are restoring fiscal discipline, controlling spending, and protecting taxpayers from additional tax increases so Maryland remains affordable for families and seniors.

IMMIGRATION: America has always welcomed immigrants who come legally, work hard, and pursue the American Dream. Legal immigration strengthens our communities. Supporting this, we must also respect the rule of law. That means securing the border, enforcing immigration laws, and ensuring those who commit crimes who are here illegally are removed while supporting those who follow the legal process.

Kathy Szeliga

Campaign Website: marylandkathy.com

DATA CENTERS: Data centers can create jobs, but they also risk higher utility bills, water shortages, and a more unstable grid for Maryland families. Virginia's data-center boom is driving massive, unpopular power line projects in Maryland that I strongly oppose. I cosponsored HB120 to require new data centers to generate power on-site so they don't strain our grid or raise rates. Local communities, not Annapolis, should decide where they locate.

UTILITY COSTS: Maryland families are being crushed by high gas and electricity bills after Liberals pushed radical green-energy mandates and shut down reliable power plants. Nearly 30% of your bill comes from hidden taxes, fees, and mandates. Maryland already imports about 40% of its electricity, and that could reach 80%. It's time to lower energy costs and put family budgets first. As a member of the Maryland Freedom Caucus, our 4-point plan will bring down your BGE bill immediately and in the future.

TRANSPORTATION: Should we blindly expand public transit across Maryland? No. Fewer than 8% of Marylanders use it, yet nearly 65% of our gas and vehicle taxes go to mass transit instead of roads. The people paying the bills deserve safe roads and bridges. It's time to prioritize road repairs and rebuild the Key Bridge. The liberal leadership's war on drivers has increased our registration, title, and emissions fees, as well as increased the tax on buying a car. They are making Maryland unaffordable.

BUDGET: MD's budget is almost \$71 billion, after exploding in recent years. The governor inherited a \$5 billion surplus and turned it into a \$3 billion structural deficit while passing more taxes and fees than any administration in MD history. My priorities are restoring fiscal discipline, cutting spending, and protecting taxpayers. I will oppose all new taxes and fees and make the government live within its means. Taxes have made MD unaffordable, and people are moving away, especially our seniors.

IMMIGRATION: America has always welcomed immigrants who follow the law and pursue the American Dream. It's part of the fabric of American exceptionalism. But under the previous Democrat admin, the border was thrown open, allowing millions of unvetted illegal immigrants, including criminals, into the country. Criminal illegal immigrants must be deported, and local law enforcement should cooperate with ICE. It's wrong to let lawbreakers cut ahead of those who have been waiting years to immigrate legally.

Legislative District 8

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Nick Allen

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DATA CENTERS: I would require any data centers built in Maryland to pay a large load tariff for the energy they use, ensure they register with the public service commission, require them to engage with the communities they wish to build alongside, and enforce strict requirements regarding their water usage.

UTILITY COSTS: The main factors include low supply relative to high demand, Maryland's lack of in-state generation (especially since the Trump admin has begun attacking planned green energy projects in the state), and corporate greed. The general assembly is working to address all those now by, among other things, holding utility companies accountable, placing requirements on new data centers, and streamlining the pipeline to build new generation in MD.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes, absolutely, especially in Baltimore county, so people in the county can get to work. For example, the two biggest employers in the county are social security and Tradepoint Atlantic, and something like the red line, running between them, would be ideal.

BUDGET: I would fight for funding for all of Maryland's DDA program, Veterans programs, and transit infrastructure.

IMMIGRATION: I have and will continue to support programs that directly help immigrants and their families, while also holding the federal government and federal immigration enforcement accountable and protecting everyone's constitutional rights.

Kumasi J. Barnett

DATA CENTERS: The question is who do data centers bring benefit to? Is the benefit worth the extra risk. Does the state benefit. I don't think we are in the position to stop the establishment of any business but the effects must be paid by the company not the state or the people of Maryland.

UTILITY COSTS: We have given away the ownership of infrastructure that is needed to

keep utility costs in check and we need to regain control. Corporations by definition are acting to create shareholder value. Our shareholders are the people of Maryland and we need to value them by creating guardrails against the rising costs.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland should definitely improve public transportation. We as a state have an underperforming public transportation system. Some of our bus systems are unreliable or outdated. With the exception of the DMV we lack a rail system for local travelers. The elimination of the purple and red line represents another blow for commuters. This also leads to overcrowding on our highways further impacting commuter experience.

BUDGET: My top budget priorities are all about building up Maryland for the future. We need to invest more in infrastructure. I always will fight for education, the arts, and job creation. But I don't have three top priorities, I plan for the long term.

IMMIGRATION: I support immigrants. Everyone who finds beauty in our state deserves to be protected and supported. Immigrants bring so much to the state. Culture, beauty, vibrancy for a start. Everyone belongs here. Even the people who don't like me.

Harry Bhandari

No response received by deadline.

Marsha Briley-Savage

DATA CENTERS: My approach to establishing data centers in Maryland focuses on balancing economic growth with critical infrastructure constraints. While these facilities offer tax revenue, their expansion requires stricter regulations to protect our power and water resources. I will take an informed stance by bringing impacted voices and labor unions to the decision table to ensure environmental equity and high-quality jobs. Future support depends on guaranteeing that data centers are sustainable and do not u

UTILITY COSTS: I attribute rising utility costs to outdated deregulation and past legislation, like the multi-year rate plan law, which allows for automatic, compounding price hikes. I will work to repeal pro-utility incentives and reform the 1999 deregulation framework to restore public oversight. My platform centers on environmental equity and restorative justice, ensuring large energy consumers pay their share.

TRANSPORTATION: I will improve public transportation by fostering deep collaboration with local governments and County Councils. I'll demand an evaluation of MDOT operations and a careful review of local transit projects to ensure funding aligns with each jurisdiction's unique needs. My priority is supporting impacted communities, ensuring state infrastructure finally prioritizes people over power.

BUDGET: My primary focus is the immediate needs of the people who vote for me, ensuring dignity for working families, seniors, and disabled veterans. My top budget priorities are Government Transparency, Fiscal Accountability, and Public Safety. I will demand a rigorous evaluation of state agency operations to eliminate waste and litigation liabilities, redirecting those millions toward community-based safety and environmental equity.

IMMIGRATION: I will support our immigrant communities by ensuring Maryland follows the rule of law while treating every individual with unwavering dignity. I advocate for policies that prevent local resources from being weaponized for federal civil enforcement, ensuring public safety for all. My priority is protecting marginalized residents and providing the legal access families need to live with purpose and respect.

Kim L. Ross

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

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DATA CENTERS: I believe we should support building data centers. Data centers will benefit Marylanders with new and good paying job and career opportunities. These Data centers should be granted by Maryland the authority to build and fund their own independent power grids even solar power as well as electrical grids.

UTILITY COSTS: Over the past 5 years Democrats on a National level along with State Legislators set forth and passed policies that supported Solar and Windmill Energy. At the same time baned the expansion of Electrical grids and closed down existing grids in the State of Maryland. This pushed energy prices and cost up. We now due to new common sense policies should be doing both. The expansion of Electrical grids in MD and putting more customers on the Solar Farms which can save Marylanders 10 to 25%

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation should be improved via the repair of roads and streets as well as focus back on the rebuilding of the Francis Scott key Bridge.

BUDGET: Budget priorities: 1) Forensic Audit of all existing State Contracts and State Agencies, before any proposed new budgets 2) Making sure that taxpayers dollars Federal Government funds for Education are spent efficiently. 3) Cutting failing programs and non profit grants from State and local tax dollars 1) Housing for 1st time Home buyers & our most vulnerable citizens 2) Developing a laser focused curriculums back into our public schools. 3) Zoning for Tiny Homes & lower Property taxes

IMMIGRATION: I stand for making sure immigrants are vented and come to our Country legally. We can develop and pass a bill to create a farmers workforce Visa card ID to help our agriculture and farmers.

Brian A. Campbell

No response received by deadline.

Glen Geelhaar

Campaign Website: friendsofglengeelhaar.org

DATA CENTERS: The proposed data centers have the potential to provide economic opportunity and jobs, but need to be held responsible for providing their own power generation. As your State Delegate, I will work to reduce regulations and red tape to assist in making this partnership a reality. Any excess power generated could be added to the grid further driving down utility costs for Marylanders.

UTILITY COSTS: Utility costs are skyrocketing because of the failed energy policies coming out of Annapolis. We need to incentivize and not penalize affordable energy producers who utilize coal and natural gas. These penalties are ultimately passed down to rate payers leaving us with Net Zero in our wallets!

TRANSPORTATION: We need to do a much better job of providing public transportation services to our seniors and vulnerable adults. These critical services allow these individuals to live happy and independent lives in Maryland.

BUDGET: We need to make sure that our educational dollars are spent wisely, so our next generation can thrive. People should have school choice regardless of zip codes. I will fight to make sure that our brave law enforcement officers have the protections and resources they need to perform their job. The past two budget years, our disabled citizens have seen critical services cut. We need to restore those services now including the Prescription drug benefit that was earned by our state retirees.

IMMIGRATION: We are a nation of Immigrants, and we are a nation of laws. Immigrants

who follow the process to achieve legal status are opening businesses and providing jobs. We need to end the obstructions in Annapolis that hinder local law enforcement cooperation with Federal Immigration Enforcement which is endangering our community.

Steven J. Riemer

DATA CENTERS: No, I believe it's not efficient and will not be effective

UTILITY COSTS: Green new deal is the issue I would utilize efficient fossil fuels and clean coal

TRANSPORTATION: It could use some improvements however under a scope ensuring improvements are beneficial within economic budget

BUDGET: My budget priorities are would be Efficiency, accountability, and transparency. Programs School choice Lower cost of RX drugs Lower energy cost

IMMIGRATION: I support only communities that house LEGAL immigrants whom entered our state legally

Jacqueline Stevenson

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DATA CENTERS: Data centers can bring high-paying jobs, expand our tax base, and position Maryland as a technology leader. However, they are energy- and water-intensive. I support additional data centers only with strong guardrails: requiring renewable energy use, operator-funded grid upgrades, water-efficient technology, and smart siting. Growth must not raise utility costs, strain resources, or burden communities. Responsible standards allow us to stay competitive while protecting residents.

UTILITY COSTS: Escalating utility costs are causing significant burdens on the citizens with little incentives for support. Cost are driven by aging infrastructure, grid modernization, climate resilience investments, and volatile fuel prices. We must strengthen oversight of rate setting, increase transparency and accountability for utilities, expand renewable energy to stabilize long-term costs, and invest in energy efficiency and consumer education programs that help households lower their bills.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Reliable public transportation strengthens our economy, reduces congestion and emissions, and connects residents to jobs, education, healthcare, and other essential services. We should expand transit options, improve reliability and safety, and ensure equitable access—including for after-school programs, healthcare visits, and other vital community needs.

BUDGET: My top budget priorities are supporting public education, improving public safety and community health, and investing in infrastructure and economic development. Spending must have clear goals, measurable outcomes, and long-term sustainability. I will support responsible budgeting that delivers results, creates opportunities, protects working families, avoids new burdens, and allows Maryland residents and businesses to thrive.

IMMIGRATION: Maryland benefits from legal immigration, but undocumented immigration and unlawful occupancy strain public resources and undermine the rule of law. We need clear enforcement of existing laws, better federal border management, and local policies that protect taxpayers and all citizens. I support collaborative coordination with federal authorities, accountability for those who violate housing and labor laws, and policies that prioritize public safety while treating all individuals with dignity.

Legislative District 10

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Michael Tyrone Brown, Sr.

DATA CENTERS: I would support additional Data Centers as needed. These center would be responsible for any additional cost above normal and and land taxes based on the size.

UTILITY COSTS: The major cost of increase is due to the high salaries of their executives and the fact that they are basically self regulated. It is time to revisit the authority given the energy providers.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes! We are currently face a higher cost of fuel (s) and the need to move larger populations of people for work and relaxation. The greater use of public transportation will cut down on highway traffic and could aid in the elimination of emission testing.

BUDGET: 1. Public Safety and Juvenile Justice . In order to have a successful community public safety drives persons desire to travel and support the economy people who are afraid spend less money resulting in fewer tax dollars 2, Taxes and Fees .The state of Maryland can not continue to dream up ghost taxes [fees]. 3. [Roads and Bridges] The downing of the Key Bridge has pointed out to the need for better studies and plans to address the possible problems that could arise when there's no plans.

IMMIGRATION: I will support programs that aid in the protection of persons in Maryland. I will assist and fight for regulations that rein in illegal ICE activities.

Robin Harvey

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DATA CENTERS: Data centers can create jobs and strengthen Maryland's economy, but they must be planned responsibly. These facilities place significant demands on electricity, water, and land. Any development should align with infrastructure capacity, environmental protections, and local land-use planning, include meaningful community input, and ensure no single community—especially those already facing environmental burdens—bears a disproportionate share of these projects.

UTILITY COSTS: Rising utility costs are driven by aging infrastructure, growing demand on the electric grid, and the investments needed to keep our energy system reliable. That means stronger oversight of rate increases through the Maryland Public Service Commission, making sure large energy users (like data centers) contribute fairly to infrastructure costs, and expanding energy-efficiency programs that help families lower their bills.

TRANSPORTATION: Expanding public transportation across Maryland improves mobility, strengthens our economy, and connects residents to jobs, education, and essential services. Strategic investments in reliable transit—especially in underserved areas—can reduce congestion, support regional growth, and provide families with more affordable transportation options while helping our communities remain competitive and environmentally sustainable.

BUDGET: We must balance long-term commitments and rising costs while protecting core investments in education, infrastructure, and services Maryland families rely on. That means growing the economy through job creation and commercial redevelopment, closing outdated tax loopholes so large corporations contribute fairly, and ensuring state agencies are right-sized—directing resources toward frontline services that support Marylanders.

IMMIGRATION: I support practical policies that ensure all residents can safely access schools, healthcare, and essential services, and that workers are treated fairly under the law. That includes strengthening language access and supporting community organizations that help families navigate schools and public systems. We need clear policies that maintain

trust between immigrant communities and our institutions including local public safety agencies.

Jay Jalisi

Campaign Website: friendsofdrjay.com

DATA CENTERS: I do not support data centers in my legislative district because of the potential negative impact on our electric and water supply.

UTILITY COSTS: I think the biggest contributor of the rising costs of utilities is a huge increase in our monthly gas bills. The Assembly needs to take appropriate legislative action to bring the costs of gas and its delivery charges become more affordable for Maryland residents.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe that high quality public transportation system is essential for the growth of the middle class in Maryland, so people can commute to work, for business, and to schools, without the need and expense of owning a private vehicle.

BUDGET: My top 3 budget priorities would be providing funding for improved quality of K-12 Education, grants and loans for Small Businesses, and increased funding for mental health and drug rehab facilities (which indirectly help reduce homelessness).

IMMIGRATION: I am an immigrant myself and I agree that immigrant population plays a very important role in the progress of this country. However, since immigration policy comes under the purview of the federal government, not the Maryland Assembly, I would like to suggest a clear and dignified path to legalization for all undocumented immigrants in our country.

T. George Newton

No response received by deadline.

N. Scott Phillips

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DATA CENTERS: I support responsible data center development in Maryland. As technology and cloud computing grow, these facilities can bring economic opportunity. However, projects must be carefully located and designed to protect communities. Developers should minimize strain on the power grid through renewable or self-generated energy and use water-saving technologies such as greywater and recirculating cooling systems. Economic growth must be balanced with environmental stewardship.

UTILITY COSTS: Rising utility costs in Maryland are driven by several factors, including increasing energy demand, limited in-state generation, transmission constraints, and volatility in regional energy markets. As our population grows and technology expands, supply has not kept pace with demand. The steps proposed by Maryland legislators are an important start toward addressing these challenges. Moving forward, we must increase reliable energy generation, modernize our grid, invest in diverse energy sources.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Expanding reliable public transportation across Maryland improves access to jobs, education, and health care while reducing traffic congestion and emissions. Strategic investment in transit, especially connecting regional job centers and underserved communities, supports economic growth and mobility. Improvements should focus on reliability, regional connectivity, and responsible use of public funds to ensure systems serve both urban and suburban communities effectively.

BUDGET: My top budget priorities are protecting Marylanders, making Maryland more affordable, and strengthening economic competitiveness through education. I will support record public safety investments for local police and community violence reduction, expanded childcare scholarships and housing supply to lower costs for families, and sustained Blueprint education funding and job-creating industry investments while

maintaining environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants strengthen Maryland's economy and communities. I have led efforts to protect fairness and trust, including advancing legislation addressing 287(g) agreements and championing the Maryland Community Trust Act to ensure due process and clear limits on local immigration enforcement. I will continue supporting policies that promote public safety, protect civil rights, and ensure immigrant families can contribute and thrive in Maryland.

Jennifer White Holland

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DATE CENTERS: As a public health professional, I am concerned about the growth of data centers and oppose establishing them in Maryland. Alongside federal rollbacks of environmental and health protections, data centers worsen public health and create poorer air quality, pollution, excess water usage, and may pose long-term negative impacts to our health such as cardiovascular and respiratory conditions. Expanding data centers should not come at the expense of our environment or community health.

UTILITY COSTS: Rising utility costs are driven by data centers placing heavy demands on our aging grid. Federal tax credits for clean energy like wind and solar were repealed, leading to canceled projects and less clean power. In 2025, I supported the Next Generation Energy Act, to provide ratepayer relief, expand energy storage, reform utility rate plans, and fast-track new generation. Additionally, I collaborated with legislators pushing for stronger grid accountability and renewable energy deployment.

TRANSPORTATION: Prioritizing public transportation brings economic, health, environmental, and social benefits. Investing in transit reduces reliance on gas-powered vehicles and better connects people to jobs, education, and community activities. We need a safe, reliable system for all users. Expanding transit means supporting MTA buses, rail, and mobility services, improving regional planning, creating local systems in communities like Randallstown and Catonsville, and advancing Complete Streets projects.

BUDGET: My top budget priorities are education, health, and transportation. In FY27, I am fighting for community schools that provide wraparound support through partnerships and dedicated coordinators. As a new mom and maternal health advocate, I support the Maternal and Child Health Population Improvement Fund to expand programs like newborn home visiting and CenteringPregnancy. And lastly, I am advocating for Complete Streets funding to build safe, reliable walking and biking infrastructure.

IMMIGRATION: It is unacceptable that immigrant communities are being targeted and denied due process. This year, I co-sponsored HB 444 banning 287(g) agreements between local police and ICE, now law. I also co-sponsored HB 1575, to end local law enforcement collaboration with ICE. I support efforts that keep our schools, places of worship, cultural institutions, and our communities safe and free from ICE enforcement. I believe in making our communities welcoming, inclusive, and free from fear.

Republican Candidates

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

Legislative District 11A

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Cheryl E. Pasteur

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DATA CENTERS: Data Centers are here. They are necessary but need to be good neighbors. We need to include communities in the selection of locations. They should complement the community with mixed use facilities...greenery, parks surrounding them, retail spaces, noise mitigating devices. They impact the quality of our lives, positive and negative. I am "in" but with these and more attention.

UTILITY COSTS: We are in the midst of a perfect storm: energy needs connected with Data Centers; utility companies profiting at our expense. Maryland legislators do have bills to lower the increases. The Governor's newly released Utility RELIEF ACT combines his lower costs and "LocalPowerAct" with House and Senate bills to offer Marylanders lower bills, holding companies accountable, lowering company profits that have been on our backs. Hopefully, this will help.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation is critical to survival and growth. I constantly argue that my community is locked in, struggling to get to work, schools, shopping in massive traffic. There must be a relationship between growth in housing, business, entertainment, etc., and transportation. Transportation must be an integral part around the state, and in the communities for lifestyles and security.

BUDGET: Utilities, education, housing, and I must add public safety, which includes juvenile and adult corrections are among my budgetary concerns. How our citizens afford to live, thrive, and grow, focusing on where they live and their emotional, mental, physical well being come back to your questions. These are reflected in my bills. I can't separate them if I believe in a positive and thriving community and state!

IMMIGRATION: I have been a supporter of CASA's work since becoming Delegate. Although matters pertaining to Latinos is most prevalent, in this context, I extend the question to any group of Black/brown people coming from a country of the same when working with the churches, schools, incarceration of those in my community. We are constantly given examples of the inequities/ injustices. We must all have the potential and possibility to be safe...all Marylanders.

Nico Sanders

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DATA CENTERS: I do not support additional data centers in Maryland in their current form. They place heavy strain on the power grid and water supply, and they should not be located in residential communities. Residents should not bear higher utility costs so large facilities can operate. Maryland needs stronger standards, better planning, and proper zoning before considering any new data centers.

UTILITY COSTS: I have experienced rising utility costs as well. These increases are driven by aging infrastructure, growing demand, and large users like data centers. I will push for strong oversight of utility companies, require major users to pay their fair share, modernize the grid, and expand renewable energy so residents are not forced to carry unnecessary costs.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes, Maryland urgently needs better public transportation. Many communities do not have dependable transit, limiting access to jobs, healthcare, and essential services. Improving transportation will reduce traffic, lower costs for residents, and strengthen economic opportunity. Reliable transit is essential for mobility, equity, and the state's long-term growth.

BUDGET: My top budget priorities are strong public education, reliable infrastructure, affordable healthcare, and accessible housing. I will fight for programs that improve school funding, expand transit, modernize utilities, increase mental and physical health services, and support affordable housing so every Maryland resident has stability and opportunity.

IMMIGRATION: I am deeply committed to supporting immigrant communities. Immigrants strengthen Maryland's economy and enrich our culture. I will fight to expand access to education, healthcare, legal support, and workforce programs, and ensure state services are welcoming and accessible. Every immigrant family deserves safety, opportunity, and a real chance to thrive in Maryland.

Republican Candidates

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

Legislative District 11B

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 2.

Jon S. Cardin

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DATA CENTERS: No. We need to study this issue further before allowing more Centers

UTILITY COSTS: Inflation; Data Centers; Climate Change; Commercial Profits. We need to find ways to reduce, reuse and regulate so that costs are contained.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. For access business development; improved economy and reduction of pollution.

BUDGET: Developmental Disability Administration; Education; the Environment

IMMIGRATION: I support Limiting 287 G programs and Limiting ICE ability to work in MD.

Dana Stein

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DATA CENTERS: I support the establishment of data centers under limited conditions. As specified in House Bill 1532, data centers should hire, to the maximum extent possible, in-State workers for construction and operations; limit grid impacts by bringing their own storage and/or purchasing local power, engage with local communities and the State, and make their plans for meeting those expectations public.

UTILITY COSTS: Three factors: 1. increased distribution rates by utilities; 2. fluctuations in the cost of supply of power/gas; and 3. location of data centers in the region. By encouraging: the build out of more energy supply (preferably renewable energy and/or nuclear energy) in the State; the use of "alternative transmission technologies" that provide the transmission of power more efficiently; and the above-described provisions for data centers, hopefully the rate of increase in utility costs will slow.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes, the availability of public transportation should be widely improved across the State. The cancellation of the Red Line meant that thousands of Marylanders lost out on transit access to good paying jobs. MARC service should be expanded and Baltimore County should receive more LOTS funding (Locally Operated Transit Systems).

BUDGET: Maintaining funding for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (education) Protecting the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) Funding Maryland's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan

IMMIGRATION: I am a co-sponsor of HB444, which prohibits state and local governments from being allowed to enter into 287(g) agreements with ICE. I also was a co-sponsor of

last year's HB 1222 (Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement) and was sponsor of HB 23 (2021) (Personal Information - State and Local Agencies - Restrictions on Access (Maryland Driver Privacy Act)). Maryland must do all it can to protect immigrant communities.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 2.

John C. Gordon

DATA CENTERS: I do support additional data centers for Md., but Md. is unprepared. Coal has been shut down, nuclear energy has been curtailed and the misguided ban on gas machines has hamstrung Md. development. Dependency on just renewable energy is foolish and destructive at this point for Md. leading to higher fees, taxes and overall cost of living. We must prioritize and grow nuclear energy, restore clean coal use, remove gas machine bans and remove electric car mandates and regulations to move ahead.

UTILITY COSTS: Without doubt regulations, fossil fuel bans and destructive electric use mandates by our progressive government all contribute. Reversing these mandates, allowing free choice and streamlining development are necessary. Electing more Republicans to remove our veto proof Democratic majority to achieve true bipartisanship is essential if any progress is to be made.

TRANSPORTATION: Absolutely. we are a mobile society and the difficulty in urban cities built around roads presents obstacles, but reasonable efforts for improvement should always be tried. It is increasingly necessary to provide easy and direct connections to jobs as well as to commercial establishments for any community to grow and thrive.

BUDGET: Eliminate many mandates, decrease regulations and promote common sense energy production of nuclear and coal facilities. These are worth fighting for. Energy makes the world go around and to promote common sense solutions will advance fiscal stability.

IMMIGRATION: Legal immigration must be encouraged and Illegal immigration discouraged. ICE cooperation to eliminate felons must be done to stabilize our communities. ICE cooperation eliminates sweeps and protects local and federal officers from harm. Too often illegal felons terrorize their own ethnic communities. I would identify and arrest professional agitators who cause disruption and riots. Immigrants should be somewhat proficient in English and encouraged to assimilate. I enjoyed this questionnaire.

Legislative District 42A

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Jyoti Mohan

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DATA CENTERS: Data Centers serve a variety of uses which are essential to support a flourishing economy. There is no doubt that they also impact the existing supply of water, power and land although with improvements in technology we will likely see less resource usage. Balancing these issues requires us to allow Data Centers in a careful and equitable manner, with constituent input, expert advice from conservationists, and energy experts.

UTILITY COSTS: Escalating utility costs stem from our grids being over capacity, outdated and relying primarily on fossil fuels. We must responsibly and gradually transition to renewable sources of energy and collectively look to reducing our carbon footprint through legislation. The Legislature can also provide financial incentives to alternative energy like subsidies to install renewable energy systems in homes and tax incentives to corporations using renewable sources of energy.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is one of the most effective ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Maryland has lagged behind in this respect for too long. We must invest in public transit as well as longer distance public transportation in order to ensure a competitive work force.

BUDGET: My own experiences have convinced me that no other considerations can be advanced over health, availability of food and education. In balancing the budget these are the programs that I will fight for, even as I insist on transparency and accountability in how funds are used in these programs.

IMMIGRATION: As an immigrant, educator and community advocate for minority communities, I see the need for language services to be expanded everywhere but especially in hospitals and government offices. Resources and programs for immigrants too often get unused because of the gap between existence and knowledge due to the language barrier. Immigrant communities should also be able to count on community spaces like libraries and schools to transition to American life.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Alexander Harlan

No response received by deadline.

Dan Katz

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DATA CENTERS: I support strategically placed data centers after thorough evaluation and planning in regard to the effects on the environment and electrical grid. The costs associated with protecting the environment and generating electricity must be footed by the data center owners.

UTILITY COSTS: Utility costs are escalating because of the inability to sustain traditional energy infrastructure while transitioning to newer clean and renewable energy options. Instead, a staggered approach is required in which existing energy plants are maintained until newer options are capable of sufficiently supporting the growing demands of the grid on their own.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is an essential state service; however, a comprehensive review of the current usage and safety of existing resources is warranted and should be conducted on a regular basis. Decisions in regard to reducing or increasing services and the need for repair projects versus new construction should be based on these reviews to ensure the highest return on investment.

BUDGET: Recurring out-of-control budget deficits due to irresponsible fiscal decisions are limiting the efficiency and effectiveness of government services in Maryland. My top priorities are adjusting the Blueprint for Education and its schedule to ensure its implementation without bankrupting the State, creating a statewide Inspector General to eliminate misappropriation of funds, and reforming procurement practices to streamline expenditures of budgeted funds.

IMMIGRATION: While illegal immigration is a real problem that cannot be tolerated, legal immigrants are the lifeblood of our country and deserve our support. This includes providing needed educational resources to learn English, understand the law, and secure a job. Furthermore, I would advocate for enhanced outreach within immigrant communities focused on expectations regarding proper documentation and guidance for facilitating the legal immigration of family members.

Charles Edward Murphy, III

DATA CENTERS: I do support data center construction; however, before they are built, and dependable power generation source needs to be nearby. I do not support forcing people to sell their private property under Eminent Domain.

UTILITY COSTS: MD needs to loosen the regulations on power supply. Last year, MD legislature enacted laws and regulations that make it impossible for MD resident to purchase their power at competitive pricing. MD residents were forced into paying spot utility rates because of the legislation outlawing competitive supply. Give the power back to consumer!

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is important; however, I do not think North Baltimore County need more public transport.

BUDGET: Top priority is the get rid of the useless spending on politicians pet projects. There is so much waste in the Md budget.

IMMIGRATION: Make sure legal immigrants are afforded the same opportunities as everyone else.

Legislative District 42B

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Michele Guyton

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DATA CENTERS: Our grid is affected by data center proliferation in surrounding states like Pennsylvania and Virginia as much as by data centers in Maryland. It is imperative that we continue to work with all the member states of PJM to develop consistent guidelines to require self-generation of energy and protection of water sources for all large load customers. The Utility Relief Act of 2026 puts strenuous reporting requirements and financial tariffs on data centers in Maryland. Public input is very impo

UTILITY COSTS: As Vice Chair of the standing committee that is currently working on the Utility RELIEF ACT of 2026, I believe this is groundbreaking legislation that provides immediate, medium, and long-term relief to ratepayers in the state by: requiring grid enhancing technologies, reforming SB1 (2024) to bring back retail competition, streamlining procurement for new energy generation- primarily solar and storage. It disallows ratepayer charges for executive perks , and lowers on-bill charges, among other

TRANSPORTATION: Absolutely! The Baltimore Metro area has fallen far behind other similarly- sized cities in public transit offerings. Investment in safe and efficient public transit brings more business and economic opportunities to the region. It is also important for environmental efforts to reduce Green House Gas emmissions by vehicles on the road, and address increasing traffic congestion. We must at least provide direct services between major hubs.

BUDGET: I fight for capitol projects in my district, family supports (including child care scholarships) and support for our most vulnerable citizens (such as those with disabilities).

IMMIGRATION: I am honored to represent an area with many new Americans and with an international elementary school. It is important to build trust in those communities by protecting their security in churches, schools, hospitals and public buildings. It is also absolutely necessary to strengthen trust between our immigrant community and our local law enforcement.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jeffrey K. McDonald

DATA CENTERS: I agree that there can be economic benefit from data centers. However, I am opposed to the establishment of any new data center that does not provide/generate their own power for their needs. Data centers must be required to generate their own power to meet massive energy demands without straining the public grid.

UTILITY COSTS: The energy policies of the Democrats have led to these costs. Maryland's green energy policies contribute to utility costs. I believe Maryland must produce more of its' own energy and we must use common sense policies when considering energy production. Sadly, this has not been the case in Maryland and Marylanders are paying the price because of the Democrat's extreme green agenda.

TRANSPORTATION: I think we have too much focus and spending on public transportation. There is a clear lack of ridership and demand. The costs are exorbitant. Most importantly, too much of our tax dollars are diverted to these type of programs as opposed to using the monies to improve, expand, and maintain our public roads and highways.

BUDGET: I believe our first priority in the budget must be public safety. The first obligation of government is to provide for the safety of the citizens. My second budget priority is to improve and maintain our roads and bridges in Maryland. We are plagued with aging infrastructure which must be addressed. My third priority for budgeting is to create a truly independent Inspector General to review all state spending for waste, fraud, and abuse. Our state agencies have clearly been mismanaged.

IMMIGRATION: First, I will work to enforce immigration law. Illegals disadvantage the efforts of legal immigrants in our state. We cannot continue to turn a blind eye to the influx of illegals in Maryland. Second, I will work to fully fund public safety. Immigrant communities are often plagued by violence and I will work to provide the public safety they deserve by fully funding law enforcement. Third, I will work to build a thriving economic agenda by lowering taxes, removing regulations.

Larry A. Novak

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 43B

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Cathi Forbes

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DATA CENTERS: Data centers are necessary, but the rapid expansion is straining our power grid, consuming large amounts of water, and creating noise that harms nearby communities. I supported legislation to study their impacts and establish guardrails. I also backed requirements that data centers benefit local economies, limit grid impacts through storage or local power, and engage communities with transparent plans. Technology will continue evolving, and today's data center model will likely change over time.

UTILITY COSTS: Energy bills are increasing because BGE charges to deliver gas and electricity to our homes have been rising significantly. I supported legislation to help lower energy costs. This legislation requires only necessary safety upgrades to BGE infrastructure, capped the use of ratepayer funds for executive pay, reduced Empower Maryland goals and costs, and provided direct rate relief for ratepayers in 2025-2027. We also are investing in mid- and long-term solutions to our energy supply needs.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation should be improved statewide. It's an equity issue—people need reliable ways to get to jobs and shopping whether they own a car or not. While areas near DC have strong systems, the Baltimore region and parts of the state lack access. Better transit improves air quality, reduces congestion, and supports workers and employers. I have supported legislation investing in transportation infrastructure including roads, rails, buses, trails, pedestrian walkways and bikeways.

BUDGET: I have served on the Appropriations Committee throughout my legislative career. Each year we produce a balanced budget that funds the services Marylanders rely on. My priorities are affordable healthcare; education equity from early childhood through higher education, including libraries and senior resources; and energy affordability, including investments in renewables. I will fight for the Blueprint, ACA premium subsidies, and programs supporting working families and people with disabilities.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration has always been central to the American story, and immigrants' contributions to our country are immense. Today our federal immigration system is broken, with severe backlogs and outdated quotas. I support due process under the Constitution, ensuring notice and fair hearings before deportation. I backed legislation banning 287(g) agreements so local police are not used as federal immigration agents, protecting limited resources and preventing civil rights abuses and racial profiling.

Republican Candidates

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

Legislative District 44A

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Eric Ebersole

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DATA CENTERS: The key is balancing positives: -economic gains and benefits of cloud computing- including AI, finance, health care, and government services against negatives: - grid reliability challenges, energy price increases, and environmental impacts. The latter three are most significant to me. The benefits of the positives can be achieved remotely without placing data centers in neighborhoods or environmentally sensitive areas. We must prioritize protecting our communities and consumers.

UTILITY COSTS: Utilities like BGE and Delmarva Power have significantly increased delivery rates to fund infrastructure upgrades, and those costs are passed on to customers. Given the profits they report, I believe the PSC should more strictly regulate how these costs are passed on. They should also be granted stronger authority, including oversight of wholesale electricity prices set by PJM Interconnection and capacity auction outcomes. The impact of data centers was discussed in Question #1 above.

TRANSPORTATION: Absolutely. We must seriously invest in public transportation across our state—not only to reduce environmental impact of transportation, but to expand access and equity for living and working in Maryland. In the greater Baltimore region, transit is disjointed and insufficient. We need a comprehensive, interconnected system that serves our communities today which will also prepare us for the future.

BUDGET: As a career public school teacher, my budget focus is strong support for public education and the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. This landmark legislation is already improving outcomes for our children, and we must continue that progress. We should also invest in clean energy incentives to address climate change and affordability. Finally, the budget must provide to strengthen mental health supports across Maryland.

IMMIGRATION: I have already begun this work. This session, I introduced HB1341 to prevent school employees—who have unique access to students and their families—from cooperating with ICE investigations involving students, families, or acquaintances unless a warrant is issued. The bill also expands “sensitive locations” to include bus stops and school vehicles and requires staff to notify the superintendent of any investigation. This is just the beginning for me!

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Chuck Linton

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 44B

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 2.

Bishop Barry Chapman

No response received by deadline.

Aletheia McCaskill

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DATA CENTERS: I have carefully examined this issue, and it needs further explored. My first degree (1994) is in IT. I understand the importance of securing data and the desire to keep up with technology and customer demands. However, the potential impact on communities both economically (in the short term) and environmentally, are just as valid. Where data centers are placed needs to be explored to mitigate noise pollution & water consumption. We should not be overburdening communities.

UTILITY COSTS: Contributing factors are data center demand, transmission cost, environmental and infrastructure costs, and EmPower fees. I plan to support the RELIEF Act proposed by our General Assembly. It is a great start to address the rising cost and moving towards our clean energy endeavors. We have to continue to move towards strengthening long term goals and holding energy companies accountable.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes! Although our transportation includes, rail, bus, subway and MARC train systems, there are still daily delays in service, and our roads are too overcrowded. Connectivity is extremely challenging and with the Francis Scott Key Bridge and the fragile state of some of our other bridges and roads, we must seek critical solutions for reliable public transportation. There are many disparities in regional transportation. I'll save that thought for later.

BUDGET: As a member of the Appropriation committee, I am very aware of the challenges our state faces. My priority is to balance the budget as we are required to do. However, my constituent concerns are cuts to DDA, energy, immigration, and the overall cost of living. In addition to remedy their concerns, reimagining the childcare industry, the cost of the blueprint for education, data centers, supporting capital projects and development in my community are equally important.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration is a high priority of mine. Hints why I will continue to support any legislation to oppose the harsh actions sanctioned by ICE. We have to restore public trust and stop dismantling families! This is not an isolated issue, and we need to be proactive with legislation on 287g, the placing of ICE detention centers and the inhumane conditions in which authorities are placing detainee in. Whether it is a rally of policy, I'm in

it for the long haul to protect the safety of all.

Sheila Ruth

Campaign Website: www.sheilaruth.com

DATA CENTERS: Last year I voted for a study that will help quantify the environmental and economic impacts of data centers. While we wait for that, we cannot allow unrestrained proliferation like Virginia did. My Data Center Planning and Transparency Act will, if passed, require data centers to disclose their plans and impacts while it's early enough for communities to have input, and require counties and large municipalities to be proactive about planning whether, where, and how they will allow data centers.

UTILITY COSTS: Marylanders' skyrocketing utility bills are one of my highest priorities. The causes are many & complex. Demand from data centers is a big problem, including from Virginia data centers on the PJM grid with Maryland. The General Assembly has worked on making data centers pay their fair share. Other energy solutions we've worked on include addressing unfair BGE policies, increasing battery storage and clean energy, which is cheaper than fossil fuel generated energy, and modernizing the grid.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transit gives Marylanders more choices, reduces traffic congestion, helps the environment, and increases access to jobs. It also boosts economic development, as businesses invest in communities near transit. I've long been an advocate for more and better public transit, including the Red Line, which would be a vital East-West transit option that would also support the revitalization of areas along the corridor, including Woodlawn in my district. I also support better bike & walk access.

BUDGET: 1) Programs to support our most vulnerable, like Medicaid, SNAP, and developmental disability programs. 2) Transit: every \$1 invested in transit generates \$5 in economic returns, 3) Protecting our environment, including clean and healthy air and water, green space, forests, wetlands, and the Chesapeake Bay, & mitigating climate change. I also support revenue policies that ensure that the wealthy pay their fair share to fund these and other priorities that would benefit all Marylanders.

IMMIGRATION: My district is home to many diverse immigrants from around the world, and they contribute much to the economy and social fabric of our communities. Over the years I've taken steps to support them publicly and privately. In the General Assembly I've voted for policies to give immigrants better access to healthcare & education, protect personal data in state databases, and prohibit county cooperation with ICE. In a time when immigrants are under attack I will continue to support and protect them.

Sherry Scipio

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 2.

Domonic Martin

Campaign Website: domonicmartin.com

DATA CENTERS: Yes—with strong community stipulations. Data centers can support economic growth, but they must not strain our power grid, water supply, or land use. I support them only if a community-based commission sets clear local guidelines to ensure sustainability and direct benefits for residents.

UTILITY COSTS: Escalating utility costs in Maryland are being driven by overregulation, added program costs, and aging infrastructure. Programs like the EmPOWER Maryland program, while well-intended, often add fees to ratepayers without delivering proportional savings. I believe we must audit and streamline these programs, eliminating unnecessary

costs and hidden fees. At the same time, we should focus on modernizing infrastructure responsibly and increasing oversight to ensure utilities are accountable.

TRANSPORTATION: Reliable transit connects people to jobs, education, and essential services, especially in underserved communities. By improving access and efficiency, we can reduce traffic, lower commuting costs, and support economic growth—while making it easier for families to get where they need to go safely and affordably.

BUDGET: First, I will invest in workforce development to create pipelines into skilled trades and high-demand careers—reducing long-term dependency and strengthening our economy. Second, I will push to eliminate government waste by auditing programs and cutting inefficiencies, ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent wisely. Third, I will work to improve welfare programs by targeting abuse, so resources go to those who truly need them while promoting pathways to self-sufficiency.

IMMIGRATION: I support legal immigration and the important role immigrants play in strengthening Maryland's communities and economy. We should ensure that those who come here legally have access to opportunities to work, contribute, and succeed. At the same time, I believe in upholding the rule of law and will not interfere with federal enforcement efforts—particularly when focused on removing individuals who pose serious public safety risks. Our approach should be fair, lawful, and focused on both sides.

Judge of the Circuit Court - Circuit 3

DUTIES: Circuit Court Judges preside over jury and bench trials in the Circuit Court, which hears major criminal trials with the right to a jury, and civil cases involving more than \$30,000. They also handle family law matters like divorce and custody, and decide appeals from lower courts.

TERM: Four years, no term limit

SALARY: \$214,433

HOW ELECTED: Circuit Court Judges are elected county-wide. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a person to fill the office from a list recommended by a judicial nominating commission, which reviews each applicant's qualifications and experience. Each newly appointed judge will appear on the ballot in the first election occurring after at least one year after the vacancy. Attorneys who are members of the Maryland Bar may also run to challenge a newly appointed or sitting judge. Candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots, but not the nonpartisan ballot given to unaffiliated voters.

WEBSITE: <https://www.courts.state.md.us/circuit>

Questions

EXPERIENCE: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this judgeship?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this judgeship?

CHALLENGES: What are the greatest challenges facing the Maryland court system and how should they be addressed?

Candidates

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Jan Marshall Alexander

No response received by deadline.

Sherrie R. Bailey

No response received by deadline.

Evelyn Lombardo Cusson

No response received by deadline.

Ralph Sapia

No response received by deadline.

Thomas R. Tompsett, Jr.

No response received by deadline.

County Executive

DUTIES: The County Executive is the chief administrative officer of Baltimore County. The County Executive provides direction to all county departments and proposes plans, programs, budget, policies and legislation to the County Council.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$175,000 per year.

TERM: Four years with a term limit of two terms.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How do your skills and experience prepare you to perform the duties of County Executive?

ISSUES: What are the most important issues facing the county now and in the future?

BUDGET: As CEO of the county, what would be your role in influencing and maintaining a balanced budget?

HOUSING: How would you lead in addressing housing issues such as affordability, fair housing, and preservation of green space?

EMPLOYMENT: How could the county government encourage job opportunities, job growth, and economic development?

PRIORITIES: In beginning as County Executive, what would be your main priorities?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Julian Jones

Campaign Website: www.julianejones.com/

QUALIFICATIONS: I served more than three decades in the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, rising through the ranks to become a Division Chief and helping lead Maryland's emergency response during Hurricane Katrina. I have represented residents on the Baltimore County Council since 2014 and was elected Council Chairman 4 times. I have led legislation on police reform, free college, free school meals, blocking ICE detention & housing. This combination of experience has uniquely prepared me to lead the County.

ISSUES: The most important challenge facing Baltimore County is population decline. When residents and businesses leave, it weakens our tax base and threatens our quality of life. To

reverse this trend we must strengthen public safety, support strong schools, expand housing opportunities, and grow our economy so families and businesses choose to stay, invest, and build their future here.

BUDGET: Population decline threatens the county's long term fiscal health. When residents and businesses leave, revenue shrinks while costs remain. As County Executive, I will focus on growing the tax base by attracting new employers and residents. That means shifting from passive economic development to actively recruiting businesses that fit our strengths. I will maintain disciplined spending and ensure we fund the services that make Baltimore County a great place to live, like schools and safety.

HOUSING: Baltimore County must expand housing opportunities while protecting community character and green space. I support increasing affordable housing, protecting renters from discrimination, and strengthening code enforcement so homes are safe and well maintained. Thoughtful planning and responsible development can ensure families, seniors, and workers can afford to live in our communities.

EMPLOYMENT: Baltimore County must shift from passive economic development to actively recruiting businesses that match our strengths. We should market the county's workforce, location, and infrastructure and pursue employers that bring quality jobs. I will also support small businesses, invest in workforce training, and ensure key economic hubs like TradePoint Atlantic continue to create opportunities for residents across the county.

PRIORITIES: My first priority will be reversing Baltimore County's population decline. That means growing jobs, expanding housing opportunities, and strengthening public safety and schools so families choose to stay and new residents choose to move here. I will also focus on attracting businesses, supporting small businesses, and making county government more responsive and efficient for residents and employers.

Izzy Patoka

Campaign Website: izzypatoka.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked at a senior level in the Governors Office, Mayors Office of Baltimore City and served on the Baltimore County Council for 8 years. In my career I have not shied away from tough political fights. I've drafted & managed large budgets, protected the Inspector General, expanded the County Council from 7 to 9 districts, reduced school overcrowding, modernized zoning and led on the county's Bag Bill. Baltimore County needs disciplined leadership and someone that can produce real results.

ISSUES: For too long, Baltimore County has been driven by the same lawyers, lobbyists, and well-connected developers in Towson. If we are serious about real progress, we need a government that puts residents first, one that actively seeks community input and listens before decisions are made. As a county we must retrain our focus on our older, aging neighborhoods & commercial corridors that have been neglected and ignored for decades. That's how we build trust and move the county forward together.

BUDGET: Before serving on the Council, I drafted and managed \$3+ billion budgets. As County Executive I will instill budget discipline while still meeting community needs and providing county services that residents rely on. We must also give residents a real voice in the budget process by holding budget town halls at the beginning, not the end of the process, so community input can meaningfully shape priorities and ensure the final budget reflects local needs.

HOUSING: We must preserve the urban, suburban, and rural character that makes Baltimore County a great place to live. I've worked with communities to protect hundreds of acres of green space while supporting housing in environmentally responsible locations. I expanded affordable housing tools through mixed-use overlay districts in our zoning code to further support transit-oriented development. I will also restructure the permits department to streamline and speed up the building process.

EMPLOYMENT: Our Department of Economic & Workforce Development has primarily emphasized workforce training. We are preparing talented workers only to watch them

leave for jobs elsewhere. We need to be stronger on business retention & attraction. It's time to align training with opportunity by partnering with our largest employers. We must actively be out in the world recruiting new businesses and manufacturers to the area so residents can build strong careers right here in Baltimore County.

PRIORITIES: As County Executive, I will prioritize our inner-beltway communities and neglected commercial corridors and establish an Office of Community Conservation that is present in neighborhoods every day, listening and responding to residents' concerns. This office will have the authority to coordinate agencies and a seat in the budget process, ensuring community voices shape county decisions. I will also overhaul the permits department to accelerate housing and address speeding and aggressive driving.

Mansoor Shams

Campaign Website: gomansoor.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring experience from military service, federal government, entrepreneurship starting retail businesses from the ground up, and building an international export company. My work in humanitarian efforts, community engagement, public affairs, and membership in the Council on Foreign Relations reflects a commitment to service. As an immigrant who experienced Section 8 housing, food stamps, and foster care, my life journey taught me to lead with compassion and empathy.

ISSUES: Affordability and household stability are the defining challenges in Baltimore County. When families must choose between groceries and paying their BGE bill, communities cannot thrive. Rising housing costs, overcrowded schools, and transportation gaps add pressure. Many people no longer trust their government, and council members doubling their pensions while children go to bed hungry is exactly why—especially when those same council members now seek to lead it as County Executive.

BUDGET: The County Executive must maintain a balanced budget while protecting essential services. I will review contracts and sit down with each agency head to identify inefficiencies and eliminate waste. The Inspector General's reports have shown we can do better—and we must. Teachers, police, and EMS will be protected while ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly and transparently.

HOUSING: Baltimore County can preserve green space while expanding housing. We must move beyond a "not in my backyard" mindset and see the county as one body. Thoughtful mixed-use development—like apartments above businesses along Merritt Boulevard in Dundalk—adds housing responsibly. We should also examine limits on investors and companies buying large numbers of homes and pricing residents out.

EMPLOYMENT: Baltimore County should support small businesses, strengthen skilled trades, and embrace the AI economy. We must also make it easier for businesses to locate and grow here, not push them away with unnecessary barriers. By working closely with BCPS, employers (including county agencies), and colleges, we can introduce students early to real careers and the skills needed to become the next generation of workers and leaders.

PRIORITIES: From day one, my administration will put people and their dignity first. We will review county contracts, eliminate wasteful costs, remove unnecessary red tape, and direct agency heads to work together as one unified government rather than operate in silos. We will implement our four pillars to address the affordability crisis, open up a public calendar to allow residents to book direct-access meetings with myself, and most importantly work to restore trust in government.

Nick Stewart

Campaign Website: www.nickforbaltimorecounty.com/

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm the only candidate who has served in our school system (as School Board Vice Chair), founded a group to fight for housing, smart growth and transparency (We The People), has worked with small businesses to create jobs (as an attorney) and has a

real plan, built from 500 sit-downs with residents. I also serve on a community development organization board and served on the County's Workforce Development Board. A son of the County, my wife and I are raising our four kids here too.

ISSUES: The County is losing population for the first time in 100 years. That's because it's not affordable to live here — housing, childcare, energy and more. And while County government can't afford teacher contracts and 30,000 students live in extreme poverty, the County Council doubled their pensions on the way out of office. We must reform government and turn a page on the culture of self-dealing, so we can start fresh and take power out of Towson and put it in the hands of communities.

BUDGET: I served as Vice Chair of the School Board, which manages 50%+ of the County budget, and became expert in budgets. I also work as a business attorney and dissect financial statements regularly. With a decreasing tax base, crumbling infrastructure and a 58%-funded pension system, we must do more with less. That's why I plan to implement zero-based budgeting to build each year's budget from scratch. This forces us to justify every dollar. I'll also rebuild BCStat to better measure performance.

HOUSING: I co-founded We The People 4.5 years ago to fight for housing and transparency. Through this, we built the most comprehensive plan in this race — our "One County Initiative." It starts by overturning the Council's housing ban and "councilmanic courtesy" where developers pay for Council influence. And it continues by creating HousingStat, making community-led growth plans legally binding and overhauling permitting. We'll also develop a Green Infrastructure Network to connect green space.

EMPLOYMENT: I spent 8 years on the Workforce Development Board, and I'm the only candidate with private sector experience helping to create jobs and technologies. The goal: Modernize. This starts by creating a stakeholder-led comprehensive plan, breaking up economic and workforce development into two different agencies (like other counties) and hiring dedicated staff (we only have 3 economic developers). We'll also create a "red tape czar" to audit processes and establish a "concierge" approach to services.

PRIORITIES: The goal is to make our "One County" more affordable, inclusive and modern—and hopeful. This means (1) \$200K starter homes & revitalized town centers, (2) universal pre-k, more community schools & an Office of Childhood Hunger, (3) a new jobs dept and "innovation districts" near colleges, (4) 600 new police officers to solve shortage, (5) a BGE rate freeze & public power option, (6) a 25% property tax credit for seniors & (7) a new Dept of Human Rights & Equity. My cell is (410) 925-0509.

Pat Young

Campaign Website: patyoung.us

QUALIFICATIONS: As a former Marine and an elected official for twelve years, my career has been in public service. I strive to be a problem solver, and I believe my record in public office shows I work to find common sense solutions. I am running as a public financed candidate meaning I am taking no PAC or corporate money. I will answer only to the residents of Baltimore County.

ISSUES: For too long Baltimore County has been run by a pay-to-play system. We need to build a local government that is looking out for the concerns of regular people, not big donors. That means taking on issues like affordability, quality education, smart growth, and a cleaner environment.

BUDGET: My experience on the Appropriations Committee taught me the most important demonstration of where our values lay is in where we spend our money. I will work to ensure that we meet our obligations to fully fund our schools, public safety entities, and work to build a budget that is inclusive and one that looks out for regular residents, not wealthy interests.

HOUSING: Smart planning begins by putting planning professionals and our communities in the driver's seat. Not developers and their campaign contributions. Over the last four years on the council I have worked to expand affordable housing and protect our environment.

And, as County Executive I will fight to ensure everyone has a seat at the table.

EMPLOYMENT: Economic growth should be predictable, efficient, and tied to community benefit. I will streamline permitting so government services work for everyone. We need to be strategic about growth by focusing on revitalizing commercial corridors and supporting transit-oriented development and making investments and fostering partnerships between schools, community colleges, labor, and employers to create clear pathways to good-paying jobs.

PRIORITIES: I will fight to restore trust in our local government by making the county government work openly, reliably, and for the people it serves. I will focus on transparency and accountability. I will end the backroom deals and pay to play system. I will invest in strong, healthy communities through fully funded schools, recreation opportunities, and government that puts people over corporate interests.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Patrick V. Dyer

QUALIFICATIONS: I come from the business world. I have been in the financial services industry for more than 30 years. I have owned my own financial services business for almost 25 years and you learn valuable lessons that prepare you to be County Executive. As a business owner and President of my company I have learned the following: • First, you learn hard work. Jobs and tasks do not complete themselves. • Second, you learn accountability. When you are the CEO of your own company the buck stops with you.

ISSUES: • We must make Baltimore County business friendly and grow our economy. • We must deal with our growing crime problem especially as it relates to youth related criminal activity. • We are going to have to tighten our budget, look for efficiencies, and realize government cannot be all things to all people. Government is funded by taxpayers.

BUDGET: The County Executive must be actively involved in setting policy direction, priorities, and management oversight. • My skills as a business person with a background in finance will be an asset. • I believe we need a thorough review of every agency in the county. I would likely look for an initial 5% to 7% reduction in all agencies except law enforcement as we conduct our financial review. • I think it is important to be open, honest, and transparent in the operation of county government.

HOUSING: First, as it relates to the URDL (Urban Rural Demarcation Line) I support protecting the existing URDL and oppose moving it. I want to make my position clear on this matter. • Housing has multiple challenges in every jurisdiction. • I think we will to preserve existing housing units and make sure they remain viable and affordable. • I think we have to address the delays in the permitting process for homebuilders. Our current process seems very slow and inefficient to me.

EMPLOYMENT: Baltimore County has everything we need to have a thriving economy. We just need to prioritize our efforts to become business friendly. • The permitting process is old, slow, out of date and a barrier to our success. The county's permitting process is acting as a growth impediment for businesses. This must be streamlined. • We are not business friendly. There are real concerns about the regulatory environment, permitting processes, and devastating tax policies. The County Executive must lead

PRIORITIES: I believe the first obligation of a County Executive is to provide for the safety and well-being of the citizens and that is exactly what I am going to do. Our next step is to make Baltimore County business friendly. It is simply too difficult to do business in Baltimore County. Our third step is to undertake a full review of county spending agency by agency to look for potential cost reductions and savings.

Kimberley Stansbury

Campaign Website: www.electkimstansbury.org

QUALIFICATIONS: My degree in Political Science from Towson University, combined with leadership in my community association, teaching Citizenship in the Community, Nation and World for the Boy Scouts of America, and years of volunteer work, has prepared me to lead. I understand that effective government starts with serving people—by ensuring safe communities, strong schools, reliable infrastructure, economic opportunity, and responsible stewardship of county resources.

ISSUES: Public safety is Baltimore County’s most urgent priority. Residents deserve communities where they can live, work, and raise families without fear. I will ensure our police, fire, EMS, and 911 systems are fully staffed, funded, and equipped. We must also invest in critical infrastructure like water and sewer and pursue juvenile justice reforms that promote accountability and reduce repeat crime.

BUDGET: As County Executive, I will deliver a disciplined, balanced budget by prioritizing essential services and eliminating wasteful spending. Government must live within its means. We cannot rely solely on state and federal funding or pass financial burdens onto taxpayers. Responsible fiscal management will ensure Baltimore County remains stable, efficient, and accountable.

HOUSING: Baltimore County needs affordable housing, but growth must be planned responsibly. Development should align with infrastructure capacity, including roads, water, sewer, and schools. I support thoughtful, mixed-use communities that provide access to services while preserving green space, parks, and recreational areas that enhance quality of life for families.

EMPLOYMENT: Baltimore County’s economy must be diverse and resilient. I will support job growth across healthcare, government, technology, and small and mid-sized businesses while actively attracting new employers and enhancing trade schools and apprenticeships so that we have skilled workers ready to fill these job openings. We must also strengthen tourism and waterfront development to showcase the county’s restaurants, retail, and natural assets as economic drivers.

PRIORITIES: My first priority is restoring public safety, trust and accountability. Crime must have consequences, and our communities must feel protected. I will also focus on lowering the financial burden on residents by advocating for relief on energy, water, taxes, and fees so families do not have to choose between basic necessities like food, medicine, and utilities.

County Council

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

SALARY: \$62,500 for council members and \$70,000 for council president.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: The county is divided into nine council districts. Each district is represented by one council member who must reside in that district and who is elected by only those citizens who reside in that specific district.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How do your skills and experience prepare you to perform the duties of County Council?

ISSUES: What are the most pressing issues facing the county now and in the future?

BUDGET: What are the priorities for the county budget while keeping it balanced?

HOUSING: How would you balance housing issues such as affordability, fair housing, and preservation of green space?

EMPLOYMENT: How could the county government encourage economic development and job growth?

INFRASTRUCTURE: What policies would you support to address the county's aging infrastructure?

Councilmanic District 1

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Paul Dongarra

Campaign Website: paulforcouncil.net

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring a lifetime of business experience, service & community advocacy to our district. I've fought for sound environmental policy, social justice, equitable land-use & government transparency exposing corruption that passed reforms. As a certified project manager, I know how to manage complex projects that deliver results and improve constituent services. I'm publicly financed & refuse to accept funding from PACs, corporations, developers & other special interests. I put people over profit.

ISSUES: The biggest challenge is our pay-to-play culture where big-money funds our leaders who do special favors that privatizes profit from sprawl development but socializes future costs onto the public. It's caused neglect, stranding us with crumbling infrastructure & underfunded services. It's the root cause of the affordability crisis, disinvestment in marginalized communities, struggling schools, educational performance gaps, dangerous streets, potholes, water main breaks and rising property taxes.

BUDGET: We're struggling to fund my top priorities: education, public safety, walkability, road repair, recreation, environmental protection & senior services. To sustainably fund services, without constant tax increases, WE MUST REJECT abusive "pay to play" growth patterns & transition toward community-led Smart Growth strategies that align resources to redevelop on past infrastructure investments, places like Route 40, to create a new efficient tax base that limits new infrastructure liabilities.

HOUSING: The housing crisis requires smart development. Public financing means I won't rubber-stamp projects that destroy open space & fail to provide real community benefits. With strong community engagement & negotiated public benefits, I'll turn struggling areas into vibrant, walkable, mixed-income communities that improve affordability, protect open space & reduce car dependence. I'll also support resident-created housing options that preserves historic character & guards against corporate landlords.

EMPLOYMENT: Job creation must be multi-faceted. Fostering redevelopment expands a walkable customer base, lifts community confidence to attract new businesses & supports construction jobs. Creating stronger ties to UMBC & hospitals supports hi-tech, higher ed & healthcare jobs. Nurturing our Arts District & Patapsco Heritage Area grows service, hospitality, environmental & cultural jobs. Collectively, this diversified economic approach will enhance & sustain jobs in education, public safety & public works.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Our broken "pay-to-play" system has led to crumbling infrastructure, an affordability issue that hits working families from costly car repairs due to potholes.

Public financing means standing up and insisting on real benefits from development, not the 0.1% of repair costs we get from current development impact fees. I'll promote better resource management: coordinate repairs, insist streets are safer & flood-resilient, hold BGE accountable after upgrades, & protect/enhance green infrastructure.

Mandy Remmell

Campaign Website: votemandyforcouncil.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Growing up in District 1 and serving our residents at the local, state, and federal levels has prepared me to effectively represent our community. In my role as Director of Community Engagement in the Baltimore County Executive's Office, I connected residents to services, advanced infrastructure improvements, supported local organizations and businesses, and built a responsive constituent services office grounded in listening, problem-solving, and delivering results for our neighborhoods.

ISSUES: We know many families are feeling the impact of rising costs and the need for more housing options. By expanding housing opportunities and encouraging thoughtful growth, we can help neighbors live close to where they work and keep more of what they earn in their pockets. To start, we can revitalize vacant properties, support local small businesses, listen to residents' needs, connect people with helpful community resources, and create new opportunities that strengthen Baltimore County.

BUDGET: A balanced county budget must prioritize public safety, strong schools, reliable infrastructure, and responsive services, while ensuring fair wages. We must practice responsible spending, transparency, and accountability. Through my experience overseeing Baltimore County's Budget Town Hall process, I understand the value of public input in aligning funding with community priorities and delivering results for residents.

HOUSING: We can balance housing needs and preserve green space by encouraging thoughtful, responsible growth that expands accessible housing options while protecting parks, tree cover, and environmentally sensitive land. As council representative for district 1, I will prioritize revitalizing already vacant properties, supporting small businesses and commercial corridors, and engaging residents early to strengthen neighborhoods without overdevelopment to preserve community character and quality of life.

EMPLOYMENT: We can strengthen economic growth by expanding workforce training access, supporting small businesses, reducing unnecessary barriers, and partnering with local schools and employers to align education with job opportunities. As councilwoman, I will establish an in-district Workforce Roundtable to bring together businesses, labor unions, and educators to stay ahead of workforce needs. By fostering collaboration, we can build a stronger, more vibrant local economy for all.

INFRASTRUCTURE: To address aging infrastructure, I will support strategic capital planning that prioritizes long-term maintenance, equitable investment, and modernization of roads, schools, trails, and community facilities. I will advocate for reviewing underinvested areas, improving basic services, and funding visible quality-of-life upgrades like safer crosswalks, trees, parks, and bike lanes to build a safer, stronger Baltimore County for the future.

N. Westcott, V

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QUALIFICATIONS: My greatest qualification is a genuine, lived-in commitment to my neighbors rather than a political machine. By stepping up to "be the change," I offer voters an uncommon level of authentic accountability and a focus on practical solutions over partisan posturing. My firsthand experience with how local policy impacts daily life provides the clarity and urgency needed to prioritize community well-being above all else.

ISSUES: Now - The Budget - The council will be faced with approving a fiscal 2027 budget at a time when Teacher, Fire and Police contracts will be negotiated. All at a time when the

State will face significant revenue shortfalls. From a revenue standpoint Baltimore County will be facing challenging times immediately. Future

BUDGET: Labor contracts that honor the dignity of our County employees.

HOUSING: Our residents deserve decent, affordable housing - Let's make it harder to be a bad landlord in Baltimore County. Stricter rental licensing enforcement Media campaign on the rights of renters Require multi-unit landlords to provide renters with their rights; how to file complaints; County resources annually. Prompt inspections in response to renters/community complaints Require a affordable housing opportunities with future residential developments

EMPLOYMENT: One approach is by incentivizing small business. - Too often the focus has been on Corporate Enterprise when small businesses are at the heart of our communities contributing to our quality of life and social cohesion. Low interest loans for start-up, stabilization or expansion Require county agencies to procure from county small businesses when practical to do so. Improve infrastructure (public rights; way/drainage) around small businesses

INFRASTRUCTURE: Use data to track the age and repair history of water mains and road surfaces. This allows the county to replace a pipe before it bursts, which is significantly cheaper than an emergency repair. Support a "Mobile First" approach where residents can upload photos of infrastructure issues (like broken streetlights or clogged storm drains) directly into a tracking system that provides the resident with real-time status updates on the fix. Quality fixes over cheap fixes. Equal long term savings.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Rheagan Kindle

No response received by deadline.

Councilmanic District 2

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Ruben Amaya

Campaign Website: rubenamaya.org

QUALIFICATIONS: My experience organizing in our communities, working with local leaders, and advocating for working families has prepared me to serve on the County Council. I've built the skills to listen, bring people together, and turn community priorities into real policy solutions. I'm ready to lead and deliver results for our neighbors.

ISSUES: Affordability is the most pressing issue facing our county. The rising cost of housing, groceries, and everyday essentials is making it harder for working families to get ahead. We must expand housing supply, support good paying jobs, and ensure our communities remain places where people can afford to live, work, and raise a family

BUDGET: A balanced county budget should focus on growing our tax base by attracting new residents and supporting smart housing growth. By bringing more people to live, work, and invest in our communities, we can increase revenue without overburdening current residents. We also need to prioritize education, public safety, and infrastructure.

HOUSING: By building more housing near transit, job centers, and existing infrastructure, we can increase affordability and expand fair housing opportunities while protecting our green spaces. My focus is on thoughtful planning that welcomes new residents, keeps housing attainable for working families, and preserves our natural spaces.

EMPLOYMENT: By supporting small businesses, expanding housing near job centers, and streamlining permitting, we can grow our tax base, create jobs with living wages, and ensure our county remains a place where businesses and families want to invest.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I would prioritize repairs to roads, water systems, and public facilities, while upgrading them to be more energy efficient and sustainable. By coordinating infrastructure improvements with smart housing and economic development, we can strengthen our communities and ensure our county is prepared for the future.

Tammy Soulama

No response received by deadline.

Danita Tolson

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a mother, nurse, and educator, I bring experiences that uniquely equips me to address the needs of families in District 2. My professional record demonstrates a proven commitment to health and workers' rights, aligning with the Council's duty to protect residents and services. That combination of front-line experience, leadership, and coalition work has prepared me to do the work of the Council: budgets, setting priorities, and delivering responsive, effective service to District 2.

ISSUES: The most pressing issue facing Baltimore County now and in the future is affordability, safety and education. Housing, healthcare, and daily costs push families into choices. Most families live paycheck to paycheck. They face rising rent, prescription price gouging, and utility bills that take more than they can afford. Furloughs, unstable health benefits, and grocery inflation are not going away.

BUDGET: To keep Baltimore County's budget balanced, my priorities would focus on public safety, education, affordable housing, community reinvestment, and healthcare access. These reflect the daily realities of District 2 families who are living paycheck to paycheck and need the government to deliver results without waste. My experience managing budgets and leading large community health campaigns gives the tools to deliver.

HOUSING: To balance fair and affordability housing, and green space preservation, I would prioritize workforce housing near transit corridors and job centers while enforcing the Urban Rural Demarcation Line to protect Baltimore County's green legacy. Green space preservation is non-negotiable. These areas help with flood control, mental health, and quality of life.

EMPLOYMENT: To encourage economic development and job growth, Baltimore County government should focus on practical incentives, smart zoning, and workforce partnerships that keep good jobs local and bring new ones. I would review zoning, build workforce pipelines and foster community economic justice. My experience leading coalitions and managing budgets equips me to deliver growth that lifts working families.

INFRASTRUCTURE: To address Baltimore County's aging infrastructure, I would support policies that prioritize repairs, smart investments, and community input to ensure taxpayer dollars deliver results; such as addressing roads, water, sewage, and stormwater system. Last, residents voiced redistricting concerns that were ignored. True progress requires collaboration. I would create an Infrastructure Advisory Board which would also include the community.

Lawrence Williams

Campaign Website: www.lawrencew.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a retired educator with more than 30 years in Maryland public schools, I dedicated my career to serving families and strengthening our community. I served as a teacher, assistant principal, alternative school principal, and Superintendent's Designee, making policy decisions affecting students and families. I also founded the Caring for Young Minds Foundation over 25 years ago to expand college opportunities. I'm prepared to bring proven leadership and real results to the County Council.

ISSUES: Baltimore County faces pressing challenges with public safety, youth opportunity,

and strong schools. Safe communities start with prevention. When education budgets fall short, class sizes grow, classroom support declines, and teachers are stretched too thin to give students the attention they deserve. By investing in safe neighborhoods and strong schools, we strengthen families and build a safer, stronger future for Baltimore County.

BUDGET: A balanced county budget must prioritize strong schools, safe communities, and economic opportunity. That means investing in education, ensuring police and first responders have the resources they need to keep neighborhoods safe, and supporting job growth that strengthens our local economy. By focusing on core services and responsible spending, we can protect taxpayers while building a stronger future for Baltimore County.

HOUSING: Baltimore County must balance housing affordability, fair housing, and preservation of green space through smart growth and thoughtful planning. We should expand housing opportunities for different income levels and family sizes while ensuring fair access for all residents. By encouraging redevelopment in appropriate areas, protecting parks and healthy open spaces, and strengthening existing communities, we can maintain property values and ensure growth enhances—not overwhelms—our neighborhoods.

EMPLOYMENT: Baltimore County can encourage economic development and job growth by supporting small businesses, attracting new employers, and investing in workforce development. As a longtime educator, I believe preparing residents for in-demand careers through partnerships with schools, community colleges, and job training programs is essential. The county should also streamline permitting and use targeted tax incentives tied to job creation to help businesses grow and strengthen our local economy.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Baltimore County must address aging infrastructure by investing in roads, bridges, water and sewer systems, schools, and public facilities while strengthening digital infrastructure. Reliable high-speed internet and a modern electrical grid are essential for residents and businesses. Through a strong capital improvement plan, preventative maintenance, and partnerships that leverage state and federal funding, we can modernize infrastructure, improve flood resilience, and support economic growth.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

James Amos

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a county resident the majority of my life and likewise I have worked in government at all levels most of my career. I earned a BA from University of Baltimore, attended CCBC previously and was a member of the Pennsylvania Student Bar subsequently. I served as President of Graystone Community Association from 2012 until 2014. I have served on the Central Committee representing this district over 6 years now, was the nominee for District 2 in 2022, and am well prepared for this office.

ISSUES: Stopping the proposed Woodlawn data center. Central Woodlawn is no place for such a facility. Getting crime under control and giving our Police the resources and support they need to keep us safe. Attracting business back to this district and saving Security Square Mall.

BUDGET: By getting back to the core functions of county government and eliminating unnecessary programs and duplicative functions that the State and Federal governments have responsibility for. The school budget is the largest recipient of county tax dollars and needs more scrutiny, and I support legislation giving the Inspector General oversight of BCPS.

HOUSING: Neighborspace is a very important program in Baltimore County, and I would do everything I can to support it. Housing discrimination is illegal and fair housing law must be enforced. However, new PUD's need more scrutiny, and adequate infrastructure must be in place. Finally, affordability is a serious issue that requires more cooperation with the State and Federal governments.

EMPLOYMENT: By tax incentives. Eliminating burdensome and unnecessary regulation.

Importantly, getting crime under control.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Redirecting funds to Public Works. The widening of Reisterstown Road needs to be finally addressed. Additionally, Baltimore City needs to replace the Warren Road bridge, the county should be willing to help with funding within reason. Finally, the earthen part of Lake Roland dam must be reenforced so that a repeat of the near tragedy during Hurricane Agnes never occurs again.

Councilmanic District 3

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Mark Brewster

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QUALIFICATIONS: I work inside Baltimore County government every day improving services, analyzing legislation, and leading county-wide initiatives that deliver results for residents. I have experience in both federal and county offices and understand how policy becomes action. As a lifelong Owings Mills resident and BCPS graduate, I know this community and am ready to serve effectively on day one.

ISSUES: Affordability, infrastructure, public safety, and economic opportunity are the most pressing challenges facing our county. Residents need housing they can afford, reliable transportation, safe neighborhoods, and good paying jobs. We must ensure equitable investment in Northwest and Western Baltimore County and deliver practical solutions that strengthen working families, seniors, and small businesses.

BUDGET: A responsible, balanced budget should reflect our values. I support fair pay for teachers and first responders, full funding for public schools, and stronger investment in infrastructure, housing, and senior/family services. We must ensure we have community input throughout the budget process, pursue state and federal funding where possible, invest in our residents, and prioritize smart growth.

HOUSING: We are facing a housing affordability crisis. I support inclusionary zoning, transit-oriented development, and expanded support for first-time homebuyers and seniors. We must strengthen renter protections and enforce housing codes while directing growth responsibly and preserving green space so development benefits communities without overwhelming them.

EMPLOYMENT: County government can support job growth by streamlining permitting, expanding workforce training, investing in small and minority owned businesses, and expanding Boost fund eligibility. I will champion revitalization of the Liberty Road corridor and build partnerships between schools, employers, and county agencies to create career pathways in skilled trades, life sciences, and technology.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Our roads, sidewalks, and public facilities need serious investment. I will work to repair potholes, implement ADA upgrades, traffic calming, and green infrastructure to address flooding and climate impacts. I will work with our state and federal partners to secure funding and prioritize aging corridors and underserved neighborhoods to ensure safe, reliable infrastructure countywide.

Linda Dorsey-Walker

QUALIFICATIONS: After 32 years on the Central Committee and decades managing County and State programs, I've spent my career bringing agencies, communities, and stakeholders together to solve problems. I've helped draft and pass 36 pieces of legislation and redistricting reforms that strengthened transparency, fairness, and representation. This has prepared me to serve on the County Council with a practical, collaborative approach and a commitment to equity, accountability, and community-centered policymaking.

ISSUES: The County's future depends on thoughtful planning, community engagement, and policies that reflect our values and our long-term needs. Key issues include: • Sustainable growth and responsible development • Housing affordability and stability • Public health and social services capacity • Transportation and mobility • Environmental resilience and climate preparedness • Education and workforce readiness • Developing a new economic engine- new sources of revenue not based on increased fees

BUDGET: Key priorities include: • Keep core services like public safety, education, health, and social services well-resourced • Invest with forward thinking in infrastructure and sustainable growth, roads, transit, stormwater systems, schools, and public facilities • Strengthen environmental resilience with flood mitigation, clean water infrastructure, and climate-preparedness • Maintain AAA bond rating by ensuring every dollar is used efficiently, with clear public reporting and a focus on outcome

HOUSING: County should support smart sustainable growth: • Protect programs like NeighborSpace that safeguard the natural areas our communities depend on • Start programs like Chicago's Urban Greening that promote gardening in food deserts • Expand affordable and fair housing in the mixed-use areas • Protecting natural areas is essential for stormwater management, climate resilience, and public health • Community-centered planning- Housing decisions made with early involvement of marginalized communities

EMPLOYMENT: • Expand partnerships that build training pipelines in high-demand fields • Streamline permits, expand technical assistance, improve access to capital for small business • Invest in infrastructure that supports economic growth like reliable transportation, broadband, water and sewer capacity- essential for retaining employers • Redevelop existing commercial corridors, support transit-oriented development, align growth with infrastructure • Leverage emerging industries (wind & nuclear power)

INFRASTRUCTURE: • Focus on urgent needs first- water and sewer upgrades, stormwater systems, school facilities and transit corridors • Pursue government infrastructure grants for transportation, broadband, clean energy, and climate resilience • Invest in climate-resilience for flooding, extreme heat, and aging stormwater system • Upgrade roads, bridges, sidewalks, and transit essential for safety, mobility, and economic growth • Provide clear information about infrastructure priorities, timelines, and spend

Regg J. Hatcher, Jr.

Campaign Website: <https://regghatcher.org/>

QUALIFICATIONS: As a systems engineer and community leader, I am uniquely prepared for the County Council. With degrees from Morgan State and Johns Hopkins, I bring a rigorous, analytical approach to infrastructure and economic modernization. Having managed engineering projects across three continents, I offer a global perspective on local innovation. My record-breaking fundraising on the Central Committee proves my fiscal discipline, while my hands-on service with E-Unity ensures my policies empower neighbors.

ISSUES: To secure a strong future for Baltimore County, I'll prioritize schools, affordability, and transit. I will protect our education system by securing \$60k starting salaries for teachers and funding school repairs without raising taxes. To lower costs, I advocate for Growth-Based Revenue, using developer fees to incentivize local grocers and small businesses in vacant storefronts. Finally, I'll fight to reinstate the Red Line and ensure 100% high-speed internet access for all by 2030.

BUDGET: To keep Baltimore County's budget balanced, I prioritize a Growth-Based Revenue model that avoids tax hikes by leveraging natural growth and identifying \$46.8 million in administrative efficiencies. I will secure our schools by moving essential costs, like the \$60,000 teacher starting salary, into the stable General Fund. By strengthening developer impact fees, we shift the infrastructure burden away from taxpayers while granting the Inspector General full authority to audit spending.

HOUSING: I advocate for a "Stability First" approach to balance housing needs. My plan provides property tax credits for seniors and long-term residents to prevent displacement in

Randallstown and Owings Mills. I support transit-oriented fair housing to keep students stable in their schools and ensure families have reliable transport. Finally, I will strengthen developer impact fees to shift the cost of growth away from taxpayers, funding the preservation of our local parks and vital green spaces.

EMPLOYMENT: I am committed to a modern economy with high-paying jobs in technology and defense. By linking community colleges to local employers through apprenticeships, we ensure our workforce is ready. Simultaneously, I'll tackle the cost of living by bringing fresh, affordable food options to Randallstown and Owings Mills. Through Growth-Based Revenue tax credits for grocers, we will fill vacant storefronts, lowering grocery bills while building a stronger, more resilient community.

INFRASTRUCTURE: To modernize our county, I'll accelerate \$358.3M in school repairs, focusing on HVAC and roof replacements at Randallstown and Dulaney High. My plan leverages grants to fix aging pipes and water systems before they become expensive emergencies for homeowners. I am committed to better roads and transit by restoring the Red Line and securing state funding for bridge repairs. We will achieve this through "Smart Growth" that eases traffic flow while preserving our precious environment.

Tyrod Haynes

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a retired union plasterer and Teamsters Local 237 member, I understand budgets, public contracts, and workforce policy. My leadership in environmental and community advocacy has strengthened my knowledge of zoning, infrastructure, and code enforcement. With 19 years in Baltimore County and a background in ethical leadership, I'm prepared to provide disciplined oversight and responsible governance.

ISSUES: The county's most pressing issue is fiscal discipline. We face structural budget pressures from school overcrowding, pension obligations, infrastructure backlogs, and rising public safety costs. We must prioritize capital planning, control long-term liabilities, align development with school capacity, and ensure economic growth expands the tax base without overburdening homeowners. Sustainable budgeting will determine our long-term stability.

BUDGET: We must fully fund education, protect public safety, and honor pension obligations — without shifting costs onto homeowners. That requires zero-based review of spending, tighter capital planning, and development that expands the commercial tax base. Every dollar should demonstrate measurable return. Balanced budgets demand structural discipline, not temporary fixes or politically convenient spending.

HOUSING: We must align housing policy with infrastructure capacity and environmental stewardship. That means promoting mixed-income housing near transit and existing commercial corridors, enforcing fair housing laws, and protecting established neighborhoods and green space from overdevelopment. Smart growth — not unchecked density — allows us to expand affordability while preserving environmental integrity and community stability.

EMPLOYMENT: The county should prioritize business retention, workforce development, and targeted redevelopment of underperforming commercial corridors. We must streamline permitting, align zoning with economic strategy, and invest in infrastructure that attracts employers. Partnering with unions, community colleges, and small businesses will strengthen our workforce pipeline while expanding the commercial tax base and creating sustainable, family-supporting jobs.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need a disciplined, multi-year capital improvement strategy grounded in asset management data. I support prioritizing water systems, roads, school facilities, and stormwater compliance through performance-based capital planning. Preventive maintenance must replace deferred maintenance. Infrastructure investments should be coordinated with responsible growth so new development strengthens — not strains — existing public systems.

Makeda Scott

Campaign Website: www.makedascott.com

QUALIFICATIONS: My service as Chair of the Baltimore County Board of Education gave me direct experience overseeing a multi-billion-dollar budget and partnering with the County Council on policy and school construction. I have also served as a congressional staffer, Maryland Transportation Commissioner, and former PTA President. As an Owings Mills resident and parent of three BCPS graduates, I bring experience in budgeting, policy, and constituent service to the Council.

ISSUES: Baltimore County faces several pressing challenges: managing responsible growth, improving transportation and infrastructure, expanding affordable housing, and ensuring strong public schools. We must also address rising costs for families, support economic development that creates good local jobs, and protect our environment. The County must plan carefully to balance growth with community needs and maintain a high quality of life for everyone in the county.

BUDGET: Budget priorities should include funding strong public schools, public safety, road and infrastructure maintenance, and reliable transportation options. We must also invest in community centers and programs for youth and seniors, expand affordable housing, and support small businesses. Maintaining a balanced budget requires careful spending, transparency, and prioritizing services neighborhoods and families rely on most.

HOUSING: We must expand affordable housing options while protecting green space and ensuring fair housing practices. This includes encouraging redevelopment of existing or vacant commercial areas, supporting mixed-income housing near transit, and updating zoning to allow more housing options within the URDL where infrastructure already exists. Smart growth policies can increase affordability while preserving open space and maintaining the character of our communities.

EMPLOYMENT: County government can encourage job growth by supporting small businesses, redeveloping vacant commercial properties, and investing in workforce development. We should expand training programs for high school students through partnerships with local industries and community colleges to prepare them for in-demand careers. Strategic planning can attract employers and create opportunities for residents.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I support adopting a "Fix-It-First" infrastructure policy that prioritizes repairing existing roads, bridges, water systems, and public facilities before new projects. The County should repair roads with persistent potholes and damage and install traffic-calming measures such as speed bumps and roundabouts where speeding is a safety issue. Preventative maintenance and transparent capital planning will keep infrastructure safe and reliable.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Chike Anyanwu

No response received by deadline.

Councilmanic District 4

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Aaron J. Barnett

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QUALIFICATIONS: My qualifications come from decades of community leadership and public service. I am a U.S. Navy veteran and President of the Powhatan Farms Improvement

Association since 2010. I also serve as President of the Woodlawn High School National Alumni Association and mentor students in Baltimore County Public Schools. My experience as a former Union Vice President of ILA Local 333 and AFSCME Local 557 has prepared me to work with diverse groups and advocate for residents.

ISSUES: Baltimore County must address public safety, strong schools, responsible development, and aging infrastructure. Residents want safe neighborhoods, reliable services, and economic opportunity. We must also prepare for the future by strengthening workforce development, supporting young people through education and mentorship, and ensuring growth protects communities, green space, and quality of life.

BUDGET: The county budget should prioritize essential services such as public safety, education, infrastructure maintenance, and programs that support seniors, youth, and families. Fiscal responsibility is important, so spending should be efficient and transparent. Encouraging economic development and supporting small businesses can also strengthen the tax base and help maintain a balanced budget while meeting community needs.

HOUSING: Baltimore County should encourage a range of housing options so residents at different income levels can find housing while maintaining community planning standards. Protecting green space and respecting the Urban–Rural Demarcation Line are important for preserving environmental resources. Redevelopment and smart growth in existing developed areas can help expand housing opportunities while limiting unnecessary sprawl.

EMPLOYMENT: The county can encourage job growth by supporting small businesses, strengthening workforce development, and creating partnerships with schools, unions, and employers. Redevelopment of underused commercial areas, efficient permitting processes, and investments in infrastructure can attract businesses and industries while creating good job opportunities for county residents.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Baltimore County must prioritize maintenance and modernization of roads, bridges, water systems, and public facilities. Long-term planning and strategic investment are essential. The county should coordinate with state and federal partners to secure funding and ensure projects improve safety, support economic development, and strengthen community resilience while maintaining transparency in how infrastructure funds are used.

Karson B. Kamenetz

Campaign Website: karsonforthecounty.com

QUALIFICATIONS: The new District 4 needs a leader with a fresh perspective to solve many longstanding problems. I grew up with a masterclass in county government at the kitchen table--learning the good, the bad, and the ugly. I've worked in Annapolis to rally coalitions together to pass education policy, worked in both the public and private sectors, and now bring legal training to the table. I know how government works, where it falls short, and will show up relentlessly to improve outcomes for our residents.

ISSUES: Everywhere I go, I keep hearing the same thing: people love it here, but they don't feel like the county is loving them back. From infrastructure decay and blighted economic corridors to reckless driving and crime, the quality of life in Baltimore County isn't what it used to be, and residents are paying more in tax dollars for less in return. We need bold, accountable leadership to stop population decline, reinvest in our communities. and move Baltimore County forward again.

BUDGET: Baltimore County's budget should do three things well: educate, protect, and maintain. That means funding great schools, supporting public safety, and fixing the roads, water systems, and public facilities our communities rely on. If we want to protect core services, restore confidence on local government, and keep Baltimore County competitive, we must also grow our tax base by redeveloping broken corridors along Reisterstown Road and Liberty Road to attract good jobs and long-term investment.

HOUSING: Baltimore County does not have to choose between affordability and quality of life. We can create housing for young families and help older adults age in place without

paving over green space or forcing high-rises into established communities, That means redeveloping neglected corridors near existing infrastructure, implementing Accessory Dwelling Units to make aging in place less costly, and protecting the 2000 miles of streams and tributaries that form this county's identity.

EMPLOYMENT: Baltimore County is sitting on the closest thing Maryland has to Texas oil: the Port of Baltimore, Tradepoint Atlantic, and BWI. The question is how we fully leverage our assets. We must coordinate with these major employers and logistics hubs to align our schools and workforce training with the skills students need, because businesses go where talent is anchored and students deserve to see a pathway to success here in Baltimore County. Otherwise, we lose both to jurisdictions offering more.

INFRASTRUCTURE: In Baltimore County, small problems too often become expensive failures. We need a long-term capital strategy that prioritizes repairing roads, modernizing water and sewer systems to handle increased capacity, upgrading stormwater and electric infrastructure so communities don't flood or lose power when it drizzles, and properly maintains our public facilities. If we want people to believe in Baltimore County's future, we have to prove government can still maintain the foundation it stands on.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Gary Schuman

QUALIFICATIONS: I have degrees in Political Science, Communications, Journalism and English. For 2 years I ran the local office for a New York State Assemblyman. I was in charge of constituent services. I also attended town halls, community events and committee meetings, and drafted legislation.

ISSUES: 1. The infrastructure. The pavements and roads are a disgrace. The county has one of the highest percentages of senior citizens in the nation; 25%. My district, 4 ; Pikesville, has over 33.5% seniors. The number 1 cause of death for all Americans over 60 years of age is FALLING!. The pavements, sidewalks and the like must be made safer and upgraded to be 21st Century; not 19th Century, corrupt Democratic party payoffs to avoid an already poor housing code. 2. Crime; Take the cops of the cars

BUDGET: More efficient policing; again take the police out of the limousine tinted SUV's and let them walk the neighborhoods. Light a light. LED's and solar powered lighting provides safety for zero cost and zero carbon footprint. It is a state court controlled dynamic; however, having the County Constable protect and serve people not notices and evict. I would propose a 1 year moratorium against residential evictions for non payment of rent. This adds uniform policy presence with no added cost.

HOUSING: More efficient use of everything. Start maintaining and resoring existing dwellings. We need to house the homeless, and get a handle on the abuses and excesses of landlords. They sit on "inventory". This artificially raises rents. Landlords must be more responsible and understand what is good for Pikesville is good for them; not the reverse. They are not General Motors. All of my ideas are based on returning to Capitalism; not Socialism. However, we must reign in corporatism.

EMPLOYMENT: We must return to an economy of true small businesses; not big companies "identifying" as small, as they set up individual corporate names. To promote small stores, cafes, markets, etc, and help them file for permits and file documents and even assist in design and construction. This nation was mostly "Mom and Pop" businesses throughout the 20th Century. For fans of Seinfeld: "Mom and pop aren't even a mom and a pop". Not any longer thanks Reagonomics, raiding companies, gentrifying neighborhoods

INFRASTRUCTURE: 1. A corruption CZAR. We need to hire the best and lowest bidder. No more nepotism, payoffs and envelopes under the table. 2. Again, light a light, so at least people don't fall to their death while pavements are brought to code. 3. Learn from past mistakes. Learn what not to do. Reisterstown Road in Pikesville was and still is in under

construction. A disaster. The same sections of roadway still out of date, unsafe for car, axel and people. It is time for the Blue voter to become color blind.

Councilmanic District 5

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Shawn McIntosh

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a nonprofit executive and public health leader, with over thirty years of experience, I've managed multimillion-dollar budgets, built coalitions, and worked with local governments, schools, and businesses to solve complex problems. I'm a consensus builder who values collaboration and bipartisan solutions. I bring a track record of transparency, data-driven decision-making, and community engagement. As a parent and lifelong resident, I'm deeply invested in Baltimore County's future.

ISSUES: Baltimore County faces an affordability crisis, growing development pressure, aging infrastructure, and concerns about school quality and community safety. Our declining population is a serious challenge that cannot be ignored. We must increase housing options and attract new families while protecting farmland and green space. Smart planning, prevention-focused public safety, and more efficient government will help ensure we can afford our priorities and grow into the future.

BUDGET: Our budget should prioritize strong schools, infrastructure maintenance, public safety, and services that support working families. We must also invest in economic development by supporting agribusiness, agritourism, manufacturing, and small businesses, while attracting new families and businesses to grow our population and tax base. Fiscal responsibility, transparency, and data-driven decisions will help ensure long-term stability.

HOUSING: We must expand housing options while protecting the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line and preserving green space. That means building a mix of housing, including affordable starter homes, while encouraging smart, transit-oriented and mixed-use development where infrastructure already exists. We should prioritize revitalizing communities and retrofitting vacant properties so growth meets real needs without expanding beyond the URDL.

EMPLOYMENT: Baltimore County can encourage job growth by supporting small businesses, investing in workforce development, and creating predictable, transparent planning processes. We should also support our agricultural businesses and expand agritourism while growing sectors like manufacturing. Strategic investments in infrastructure, education, healthcare, and technology can attract employers and ensure economic growth benefits local residents.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We must prioritize long-term planning and investment in roads, schools, water systems, and stormwater management. Development should only occur where infrastructure can support it. Strengthening Adequate Public Facilities policies, enforcing impact fees so growth pays for growth, and supporting sustainable development practices will help ensure development does not outpace our ability to maintain safe, reliable infrastructure.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Theaux M. LeGardeur

Campaign Website: theauxforcouncil.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 25 years of experience running a small business in Baltimore County & 15 years of experience as the director of a community led environmental

nonprofit. In this time have served on various nonprofit community boards , founded two nonprofits and have served on two State appointed committees as a public interest member on water quality and environment. I am a father of a BCPS student, an active listener that likes to build consensus, and a problem solver. I am deeply committed to community.

ISSUES: The most pressing issue facing the county now and in the future is maintaining the URDL to protect regional water resources for the 1.5 million people in the Baltimore-metro area that rely on the Prettyboy and Loch Raven reservoirs and the Gunpowder River in District 5 for their daily drinking water needs.

BUDGET: As it relates to priorities and balancing the county budget, I would support the role of an Inspector General (IG) who should provide necessary audits and investigations into fraud, waste and abuse of tax payer dollars at the county level. I would also support an additional Inspector General in line with TABCO's recommendation to allow an IG full authority to Audit the BCPS budget.

HOUSING: Baltimore county has to be in compliance with the affordable housing agreement but the Adequate Public facilities Ordinance cannot be waived or weakened. Green space must be a priority when balancing new development and impact fees should drive infrastructure funding instead of increases in property taxes-especially because a regressive property tax increase would adversely impact retirees and community members on fixed incomes.

EMPLOYMENT: I would encourage economic development and job growth by supporting both nature and agriculture related tourism. I would support funding to fill gaps in emergency responder hires, for instance police in Cockeysville precinct are only at 73% capacity, and fire, and paramedics need more support. I would like to see more teachers recruited and hired within BCPS.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I would support investing into ailing water delivery and stormwater infrastructure and would support legislation for Baltimore County to take over the water delivery infrastructure within the county that is currently owned and managed by Baltimore City.

Nino Mangione

Campaign Website: ninoformd.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I feel my 8 years in the legislature and my many years of involvement in my community have prepared me to serve our community well as a Member of the Council. My broad range of understanding of the issues and broad experience will be a benefit to our community. I am not a single-issue candidate nor candidate produced by some "social cause". Rather, I bring a broad knowledge of multiple issues and experience seasoned with common sense.

ISSUES: Protect community safety by prioritizing citizens over illegal immigrants, holding juveniles accountable, and supporting law enforcement. Control the growth of the county budget and rising taxes. Create a thriving business climate to grow our local economy. Rein in school spending and give the Inspector General full authority to review it to eliminate waste, fraud, and duplication. Preserve the URDL and rural character of North Baltimore County. Improve and upgrade county infrastructure.

BUDGET: The budget should reflect our most urgent priorities including public safety, growing our business climate, providing a good education for our children, and improving county infrastructure.

HOUSING: We need to assess our needs and consult with our various community leaders about addressing future housing needs. All parties must be consulted and considered including property owners, community associations, and builders.

EMPLOYMENT: We must revamp our permitting process as it takes far too long to obtain permits in Baltimore County. Additionally, we need a strategy utilizing tax breaks/incentives, streamlined regulations, compliance assistance, and support for entrepreneurship or start-up businesses.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I feel like we need a thorough assessment of our infrastructure, the current condition of our infrastructure and our future infrastructure needs. Additionally, we need an updated maintenance schedule, a focus on urgent repairs, and a long-term funding strategy. We must make our infrastructure a priority.

Councilmanic District 6

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Michael "Mike" P. Ertel

Campaign Website: www.tellertel.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I was first elected to the County Council in November 2022. I predominantly represent inner beltway neighborhoods like Towson, Loch Raven Village, Parkville, Overlea/Fullerton and Rosedale. Prior to being elected, I served as a volunteer on the CCBC Board of Trustees for 8 years. I was also twice President of Towson Communities Alliance which is an umbrella group for Towson's 30+ neighborhoods. I've been part of the volunteer team that funds and operates the Loch Raven / Towson July 4 Fireworks.

ISSUES: I believe replacing our aging infrastructure such as hundreds of roads that currently need re-paving. We have failing sewer pipes, old schools, aging firehouses and police stations. State and federal funding has been constantly cut over the last 25 years and Baltimore County is feeling the strain of replacing infrastructure especially in our older, inner beltway neighborhoods. Another issue is school performance and student behavior that has improved, but still needs much attention.

BUDGET: Baltimore County has to have a balanced budget. Unlike the Federal government we cannot run a deficit. My priorities are to encourage spending that improves our citizens' quality of life - good schools, adequate police protection, improved infrastructure and encouraging employers to locate in Baltimore County. Many of our residents are underemployed or need skills to make higher wages. We have a great partner in CCBC to train citizens, but we also need to attract higher paying jobs here.

HOUSING: Affordable housing is a constant subject of attention and we have made great strides in Baltimore County in the last 8 years providing new affordable housing communities. But I also see older (often affordable) neighborhoods that are stalled out because of underperforming schools or crime concerns. Sometimes these same neighborhoods don't have amenities that young buyers look for like parks, greenspace, walking trails or community activities. We collectively need to improve these areas.

EMPLOYMENT: Baltimore County needs to attract new employers to come here. We also have to add more skills training at the high school level so we are graduating students who have paths to good jobs - to live a dignified life, be able to afford to buy a home and raise a family, if they want. Government is usually not good at creating jobs, but we can do more to train our young generation and also to make sure we are doing everything we can promote the county as great place to do business.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Roads, schools, libraries, rec centers, schools are all visible things that citizens see every day that need attention - renovations or replacement. We also have items you don't see like sewer pipes, stormwater systems that need to be replaced as some are 70-80 years old. It is costly and not something that we get to show off, but if they fail - we have major problems. Many of our older neighborhoods were not built with adequate stormwater systems and they often need retrofitting.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Christine L. Vondersmith

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring over 30 years of experience as a legal administrator and legal assistant. My extensive professional background, combined with my education, makes me a strong and well-qualified candidate. Throughout my career, I have supported individuals during some of the most challenging times in their lives, and I take pride in providing compassionate, reliable, and knowledgeable assistance.

ISSUES: The list of pressing issues is extensive ranging from healthcare, finances, education, immigration and the environment.

BUDGET: The priorities for the county budget are education, public safety, and quality of life to name a few.

HOUSING: This issue involves an approach that prioritizes compact, high-density development within existing urban areas rather than expanding into natural, undeveloped land.

EMPLOYMENT: Baltimore County can drive economic growth by investing in workforce development, enhancing housing affordability/transportation to attract talent, and fostering innovation through partnerships with educational institutions.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I would support policies that utilize utility and housing upgrades; policies that support modernizing transportation and enhancing parks and public facilities.

Councilmanic District 7

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Caridad "Cari" Santiago

Campaign Website: cariforcouncil.org

QUALIFICATIONS: I have owned a small business and am currently completing my Master's in Project Management. Since 2017, I have volunteered in BCPS schools, where I learned to step up when I see a need, challenge the status quo, lead with empathy, and speak plainly. I am running because I want every person in District 7 to have true representation, not just those who can pay for influence. I bring a blend of private-sector efficiency and a deep-rooted commitment to our community.

ISSUES: Education – Good schools are an economic driver, and right now our public schools are not supporting our students, families, staff, or taxpayers. All of our residents deserve access to a solid public education system. While we're seeing the budget grow, we're also seeing class sizes get larger. Finding the balance between funding BCPS and keeping taxes low isn't easy, but it starts with transparency, accountability, and oversight.

BUDGET: Transparency within the government, establishing oversight of BCPS, and growing our population. Balt. Co. is losing population and this puts a higher tax burden on current residents. Focus on growth, supporting education (an economic driver), smart development, and increasing oversight of wasteful spending. I am a 'fiscal hawk'. We need to do our due diligence to ensure oversight and verify that contracts and legislation are not transferring private fiscal responsibility onto taxpayers.

HOUSING: The first step is acknowledging that District 7 has three very distinct populations – Rural, Suburban, and Urban. We need to shift away from down-zoning and focus on increasing access to and the usability of the green spaces we already have. I will work with communities and developers to build functioning neighborhoods, not just housing, that are

supported by our current infrastructure and are in line with the 2030 Master Plan developed by the Department of Planning.

EMPLOYMENT: Strong public schools are an economic engine for communities. Demanding oversight of BCPS and elevating our school system will support current residents while making Balt. Co. a more desirable place to live. We need to expand training and career centered programs that already exist within the County; making sure that all residents have access to stable and meaningful employment. Contracting with companies who prioritize local hiring and have apprenticeship programs built into their operations.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Every department tracks their specific metrics and then department heads work cooperatively with the Department of Planning and the County Council. Being able to take data from each department and merge it together to create the 'big picture' is the foundation of the Master's degree I'm pursuing. The second part is fiscal responsibility; cutting wasteful spending so that we can proactively invest in infrastructure, not scramble with fixes that cost taxpayers more in the long run.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

David Marks

Campaign Website: www.councilmandavidmarks.com

QUALIFICATIONS: For more than 25 years, I've worked across party lines to improve Baltimore County's communities, first as President of the Perry Hall Improvement Association and now as County Councilman. Working together, we've advanced more than a dozen new parks. We blocked proposals that would have allowed for the dumping of more pollution into the Gunpowder River. We pushed for the Pine Grove Middle School renovation. Professionally, I'm the first special education teacher elected to the County Council.

ISSUES: It's critical that we protect northern Baltimore County from overdevelopment and preserve our family farms, which add \$90 million to Baltimore County's economy. That's why I sponsored Question A, which will amend the county charter to make it tougher to expand our urban boundary. By blocking sprawl, we can focus our limited resources on older schools and communities like Carney and Perry Hall. We also need to strengthen our police and fire departments, including our volunteer fire stations.

BUDGET: I've voted for more budget cuts than any other Councilmember in Baltimore County history, and I will continue to oppose any tax increases. Our top priorities must be public safety, education, and infrastructure. The Council needs greater flexibility to modify the school system's budget and avoid teacher layoffs, and we need to demand greater investment from developers. I sponsored legislation that, for the first time, is requiring developers to contribute toward schools and infrastructure.

HOUSING: In 2024, at my urging, the County Council downzoned nearly 5,000 acres of land in eastern Baltimore County to preserve green space. In 2025, I sponsored Question A, the upcoming charter change that will ask voters to strengthen our urban growth boundary. By blocking overdevelopment, we can focus resources on older neighborhoods like Carney and Perry Hall. I support development that is compatible with existing neighborhoods, as long as we have classroom space and sufficient infrastructure.

EMPLOYMENT: As a public school teacher, I know firsthand the importance of apprenticeships; as Councilman, I sponsored legislation that will help create a new training center for plumbers and steamfitters in White Marsh. Places like Tradeport Atlantic, the Greenleigh community in Middle River, and the White Marsh Town Center are regional economic development centers. I've supported incentives at all these Eastside communities, as well as transportation improvements to link workers with jobs.

INFRASTRUCTURE: As Councilman, I've helped neighborhoods secure funding in the budget for projects such as the resurfacing of Joppa Road, improvements to Honeygo Boulevard, and the Seven Courts Drive water line replacement. In 2019, we required

developers to pay more for infrastructure improvements. Looking forward, we need to press our state legislators to establish a regional water authority. Baltimore County taxpayers need greater input on how water projects are funded and prioritized.

Councilmanic District 8

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Jack Carmody

Campaign Website: jackcarmodyfordistrict8.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am currently studying accounting as well as performing procurement and budgeting duties for my job. I also work as a barback, so am very capable of juggling many tasks at once in a high-stress environment. While I haven't chaired any committees or headed any organizations, I think it is very important that someone brings a fresh perspective to the council. Quite frankly, I feel that the current average age of the council makes it difficult for younger constituents to relate to them.

ISSUES: Infrastructure and NIMBY zoning regulations. Other candidates have zeroed in on housing but neglect to address that existing infrastructure is inadequate for the current constructions let alone new ones. Simply building out housing makes no sense when the roads are full of potholes, water main breaks occur regularly, power lines are obsolete, and the city water resources can only support so much capacity. Without addressing these things first, nothing will improve with housing.

BUDGET: I would like to increase the allocation of existing funds for road and water main repairs and increase allocation for the district fire departments. I do not want to raise taxes on an already heavily taxed district. I will re-allocate funds for the BCPD to the FD, and while I do not want to reduce services, unfortunately must make some cuts to senior services. I do not see the point of funding these if nobody can get to these services because our roads are unusable.

HOUSING: I would force a quota of current single-family lots to be changed to multifamily. This has been proposed before, and regularly shot down by the same tired, rehashed excuses. Too much traffic, the schools are too full already, etc. In reality these are nothing more than dogwhistles for greedy homeowners saying, "we don't care about basic human needs, only our property values." As a homeowner myself, I do not believe this is a valid excuse to deny a human right. I have 0 tolerance for NIMBY's.

EMPLOYMENT: I would encourage a county-level FDR New Deal. Since the county's infrastructure is in dire need of improvement and upgrades, I believe increasing the county maintenance workforce would kill two birds with one stone. I would also propose tax breaks for trades-contractors that have training programs for and hire local residents. I can't think of anyone better to hire to improve the district than those that would personally benefit from those improvements.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Increasing budget allocation to hire county maintenance personnel as well as bonuses and tax credits for these employees in addition to private sector contractors. It is important the private sector be given an incentive to perform jobs well, so these would only be dolled out at the satisfactory completion of jobs. The goal would be to help grow contractors that are known to the county to do good work. I would also create a blacklist of any contractors known for shoddy work or unethical behavior

Crystal Cody

Campaign Website: www.crystalcody.org

QUALIFICATIONS: My 20 year career rooted in public service accountability, modernization, and legislative advocacy has prepared me for the County Council. Experience with complex budget oversight, creating policy resolutions, and coordinating

multi-million dollar initiatives across federal, state, and local agencies will allow me to deliver results for families and use data to address the root cause of issues our communities face. I am already an active voice for District 8 and the communities that shaped me.

ISSUES: Budget challenges, infrastructure readiness, landfill capacity, and housing shortfall are pressing issues facing the county. Schools are at 110-150% capacity. With a \$1.3B maintenance backlog we must prioritize policies that fund schools impacted by new development. Our 52% rent-burdened households is an economic emergency. Connecting residents to high-quality job hubs, modernized transit, and infrastructure that protects green space and our waterfront ecosystems encourages residents to stay.

BUDGET: We must grow county revenue and encourage smart business growth by revitalizing vacant commercial corridors. We must pursue federal grants to address critical needs to reduce tax burden on residents. Our budget prioritizes funding for classrooms, emergency, veteran, and homeless services. Fully funds infrastructure improvements for roads, sidewalks, and flooding. Reduces cost burden for seniors, expands free transit, improves recreation access, and supports community development organizations.

HOUSING: We can address the housing shortfall without compromising the character of established neighborhoods or the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line by retrofitting underutilized commercial corridors for mixed-income, walkable communities. We can repurpose aging or abandoned housing stock for inclusionary options like duplexes and tiny homes and pair density bonuses with mandatory affordable units to ensure teachers and first responders can afford to live in the communities they serve.

EMPLOYMENT: Economic development must be measured by job quality and career access. We strengthen sector-based workforce pipelines in IT, healthcare, manufacturing, aviation, and green infrastructure by partnering with CCBC, local businesses and unions. We expand free transit connectivity between our residential neighborhoods and job hubs like Tradeport Atlantic, Towson, and Johns Hopkins. We incentivize local hiring and support small businesses to ensure that residents benefit financially.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Infrastructure must be as robust and reliable for the people who rely on it. By modernizing capital planning we move from reactive repairs to proactive resilience. I support proportionate community investment strategies where development projects set aside dollars for the impact growth has schools, roads, urban runoff, and county services. I would prioritize watershed and green space policies to mitigate coastal flooding, incentivize electrification, and scale our solar and electric energy grid.

Sharonda Dillard-Huffman

Campaign Website: SharondaHuffman.com

QUALIFICATIONS: With 30 yrs of experience, I regularly testify at Council meetings and understand how county government operates. The Redistricting Commission's training modules were based on a curriculum I provided to the Council Attorney. I am a Law Dept. Manager, ensuring housing and workplace programs comply with federal civil rights law. I am as a Planning Ambassador, board member of a local chamber of commerce, housing committee chair, and was a union steward and served on the County Commission for Women.

ISSUES: Affordability is a major concern in Baltimore County, including housing, taxes, utilities, and the cost of education. The county must also address aging infrastructure such as water, sewer, and transportation systems. Access to quality schools and housing for residents, particularly for people with disabilities and seniors is critical. Government transparency, accountability, and equitable economic development will help ensure District 8 communities receive investment and opportunity.

BUDGET: The budget reflects our values. The County Executive proposes the budget, and the Council reviews and approves. I will advocate for systems modernization; fair employee wages; education; libraries; Essex CDC; fire houses; food, energy and mental health resources, infrastructure investment; and addressing environmental hazards in District 8. I

will pursue earmarks and balanced investment to elevate District 8. I support a tax equity analysis related to properties inside versus outside the URDL.

HOUSING: Housing should be addressed through a multilateral, holistic approach guided by the county master plan, supporting residents from unhoused individuals to renters, homeowners, and landlords. We need to focus on redevelopment in aging communities and mixed income housing. I support the new state voucher program and HUD 811 supportive housing. Comprehensive outreach and education on housing options and fair housing laws help create stable communities and save green space. This is my career field.

EMPLOYMENT: Economic development should support small businesses, workforce development, and attract new investment. Partnerships with chambers of commerce, labor organizations, and schools can connect residents to good jobs. The county should invest in infrastructure and attract essential services such as grocery stores to underserved areas. I plan to attend conferences focused on grocery development to help bring these businesses to our communities. We also need to invest in marketing like Elevate East.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to invest in water, sewer, roads, transportation, and government buildings. I will require a comprehensive review of ADA compliance and prioritize fixing the biggest issues and low hanging fruit. I support pursuing state and federal funding and have worked with partners on legislation to create a National Infrastructure Bank to finance major projects. We must also collect development impact fees so growth pays for infrastructure and avoid approving data centers that strain resources.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Josh Sines

Campaign Website: www.friendsofjoshsines.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong District 8 resident, small business owner, farmer, and community leader who understands how county decisions affect families and neighborhoods. Through my work leading civic groups and working with public safety officials and state leaders, I have focused on solving problems and bringing people together. I bring real world experience, common sense, transparency, and a commitment to accountable, community focused leadership.

ISSUES: District 8 families face rising costs and property taxes that strain seniors. Traffic, overcrowded schools, and public safety concerns are reaching a breaking point in Essex, Middle River, and White Marsh. We need responsible planning that manages resources carefully, ensures government remains responsive, and guarantees our neighborhoods finally get their fair share of county investment.

BUDGET: A balanced budget requires careful planning and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. Public safety, schools, infrastructure, and essential services must remain priorities. We should strengthen oversight, improve efficiency, and ensure transparency so residents can trust that their tax dollars are being used wisely.

HOUSING: Housing policy must balance affordability with thoughtful planning. Development belongs where infrastructure can support it not at the expense of our green spaces or rural character. We must prioritize policies that protect longtime residents from being priced out of their homes and ensure that new growth respects the unique identity of established District 8 communities.

EMPLOYMENT: The county can encourage job growth by supporting small businesses, streamlining processes, and investing in infrastructure that attracts responsible employers. Strengthening commercial corridors and encouraging sustainable economic development will create opportunity while maintaining the quality of life that residents value.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The county must address aging infrastructure with long term planning and responsible investment. Roads, schools, stormwater systems, and public safety facilities

must keep pace with growth. Clear priorities, consistent oversight, and strategic capital planning will help modernize infrastructure and protect taxpayers from future costly repairs.

Councilmanic District 9

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

William Barrios

Campaign Website: www.barriosforbaltimorecounty.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a small business owner and marketing director with over 20 years of experience solving problems and managing budgets. Raised by a single mother and strong women, I learned resilience and responsibility early. District 9 built much of this county's backbone, and I will ensure our community receives the focus and investment it has earned.

ISSUES: Public safety must come first. Families cannot thrive without stability. District 9 is home to the Port, Tradepoint Atlantic, Amazon, and major industry, yet many residents feel overlooked. We must address vacant properties, struggling corridors, infrastructure, and school capacity with consistent presence and real accountability.

BUDGET: Growing up with a single mother meant every dollar mattered. District 9 generates enormous economic value for the county. Taxpayers deserve to see that contribution reflected in safe streets, strong schools, and modern infrastructure. I support strong audits, eliminating waste, and transparent reporting.

HOUSING: Families in District 9 deserve stability and opportunity. I support mixed use growth near transit, strong affordable housing standards, and fair housing enforcement while protecting established neighborhoods and green space. Growth must respect community character, match infrastructure capacity, and reflect public input.

EMPLOYMENT: District 9 powers the county's industrial base. The Port, Tradepoint Atlantic, and Amazon operate here. These employers should be strong community partners. I support workforce pipelines, apprenticeships, local hiring commitments, and community benefit agreements so prosperity is shared locally.

INFRASTRUCTURE: District 9 carries heavy industrial traffic and aging systems that require sustained investment. Roads, water systems, and public facilities must be modernized with clear timelines and accountability. Our community deserves visible reinvestment and a council member who shows up, listens, and follows through.

Ed Crizer

Campaign Website: edcrizerfordistrict9.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Having been involved in community affairs and civic engagement since the age of 12, I am no stranger to talking with my neighbors about whats on their minds. I am currently the Vice President of the Todd's Inheritance Historic Site, Recording Secretary for the North Point Council, have stood with workers on the picket line, and when your family owns the Sea Horse Inn, you will hear peoples opinions all day long as I have. I have done a lot of the listening, now it is time to deliver the results.

ISSUES: I believe the most pressing issues in our county are affordability and just plain greed. I believe our next councilman must articulate a real vision to get our county's economy back on track not only for the privileged few but for every man and woman who work hard day in and day out, see their paychecks get smaller and at the same time see the political and economic elite from both sides get richer beyond comprehension. Forgotten working people of our county need real advocates. I will be one.

BUDGET: To not balance it on the backs of working families. The county government has a moral and practical obligation to ensure that everyone, especially big businesses and wealthy individuals, contributes their fair share to the county government services we all

use and not shift that burden on all other tax payers who struggle to get by.

HOUSING: Whenever I approach any issue, be it housing, our environment, or anything else, I will always do what is best for our district's resident because I have never and will never bow to the interests of big developers because I do not and will never take their money.

EMPLOYMENT: Across nearly every department in Baltimore County government there are personnel gaps that have crippled the effectiveness of our government services and have cost more money than it has saved. From vacancies in our schools, our police to investing in our many amenities and pieces of infrastructure. There are plenty of good paying union jobs to be created across our district. Now we need a councilman who possesses the will to do it.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need a serious and comprehensive plan to invest in the infrastructure we all depend on which has been neglected by our County Council for too long. We have rec centers, schools, roads, parks, etc., who require vital repairs to not only rectify visual damage but also the disrepair that can pose lethal risks to public safety and not have nefarious political motives determine when our infrastructure gets repaired like what's happening with the Key Bridge.

Mark E. McCluskey

QUALIFICATIONS: As a local business owner , I've spent years managing budgets,solving problems, and working directly with people in District 9. Running a Marina requires leadership,accountability and long term planning. I have built relationships in the community. I will bring that practical experience and commitment to serving District 9.

ISSUES: The most pressing issues facing Baltimore County are managing its growth,improving public safety,supporting strong public schools, and protecting our waterfront communities. We must also focus on its infrastructure , traffic snd ensuring small businesses can thrive.

BUDGET: The priorities for the budget shoould be supporting the Baltimore County Police Dept.,the school systems and infrastructure. We have a responsibility to spend taxpayers dollars wisely. I want to make responsible decisions that keep the county's budget balanced for the long term.

HOUSING: District 9 is already seeing overdevelopment and overcrowding. We should focus on smart growth. Support housing where the infrastructure can handle while saving the green space we have. You dont want to overwhelm the roads, schools and local resources.

EMPLOYMENT: We should support small business and help businesses that are local to grow. We need to attract new industries but respect the communities they are placed in. A strong local economy provides jobs and strengthens our community.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to invest in repairing the infrastructure. The water and sewer systems need maintaining before problems occur and have costly repairs. The county should have smart planning in place for upcoming repairs and prioritize critical projects that support our community while making sure District 9 stays a great place to live and work.

Arkia A. Wade

Campaign Website: www.arkiawade.com

QUALIFICATIONS: With over a decade of community leadership in Dundalk, I have worked with residents, nonprofits, and local leaders to address community needs. Through Neighborhood Companions Inc. and service with the Turner Station Conservation Teams Inc, Girl Scout Troop 353, Baltimore County Arts Guild, NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, and Johns Hopkins Patient Family Advisory Council, I have built partnerships, managed programs, and advocated for resources that strengthen our communities.

ISSUES: Baltimore County faces several pressing issues, including aging infrastructure, flooding in vulnerable communities, rising housing costs, public safety, and ensuring access

to quality services for older adults and families. We must also invest in opportunities for youth, including mentorship, recreation, and workforce pathways, while strengthening economic development, transportation, and community resources so all residents can thrive.

BUDGET: Our budget should prioritize strong core services while remaining fiscally responsible. Investments in public safety, infrastructure, flood mitigation, education, and youth opportunities are essential. We must also support older adults aging in place, expand transportation options, and invest in community programs that strengthen neighborhoods. Careful planning, transparency, and strategic partnerships will help ensure a balanced and sustainable budget.

HOUSING: Housing affordability and fair housing must be balanced with thoughtful land use and environmental stewardship. Through my work with NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, an urban land trust, I've supported efforts that preserve green spaces and create community assets. These spaces improve health, strengthen neighborhoods, and protect the environment. Smart planning can expand housing opportunities while preserving the green spaces that make our communities livable.

EMPLOYMENT: County government can encourage job growth by supporting small businesses, investing in workforce development, and strengthening partnerships with local employers. Expanding access to job training, apprenticeships, and career pathways for youth and adults will help residents access good-paying jobs. Strategic investment in infrastructure and revitalizing commercial corridors can also attract businesses and create sustainable economic opportunities across the county.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Baltimore County must prioritize investment in repairing and modernizing aging infrastructure, including roads, stormwater systems, and public facilities. Addressing flooding in vulnerable communities must be a top priority. I support strategic planning, stronger state and federal partnerships, and investing in resilient infrastructure that protects neighborhoods, improves safety, and prepares our communities for future growth and climate challenges.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Tim Fazenbaker

Campaign Website: Timfazenbaker.com

QUALIFICATIONS: With 20 years in community leadership/business/public service, I bring expertise in budgeting, stakeholder collaboration, and problem-solving. My experience navigating complex issues equips me to advocate effectively for residents, ensure transparent governance, and deliver balanced solutions on council.

ISSUES: Pressing issues include: crime, crumbling roads and aging infrastructure, tight budgets amid state deficits, and economic/job growth stagnation. Future challenges: maintaining services without tax hikes.

BUDGET: Core public safety, education, road/bridge repairs, and employee salaries—without tax increases. Achieve balance via efficiencies, targeted state/federal grants, economic growth to boost revenues, and transparent spending cuts where possible. Protect essential services for vulnerable residents.

HOUSING: Prioritize Americans.

EMPLOYMENT: Support business retention/attraction via streamlined permitting, infrastructure upgrades (broadband,), workforce training partnerships, and tax incentives for job-creating sectors like tech/healthcare. Foster public-private collaborations to diversify economy and create family-sustaining jobs.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Prioritize road/bridge repairs with dedicated funding from state advocacy and grants. Support stormwater upgrades, and facility modernizations. Implement long-term capital planning, preventive maintenance, and public-private partnerships to

address backlog efficiently.

Russ "No Tax" Mirabile

QUALIFICATIONS: Skills and Experience: Law degree, Juris Doctor, and a Master's degree of Laws, Loss Control, and Risk management. Active in addressing community issues as President of the Rosedale Community Association. Has represented citizens and businesses before zoning, liquor, and code enforcement boards, presenting expert testimony and advocacy. Experienced in local issues and government processes, ready to serve as Councilman effectively from day one.

ISSUES: Crime and rising juvenile crime; failing schools due to overcrowding, disruptive students, and insufficient support for teachers and parents; cameras inside classrooms, overdevelopment of housing and apartments straining infrastructure; and ongoing sewage and water issues at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant, contributing to pollution in the Chesapeake Bay and harming crabs and local fisheries.

BUDGET: Baltimore County must maintain its AAA bond rating, unlike the State of Maryland, which recently lost its tripleA status. The County should carefully evaluate ("window shop") any proposed projects and prioritize responsible spending, while avoiding new taxes on citizens and businesses.

HOUSING: Strongly support preserving green space to protect the environment, manage water runoff, and maintain Baltimore County's beauty and quality of life. Nothing like breathing fresh air. Oppose overdevelopment. Affordable housing should be shared across all districts, not concentrated in select areas. Support eliminating property taxes for seniors 65+ and encourage new ONE bedroom-only housing options for retirees.

EMPLOYMENT: Support and Partner with Trade Point Atlantic. Provide targeted, long-term tax incentives to attract companies that offer high-wage jobs. Focus on bringing advanced manufacturing and technology employers to Baltimore County-similar to companies like Mary Kay, Spanx, Canva, Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), Cloudflare, and Cisco-coupled with the growth of professional medical and research positions, such as those associated with Johns Hopkins, to strengthen the local economy and career opportunities.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Prioritize and analyze the County's most critical infrastructure needs, emphasizing preventive maintenance and risk management. Require new developments to be built with durable, long-lasting materials, with infrastructure costs paid upfront by developers or project owners. Ensure older communities receive fair reinvestment so that roads, streets, and infrastructure are maintained equally across all districts.

Jake J. Mohorovic, III

QUALIFICATIONS: My current role at Johns Hopkins requires problem-solving, accountability, and clear communication. These are the same qualities the county needs in an effective county councilmember. I also worked for Maryland's Department of Business and Economic Development, gaining experience with government operations and economic policy. As a lifelong Baltimore County resident, I understand local issues and the role of county government in addressing them.

ISSUES: Key issues facing the county include school overcrowding and aging infrastructure. Public safety, traffic, and road conditions also remain ongoing concerns for many communities. In the future, the county must manage growth responsibly, maintain responsive service levels, and protect residents' quality of life.

BUDGET: The county budget should prioritize core services such as education, public safety, infrastructure, and maintenance while remaining balanced. Careful oversight, long-term planning, and transparency are necessary to ensure funds are used efficiently and aligned with county needs.

HOUSING: Housing policy should balance affordability, fair housing, and preservation of existing communities and green space. Development decisions should consider school

capacity, infrastructure, and transportation. Responsible planning and enforcement of existing regulations can help maintain community stability while meeting housing needs.

EMPLOYMENT: County government can support economic development by assisting small businesses, maintaining reliable infrastructure, and improving permitting and regulatory processes. Effective policy and strong partnerships can support job growth and strengthen local commercial areas.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Addressing aging infrastructure requires prioritizing maintenance and repairs to roads, water systems, schools, and public facilities. Infrastructure planning should be transparent, data-driven, and coordinated with growth to reduce long-term costs and service disruptions.

J. D. Urbach

Campaign Website: JDUrbach.com

QUALIFICATIONS: The County Council provides governance and oversight of Baltimore County's executive agencies and nearly \$5 billion budget. I bring decades of professional experience to this role including competency in budget management, facilitation and negotiation. As a community volunteer, I have a proven track record of working with others to improve Baltimore County, including as a Trustee of the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) since 2017 and as Board Chair for the past four years.

ISSUES: Aside from slow economic growth and population decline, Baltimore County faces unprecedented budget pressure due to decisions of the Maryland General Assembly. Annapolis has passed funding mandates with no way to pay for them other than to push down costs to counties. Reduced state aid coupled with increasing costs means challenging times ahead. Baltimore County must focus on economic and workforce development to grow the local economy, reduce unemployment, and attract new business investment.

BUDGET: Baltimore County can and must improve Public Safety, fix crumbling roads, and address aging schools and infrastructure without raising taxes. I have great concern that the Maryland General Assembly failed to expand the authority of the Baltimore County Office of the Inspector General to oversee Baltimore County Public Schools. Funding for BCPS accounts for roughly half of the county budget. Increased oversight is a reasonable step in ensuring transparency and fiscal responsibility.

HOUSING: Southeast Baltimore County is home to some of the oldest housing stock in Baltimore County, much of it originally built as affordable housing for workers in the local steel and shipbuilding industries at Sparrows Point. While homeownership was once the norm, rentals now make up nearly 40% of the local market. Untended and neglected vacancies are a problem in many of our neighborhoods. I would support efforts to redevelop blighted areas and encourage home ownership.

EMPLOYMENT: The new 9th District is home to Tradepoint Atlantic, the leading economic engine in Baltimore County. Persistent cooperation between TPA and the County is essential to continued economic development and job growth. As a Trustee of the Community College of Baltimore County, I'm proud of CCBC's responsiveness to the needs of local employers. From Truck Drivers to Nurses to Cybersecurity professionals, CCBC continues to train Baltimore County residents to obtain the jobs that are in demand.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Despite strides in addressing aging infrastructure there is more to be done, including maintaining our "triple-triple A" bond rating. This allows the county to secure low interest rates and save millions on capital projects. Aside from repairing the damage to our local roads due to diverted traffic absent the Key Bridge, I also support and encourage the building of a new Sparrows Point Middle School, Sparrows Point High School and redevelopment of the North Point Government Center.

State's Attorney

DUTIES: The State's Attorney prosecutes felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile cases in Baltimore County and assists victims and witnesses.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$218,916

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How do your skills and experience prepare you for the duties of Baltimore County State's Attorney?

PRIORITIES: What are your most important concerns for this office?

JUVENILE JUSTICE: How should the State's Attorney's Office deal with youths who enter the juvenile justice system?

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING: What are your views on alternatives to prison?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Sarah R. David

Campaign Website: sarahforbaltco.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a Pikesville High School and Johns Hopkins graduate who served in the NYPD's Counterterrorism Bureau. After returning to Maryland for law school, I prosecuted cases in Baltimore City and served as Chief of Staff to the Chair of the Judicial Proceedings Committee. Today I fight corruption and police misconduct across Maryland. My background in law enforcement, prosecution, budgeting, and management has prepared me to lead and deliver as State's Attorney.

PRIORITIES: My priority is building a safer Baltimore County with a State's Attorney's Office focused on accountability, transparency, and results. I will modernize the office by tracking and publishing crime data and directing resources toward serious offenses like violent crime, elder abuse, and sexual assault. I will also ensure victims receive respect, support, and meaningful resources throughout the justice process.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: My office will treat juvenile justice with the seriousness it deserves. I will staff the Juvenile Division with experienced prosecutors—not make it a training ground for new attorneys. We will track outcomes and programs to measure what works. My goal is a system that improves public safety by holding young offenders accountable while supporting rehabilitation and reducing repeat offenses.

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING: Alternatives to prison are essential for non-violent offenders struggling with addiction, mental health, or other challenges. Effective diversion programs connect people with treatment and support while allowing prosecutors to focus on violent crime. Baltimore County should be a leader in these programs. I will expand diversion options, track outcomes, and publish data to ensure these approaches successfully improve public safety.

Lauren Lipscomb

Campaign Website: www.proecutorlipscomb.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Baltimore County is ready for a new approach to prosecution without compromising public safety with inexperience. I bring proven experience and successful innovation. I have prosecuted thousands of cases, including the most violent, complex felonies. I bring a decade of successful management experience in the largest prosecution

agency in MD. I am a nationally recognized subject matter expert in prosecution. Fair and tough, I will always put victims and community first.

PRIORITIES: 1) Reduce juvenile crime 2) Strengthen post-trial prosecution to fight repeat violent offenders 3) Improve technology and data management

JUVENILE JUSTICE: The criminal justice system for adults and juveniles must be fair and equitable. The juvenile justice system prioritizes rehabilitation and the SAO should work within that construct. However, this does not mean we should forgo accountability. Forgoing accountability creates unfair outcomes for victims and our community while putting us all at risk. No one is entitled to commit crimes. Juveniles who choose to commit crime must be held accountable.

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING: Prison is a last resort. I fully support interventions to redirect individuals out of the system. I support problem solving courts, alternative sentencing, probation programming and any other mechanism when appropriate. Those who insist on repeatedly committing violent crimes against our communities have earned prison time. Accountability is non-negotiable.

Scott Shellenberger

Campaign Website: scottshellenberger.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been the Baltimore County State's Attorney for 19 years. I believe my knowledge and experience in running this office makes me uniquely qualified to continue as the State's Attorney. I spent 8 years as a Line Prosecutor in this office, specializing in murder, sex offense and child abuse cases. I oversee 65 attorneys and another 80 plus staff. That is not an easy job. I come with experience matched by no others. As State's Attorney, I hope to continue to keep the citizens safe.

PRIORITIES: To prosecute violent crimes while running a respectful and professional office. If a violent criminal is in jail, they will not hurt another Baltimore County citizen. To ensure my prosecutors always do the right and ethical thing to ensure fairness to both the victims and the accused. To supply proper discovery and information to defense counsel. To request the Department of Juvenile Services to provide more extensive assistance to juvenile offenders so they do not advance to violent crimes.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Maryland's current system is appropriate for age requirements of charging as adults. Most of those juveniles who are charged as adults have the ability to request and prove they can be transferred back to Juvenile Court. This is decided by an independent Judge. If an independent Judge decides you should be treated as an adult, then that is fair. 15-year old Nicholas Browning, who killed 4 family members, other than as an adult? Even he had a transfer hearing denied by a Judge.

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING: My office offers Alternative Sentencing particularly in minor crimes. We support and participate in The Mental Health docket and Drug Court. There is an underage drinking problem in Towson and we offer to dismiss the case once community service is done.

Republican Candidates

There are no Republican candidate in this race.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court is responsible for the daily operation of the office, performing such functions as filing, docketing, and maintaining various legal records, recoding real estate documents, and collecting of related fees, commissions and taxes.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$124,500.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How do your skills and experience prepare you for the duties of Clerk of the Circuit Court?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: What will you do to make certain that all Baltimore County residents receive the best service and the fairest treatment from this office?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Julie Ensor

QUALIFICATIONS: I have proudly served as your Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County since 2010; I am an active Member of the Conference of Circuit Court Clerks, Maryland Circuit Court Clerks Association, Court Security and Bench Bar Committees; Served 12 years as Judge of Orphans' Court for Baltimore County; 22 years at PHH Corporation as Corporate Manager in Information Technology; Magna cum laude Graduate Business Administration at Towson State University; Lifetime Baltimore County Resident.

PRIORITIES: We are committed to enhancing technological capabilities. We digitized copy requests for court and land record documents, divorce and marriage records. We continue to make enhancements to our electronic court case management filing system for the betterment of our customers. We are introducing online payments in Licensing. We are adding Land Record documents for electronic recording. We emphasize service training for our entire staff to promote their responsiveness and empathy to our customers.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: In my 16 years as your Clerk of Court, we proudly achieved the top rating in 2 consecutive Legislative Audits in 2017 and 2021 with full fiscal compliance in our operations. The auditors examine financial transactions, internal controls, adherence to applicable laws and regulations. We will continue fiscal responsibility. I will use my Project Management, Technology, and Leadership skills to motivate our Clerks to maintain our stellar reputation in providing excellent customer service to all.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Christina Mulligan

QUALIFICATIONS: My experience and skills in motherhood and childcare translate well to the duties of a clerk of court because it demonstrates strong organizational skills, attention to detail and the ability to manage multiple tasks under pressure. Coordinating schedules, maintaining order and handling sensitive situations with patience and discretion mirror the clerk's responsibilities in managing records, scheduling hearings, and assisting the public.

PRIORITIES: My priorities for this office would be to focus on providing timely access to public records and assisting the public with court procedures. I also want to insure we have financial accountability with handling court fees, fines and payments accurately and transparently.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I will review open data initiatives through the office of government reform and strategic initiatives (GRSI) to monitor how departments are performing. I will also make residents aware Baltco 311 is the most direct way to ensure fair service for non-emergency issues (like road repairs or trash collection). Filing a formal 311 report creates a paper trail that is subject to the public Information Act (PIA), making the

resolution process transparent.

Register of Wills

DUTIES: The Register appoints personal representatives to administer decedents' estates, oversees the proceedings, determines and collects inheritance taxes and probate fees/court costs, and serves as the Clerk to the Orphans' Court.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$124,500.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How do your skills and experience prepare you for the duties of Register of Wills?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: What will you do to make certain that all Baltimore County residents receive the best service and the fairest treatment from this office?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Alexis Burrell-Rohde

Campaign Website: www.alexisforregister.org

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a career estates and trusts attorney who worked for 10 years at Ober Kaler as an estates and trusts attorney. I then spent 5 years with the Maryland Office of the Attorney General where I represented all the Registers of Wills Offices and Orphans' Courts around the State.

PRIORITIES: First and foremost, I try to break the mold of how a government office operates. This includes highly trained and responsive staff. I run an efficient office that is highly responsive to our customers. My next top priority is community outreach. I provide hundreds of estate planning and financial literacy outreach events each year around the County.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I run an efficient and responsive office. My office has a reputation as a good place to work, so I am able to recruit the very best candidates. All Baltimore County residents and their families deserve a government that works for them and treats them as a customer. My goal is to make sure the people who work with my office leave with the feeling that they were listened to and valued. I take customer feedback seriously and I demand the very best service from my staff. That is our culture.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Nicole Schroeder

QUALIFICATIONS: My duties and skills prepare me well for the Register of Wills because they emphasize accuracy, organization, and strong customer service—qualities that are essential when handling estate and probate matters. In my previous roles, I have regularly managed sensitive documents, maintained detailed records, payroll and ensured that information was processed correctly and in compliance with established procedures. I also have experience assisting members of the public, explaining processes clearly.

PRIORITIES: My priorities for the office of the Register of Wills would focus on efficiency,

accuracy, and service to the community. I would prioritize ensuring that probate and estate filings are processed accurately and in a timely manner so families can move through the legal process without unnecessary delays. I also would focus on improving accessibility and communication with the public and bringing awareness to the office. I will focus on compassion and care during their time of need.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: To make sure all Baltimore County residents receive the best service and fairest treatment, I plan to focus on being accessible, transparent, and consistent in how we serve the public. It will be a priority that every resident who contacts the Register of Wills office is treated with respect, patience, and professionalism. I will work to ensure that the probate process is clearly explained so people understand their responsibilities and options.

Judge of the Orphans' Court

DUTIES: Judges of the Orphans' Court supervise the administration of estates. The Orphan's Court shares jurisdiction with the Circuit Court over guardianships of minors. Orphan's Court Judges conduct hearings that involve probate and guardianship disputes, review and act upon administration accounts, and request payments from estates or guardianships.

SALARY: \$70,000.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

EXPERIENCE: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this judgeship?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this judgeship?

CHALLENGES: What is the greatest challenge facing the Orphans' Court system and how will you address it?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Michelle Arvin-Greer

EXPERIENCE: I have over 30 years of experience in Estates & Trusts, litigation and other related areas of law. Prior to my appointment, my area of specialty was in Estates & Trusts for over 10 years.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are to continue to serve the court with excellence, equality and empathy.

CHALLENGES: The greatest challenge is always resolving legal disputes that often involve matters that aren't related to tangible estate assets. Additionally, a large percentage of the matters before our court involve interested parties who aren't represented by an attorney. I approach these challenges with patience, empathy, a commitment to listening and explaining my rulings.

Andrew G. Bailey

EXPERIENCE: As an attorney in Baltimore County for nearly 40 years, I have spent most of that time in the practice of estate planning, probate administration and estate litigation. Having spent my career in the representation of clients who have recently lost family or loved ones, I understand the importance of explaining the probate process clearly and with

empathy, while at the same time making sure that the parties have an understanding, and realistic expectations, of how the process works.

PRIORITIES: Baltimore County has a well-deserved reputation of having both an Orphans' Court bench which is smart, capable and fair; and an experienced and accommodating Register of Wills and staff. My priorities are to work collaboratively with my judicial colleagues and with the Register's office to continue that legacy, while exploring possibilities of making the process even more accessible and efficient for the citizens of Baltimore County.

CHALLENGES: Whereas other courts in Maryland have gone to electronic filing and case management in recent years, a challenge facing the Orphans' Court has been the slow pace of catching up with technology. Most of the stakeholders in the field of probate administration in Maryland are aware of this, and have been working towards addressing the issue. I hope to add my voice to this endeavor, along with my colleagues not only in Baltimore County, but throughout the State of Maryland.

Juliet Fisher

EXPERIENCE: I have been an Orphans' Court Judge since April 2014. I have been a member of the Conference of Orphans' Court Judges and the chair of the legislative subcommittee since 2016. I have also served as the Vice-Chair of the conference for five of those years. I am formerly a board member of MAJOC, served on the executive council of the ADR Section of the MSBA, am currently a member of the NCPJ, the Baltimore County Bar Association, and serve on the Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are to continue to make the Baltimore County Orphans' Court and the courts statewide the best they can be to serve the citizens of Baltimore County and Maryland. I have served as an instructor at the Judicial College which provides continuing education for judges and consistently work on legislative priorities for our courts to ensure we have the best judges and courts. I have also worked to assist other jurisdictions to have mediation programs similar to that in Baltimore County.

CHALLENGES: The greatest challenge is to continue to support the need for making any beneficial changes to the courts while preserving the independence and the need for a specialized court with specialized judges to handle probate law in Maryland.

Republican Candidates

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

Sheriff

DUTIES: The responsibilities of the Sheriff's Office are similar to those for police departments. The Sheriff is responsible for security of prisoners brought into the Baltimore County Circuit Court and cooperates with all law enforcement agencies in maintaining order.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$90,000.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How do your skills and experience prepare you for the duties of Sheriff?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: How would you involve residents in improving public safety?

PUBLIC SAFETY: How can the Sheriff's office help reduce crime in Baltimore County?

DRUG USE: How will you address the problem of drug use?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Clyde E. Boatwright

Campaign Website: www.boatwrightforsheriff.com

QUALIFICATIONS: With over 25 years in law enforcement and executive training from FBI-LEEDA, Northwestern University, the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville, and Police Executive Development at Penn State, I am prepared to lead a modern Sheriff's Office. As statewide president of the Maryland Fraternal Order of Police, representing over 20,000 members, I have worked on policy, accountability reforms, and leadership that balances officer professionalism with community trust.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are crime prevention, community trust, and modernizing the Sheriff's Office. I will strengthen training in de-escalation and crisis response, improve technology and civil process systems, and establish a 24-hour domestic violence program. I will ensure the office operates with transparency, accountability, and professionalism while supporting the men and women who serve.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Public safety improves when residents are partners, not observers. I will expand engagement by building strong relationships with civic groups, faith organizations, and neighborhood associations. The Sheriff's Office will maintain open communication, listen to community concerns, and work collaboratively with residents to address problems before they escalate.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Sheriff's Office supports public safety through effective warrant service, court security, civil enforcement, and coordination with law enforcement partners. I will emphasize proactive strategies, data-informed decision making, and strong interagency collaboration. By modernizing operations and focusing on prevention, the office can help reduce crime and improve safety across Baltimore County.

DRUG USE: Addressing drug use requires both enforcement and prevention. The Sheriff's Office will work closely with law enforcement partners to disrupt drug trafficking while supporting diversion, treatment, and community resources for those struggling with addiction. Collaboration with public health agencies and community organizations, and prevention programs is essential to reducing substance abuse and its impact on crime.

William Merrill, III

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been with Baltimore County Sheriffs Office for over 23 years and I am still currently employed there to this day. I have worked all assignments from court security to road to warrant unit and transportation which I am currently assigned to.

PRIORITIES: My priorities for the Baltimore County Sheriff Office would be to update equipment, uniforms and our report writing system. Better communication with our Baltimore County Police Department, Bureau of Corrections and with our other State and Federal law enforcement partners. I would improve staffing and morale in the office. More community involvement with the public. Updated security and better safety protocols for our Circuit Court.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: I would have the Sheriff Office do more community outreach with the public.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Crime is primarily handled by Baltimore County Police Dept and they do an outstanding job for Baltimore County. The Baltimore county sheriff main responsibility is the Circuit court of Baltimore County. The Baltimore county sheriff office is always ready to assist the Police when outside of the Courthouse. Our road deputies deal with the public on a daily basis and often are able to assist as they monitor the radio for calls of service.

DRUG USE: Baltimore County Sheriff Office would offer public programs regarding drug

use.

Adam Schuster

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Michael F. Burke

Campaign Website: burkeforbaltimoresheriff.org/

QUALIFICATIONS: Public service and law enforcement as an Army veteran, Military Police and MP Investigator, followed by 15 years as a Criminal Investigator with the Department of Justice, then 5 years as a Federal Air Marshal -as a Certified Protection Professional, I'll keep our courthouses, Judges, witnesses and most importantly, victims safe. My service includes years with Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps in Baltimore and DC as an Emergency Manager and as a Volunteer Firefighter/Instructor/EMT.

PRIORITIES: Policing without politics. I'll use my leadership and management skills to train and oversee the existing team of Deputies to maintain a safe, secure Court system, where all citizens have their rights preserved. I'll strive to preserve sensitive records and evidence against evolving technological threats, and to recruit and develop a strong and diverse team of Deputies and Supervisors. This includes preparing my successor, as I support term Limits in public office.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: It will be the goal of the Sheriff's Office to establish close relationships with the community through teamwork with our County Police and support Community Policing programs, and coordinate with neighboring counties and the City. I will meet with community organizations from Sparrows Point to Maryland Line, Towson to Oella, and to English Consul to hear their concerns, and closely advise our County Council and Baltimore County Delegation in Annapolis for needed updates in future legislation.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Effective policing puts community first. I am committed to serving all our citizens with professionalism, integrity, and empathy, using the budget efficiently, pursuing outside grants, and ensuring that every dollar we spend strengthens safety and support across the county, and working with our neighboring jurisdictions, State and Federal law enforcement partners.

DRUG USE: By emphasizing that addiction is a treatable disease. Education and Awareness with partners across the County; Preventing Overdoses: Expand access to Naloxone and provide training to first responders and the public. Train my staff as EMT's where possible, equip them with Narcan.

Democratic Central Committee

DUTIES: The Democratic Central Committee is responsible for leading and organizing the day-to-day operations of the local Democratic Party. The Committee recommends candidates to the Governor to fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office. County Central Committees work with the State Central Committee, which in turn works with the national party.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

SALARY: None.

HOW ELECTED: Democratic Central Committee members are elected by registered party members. The elections in Baltimore County are by legislative district. Voters may vote for the candidates of their choice. The winners will be determined by the greatest number of

votes, while taking into consideration that those elected will be as equally divided by gender as possible.

WEBSITE: [Maryland Democratic Party](#)

Questions

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: When a vacancy occurs in the General Assembly, the party Central Committee appoints someone to complete the rest of the term. Do you support special elections to fill these vacancies?

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: What criteria will you use to choose a person to fill a vacancy in the Maryland General Assembly?

MOTIVATION: Why do you want to serve on your party's Central Committee?

VACANCY SELECTIONS: How can you ensure that your appointment decisions serve the best interest of the community when filling vacant positions?

Legislative District 6

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 6.

Ed Crizer (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Cory D. Edwards (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Rodcita Lucretia Ruby Gray (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Yes! In times like these, they are very important.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I will look at their education, as well as,their experience.

MOTIVATION: I presently, do serve on the central committee. I love the changes that we help to make in the community as well as the world.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: By me knowing the community in which they will serve. Especially knowing what that community needs. Researching a candidate to see if they can offer what the community needs. Seeing what they have done in their past. That can benefit the community.

Lakesha G. Hawes (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Justin Holliday (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 7A

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 4.

Ly Xinzhen Brown (Non-Binary)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Yes, I support special elections. It is undemocratic for central committees to have primary responsibility for vetting and nominating appointees to vacant seats. Maryland should follow the lead of other states that have long established the practice of holding special elections. Central committees should only be able to nominate

interim appointees until a timely special election, which should be mandated to take place within a reasonable amount of time after a vacancy occurs such as 90-120 days.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: For as long as central committee members have the responsibility of choosing nominees (since the governor makes appointments and can override a committee's recommendation), I will consider each candidate's ability to serve successfully, represent their constituency, and advance policies that support human dignity, civil rights, and social justice.

MOTIVATION: As a disabled, transgender, and Chinese Jewish Marylander, I want to encourage Democratic party members and leadership to do better, especially for people in marginalized communities. Party leadership can do much more to advance needed policies to protect immigrants, disabled people, Native people, transgender people, and workers; and divest from AI data centers, exploitative real estate developers, Israeli apartheid and occupation, and arms companies that violate international humanitarian law.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: For as long as central committee members have the responsibility of choosing nominees, I will prioritize supporting candidates who show strong connections to their communities and who care about effective policy development and constituent support over their personal advancement and gain.

Shafiyq Hinton (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Jade C. Johnson (Female)

Campaign Website: www.citizensforjadejohnson.com

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Yes, I support special elections when possible because voters deserve a voice in choosing their representatives. As a Baltimore County resident and community leader, I believe democracy works best when the people decide. If timing requires a Central Committee appointment, transparency and community input must guide the process.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I would prioritize candidates with integrity, community ties, and a track record of service. As a social worker and business owner, I value leaders who understand working families, economic opportunity, and public safety. The person should reflect district's values and demonstrate the ability to serve effectively from day one.

MOTIVATION: As a 43-year-old Black woman, single mother, business owner, and licensed clinical social worker, I've dedicated my career to serving families. I want to bring that same commitment to the Central Committee—ensuring our community has strong representation, supporting fair policies, and helping develop leaders who truly understand the needs of Baltimore County residents.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I would engage community stakeholders, review candidates' experience, and prioritize transparency. My decisions would focus on who can best represent district's residents, work collaboratively, and address real community concerns—education, economic growth, and family stability. The goal is always leadership that reflects and serves the people.

Treasure T. Pearson (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Yes. I support special elections to fill vacancies in the General Assembly but, voters should ultimately decide who represents them.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: When choosing someone to fill a vacancy for the Maryland General Assembly, I would prioritize community involvement, integrity, and a strong understanding of the district issues. The candidate should demonstrate public service, values, and effective representation to be chosen.

MOTIVATION: I want to serve on the Central Committee to help strengthen our party and ensure our community is well represented. As a young Democrat I believe it is important to

engage the next generation in the political process. I want to support civic engagement, civic participation, and build a stronger future for our district.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: To ensure appointment decisions serve the best interest of the community, I would prioritize transparency, community input, and careful evaluation of each candidate's experience and commitment to public service.

Legislative District 8

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 6.

Jaden Urlic Beals (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Margaret A. Forte (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Charles Bernard Kropfelder, Jr. (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Deli Okafor (Female)

Campaign Website: Deliokafor.com

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I support special elections to fill vacancies in the General Assembly. People deserve a voice in choosing who represents them, especially in moments that shape their community's future. I also believe special elections would encourage Central Committee members to stay connected to residents, build stronger relationships, and do the work of keeping people informed, engaged, and ready to participate in the democratic process.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: When considering someone to fill a vacancy, I would look at their experience, their record of advocacy, and how deeply connected they are to the community they want to represent. I would also consider whether they can work well with other elected officials, because effective leadership requires both strong community roots and the ability to build relationships that deliver real results.

MOTIVATION: I want to serve on the Democratic State Central Committee because I care deeply about keeping people informed, engaged, and connected to what is happening in their community. I enjoy bringing people together, listening to what matters most to them, and helping create more pathways for civic participation. For me, this is meaningful work, and I would be proud to continue serving in a way that helps strengthen our party and our communities.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I would make appointment decisions in the best interest of the community by building real, ongoing relationships with residents. This can be cultivated by creating opportunities for connections. I want people to feel comfortable reaching out to tell me what they want in a representative, and I also want to be able to reach out to them for their input. That kind of two-way communication helps ensure decisions reflect the community's values, needs, and priorities.

Shannon D. Sheetz (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Mike Stanik (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Maureen Wambui (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Yes, I support special elections to fill General Assembly vacancies, especially when a significant portion of the term remains. Voters deserve a direct voice in choosing their representatives. While Central Committees provide continuity, reforms should include meaningful voter input, ensure transparency, and balance cost and timing.

Strengthening democratic participation and public trust must guide how vacancies are filled.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I would prioritize integrity, community service, and a deep understanding of district needs. The selection process should include meaningful public input and be conducted transparently. I would seek a candidate who reflects Democratic values, listens actively to constituents, and demonstrates accessibility and accountability. The appointee must legislate effectively while representing the voices and lived experiences of the entire community.

MOTIVATION: I want to serve on the Central Committee to ensure all voices in Baltimore County are represented, especially underrepresented communities. I will expand voter outreach, support diverse candidates, promote transparency, and create opportunities for meaningful community input. As a first-generation, community-centered leader, I am committed to building an inclusive, accountable, and responsive party that actively listens to constituents.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 10

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 6.

Lori K. Brown (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Nelson E. Brown (Male)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Yes, I do support special elections to fill the vacancies in the Maryland General Assembly.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I will measure a person's education, knowledge, and experience when I decide to select someone for a vacancy. I would prefer to select someone who is willing to work across the aisle in order to get the work done and someone with a proven track record of organizing and serving the people they're elected to represent.

MOTIVATION: I want to serve on my party's central committee because I want to create strategies that help to foster better party unity. I have an extensive experience as an organizer for the state of Maryland, for the NAACP Randallstown Branch, in the nonprofit sector, and for elected officials. I want to support the work that my legislators in my district are doing by hosting forums that showcase the responsibilities of each local and state agency here in Maryland.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: No response received by deadline.

Jennifer Dwyer (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Absolutely. Voters deserve a direct say in who represents them. Special elections promote transparency and accountability by ensuring that voters—not party insiders—choose their representatives. While special elections carry a cost, making sure our legislature reflects the will of Marylanders is a worthwhile investment in the strength of our democracy and our communities.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I believe anyone appointed to the General Assembly should have a strong record of community engagement, a clear understanding of their district's needs, and broad policy knowledge. I would look for someone who has demonstrated integrity and ability to work effectively with colleagues to deliver results.

Because appointees often must soon run for election, I would also consider whether a candidate is prepared to campaign and compete effectively, especially in districts with Republican opposition.

MOTIVATION: I'm honored to serve as Second Vice Chair of the Central Committee and am seeking a second term to continue the progress we've made. Our party must stay connected to everyday voters. Too often there's a gap between national talking points and what I hear speaking with voters at the doors. I want to ensure our party stays focused on the issues county residents raise most: safe neighborhoods, rising costs of food and healthcare, and families' ability to stay in their homes as property taxes rise.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I believe the best appointees are those who have built real relationships in their communities, one kitchen table conversation at a time, and who come in with knowledge across key policy areas such as economics, education, and public health. That foundation helps ensure they are well-positioned to advocate for the needs of their constituents. Most importantly, I would look for someone driven by a genuine desire to fight for their community and get things done for the people they represent.

Takisha Fields (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I believe voters should have a meaningful voice in choosing their representatives. Special elections can strengthen public trust by allowing residents to directly select who represents them. However, when vacancies occur during legislative sessions, timely representation is important. I support exploring options that expand voter participation while ensuring districts remain represented.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I would look for candidates with strong ties to the community, integrity, and a demonstrated commitment to public service. Important factors include community involvement, understanding the district's needs, ability to collaborate, and a record of advocating for residents while representing the interests of the entire community.

MOTIVATION: I am motivated to serve because strong communities require leadership that listens and remains connected to the people it represents. Through my work advocating for workers and helping individuals navigate challenges, I have seen how important it is for people to have someone willing to speak up for them and ensure their voices are heard.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: To ensure appointment decisions serve the community's best interests, I would review each candidate's record of service, leadership, and engagement with the district. I would also seek input from community stakeholders and prioritize individuals who demonstrate integrity, accountability, and a genuine commitment to representing all residents.

Yvonne Harper (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Jay Jalisi (Male)

Campaign Website: www.FriendsOfDrJay.com

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Yes, I support Special Elections for any seat of the Maryland Assembly that falls vacant during a legislative term, very much like the process followed for Congress.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I think the main criterion for anyone running for public office should be his/her desire to serve his/her community, not special interest groups. Since MGA legislates policies that effect all Marylanders, a person's prior experience in a public service institution, running a small business, or experience with a non profit organization always is a big plus.

MOTIVATION: I believe that as a Central Committee member I can help the Democratic Party be true to its principles of inclusion and openness for the needs and aspirations of all

Marylanders, irrespective of their national origin, race, socio-economic status or religion.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I have been elected to this position 3 times in the past elections (2014, 2018, 2022) and if re-elected I will serve my 4th term. I have always made decisions based on the needs of my constituents and not any special interest groups in all these years.

Carla D. Tucker (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 11A

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 2.

Donna T. Broadway-Callaman (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I support the implementation of special elections to fill General Assembly vacancies. While the Central Committee plays a vital role in party stewardship, the ultimate authority should rest with the voters. Our democratic process is strongest when the community has a direct voice in choosing their representatives. Special elections ensure accountability and transparency, preventing a "creaky floor" of leadership by allowing the residents of District 11A to decide their own future.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I support the implementation of special elections to fill General Assembly vacancies. While the Central Committee plays a vital role in party stewardship, the ultimate authority should rest with the voters. Our democratic process is strongest when the community has a direct voice in choosing their representatives. Special elections ensure accountability and transparency, preventing a "creaky floor" of leadership by allowing the residents of District 11A to decide their own future.

MOTIVATION: Why not serve? I believe we have an obligation to our neighbors to protect our present, preserve our past, and fortify our future. If we don't do politics, politics will do us. I am running on a platform of Stewardship for 2046, focusing on a 20-year vision to ensure our political infrastructure is resilient. My goal is not just to hold a seat, but to do the "unseen work" of auditing engagement, protecting our seniors, and clearing a path for our youth. Our collective strength is the solid floor

VACANCY SELECTIONS: No response received by deadline.

Linda Dorsey-Walker (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I support special elections to fill vacancies because they address concerns about providing democratic legitimacy to the process. Constituents deserve a representative who has earned a direct mandate from voters. Elections offer more transparency than do appointments because they include direct public input, are statistically accountable, reduce the perception of insider deals. They are more equitable for underserved communities allowing them to gain a real voice in choosing who speaks for them.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: An appointee must show commitment to democratic values, possess high integrity, have a record of listening to constituents, engage diverse communities, and uphold transparent accountable governance. They must show experience and readiness to legislate. They should demonstrate an understanding of state and local issues, can navigate the legislative process, is prepared to advocate effectively without a long learning curve, and reflect a district's demographics, priorities, and lived experiences.

MOTIVATION: I want to serve on the Central Committee because it is often the first point of contact between residents and the political process. I want to help make that engagement more accessible, welcoming, and meaningful. I want to ensure that Party

decisions about priorities are transparent and grounded in community input from residents who are often left. It is a direct way to strengthen grassroots democracy and ensure that our party reflects the voices, needs, and lived experiences of the residents.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: An applicant should have a demonstrated record of ethical conduct, coalition building, and collaborating with diverse groups. They must show a readiness to legislate through negotiations, and engagement with issues that may not have been initially popular. Applicant must have a record of giving to the community, even when it is not convenient or in their best interest. They should share their knowledge about government processes with the community to help them become informed and engaged voters.

Tyrod Haynes (Male)

Campaign Website: www.citizens4t-Haynes.com

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Yes. I support special elections because residents deserve a direct voice in choosing their representatives. While appointments may ensure continuity, elections strengthen transparency, accountability, and public trust in government.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I will prioritize proven community service, integrity, understanding of local issues, independence in decision-making, and readiness to lead immediately. The goal is selecting someone who represents the people, not political interests.

MOTIVATION: I want to strengthen the connection between the party and the community. My goal is to ensure decisions reflect residents' voices, support strong grassroots candidates, and promote transparency, trust, and accountability.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: By keeping the process transparent, seeking community input, and applying clear standards like service, integrity, and readiness. I will make decisions I can publicly explain and that reflect the best interests of the people.

Victor Oliveira (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 11B

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 4.

Lela Blue-Campbell (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: To ensure that appointment decisions serve the best interests of the community, I support the current process in which the Central Committee appoints a qualified individual to fill a vacancy. The purpose of this system is to make sure that the district is not left without representation while a lengthy election process takes place. Central Committee members are elected from within the district and are familiar with the community, its leadership, and the issues that matter most to residents.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I support a transparent process where candidates can present their qualifications and vision. I look for someone who reflects the needs and values of the community, understands the district's issues, and has established trust. Important qualities include dedication, accountability, credibility, strong communication skills, the ability to work with legislators, commitment to Democratic values, and the courage to advocate against injustices in our communities.

MOTIVATION: My professional background has prepared me for this work. For the past 24 years, I have worked with individuals with disabilities, helping them navigate systems, access services, and advocate for the support they need to live healthy and productive lives. That experience has taught me the value of advocacy, collaboration, and compassion when working with individuals and families. These Democratic principles—fairness, opportunity,

and the belief that change begins with the people motivates me.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: In our district, leaders like Senator Hettleman and Delegates Stein and Cardin have focused on issues that matter deeply to our community, including environmental protection and climate action, health and education, taxes, transportation, public safety, housing stability, and consumer protection within our justice system. These issues affect families every day, and they would be important considerations when I make an appointment decision.

Austin Brown (Male)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: It is my firm belief that, whenever possible voters should decide who represents them. Special elections give the public that chance and strengthen trust in the process. If any variables, such as timing, makes an appointment necessary, the decision should be transparent and focused on selecting someone who reflects the values and priorities of the district.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I would look for someone with a real record of service in the community, not just political ambition. The person should understand the district, be accessible to residents, and show integrity in how they work with others. Most of all, I would value character. Everyone makes mistakes, but showing that you have learned from them and being honest is critical for leadership. I would also value the ability to listen, bring people together, and advocate effectively for constituents in Annapolis.

MOTIVATION: In addition to having been passionately involved in local politics as a youth, so much so that I got my MPM from George Washington University. I'm running because I want to help strengthen the connection between our community and the Democratic Party. The Central Committee plays an important role in supporting candidates, organizing locally, and keeping people engaged in the process. I want to contribute energy, fairness, and a focus on making sure our party reflects the people it represents.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: Simply put, good decisions come from listening to the people. I would review each candidate's experience, speak with community members and local leaders, and consider who is best prepared to represent the district right away. My focus would always be on choosing someone who will be honest, put the community first and work hard to earn and maintain the trust of the people they serve.

Prudence V. Henderson (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Yes, the authority to recommend a successor is not simply an internal party matter, it is a public trust granted by the voters who elected the Central Committee to serve. It is the responsibility of the Central Committee to ensure that the individual recommended to complete the term is someone who reflects the values, priorities, and expectations of the voters of Baltimore County. The ultimate goal is to ensure continuity of representation and confidence in the democratic process.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: The appointment should reflect the values priorities and policies directions that the voters supported in the last election. The individual recommended to fill the vacancy should be someone who is prepared to serve immediately and effectively in the General Assembly. This would include understanding legislative processes and representing the full diversity of Baltimore County. The selected individual should strengthen the party's ability to govern effectively while representing all constituents.

MOTIVATION: I am motivated to serve because a trait of a good leader is what they give to the community. Throughout my career, I've had the honor to serve-from 10 yrs in the US Marine Corps to working alongside dedicated public servants, across 3 military branches, federal agencies and in my communities. These experiences taught me the importance of professionalism, accountability and putting the mission and the people first. District 11B deserves leadership that listens and works in their best interest.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I will always consider who will best serve the residence of District 11B? The person appointed would reflect the needs, priorities and values of the community. The person selected would have experience, judgment and the work ethic necessary to step into the role and perform effectively from day one. Appointments would be made through a fair and thoughtful process. As an elected member of the Central Committee I am accountable to make appointments with integrity and transparency.

Noel Levy (Male)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: No. Governor Larry Hogan put us in a terrible financial position before he left office. We cannot afford to hold special elections every time a member of the General Assembly dies or resigns.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: When I interview potential candidates, my questions usually center on contemporary issues including but not limited to education, the environment, transportation, law enforcement and transparency.

MOTIVATION: The current administration in Washington is destroying our government, our economy, our society and our Constitution. The best place for me to be to fight these developments is the Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: In my previous three terms, I have sent Carl Jackson, Charles Sydnor and Shelly Hettelman to the State Senate, and Cathi Forbes, Kim Ross and Sheila Ruth to the State House. I think the stellar performance of these outstanding individuals in Annapolis speaks for itself.

Alyssa M. Paradise (Female)

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SPECIAL ELECTIONS: While special elections are the more democratic option when a vacancy occurs, the resources and cost to undergo a special election must be a consideration. I believe that a thorough cost-benefit analysis would be required before making a decision. In a period of time when there is a substantial statewide budgetary deficit, the potential added resource strain must be a factor in making any changes. The Central Committees act to fill these vacancies in respect to their party's agenda.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: Any candidate for Maryland General Assembly needs to demonstrate knowledge of local and statewide issues, have a proven track record of responsible leadership and judicious decision making, show dedication to advocating for the well-being of the people of Maryland, and have a character that reflects community- and consensus-building.

MOTIVATION: I'm a parent, community member, and lifelong advocate for fairness, opportunity, and safety. I have dedicated my academic and professional life to serving people and using facts and data to inform better policy and community services. I am a public servant by profession, and am passionate about extending my efforts to help my community and stand by my convictions. Maryland is my home, Baltimore County is my home, and I wish to serve in a greater capacity for the betterment of that home.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I believe in doing my homework and getting to know people. Any potential appointee must be thoroughly vetted and interviewed in order to learn more about their previous leadership, community engagement, and business decisions. Any potential appointee must have a proven record of positive effect on the community, and must be a servant of the people at heart.

James Reece Peak, III (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 42A

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 2.

Giovanni Jake Carvalho (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Jyoti Mohan (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I do support special elections when the vacancy occurs before the middle of the incumbent's tenure. After that point, it's a huge cost to the taxpayer for a relatively short tenure in office and hence does not justify the cost of a special election.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I look to the person's leadership ability, their integrity and how well they have fulfilled their previous Campaign pledges (whether or not elected to office), and their ability to get along with a diverse cross section of people. I also examine the constituent service of the candidate and how well they respond to constituent needs.

MOTIVATION: As members of the Central Committee, we get to build the party from the ground up, selecting the kind of leaders we feel are needed for the nation. I am very proud of the composition of the Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee for its commitment and staunch representation of a wide cross section of ethnicities, age groups, gender identities and political persuasions.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I personally follow the principles of looking for evidence of constituent service, integrity, bipartisanship, collaboration, and a genuine desire to help people in order to choose whom to appoint in cases of vacancies. I believe that this has stood us in good stead in the County.

Legislative District 42B

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 2.

Jason S. Garber (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Susan S. Lobas (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 43B

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 2.

Cheryl Gottlieb (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Fergal Mullally (Male)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I support appointments to fill vacancies for terms up to two years as a good compromise, with special primary and general elections held during the Presidential cycle. I am opposed to one-off special elections. Low turnout means most voters don't get a chance to exercise their democratic rights because they don't know the election is even happening. Yet they still have to pay the costs of the election through their

taxes.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I would look for someone who is active in their neighborhood and aware of the issues. They should show a track record of involvement for the good of the community, not just for their own narrow interests. A good candidate must also have a keen interest in topics that are best dealt with at the state level rather than local or federal.

MOTIVATION: The central committee gives me an opportunity to learn about issues across the county. Small differences in geography can result in people viewing an issue through a very different lens. Understanding these different perspectives gives me a better understanding of how to approach the challenges and opportunities our county faces.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: Appointments must often be made on a very compressed schedule. It is important that I stay involved in the community so I am familiar with the issues before the vacancy arises. It's also important to listen to community voices and people who have direct experience working with the candidates.

Legislative District 44A

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 2.

John Sanick (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Charlotte M. Wood (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 44B

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 4.

Bishop Barry Chapman (Male)

No response received by deadline.

Aisha Khan (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Katrina Leonard (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Ian C. Miller (Male)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I will continue to advocate for Special Elections. I strongly believe voters in our community—not political insiders—should choose their representation. The current appointment process is undemocratic and ripe for corruption.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I will only support candidates who are committed to racial and economic justice, who acknowledge the dire threat of the climate crisis, and who believe that healthcare, housing, quality education, attainable retirement, and living wages are human rights. Our communities deserve progressive champions that are transparent, accountable, and reflective of our community's diversity.

MOTIVATION: Amid the resurgence of fascism in the United States, the Democratic Party

needs more fighting spirit and political courage. It needs more coalition building and community organizing. It needs more accountability, honesty, and integrity. I'm proud of my record in the past four years of organizing to beat Republicans, boosting youth political engagement, and speaking truth to power within the party infrastructure. There is more work to be done and I hope to earn your vote!

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I will only vote to appoint proven grassroots community leaders who aren't backed by developers, police unions, and/or corporations. I will also not support conservative/moderate democrats for appointments.

Shazia Shah (Female)

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I support the current system in which a vacancy in General Assembly is filled by a party committee appointment until the next general election. This approach ensures that the district continues to have representation without the delay that would come from organizing a special election. Special elections can be costly for counties and municipalities to administer, requiring additional resources for staffing polling places, printing ballots, and managing the election process.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: When choosing a candidate to fill a vacancy, the most important criteria would be, if they are qualified to do the job. Have they been involved in their civic duties. I would look for someone with integrity, sound judgement and work well with their colleagues. Most importantly, I would look for the readiness to step into the role and serve effectively in their position from the day ONE!

MOTIVATION: I want to serve because this is an opportunity to serve my party, strengthen local engagement, to support our candidates who are committed to strong and fair governance and to contribute in building a strong effective organization that reflects the priority of our communities. I strongly believe in Boots on the ground strategy of the Central Committee.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: As this is my re-election for the same seat, I have participated in appointments in Delegate vacancy for District 8 of MD. I have always carefully evaluated candidate's qualification and commitment, a candidate who demonstrates integrity, sound judgment, and the ability to work effectively with others have always been my priority for the appointment decisions.

Kayenda Twesigye (Female)

No response received by deadline.

Republican Central Committee

DUTIES: The Republican Central Committee is responsible for leading and organizing the day-to-day operations of the local Republican Party. The Committee recommends candidates to the Governor to fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office. County Central Committees work with the State Central Committee, which in turn works with the national party.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

SALARY: None.

HOW ELECTED: Republican Central Committee members are elected by registered party members. Election is by councilmanic district.

Questions

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: When a vacancy occurs in the General Assembly, the party Central Committee appoints someone to complete the rest of the term. Do you support special elections to fill these vacancies?

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: What criteria will you use to choose a person to fill a vacancy in the Maryland General Assembly?

MOTIVATION: Why do you want to serve on your party's Central Committee?

VACANCY SELECTIONS: How can you ensure that your appointment decisions serve the best interest of the community when filling vacant positions?

Councilmanic District 1

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3.

Jan Watson Grim

No response received by deadline.

Ray Smith

No response received by deadline.

Councilmanic District 2

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3.

James Amos

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I do not support special elections. The current system is adequate. Besides, special elections would add additional cost to the taxpayer.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: The person who best reflects the community and party interests and values. Integrity is paramount in my view.

MOTIVATION: I have served on the Central Committee for over 6 years now. I like what I'm doing, and it is one way of looking out for and giving back to my community.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: Through my experience, as well as carefully listening to and looking at the candidates record. Consultation with other committee members is also important.

Alfred Mendelsohn

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: No. Members of the Central Committee know the community activists and Party leaders and are in a better position to pick replacements for the rest of that cycle.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: Character, experience, temperament, issues and their interest in growing our Party. An elected official may only get paid for 90 days in Annapolis, but their duty to the community and Party is a full time responsibility.

MOTIVATION: As the longest serving member of the Maryland Republican Central Committee, I feel it is my duty to educate and inform other Central Committee members of the way things work. It is also my opportunity to go to the community to serve as an ambassador to the Republican Party and the elected Republicans.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: Experience

Charlene Merrill

No response received by deadline.

Councilmanic District 3**Candidates**

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3.

Chike Anyanwu

No response received by deadline.

Ronald J. Calabrese

No response received by deadline.

Timothy Lloyd Tilghman

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I will be serving in the bluest of the new democrat gerrymandered Councilmanic Districts. I support a Special Election to thwart the democrats from appointing another run of the mill, cookie cutter, tax and spend flunky.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: As a Republican member of the MD GOP in District 3, there will be NO opportunity to fill any elective vacancies.

MOTIVATION: The Maryland Republican Party needs to fire up the Elephant Brigade and Stampede to Victory. This will only be achieved by interacting and educating constituents so voters will jettison the incumbent governor.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: Serving in District 3 as a Republican member of the MD GOP, there will NOT be an opportunity to fill any elective vacancies as a direct result of restrictive democrat gerrymandering.

Councilmanic District 4**Candidates**

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3.

John C. Gordon

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: No. I think the party CC should appoint. the person is probably well known to the CC and should have its approval. Also to open another election process is costly, usually unnecessary and can be contentious.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: The candidate must have a working knowledge of the workings of the General Assembly, its rules, customs and procedures. The candidate should reflect the ideas and ideals of the party appointing him as well as the person whom he/she is replacing. The candidate must be willing to be a positive force in shaping policy when possible and supporting his fellow colleagues when they require his help. Lastly, he/she must have a history of political participation outside of the General Assembly.

MOTIVATION: See question 2 responses. I have several years of participation in party politics including time on the CC. I have been active in organizing local projects for the CC and will continue to do so as a member of Dist. 4.I

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I am confident in my ability to judge different schools of thought in and out of election season as well as during election time. I am knowledgeable about local politics and about local community concerns. I have served on my community association board and are aware of and will consider their concerns and projects.

Alec Posner

No response received by deadline.

Neil S. Posner

No response received by deadline.

Councilmanic District 5

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3.

Patricia R. Fallon

No response received by deadline.

Craig A. Lewis

No response received by deadline.

Angela Sudano-Marcellino

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: No

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: Qualifications & experience

MOTIVATION: I wish to serve on the Baltimore County Republican Central Committee to ensure voter integrity , promote party philosophy, get out the vote, raise money and support candidates.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: Our role is to be in constant contact with the constituents of our districts and knowing the concerns and what is important to the district when filling vacancies.

Adam Wood

No response received by deadline.

Councilmanic District 6

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3.

Aaron Joshua Brave

No response received by deadline.

Christine L. Vondersmith

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Yes, I do. They can be held at the same time as regularly scheduled elections. Otherwise if appointments are going to be used then something must be in place for complete transparency and a public interview process.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: The criteria should be candidates with demonstrated community service; resident of the State and the district; and the ability to immediately serve the unexpired term.

MOTIVATION: I would like to serve on the committee in order to act as liaison between the community and local officeholders, addressing local issues immediately. I would like to help the people in my community.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: No response received by deadline.

Katy A. Wolfe

No response received by deadline.

Councilmanic District 7

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3.

Bradley L. Lang

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Special elections are worth exploring but should only be implemented if they can occur at a minimum cost to taxpayers, ideally by attaching them to an existing election such as the Presidential election. If special elections are implemented, one way to keep these costs down would be to only have a special general election and instead of a special primary, have the Central Committees nominate a candidate and allow unaffiliated candidates to file normally.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: First, I would ensure that any candidates considered meet the statutory requirements to serve in the office (age, residency, party registration, etc). When making a decision on who to vote for, I will make sure that their policy's represent the GOP as that would be the party that the district elected. I will also weigh community involvement as that is a vital part of serving in local and state government. Finally, I will not vote for anyone who does not have the temperament to lead or legislate.

MOTIVATION: I believe that the Republican Party, especially locally, is the party of affordability, transparency, and public safety. I want to continue to work to spread this message in Baltimore County. States and local jurisdictions that are more politically competitive tend to be better represented as elected officials are held to results to win and don't just win a primary election and win the general because of party affiliation. I want to make the GOP more competitive in Baltimore County and Maryland.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I will evaluate the current community activity of any applicants to fill vacancies. If someone is involved in the community before being in office, then they are more likely to stay connected. Elected officials who have served on any sort of community board are better equipped to legislate as they have experience in building coalitions which can be translated into passing legislation. I will also take into account any constituent input during the vacancy process.

Kevin A. Olkowski

No response received by deadline.

Kate Strauch Sullivan

No response received by deadline.

Garrett L. Zahner

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: While special elections are worth considering, they should be prioritized only when taxpayer costs are minimized—ideally by aligning them with scheduled events like Presidential elections. To further reduce expenses, the process could skip special primaries; instead, Central Committees would nominate party candidates, while unaffiliated candidates would follow the standard filing procedures for a single special general election.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: When filling a legislative vacancy, my first responsibility is verifying that candidates meet the strict constitutional requirements. Once an applicant clears that legal baseline during our public application and interview process, my focus shifts to their strategic value to the party and the district. I look for clear alignment with our party. Since our nominee will ultimately gain the advantage of incumbency, I will only vote for someone with the temperament to lead and be a legislator.

MOTIVATION: I want to serve on the Republican Central Committee because Maryland's future requires a strong, organized party infrastructure. As the minority party, we must proactively recruit top candidates, build robust grassroots networks, and communicate our conservative principles. I want a hands-on role in vetting and supporting leaders who have

the integrity and strategic readiness to win, helping build a sustainable coalition that brings common-sense governance and balance back to Annapolis.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: I ensure my appointment decisions serve the community by prioritizing transparency and rigorous vetting. When filling a vacancy, I look beyond basic legal requirements to find candidates with proven integrity, deep community ties, and a strong grasp of local issues. I actively listen to constituent feedback and seek individuals who align with our core conservative principles while possessing the collaborative temperament needed to be an effective, immediate advocate for our district.

Councilmanic District 8

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3.

Paul M. Blitz

No response received by deadline.

Councilmanic District 9

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3.

Daniel Eisenhart

No response received by deadline.

Tim Fazenbaker

No response received by deadline.

Kenneth Michael Langston

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: I do not support special elections to fill vacancies in the General Assembly. In order to quickly fill the position, I believe appointment by the party Central Committee is the most efficient way. A special election will add extra expenses for budgets that are already stretched. Most special elections are also poorly attended. This special circumstance is best handled by the individuals trusted to handle the matter when they were elected to serve on the Central Committee.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: The individual selected to fill the vacancy should have strong integrity to represent the needs and wants of their jurisdiction. Looking for individuals that align with the values of the Republican party would be the priority. The person should be an excellent communicator that also appears electable. With Maryland being mostly Democratic, the individual will need to find creative ways to get their priorities funded.

MOTIVATION: During my career as a federal law enforcement officer, I was not able to have any political activity. I sat on the sideline for years frustrated with how Maryland is run. After retiring, I decided it was time to see if there is any way I can make a difference. With little experience in fundraising and campaigning, the Central Committee seemed like an excellent place to start. Hoping to use my skills to advance the Republican party in Maryland.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: The process would start for me with the person for which we were filling the vacant position. Looking at their views and stances would be most importance. My hope would be to make sure the person filling the vacant position aligned with the originally elected individual.

C. O. Bud Staigerwald

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: No it would be too long of a process and there would be no representation for the district.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES: I would look for the person that had the best interest of people in this district as the priority.

MOTIVATION: To help work to better the party as well as shape our district's future.

VACANCY SELECTIONS: During the interview process I will ask pointed questions to make sure the person has their priorities for the people.

Deb Sullivan

No response received by deadline.

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