



Calvert County *Voters' Guide* 2022 General Election League of Women Voters of Maryland

About this *Voters' Guide*

This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Calvert County. The League is a non-partisan organization working to promote informed and active citizen participation in public policy debate and governmental decision making. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. The League does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

The League offers this *Guide* to assist you as you prepare to participate in the upcoming election. It lists offices and candidates in the same order that they will appear on your ballot. Please be aware that, as there are three districts within Calvert County, not all candidates appearing in this print version of the *Guide* will be on your ballot. To know exactly which candidates will be on your ballot, you can go to VOTE411.org online, refer to the sample ballot that the Maryland Election Board will send you, or find out which district you are in and look for your sample ballot at the website of the Election Board.

To prepare this *Guide*, the League invited all registered candidates to participate. Each candidate running for a particular office was asked identical questions. Their responses are shown here exactly as given by the candidate. We did not edit content, spelling, or grammar. Responses were limited to 400 characters. Some candidates include information about their website or social media sites, which may provide additional biographical and policy information. Candidates were able to respond in both English and Spanish if they wanted to – in those cases, their answers in both languages are shown together. If a candidate did not respond by the print deadline, this appears: "No response received by print deadline."

This *Guide* also includes information about five proposed amendments to the Maryland Constitution, as well as election logistics and voter rights. Additional information can be found at www.lwvcalvert.org.

Voters are encouraged to visit VOTE411.org prior to voting. You can find candidate photos, any updated candidate responses, a personalized ballot, and side-by-side comparisons of candidates, as well as information on candidate forums and the logistics of how to register and vote.

Please note: the League makes every effort for accuracy, but can assume no liability for errors and/or omissions.

The League thanks all the candidates who have participated in this *Voters' Guide*!

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Voting Information

Be Prepared to Vote!

1. Check your voter registration status before Election Day
2. Know where your polling place is (polling places change!) and when it is open for voting
3. Consider whether a mail-in ballot or early voting might be best for your needs
4. Check to see if you will need ID (see page 6)
5. Use this *Voters' Guide* and VOTE411.org to become informed on candidates and issues – use the sample ballot sent from the Board of Elections to mark your candidate and ballot question choices in advance
6. Read the ballot carefully to select the right number of candidates for each office
7. Don't hurry – take the time you need
8. **Ask an election judge for help if you have questions**

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO VOTE

Early Voting

When: **7:00 am to 8:00 pm** from Thursday, **October 27, 2022** through and including Thursday, **November 3, 2022**. (If you vote during Early Voting, you cannot vote by mail-in ballot or on Election Day.)

Where: Calvert County will have three Early Voting centers:

Fairview Vote Center

8120 Southern Maryland Blvd.
Owings, MD 20736
(Building behind Fairview Library)

Community Resources Building

30 Duke Street, Lower Level
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
(old library, across from post office)

Southern Community Center

20 Appeal Ln
Lusby, MD 20657

By Mail (“Mail-In” or “Absentee” Ballot)

You have a right to vote using a mail-in ballot.

No special conditions need to be met. The status of mail-in ballots can be tracked online.

Requesting your ballot - You may request that a ballot be mailed to you or sent via fax or an email link. Apply online or by printing out an application from the State Board of Elections website:

<http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html>

Please note that requesting that your ballot be mailed to you is strongly preferred. If you receive it by fax or email, your election choices will have to be transferred to an official ballot by Election Board staff and volunteers.

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

- **Tuesday, November 1, 2022** if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax; or
- **Friday, November 4, 2022** 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.)

Returning your ballot – You may return a mail-in ballot by:

- Mail, postmarked no later than Election Day and received by your local board of elections no later than **10 am on November 18, 2022**.
- Depositing it in a ballot drop box by **8 pm on Election Day**. There are four ballot drop boxes for Calvert County voters:

Calvert County Board of Elections	Fairview Vote Center	Northeast Community Center	Southern Community Center
30 Duke Street Prince Frederick, MD 20678	8120 Southern Maryland Blvd. Owings, MD 20736 (Building behind Fairview Library)	4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave, Chesapeake Beach MD 20732	20 Appeal Ln Lusby, MD 20657

- Hand delivering it to a Calvert County Early Voting Center during voting hours.
- Hand delivering it to your home precinct no later than **8 PM on Election Day**.
- Hand delivering it to the Calvert County Board of Elections no later than **8 PM on Election Day**.

NOTE: If you request a mail-in ballot but then go to vote in person, you will not be permitted to cast an ordinary ballot during Early Voting or on Election Day. Instead, you will be provided a provisional ballot that will be counted only if your mail-in ballot is not received.

Election Day Voting: Tuesday, November 8, 2022, only at the polling place noted on your voter registration, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

OTHER ELECTION INFORMATION

Voter registration deadline The last day to register to vote in advance for the General Election is Oct. 18, 2022. Same Day Registration is available during Early Voting and on Election Day.

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

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

Contact - Calvert County Board of Elections

Community Resources Building
(old library, across from post office – enter lower level through the door at the back)
30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick MD 20676
Phone: 410-535-2214
Email: elections@calvertcountymd.gov
Web: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/155/Early-Voting-and-Vote-By-Mail>

Maryland State Board of Elections – P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
Phone: 410-269-284 Toll Free: 800-222- (VOTE) 8683
Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258

FAQ and rumors about the election?

Visit – http://www.elections.maryland.gov/press_room/rumor_control.html

Interested in being an election judge? Pay is \$175 per day plus \$25 for attending training. Complete an online application at: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/159/Election-Judges>

VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

The Calvert County League of Women Voters has developed a Voter Bill of Rights. For the complete downloadable brochure, please visit: https://www.lwvcalvert.org/maryland_voter_bill_of_rights Some useful excerpts are below:

VOTER REGISTRATION

To confirm that you are registered, verify your party affiliation, or check the location of your polling place, call the local Board of Elections or check online:

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> or
<https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/>

To register and/or to vote, you must be:

- 1) A U.S. citizen
- 2) A Maryland resident*
- 3) At least 16 years of age to register, 18 to actually vote

You must **NOT** be:

- Currently incarcerated for a felony conviction**
- Convicted of buying or selling votes
- Under guardianship for mental disability and found by a court to be unable to communicate the desire to vote

*You may vote if you are homeless if you can show that you live and receive mail in MD.

**Once released from incarceration, you may vote if you are on parole or probation, but any former voter registration will be invalid so you must register to vote again.

You can register to vote:

- Online by using Maryland's online voter registration system
<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1> or
<https://www.vote.org/register-to-vote/> or www.vote411.org
- In person – complete and sign a voter registration application at a Maryland Board of Elections office
- At MVA service centers (MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration) or state agencies providing public assistance including Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene, Dept. of Social Services, Offices on Aging, public higher education institutions, military recruitment offices, marriage license offices, or agencies providing services to people with disabilities (MTA Paratransit Certification Office).
- At your Early Voting locations during the early voting period
- At your polling place on General Election Day
- By mail – complete and sign a voter registration application and mail it to the State or local Board of Elections. The application must be postmarked on or before the deadline - Oct. 18 for the 2022 General Election.

The Calvert County Board of Elections is:

- Office location: 30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678
- Mailing address: PO Box 798, Prince Frederick, MD 20678
- Phone: 410-535-2214

VOTER ID

If you are requested to show an ID, you have a right to ask why. You will be asked to provide identification if:

- You are a first-time voter, you registered by mail, and you did not provide a valid ID
- You are registering to vote or changing your address during an early voting period or on Election Day

Acceptable identification includes photo and non-photo ID (if photo not available):

- Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued identification
- Student ID card or Employee ID that includes a photo
- Passport or other government-issued ID
- Utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck that is not older than 3 months

PROBLEMS AT THE POLLING PLACE?

- If you are told that you must use a 'Provisional Ballot,' do so. Provisional ballots are designed to ensure no one is refused at the polls. Provisional ballots are issued in the following situations:
 - Your name is not in the voter registration database.
 - You moved but you did not update your address for voting.
 - The database shows that you received a mail-in ballot or that you already voted in this election. Your provisional ballot will only count if you did not vote by mail-in ballot or did not already vote.
 - During Early Voting you tried to register or change your address but your eligibility was not determined at that time. You have until 10 AM on the 8th day following the election to prove where you live to the local Board of Elections.
 - You did not provide ID when asked. You have until 10 AM on the 8th day following the election to prove your identity.
 - You did not provide your driver's license number or last four digits of your Social Security Number on your voter registration application. You have until 10 AM on the 8th day following the election to prove your identity.
 - Someone challenged your right to vote. If your local Board of Elections determines you are who you say you are, your ballot will count. It is advisable to provide ID to the local Board of Elections by 10 AM on the 8th day following the election.
 - A court ordered a polling place to stay open late. In that case, all ballots cast during the extra hours will be by contingency (provisional) ballot.

After the election, you can verify if your provisional ballot was counted and, if not, why, by using the Maryland State Board of Elections voter look-up website. A provisional ballot will be considered valid if the local Board of Elections is able to verify that the voter is registered and eligible to vote in Maryland. A valid provisional ballot is counted even if it will not change the outcome of the election.

- If you are told you are not on the list of registered voters, ask the election judge to check again on the Maryland State list. If you are not on either list, ask for a provisional ballot so that you can cast a ballot. Only a challenger/watcher can challenge your identity. If you provide ID to prove your identity, you should be permitted to cast a regular ballot. If not, insist on a provisional ballot.
- If you are being denied the right to vote, you have the right to know why. Before leaving the polling place, ask the Chief Election Judge to provide you with a written explanation.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, you have the right to a new ballot, but you must ask for it before you cast your ballot. You have the right to two replacement ballots.
- You have the right to ask for help in the voting booth. Ask an election judge for assistance. No one should influence your voting in any way.
- You have the right to a translation of all ballots and other elections materials. You have the right to bring an interpreter with you or get assistance from anyone you choose, provided that person is not your employer, an agent of your employer, an officer or agent of your labor union, or a candidate on the ballot. Ask an election judge for assistance.
- You have the right to have your children, under the age of 18, accompany you throughout the voting process.
- **If you have a complaint, ask to see the Chief Election Judge(s). You may also contact the local Board of Elections, the Maryland State Board of Elections, or the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union).**

FIRST TIME VOTER? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

We've take the guesswork out of voting for the first time. Follow our checklist and get prepared to go to the polls.

www.vote411.org/first-time-voter-checklist



OFFICES AND CANDIDATES

Governor / Lt. Governor

DUTIES: The Governor is the head of the executive branch and appoints the heads of statewide departments and judges in the state courts. The Governor proposes the annual operating and capital budgets to the legislature and may veto legislation passed by the legislature. The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor and carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability.

TERM: Four years. Limit of two consecutive terms.

SALARIES: Governor \$184,000, Lieutenant Governor \$165,000 as of January 23, 2023.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team.

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/html/01govf.html

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of Governor?

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

PUBLIC SAFETY: What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

EDUCATION: What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

HEALTH CARE: What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

NATURAL RESOURCES: What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment and how will you address it?

INFRASTRUCTURE: How will you balance infrastructure needs with their environmental impact?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for 1 pair.

Dan Cox / Gordana Schifanelli

Republican Party

Campaign Info:

Campaign You Tube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCi9qISW51AbDEK2uKM0EaRg

Other: Truth Social: @realdancox

Campaign Facebook: Official.Dan.Cox

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Campaign Website: www.coxforfreedom.com

QUALIFICATIONS: State Delegate Dan Cox is a husband, father, Republican conservative candidate for Governor of Maryland and believer in the goodness of God for the people of our great State. He has been a leading force fighting for the lives and livelihoods of all Marylanders. A lifelong Marylander, Dan has served the People of Maryland as a small businessman, 15+ year Constitutional attorney, and Delegate.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Boost the BOOST education programs for all and allow the money to follow the child under parental direction. Increase opportunity zone loans and grants, with follow-up grants and loans to small business start-ups to ensure stability and strength. Ensure equality for all and access to the market with lower taxes.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Ensure immediate ending of the catch and release of illegal foreign nationals into our streets, and double the pay of police officers while providing state of the art world-class training with protection from frivolous lawsuits and public information act requests of private and family information.

EDUCATION: Provide tax credits for those forced out of the public classrooms, while providing school choice and additional charter schools. Ensure audits of the spending and reduce administrative waste while increasing pay and training of teachers. End the ghost students and ensure every student has access to tutors as needed to ensure they understand and pass the material in each class.

HEALTH CARE: Ensuring our seniors have access to care without discrimination and restoring our health privacy freedoms. Additionally, expanding affordable health care coverage by opening up competition across state lines is necessary to lower premiums.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Ensuring the effluent into the Bay and estuaries from the various city and town sewers, including Baltimore City, are discovered and stopped. Additionally, preserving our farmland and right to farm, while also ensuring our timber forests are healthy, harvesting with conservation, and protecting our state forests and old standing timber.

INFRASTRUCTURE: By preserving farmland and state forests, we can ensure land and growth areas are open for building to attract business and residents. Maryland has a net-loss of over 250,000 people since 2011. By granting access to our natural resources responsibly, and expanding energy production, we increase opportunity for all while ensuring the conservation and protection of our state lands and waterways.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will Restore Freedom to the Free State by ending all mandates on Day One of my administration. Furthermore, ensuring our Seniors have property tax assessment relief and retirement income relief will ensure we keep them here in Maryland.

Wes Moore / Aruna Miller

Democratic Party

Campaign Info:

Campaign You Tube: bit.ly/wesmooreyoutube

Other: secure.actblue.com/donate/wesmoorelwv (Donate)

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Campaign Twitter Handle: @iamwesmoore

Campaign Instagram: www.instagram.com/iamwesmoore

Campaign Email: Info@WesMoore.com

Campaign Twitter: www.twitter.com/iamwesmoore

Campaign Website: www.WesMoore.com

QUALIFICATIONS: State organizations and leaders—including Maryland’s teachers, Speaker of the House Adriene Jones, and Senate President Bill Furguson—not only see us best positioned to win but also see my experience leading in every sector of American society as what is needed to build a stronger, more equitable future for our state. It’s what I’ve dedicated my career to and it’s what I’ll do as governor.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I will leverage this once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a stronger, more inclusive economy through work, wages, and wealth for every Maryland family. That means creating new pathways to the workforce, accelerating our path to a \$15/hour minimum wage, and breaking down barriers to homeownership. It’s what I’ve done my entire career, and it’s exactly what I’ll do as Maryland’s next governor.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I believe in policing with maximum accountability and appropriate intensity,

bringing together federal, state, and local resources to prevent crime while building trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. As governor, I will invest in proven community-based violence intervention programs, fix the Department of Parole and Probation, and invest in local re-entry programs.

EDUCATION: From cradle to career, education is one of the key pillars for Marylanders to access jobs, higher wages, and the opportunity to build wealth to pass on to their children. As governor, I will fix our broken childcare system and make pre-K free for every three and four-year-old in need, support our educators working their hearts out, fully fund the Blueprint, and build strong workforce pipelines.

HEALTH CARE: There are still over 257,000 Marylanders who lack health coverage and as governor, I will work to ensure universal access to affordable health coverage. Specifically, we will work to make enrollment and renewal in the Medicaid program easier, provide extra subsidies to make private health care more affordable, and provide affordable coverage options for people not eligible for the exchange.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Climate change is devastating our communities and inaction has cost us \$10 billion in the past decade and put our communities at risk. As governor, I will set aggressive targets to generate 100% clean energy by 2035, achieve net-zero emissions by 2045 and implement solutions to address sea-level rise and extreme heat, prioritizing environmental justice throughout the process.

INFRASTRUCTURE: As governor, I will ensure that we are building 21st-century transportation infrastructure that provides equity both in terms of access and its construction, environmental protections, and strong input from the communities. A Moore-Miller administration will ensure every step is taken to fully understand and mitigate the environmental impacts while meeting the transportation needs of Marylanders.

OTHER PRIORITIES: No matter your start in life, you deserve an equal opportunity to succeed – a job you can raise a family on, a future you can look forward to. My top priority is to create opportunities for people to step into better jobs, earn higher wages, and build wealth they can pass down to their children. In the military we learned a mantra, “leave nobody behind” and that’s exactly what I’ll do as governor.

David Lashar / Christiana Logansmith

Libertarian Party

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Campaign You Tube: youtube.com/channel/UCjnyOHBGs1mSkOTsXdrhmWQ

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Campaign Website: davidlashar.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am an award-winning IT executive who brings success as 1) a policy analyst in Congress, 2) the CIO, COO, & Chief of Staff of Maryland’s \$14B Dept. of Health. Out-going Gov. Hogan (R) has said I am the most qualified candidate to succeed him. Jerome Segal (D), a socialist, has said I possess the character we need in our next Governor. So, my competence & character are vouched by MD leaders.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Especially for disadvantaged communities, the state should expand opportunity for individuals and small businesses. School choice, affordable housing, and safe streets for individuals and their loved ones, along with transportation assistance. Relief from taxes and regulations for small businesses, including a “concierge” service to help Marylanders obtain the state and local permits they need.

PUBLIC SAFETY: To reduce crime, we must bring an end to the war on drugs. Just as the end of alcohol prohibition brought an end to the gangster violence of 100 years ago, so too the end of drug prohibition will bring an end to the gangster violence of today. And to be clear: Neither more jail time as per the Republicans nor more gun control as per the Democrats will make any difference.

EDUCATION: Education as delivered through public-monopoly schools in league with self-interested teacher unions has become a failure, especially for youths in historically disadvantaged communities. We need to give all students, but especially poor students, the same privilege that rich kids enjoy: Choice as to where to go to school. The money must follow the child. As is already done for college education.

HEALTH CARE: Our most publicized and politicized health challenge has of course been COVID, to which elected Rs and Ds alike reacted with excessive contempt for clinical data, civic debate, and personal choice. Against which excesses, we need restraints on executive powers under future health emergencies. We also need action against the surge in opioid overdoses, offering services instead of indifference.

NATURAL RESOURCES: For the Bay, we must compel PA to meet its targets under the Blueprint for the Bay, so that MD and VA are no longer bearing the costs of fertilizer runoff from PA farms. For the climate, we must recognize per the UN panel's own science that we DO face a formidable challenge but we do not face an imminent catastrophe. So, we must avoid panic while moving to clean, reliable, affordable energy.

INFRASTRUCTURE: First, I must implore that we quit exaggerating our needs. The Rs and Ds in DC already have splurged on unnecessary and inflationary spending. Second, I commit to managing that which is coming from DC in a competent manner (unlike the Purple Line) while tending to environmental impact, for example avoiding miles of new concrete; for example promoting innovation for east-west Baltimore transit.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My priority is to restore civility and hope across Maryland. Which has almost nothing to do with policy positions... but has everything to do with possessing a character and advancing a philosophy devoted to respect for ALL people regardless of race, gender, sexuality, or politics. Which is who I myself am and what libertarianism is, as you can confirm for yourself by following my campaign.

Nancy Wallace / Patrick Elder

Green Party

Campaign Info:

Campaign You Tube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCADt2qL0ISkzGDxjtKvF2KQ

Other: https://www.tiktok.com/@nancy4gov?_t=8VFDXb3FLOo&_r=1

Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/Nancy-Wallace-108536871968554/

Campaign Twitter Handle: [wallace4govmd](https://twitter.com/wallace4govmd)

Campaign Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wallaceforgovernor.md/>

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Campaign Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Wallace4GovMD>

Campaign Website: [wallaceforgovernor.us](https://www.wallaceforgovernor.us)

QUALIFICATIONS: I created and led national environmental strategies at the Sierra Club during 14 years full time legislative campaigns on environment, building coalitions across the political spectrum; studied science, solutions for climate change for 30 years. I'm a certified organizational maturity CMMI appraiser for government and private sector; worked 28 years in executive branch on billion-dollar programs.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state government should take the lead in redistributing wealth from the top one percent to those who created it by practical programs increasing home ownership such as all public housing becomes rent to own; free college and forgiveness of all public college student debt; free universal health care including elderly care that Social Security doesn't cover; and green jobs with training for all.

PUBLIC SAFETY: See 11 point plan, website: Re screening all MD police for psychological tolerance. 50 percent of police live in their work jurisdiction. Mental health officers as priority. Elevate violent offenders to nonviolent paths with proven life mapping program. Raise standard for acceptable force above legal minimum. Full funding for social workers. Local citizen oversight boards with investigative power.

EDUCATION: Implement the Kirwan Commission on Education, and transition to Montessori proven technique for higher achievement and emotional healing in early years. Free public college so all students know they have path to good paying jobs. High school academies with apprenticeships for locally needed skills for local community, partnering with unions and local businesses. Air conditioning, heat guaranteed!

HEALTH CARE: Our children's health epidemic of neurological disease of 1 in 8 children, vast racial discrepancies in health care, racialized rates of poverty that are stressors taking years off life expectancy, onslaught of toxic chemicals such as PFAS forever chemicals from firefighting and military facilities, glyphosate from food, mercury from coal plants each need a targeted program for a clean healthy MD.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Climate change needs emergency transformation on scale of WWII economic mobilization. We can reverse climate change with immediate free solar panels from \$2.3 billion Rainy Day fund; super insulation of housing starting with public housing; absorb CO2 with switch to organic farming with full state support, reforestation of all state lands, public education on minimum mowing, and restoring the Bay.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Our 2022 Infrastructure grade of C from American Society of Engineers clearly indicates that maintenance and renovation of our bridges, roads, dams, wastewater and other components will be our focus, not massive growth. Temporary environmental impacts will be offset by the improved engineering design such as fish ladders. Our large reforestation and Chesapeake restoration programs will also help.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Democracy reform with Ranked Choice Voting aka True Majority Voting, citizens right to state wide referendum, remove seniority dominance in state legislature to allow equal powers to all elected representatives, public investment of tax revenues through a state Public Bank like ND, decentralization of power, local economic investment, small business priority. We never take corporate donations.

David Harding / Cathy White

Working Class Party

Campaign Info:

Campaign Email: workingclasspartymd@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked all my adult life, in a variety of different jobs, in the shipyards, steel mills, doing home improvement and now in computer operations for the state of Maryland. I'm familiar with the problems working people face.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Economically disadvantaged people are the poorer parts of the working class., people who have low-paying or part-time jobs. The bosses have created this situation in their drive for ever more profits. Until all working people organize, whether we are lower paid or higher paid, we will not be able to overcome this exploitation.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Crime is part and parcel of a society in decay. If workers organize and fight to improve our living and working conditions, crime will undoubtedly go down. Many so-called criminals would be glad to work at a decent-paying job.

EDUCATION: Maryland public schools need enough well-qualified teachers, resources and books for all children, air conditioning and heating, for a start, and real job training for students who want it. But our taxes are funneled to the wealthy. That won't change without an organized fight by the working class.

HEALTH CARE: Everyone needs decent health care, and that was true long before COVID. Not everyone has a health provider, and public health is starved of funds. In Maryland, one of the wealthiest states, our taxes could be used to provide health care, instead of subsidizing developers and corporations.

NATURAL RESOURCES: If our natural resources were developed for the benefit of the entire population, rather than to boost the income of developers and agri-business, we would have more green spaces, a better quality of air, water and land and less global warming.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Some of the biggest infrastructure problems in Maryland are water and sewage. Working people would benefit from better roads, bridges, sewers, water and transportation systems, and so would the environment. But again, this requires a fight to redirect the wealth.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The working class has a potential that many workers don't realize. We do all the work of society, in offices, in manufacturing, in services. We have the potential to make huge changes because society could not run a single day without our work.

Comptroller

DUTIES: The Comptroller is the financial officer of Maryland. He or she is responsible for collecting, managing and planning for revenue to support the state budget. The Comptroller collects and administers Maryland taxes on income (both personal and corporate), retail sales, motor vehicle fuel, tobacco, beer, and wine and liquor, as well as estate taxes. The Comptroller serves on the Board of Public Works along with the Governor and the state Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly. The Board of Public Works must approve major contracts for the purchase of goods or service by any department of state government.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$150,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/html/03compf.html

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of Comptroller?

STATE CONTRACTS: What criteria would you use for evaluating contracts and capital projects that are subject to approval by the Board of Public Works?

REVENUE SYSTEM: What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency of the collection of Maryland taxes?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I believe I am uniquely qualified to carry on the tradition of strong independent Maryland Comptrollers. As the leader of one of Maryland's largest counties, my Administration has earned praise for strong fiscal management and innovation with a fully funded pension obligation and 24 AAA bond ratings, a distinction earned by only 2% of counties nationwide. The next comptroller will need to be

STATE CONTRACTS: The Comptroller's role on the Board of Public Works is perhaps the most important responsibility of the office. As the taxpayer's representative, the Comptroller should strive to make sure As the only candidate for comptroller who has chaired a similar body, the Harford County Board of Estimates, I worked with my procurement office to save the taxpayers \$26.4 million over the past seven years

REVENUE SYSTEM: Harford County Executive, I have launched over seven digital platforms to improve efficiency, save money and improve customer service. One of my first steps as Comptroller would be a top down evaluation of the Office's digital infrastructure to make sure the State is collecting taxes properly but processing returns and assisting preparers quickly as well.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Currently, the most pressing issue facing Maryland's families is the spiking inflationary pressures of food, services and goods. Energy prices continue to strain the budgets of our working families and small businesses. The cost of housing along with this increased cost of living threatens the next generation of Marylanders to live and raise a family here in our State. I have managed a local

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a leader on the state's fiscal committees, including chair of the Pensions Committee, I have a track record of getting big things done. I'll be ready on day one to lead the office, advocate for families and small businesses, and modernize the agency to increase accountability and transparency.

STATE CONTRACTS: We must ensure the best value for all taxpayers. That means ensuring state spending grows our economy by keeping dollars local, tackling the wealth divide by investing in minority, women and veteran-owned businesses, and using sustainable practices to prepare for climate change. We must use purchasing power to build generational wealth and build for generations to come.

REVENUE SYSTEM: I will introduce new technology to modernize the process of paying taxes and make receiving refunds more efficient. This will ensure that each taxpayer and corporation pays their fair share and also allow every family & small business to know which tax credits they qualify for, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit. I will also create a Taxpayer Advocate Office to assist taxpayers at every step.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Maryland faces many economic challenges but also big opportunities. We must tackle inflation, the racial wealth divide, climate change, and fully fund public education. As Comptroller, I will be a leader who brings people together to find solutions that unlock the potential of our communities and small businesses, increase economic opportunity for all, and build financially-resilient families.

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: \$150,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/attorney/html/06agf.html

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of Attorney General?

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: What steps will you take to improve the efficiency and fairness of legal processes in Maryland?

PUBLIC SAFETY: What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

PUBLIC HEALTH: What actions will you take to address issues such as domestic violence, human trafficking or substance abuse?

JUVENILE JUSTICE: What is your philosophy on the issues involved in juvenile justice?

CONSUMER PROTECTION: Describe your approach to consumer protection.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an attorney with more than 30 years of experience in private practice of law in Maryland. I have been a teacher of constitutional history and government for 25 years including the Constitution of Maryland.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: As Attorney General I will conduct a review of all facets of administration of the AG office to ensure that constitutionally authorized activities are appropriately prioritized and funded. I will discontinue activities that are outside of the jurisdictional authority of the office pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of Maryland

PUBLIC SAFETY: Violent crimes must be brought under control. As AG this would be a priority. Criminal or otherwise inappropriate conduct by police will be investigated fairly and transparently. Police have a difficult and dangerous job and as AG I would have open and established lines of communication with both police and community groups.

PUBLIC HEALTH: No response.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Efforts must continue to keep youths from entering the penal system. However, violent repeaters will be dealt with appropriately. I would also encourage the discontinuance of unrequested window cleaning of motor vehicles in Baltimore City and elsewhere.

CONSUMER PROTECTION: I believe that fraudulent activities should be investigated and prosecuted. However, I believe that it is the first priority of individuals to be careful and scrupulous in their business dealings

OTHER PRIORITIES: No governor or any bureaucrat has authority to make law, or declare that any order or edict has the "force of law" Any attempt to enact/enforce anything that violates the divinely given, constitutionally protected rights of people is worse than a nullity. No one, under any circumstance, has the authority to violate the constitution. There is no exception to this. It's a crime & must be prosecuted

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QUALIFICATIONS: With three decades as a lawyer, in federal and state courts, Army JAG officer, and regulatory attorney, representing clients against big tobacco and pro bono clients, and with twenty-two years leading in the legislative and executive branches of government, I bring the breadth of experience needed to lead and manage the Attorney General's Office, the largest public interest law firm in Maryland.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: As Attorney General, while I represent state government, I work for the people. They deserve efficiency and fairness of legal processes—criminal, civil and administrative. That begins with employing dedicated professionals who reflect Maryland's diversity and who are committed to equity and justice for all. I'll fight for needed reforms before the General Assembly and not accept the status quo.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I am an original cosponsor of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act which seeks to improve police accountability, I supported the First Step Act to reduce recidivism, and I advocated in Annapolis for a ban on "ghost guns." I will seek pattern or practice investigation authority over police misconduct, and I will continue to advocate for stricter gun laws such as universal background checks.

PUBLIC HEALTH: These issues require greater public awareness and education on the risks and signs associated with them. Regarding domestic violence, I led the 2009 effort to authorize judges to order domestic abusers to surrender their firearms, eight months after my cousin was killed by her estranged boyfriend. I'll work, as I have in the past, with advocates to develop best practices to address these issues.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: We need to treat children like children and not treat them in a way that turns them into hardened criminals. Juvenile justice should focus on restorative justice, not retribution and punishment. Absent the involvement of a firearm, most misdemeanor offenses committed by juveniles should be resolved through diversionary programs, not incarceration. Mental health and educational services are a must.

CONSUMER PROTECTION: The Consumer Protection Division safeguards Marylanders' health, hard-earned dollars, and identity. I'll combat price-gouging at the pumps and in the grocery stores, take action against predatory lenders, protect seniors and vulnerable individuals from fraudulent scams, prosecute businesses engaging in deceptive and unfair trade practices, and prevent anticompetitive pricing by large corporations.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The Attorney General is engaged in a wide range of issues across the enterprise of state government. Other top priorities for me will be addressing climate change, enforcing environmental standards and environmental justice; protecting workers' rights and enforcing labor standards; protecting civil and voting rights of all Marylanders; and defending against assaults on women's reproductive rights.

U.S. Senator

DUTIES: U.S. Senators make laws along with the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. They also ratify treaties and conduct investigations on issues of national importance. The Senate confirms presidential appointments, including Supreme Court justices.

TERM: Six years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide. In 2022, Maryland voters will elect one of our two Senators. About one-third of the 100 members of the Senate are elected every two years.

WEBSITE: senate.gov/

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of United States Senator?

ELECTIONS: What should the federal government's role be in the election process?

COURT SYSTEM: What measures, if any, would you support to reform the US federal court system?

HEALTH CARE: What changes in federal health care policy do you advocate and why?

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

ENVIRONMENT: How do you balance environmental concerns with the goal of strengthening our country's infrastructure and economy?

GUN SAFETY: Please provide your position on federal gun safety legislation.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm running for the U.S. Senate to uphold our values of justice, equality, and freedom; to protect our democracy; and to continue to deliver real results for Maryland. I've fought successfully to bring key investments to support our schools and students, modernize our

infrastructure, protect the Chesapeake Bay, provide more affordable health care and housing, and help our seniors and veterans.

ELECTIONS: Every voice must be heard to achieve the goals of our democracy. I'm an original sponsor of the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to fortify our democracy against the Big Lie, protect the right to vote, and end voter suppression. Both go hand-in-hand with my fight to rid our elections of secret, dark money that puts special interests ahead of the American people.

COURT SYSTEM: An independent judiciary made up of diverse voices is a key element of democracy and freedoms. We need to preserve and protect it from those trying to undermine the Constitutional rights it aims to safeguard. I'm working to confirm federal judges with an unwavering commitment to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms and delivering equal justice under the law.

HEALTH CARE: All Americans need affordable health care. I have defended the Affordable Care Act against GOP attacks and worked to increase access to mental health and other services with a goal of universal care. I have championed bills to reduce prescription drug and health care costs including allowing Medicare to negotiate on drug prices, tackle the medical debt crisis, and end health disparities.

IMMIGRATION: America is a nation of immigrants, from our founding to today. I believe that enabling immigrants to become a strong and vital part of our country is not only consistent with our values but is a proven path to strengthening our economic future. I support comprehensive immigration reform, which combines a path to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS recipients, and others with effective border security.

ENVIRONMENT: We must address the climate crisis. I proposed the Polluters Pay Climate Fund plan to require the worst polluters like Big Oil to help cover climate clean-up costs. We can grow our clean energy economy, prevent more damage, and create good-paying jobs. The new infrastructure law advances that goal with funds for the Bay, climate change, and cleaner options, like transit and electric vehicles.

GUN SAFETY: Too many Marylanders face the loss of loved from gun violence. We need common-sense reforms like universal background checks, and reinstating federal bans on high-capacity magazines and semi-automatic assault weapons. We can build on executive actions on limiting ghost guns, expand community violence prevention programs, and pass my legislation for stronger oversight enhancing gun safety.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We must build a stronger, more inclusive economy with more shared prosperity. We can end tax giveaways for the super wealthy and increase paychecks for working families while cutting everyday costs on everything from prescription drugs to child care. Also, it's vital that we protect Americans' freedoms and pass the Women's Health Protection Act to codify the legal right to reproductive choice.

Representative in Congress District 5

DUTIES: Representatives make laws along with the members of the Senate and may conduct investigations on issues of national importance. Laws that impose taxes always begin in the House of Representatives. Representatives can recommend that the Senate remove from office a public official accused of a crime.

TERM: Two years.

SALARY: \$174,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland has eight of the 435 Representatives, based on the state's population in the 2020 Census.

WEBSITE: house.gov

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Representative in the United States Congress?

ELECTIONS: What should the federal government's role be in the election process?

COURT SYSTEM: What measures, if any, would you support to reform the US federal court system?

HEALTH CARE: What changes in federal health care policy do you advocate and why?

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

ENVIRONMENT: How do you balance environmental concerns with the goal of strengthening our country's infrastructure and economy?

GUN SAFETY: Please provide your position on federal gun safety legislation.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am proud to have served as a former U.S. Capitol Police Officer, taken pride in mentoring our youth as a coach and teacher, and led initiatives in building solutions as a self-taught web programmer. Having broad life experiences and first-hand knowledge of various industries is a benefit for anyone holding a position in public office. It would be an honor to serve and represent the constituents.

CALIFICACIONES: ¿Cómo lo prepara su experiencia para los deberes de un Representante en el Congreso de los Estados Unidos? Estoy orgulloso de haber servido como ex oficial de policía del Capitolio de EE. UU., orgulloso de guiar a nuestra juventud como entrenador y maestro, y de liderar iniciativas en la creación de soluciones como programador web autodidacta. Tener amplias experiencias de vida y conocimiento de primera mano de diversas industrias es un beneficio para cualquier persona que ocupe un cargo público.

ELECTIONS: Free and fair elections are what make this country great. The federal government's involvement should be neutral and limited with respect to states' rights while maintaining elections are fair and secure, and without foreign interference. I'll propose legislation to require congressional districts to be drawn by non-partisan redistricting committees and support campaign finance reforms.

ELECCIONES: ¿Cuál debe ser el papel del gobierno federal en el proceso electoral? Las elecciones libres y justas son lo que hace grande a este país. La participación del gobierno federal debe ser neutral y limitada con respecto a los derechos de los estados, manteniendo las elecciones justas y seguras, y sin interferencia extranjera. Propondré legislación para exigir que los distritos electorales sean trazados por comités no partidistas de redistribución de distritos y apoyaré

COURT SYSTEM: The US Federal Courts should maintain its impartiality as an independent branch to reassure proper checks and balances of our government. The court should only be there to enforce the legality of laws based on the Constitution, and not create laws.

SISTEMA JUDICIAL: ¿Qué medidas, si las hubiera, apoyaría para reformar el sistema judicial federal de EE.UU.? Los tribunales federales de los EE. UU. deben mantener su imparcialidad como una rama independiente para garantizar los controles y equilibrios adecuados de nuestro gobierno. El tribunal solo debe estar allí para hacer cumplir la legalidad de las leyes basadas en la Constitución, y no para crear leyes.

HEALTH CARE: Since the passing of the Affordable Care Act, overregulation has led to skyrocketing costs and a lack of options for health insurance coverage. Consumers should have choices in health insurance. Mandates and impositions in the ACA caused 4.7 million to drop their coverage altogether. Transparency in health care costs will open a competitive market; increasing quality of care while lowering costs.

ATENCIÓN MÉDICA: ¿Qué cambios en la política federal de atención médica recomienda y por qué Según la Ley del Cuidado de Salud a Bajo Precio, la sobrerregulación ha provocado un aumento vertiginoso de los costos y la falta de opciones de cobertura de seguro médico. Los consumidores deben tener opciones en el seguro de salud.

La transparencia en los costos de atención médica abrirá un mercado competitivo; aumentar la calidad de la atención al mismo tiempo que se reducen los costos.

IMMIGRATION: We live in the greatest nation on Earth. It's no wonder why so many wish to immigrate here seeking the American Dream and a better life. Legal immigration is a huge benefit to our nation. Congress needs to act on improving conditions at our border, to know who is coming in, and to better streamline the process to allow those who wish to enter our nation legally.

INMIGRACIÓN: ¿Qué cambios propondría en la política de inmigración? Vivimos en la nación más grande. No es de extrañar que tantos quieran emigrar aquí en busca del Sueño Americano y una vida mejor. La inmigración legal es un gran beneficio para nuestra nación.

El Congreso debe actuar para mejorar las condiciones en nuestra frontera, saber quién ingresa y agilizar mejor el proceso para permitir que quienes deseen ingresar legalmente a nuestra nación.

ENVIRONMENT: The Chesapeake Bay and local waterways are a economic and environmental benefit to our area that we need to ensure are protected. Much of the Bay's pollution comes from surrounding states which needs to be addressed at a federal level. We can reduce a third of all emissions by 2030 by promoting nature-based climate solutions. These easy and popular practices are cost-effective & easily actionable.

MEDIO AMBIENTE: ¿Cómo equilibra las preocupaciones ambientales con el objetivo de fortalecer la infraestructura y la economía de nuestro país? La Bahía de Chesapeake y las vías fluviales locales son un beneficio económico y ambiental para nuestra área que debemos asegurarnos de proteger. Gran parte de la contaminación de la Bahía proviene de los estados circundantes, lo que debe abordarse a nivel federal. Podemos reducir un tercio de todas las emisiones para 2030 mediante la promoción de soluciones climáticas basadas en la naturaleza.

GUN SAFETY: Every American has the right to protect and defend themselves. Conversations need to be encouraged concerning the correlation between mental health, psychotropic drugs, and violence. With violent crimes rising, we also need to look at the penalties for strong-armed crimes to ensure we reduce recidivism.

SEGURIDAD DE ARMAS: Indique su posición sobre la legislación federal de seguridad de armas. Todo estadounidense tiene derecho a protegerse y defenderse. Es necesario fomentar las

conversaciones sobre la correlación entre la salud mental, las drogas psicotrópicas y la violencia. Con el aumento de los delitos violentos, también debemos considerar las sanciones por delitos de mano dura para asegurarnos de reducir la reincidencia.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The national debt is at more than \$30 trillion dollars and climbing. within five years, the country is projected to spend more annually on interest payments alone than on our whole national defense.

I'll work to rein in out-of-control spending and printing, which has greatly contributed to inflation, and work to reduce the national debt by being more efficient with taxpayers money.

OTRAS PRIORIDADES: ¿Qué otros temas son prioritarios para usted? La deuda nacional supera los 30 billones de dólares y sigue aumentando. En 5 años, se proyecta que el país gastará más anualmente solo en pagos de intereses que en toda nuestra defensa nacional.

Trabajaré para frenar el gasto y la impresión desbocados, que han contribuido en gran medida a la inflación. Trabajaré para reducir la deuda nacional siendo más eficiente con el dinero de los contribuyente

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QUALIFICATIONS: My record is strong – from advancing projects such as the New Consolidated FBI Headquarters, to delivering billions of federal dollars for Maryland to rebound from this pandemic. I've built a career fighting for federal employees, strengthening education, and providing high-quality and affordable health care. I will work to ensure that our future is not threatened by climate change.

ELECTIONS: I've been fighting to set up guardrails that not only keep our democracy safe from corruption but ensure voters are not intimidated or prevented from casting ballots. I've been a champion and voted for legislation like H.R. 1, For the People Act, H.R. 4, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and the Freedom to Vote Act to ensure that everyone has the right to vote.

COURT SYSTEM: The politicization of the courts has led to an ideological Supreme Court., This needs to be stopped. I recently supported bipartisan legislation requiring federal judges to disclose their financial interests in a public database. I also support an ethical code of conduct for the entire judicial branch including Supreme Court Justices.

HEALTH CARE: I support strengthening and expanding the Affordable Care Act. I will continue to fight for universal coverage for all Americans including a public option in the ACA marketplace, as well as maintaining the enhanced ACA subsidies provided in the American Rescue Plan. I support letting Medicare negotiate prescription drug costs and capping the cost of insulin at \$35.

IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform. I was proud to support legislation to provide a solution for individuals in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED). But we must pass comprehensive immigration reform that secures the border and provides a pathway to citizenship.

ENVIRONMENT: I was proud to support and bring Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation to the House Floor this past year. This legislation will deliver at least \$7.4 billion to Maryland and includes funding for the Chesapeake Bay, Metro, and climate resilience. This legislation will also allow Maryland to

build out its electric car charging station infrastructure.

GUN SAFETY: After countless tragedies, including shootings at the Navy Yard, Great Mills High School, and the Capital Gazette, I was proud the House took action on commonsense gun safety measures. I brought legislation to the House Floor to pass comprehensive background checks and close loopholes on gun purchases. The Senate should pass and the President should sign this legislation. I support a ban on autom

OTHER PRIORITIES: After a once-in-a-century pandemic that has taken a vast toll on our economy and public health, I believe one of the most pressing issues is the need to rebuild stronger and more equitably. We need to protect consumers and lower costs for Maryland families including combating inflation, shoring up supply chains, and reducing energy costs so that Marylanders can Make It In America.

State Senators

DUTIES: State Senators represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget. The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters. The Senate also confirms the Governor's appointments of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$50,328.

HOW ELECTED: Elected districtwide. The state is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by one State Senator.

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/gaf.html

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of State Senator?

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

PUBLIC SAFETY: What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

EDUCATION: What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

HEALTH: What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

NATURAL RESOURCES: What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment, and how will you address it?

LOCAL PROJECTS: What issues or projects are your priority for your own district?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates for District 27

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have leadership experience at work and as a board member of several clubs and organizations. As an Aerospace Systems Engineer, I have experience evaluating risks, assessing costs versus benefits, and analyzing how various technical parameters affect an overall system. Bills have often been passed by the General Assembly without enough thought for unintended consequences.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: People find themselves in economically disadvantaged situations for a variety of reasons. The State should expand training programs to teach new job and life skills that would allow them to overcome whatever events put them at a disadvantage. We also need to focus more attention on reading, writing, and math in our schools so that kids are ready for the workforce when they graduate.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Police and community relations are strained, and it will take time and a concerted effort to restore trust. We need to increase the number of officers, ensure they are well trained, and ensure the police accountability boards are fair for all parties involved.

EDUCATION: I will push for a return to the original core curriculum of reading, writing, math, sciences, history, and civics. I will oppose teaching CRT and similar content that have no basis in fact. I support parental rights and will push for full disclosure of all content being taught, and all assessments and surveys conducted by the school. I will push for parental consent for all health issues.

HEALTH: We have a growing drug problem and need to address it on multiple fronts. First, track down the dealers and close the pipelines that are bringing in drugs. Second, replace programs that enable drug abuse (clean needles) with programs that help people get off drugs and stay clean. Third, adopt proven and effective drug awareness programs in our schools.

NATURAL RESOURCES: My greatest concern is ensuring a remedy for one problem does not create other unexpected problems. We must ensure all environmental policies and programs are thoroughly researched to avoid unintended consequences.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Ensuring agriculture and aquaculture remain a competitive and prosperous industry.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I support a limit of two consecutive terms for our state legislators.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've spent the entirety of my professional career in public service and I've served as a member of the General Assembly since 2015. My prior service as both a Marine and in the field of public safety has uniquely prepared me to bring a needed and valuable perspective to elected office.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The role of the state is to provide a level playing field for all residents. Opportunities and state services shouldn't be determined by zip code but be consistently and equitably distributed across the board.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Because of my professional background, I'm a strong proponent of community

policing. It's critical to have officers be a part of their communities and to ensure mutual trust between officers and residents. It's the only way to ensure results.

EDUCATION: Our most-pressing new issue is closing the learning gap caused by the lack of in-classroom instruction due to the pandemic. The legislature must work to ensure that students and teachers have the resources necessary to make up for lost time.

HEALTH: For the past 2+ years, our greatest public health challenges have revolved around the COVID pandemic. We must learn to adjust to this new normal and, at the same time, remedy pre-existing cost of care and healthcare access issues.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Representing a district directly bordering the Chesapeake Bay, my most pressing environmental concerns revolve around its health. As a state, we must do everything within our power to reduce bay pollution and combat climate change.

LOCAL PROJECTS: My greatest priorities revolve around improving the quality of life and providing needed state resources in my community. Representing three different counties, the need for improved state infrastructure and public safety transcend jurisdictional lines.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a member of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, I'm committed to finding ways to lower tax liabilities for Maryland seniors, veterans, and young families to lessen the cost of living and improve the quality of life statewide.

Candidate for District 29

Vote for 1. (Note: there is no Democratic candidate.)

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House of Delegates

DUTIES: Members of the House of Delegates represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget. The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$52,343 as of January 11, 2023.

HOW ELECTED: Elected districtwide. The state is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by three Delegates, for a total of 141 Delegates statewide.

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/gaf.html

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of the House of Delegates?

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

PUBLIC SAFETY: What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

EDUCATION: What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

HEALTH: What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

NATURAL RESOURCES: What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment, and how will you address it?

LOCAL PROJECTS: What issues or projects are your priority for your own district?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidate for District 27B

Vote for 1. (Note: there is no Republican candidate.)

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QUALIFICATIONS: By working in the General Assembly as a Legislative & Constituent Services Director for the late Senator Mike Miller, Senator Joanne Benson, & Senator Michael Jackson, I have extensive experience in the realm implementing policies that will ultimately improve the quality of life for all Marylanders. I also serve as a local Pastor which allows me to be continuously be involved within the community.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Since the pandemic it has become even harder to afford to work, live, play, & retire comfortably in Maryland. I will fight to increase the minimum wage due to the economic strain of inflation. As the candidate with the most union endorsements, I will continue to support our Labor Unions that will provide high wage jobs in our community. Finally, we need to ease the burden of taxes on our retirees!

PUBLIC SAFETY: I am in favor of policies and funding that increase community policing programs, create violence interrupter initiatives, and policies that protect people from gun violence & reduce gun deaths. I support ensuring transparency and accountability in cases where police officers abuse their authority and harm those they are sworn to protect.

EDUCATION: I am in favor of continuing to ensure that The Blueprint for Maryland's Future is funded, our teachers receive higher salaries, each school is supplied with an adequate teaching and administrative staff, our classroom sizes are smaller, and that every aging school is rebuilt. I believe that we must also invest into mental health services to help our students recover from post pandemic challenges.

HEALTH: Heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer are among the leading causes of death in Maryland. As State Delegate, I would focus on expanding access to care, prevention, detection and treatment, closing Medicaid & Medicare coverage gaps, adequately funding our state and local health departments, and advancing healthy eating and active living policies.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Climate change is my greatest concern. As a Delegate, I would focus on the implementation of the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 and funding the recommendations from the various Commissions involved with developing solutions to solve the Climate crisis to meet state goals. I would also be a fierce champion for tax credits and establish free State programs to help Marylanders electrify

LOCAL PROJECTS: I am a proponent of having the Light Rail (LRT) extend service to Southern

Maryland. This will allow an easier commute for those that work in DC & will also help reduce our carbon footprint. I will work to ensure that every state road is paved & maintained & that the appropriate traffic lights are installed (especially on 210) in Prince George's County. Supporting our farmers is also my priority!

OTHER PRIORITIES: The welfare of our Seniors are of grave importance to me. As a primary caretaker for my elderly grandparents, I am committed to making it easier for our Seniors to have access to the wrap around services needed. Additionally, I look forward to fighting to make Maryland a more business friendly state through providing grants for startups & MBE's. I will also fight for WOMEN'S RIGHTS!

Candidate for District 27C

Vote for 1. (Note: there is no Democratic candidate.)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a husband, father & small businessman. I will fight to continue to roll back the high taxes and state spending. I want to eliminate taxes on all retirement income so that Marylanders aren't forced to leave the state. Put simply, I want to make Maryland more affordable. I plan to make this State a place where people want to raise a family and retire, rather than a place they have to leave.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I've lived in this beautiful state my entire life. I believe that every generation should have an opportunity at a better life and a world class education. It is through hard work, education and perseverance that we make a better life for our families. Maryland already has one of the most robust safety-nets in the United States. Government dependency is not the solution - it's the problem.

PUBLIC SAFETY: It's simple - It's time to hold criminals accountable! I find it insulting and utter nonsense to blame the police. If you want an example of what it looks like to put criminals in charge, then just look at Baltimore. The efforts to 'Cancel the Police' in Baltimore have made that City a bloody & dangerous third-world ghetto. I will not let that happen in Calvert County.

EDUCATION: Keeping children on lockdown and mandating masks has proved to be detrimental. I believe in Educational Freedom. Educational Freedom means that money should follow the child, not the school. Parents should be empowered to choose a public, private or parochial school that best fits their children. Put simply, the education monopoly is not working for all families. It's time for competition.

HEALTH: Mental health is a significant challenge in Maryland. Government shutdowns and mandates have exacerbated this problem. Southern Maryland needs a hospital that specializes in acute mental health diagnosis, treatment & care. Drug abuse is another major problem. Far too many people are addicted to harmful drugs. We must continue to fund Calvert's DARE Program to keep children drug free.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Wastewater Treatment Plants (which are Government-run) & the Conowingo Dam are the largest polluters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. A Wastewater Treatment Plant in Baltimore has routinely dumped raw sewage into the Bay. Yet, billions of dollars collected from taxpayers to fix this problem have been diverted to other uses. We must have truth in taxation and results-oriented action.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I will continue to fight the opioid, heroin, cocaine & general drug epidemic that has plagued not only Calvert County, but the entire state. Far too many young people have become addicted to or dependent upon drugs. The entire community must come together and convince young people that drugs lead to a life of misery & self-destruction. This is a battle that must be won here in Calvert County.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I am the highest rated Conservative in Maryland (CPAC). I fight to lower taxes & spending and to completely eliminate retirement taxes & the business personal property tax. I am endorsed by the NRA, MD Right to Life, & MD Farm Bureau. I support Parental Rights in Education and oppose Critical Race Theory ('CRT'). I oppose teaching 'Gender Identity' ideology to children. It's time to take back MD!

Candidates for District 29C

Vote for 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My three terms as a St. Mary's County Commissioner and 40 year Dept. of Defense contractor have uniquely prepared me to serve as delegate for southern Maryland. I have served on many state and local boards and testified on bills in Annapolis. My first hand experience has provided me with a well rounded background and insights on critical issues as they effect state and local governments.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The states role in addressing these needs should be to assist and support the overall welfare of the economically disadvantaged. Programs should be dedicated to help educate and train individuals for meaningful employment, particularly in hard hit areas. Financial, housing and related support should be provided as necessary.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I favor policies that support law enforcement and the multiple efforts undertaken to reduce crime. HB670 is inclusive of several PAB requirements . We are currently appointing our PAB and ACC representatives ensuring that they will represent a broad segment of our population respecting race and gender and police conduct will be placed in their hands for adjudication.

EDUCATION: Since the on set of covid I have been addressing this issue. As Commissioner I have supported funding in excess of MOE despite declining enrollment. We support expanding broadband, particularly to our most remote students so they can continue, if they choose, on-line education. Access to education is the first step to keep kids connected to school.

HEALTH: Mental health is one of the primary challenges facing the state. With covid, the economy, and other pressing issues we seen an exponential rise in mental health issues. I will advocate for recruitment and training of mental health experts to be done sooner than later. We need more places for those in distress to turn and receive treatment, particularly in the rural areas.

NATURAL RESOURCES: My greatest concern is the protection of natural resources in light of environmental changes. I support programs that will protect our waterways. I believe in healthy, balanced ecosystems. I will advocate for controlled growth and respect individuals property rights. I respect our rural way of life.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Local priorities include the replacement of the Thomas Johnson bridge and improving the intersection of Rt. 5 and Great Mills Rd. I support added opportunities for job creation at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station and supporting the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant and the LNG plant. I also support the recently opened Univ. Of MD Smart Building and regional airport opportunities.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I support lowering taxes and eliminating inheritance taxes. I believe small businesses are our economic backbone and they need our support. We need to reduce unnecessary and burdensome regulations which hinder economic growth and hurt our small businesses. I support a strong education system which emphasizes teachers, classroom instruction and is not strictly focused on money.

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QUALIFICATIONS: For over 30 years I worked with the members of both the, House of Delegates and the Senate to pass legislation relating to salaries, benefits and employment protections for my fellow Law Enforcement Officers in Maryland. I will use this experience to develop and enact legislation that benefits the residences of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties that live in District 29c.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: As the Delegate representing, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties District 29C, I will expand any existing programs and initiate programs that will provide adequate affordable housing.

PUBLIC SAFETY: As the Delegate representing, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, District 29c, I will ensure that our local law enforcement agencies receive all of the State funds that they are entitled to, in order to continue their crime fighting efforts.

EDUCATION: As the Delegate representing, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, District 29c, I will support universal pre-Kindergarten. I will pursue the installation of internet service for all areas in, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties.

HEALTH: As the Delegate representing, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, District 29c, I will pursue increased funding for mental health, specifically suicide prevention. I will assure that regulations for health care facilities are adequate for the needs of all members of the community.

NATURAL RESOURCES: As the Delegate representing, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, District 29c, I will pursue legislation that protects and preserves the, Chesapeake Bay, Patuxent, and Potomac Rivers. I will coordinate the conservation efforts with the needs of our residents that make their living harvesting the natural resources, as well as those who use these areas for recreation.

LOCAL PROJECTS: As the Delegate representing, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, District 29c, I will make the replacement of the, Thomas Johnson Bridge a priority for the, State of MD. I will make small business revitalization and expansion a priority.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As the Delegate representing, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, District 29c, I will pursue reducing the state tax burden on the members of our community who volunteer for our fire and rescue service. I will pursue reducing the tax burden on our local business.

Calvert County Commissioners

DUTIES: Calvert County has the Commissioner form of government in which the commissioners serve executive and legislative functions, operating under a Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County, revised in 1985, and subject to legislation adopted by the Maryland General Assembly.

SALARY: President \$47,500; Members \$45,000.

TERM: Four (4) years as specified in public local law.

HOW ELECTED: Voters elect the five county commissioners for four-year terms. The elections occur on the same cycle as the gubernatorial race. Each candidate has the choice to file as a representative of the candidate's county district of residence or as an at-large candidate. Candidates run countywide, and all voters pick one candidate from each district plus two candidates for the at-large seats.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change?

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: What are your priorities for the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What are your priorities for supporting the school board and public education?

PUBLIC HEALTH: What are your priorities for supporting the public health system?

EMPLOYMENT: What policies do you support to encourage economic development and job growth?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Does Calvert County need more affordable housing? Why or why not? If yes, what measures do you support to increase availability?

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency?

DIVERSITY: What examples can you give, if any, for areas in Calvert County government where more diverse representation would be beneficial?

DEMOCRACY: How will you "Make Democracy Work" better in Calvert County, specifically in the district(s) you are representing?

Candidates At Large

Vote for up to 2.

Earl "Buddy" Hance

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QUALIFICATIONS: Serving on the board for 3 years I have used my previous leadership experience to adapt to Calvert County issues. I gather information from county citizens on what their expectations are for the future of our county. Voting against town center expansions and reducing density are the result of citizen input. I scrutinize every new budget request and look for opportunities to reduce expenses.

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change? Very unimportant.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: To maintain our rural character and community values. Meet the county goal of preserving 40,000 acres. Support new businesses that serve the community needs and compliment a small town feel.

EDUCATION: Make sure our children have the best opportunity to succeed.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Based on the pandemic making sure our citizens have the necessary resources to react to medical issues that arise. Our county has a great network of resources to respond to the mental health crisis that have risen over the last 2 years because of the pandemic. Our police officers along with the mobile crisis react team do an excellent job dealing with individuals with immediate needs.

EMPLOYMENT: Having resources available to help any new business get off the ground is vital. Also doing outreach to attract business to the county is important to provide employment opportunities and tax revenue. I believe our Department of Economic Development does a good job in both those areas.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: According to an analysis that was done we have the appropriate percentages of diverse housing. That be said there is still great need for senior, work force, and low income housing. We have provided incentives to attract those types of housing there has not been many new housing projects.

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency? Above average.

DIVERSITY: We have analyzed our employee work force and we are above average when it comes to diversity based on national guidelines. Recent changes have been made to ensure that our hiring process continues to meet diversity guidelines. Diversity is important to get different perspectives and we do lack diversity on our volunteer boards and committees.

DEMOCRACY: Being an at large commissioner the entire county is my district and I do my best to listen to citizens on all issues. I always encourage citizens to participate in all opportunities that allow public input. Without public input we cannot make decisions that represent the majority of our citizens.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I served the citizens of Calvert County as a Deputy Sheriff for over 28 years. I served as a commander in the agency, tasked with making management decisions, grant acquisition and assisting with the budget. I attended numerous management trainings and leadership schools and received numerous awards, citations and proclamations. I have been a commander of the CCSO since 2006.

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change? Important.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to have Smart Growth. I will ensure critical infrastructure is in place to support economic growth without overdevelopment. Growth needs to be planned to meet residents' needs and support small businesses. It is important to have parks and recreation areas as well.

EDUCATION: A well-balanced education is the greatest investment we can make in our children. I will foster a working relationship with the Board of Education so that parents and educators have a voice in decisions that affect our future generation. Our educators are extremely important for our future generation.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The health and well-being of our citizenry is paramount. I will continue to work with local agencies on health-related issues and I will ensure the needs of our citizens are met. I believe it is extremely important to communicate serious health concerns and related issues expeditiously through whatever resources are available. I will maintain an open line of communication with health officers.

EMPLOYMENT: Thriving economies are important for many reasons. I support our small businesses and know the importance of conducting business locally. I will work with economic development and the Chamber of Commerce to ensure potential businesses don't meet roadblocks and will encourage them to bring jobs and revenue to Calvert County. This relationship will also help minimize vacant store fronts.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: There have recently been affordable housing projects completed, with more in the approval process. It is costly for a person to build a single-family home in Calvert County. Calvert County has a lot to offer with its rural character. We must be smart about planning our future growth.

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency? Above average.

DIVERSITY: Diversity can play a vital role in assisting with decision making. Obviously not everyone shares the same thoughts. Different genders and races may see things differently. Input from diverse backgrounds can be helpful and could increase efficiency and effectiveness.

DEMOCRACY: I will listen to the Calvert County citizens who put their trust in me to be their Calvert County Commissioner. I realize sometimes tough decisions must be made and I will never make everyone happy, however, decisions will be made based upon the input I receive from our community. I saw this first hand at a public hearing recently. It was great to see democracy in action.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Education, I have 2 PHD degree in computer and electronics and a minor in physics and math.

In the 1990's I manage alone multipole condo & townhouse associations and timeshares one.

I look to manage the county government as a business and try to reduce the property taxes or at least stop from increasing it each year.

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change? Important.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I strongly ageist destroy land mass for house of 5 acres lot, it just not efficient at all. They build big homes that seniors, young couple, teacher and blue-collar workers cannot afford, by establishing a community of smaller home on 1/4 acres lot and maintain a lot of wood area can accomplish a lot more, taxes and have affordable home.

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EDUCATION: I fully support the school board, however, I expect the school board to work with BOCC. Opening the school ground after hours is a must, these schools where built by taxes payer and they should be able to use them.

Girls scout, proms and homecoming, children have to rent halls outside the county for there function, while we have the facilities to accommodate them. subject cannot be discuss in 400

PUBLIC HEALTH: Public health is the reponsibility of every resident, if there any concern, it will be addressed immediately.

EMPLOYMENT: ease the county on business to encourage business to come to the county, I have spoken with other, and the head act the county give them make leave, rather than encourage them to stay and expand, I give so many examples of people wanted to invest and left because all the head act the county gives them.

I will definitely encourage and support any business willing to invest in the county

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Big problem, and if some want to fix up their basement to rent and help them with expense the county starts with \$18000 fee, the appartement in prince Frederick are \$1800 for 2 bedroom, they basically only want people with very high income to live in Calvert, what about young couples, seniors with limited income, teachers, blue color workers, they just basically cannot afford living in the county

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency? Poor.

DIVERSITY: not sure, when comes to the work force, I strongly in support for the person with the best qualifications, I have never hired anyone based on the color and sex ect.

DEMOCRACY: equal treatment for everyone, no matter what, I feel the current board are in favor of some close circuit and no one else, you complain, and they do nothing.

I promise and assure everyone whatever their affiliation that I look at their issue as it is mine.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have no prior elected office experience. I come from working in mutual aide doing harm reduction work and from being a mother in Calvert County. I feel this leaves me with a unique perspective as an outsider looking in with different ideas and no baggage or ties to outside groups or influences.

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change? Very important.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to take in to account our current growth, our natural environment (which must be protected), and our ability to create cohesive spaces for people to live and work in. We need to plan for a future that assumes we don't have the income revenue of the power plant and gas plant and look towards agri-tourism and cultural enrichment as a way to make revenue but preserve our green spaces.

EDUCATION: As a county commissioner, it would be my job to ensure that the school system is fully funded in the way that they need it to be and beyond that to remove myself from the BOE workings. I will tirelessly support and cheer on our educators and support staff. I fully believe in their ability to educate our students and that we need to keep hot button politics out of things.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Our local Health department has worked tirelessly during this pandemic and also in creating frameworks for drug harm reduction, mental health outreach, infant and child health, and more. We need to ensure our system is funded well and that we work together to promote and expand upon the wonderful programs (things like the crisis response team for example) that are helping citizens daily.

EMPLOYMENT: We need to look to the future and see where we can go in regards to agriculture and tourism in order to create revenue. Manufacturing would be another great place to look towards as well, bringing good union jobs that pay a living wage to people who live here. We have the structures in place to make this happen by utilizing and promoting our parks, protected lands, and farms.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The average person living here right now cannot afford a one bedroom apartment. We need to figure out a way to reduce housing costs while also staying within the boundaries of our development abilities regarding water and sewage systems. we should look to new eco-friendly technologies and housing forms that reduce consumer costs and do not create a burden on our current waste management system.

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency? Below average.

DIVERSITY: There are no women currently sitting on the BOCC despite our population being about half women. That right there shows you a lack of representation at a basic level for a large section of the county. I am Meherrin and do not see enough minority representation in our local government. New perspectives need to happen if we want to keep looking to the future rather than remain in the past.

DEMOCRACY: From what I have witnessed, it feels as though decisions are made and that community input is at best a formality to make it look as though our opinion matters. Major issues regarding how our land is used needs to have more public consideration or else we will continue to end up with development that is the same generic shopping center over and over and no actual improvements to the County.

Candidates District 1

Vote for 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: 7 years in office I have gained valuable experience in the day to day activities that comes with being a county commissioner.

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change? Very unimportant.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I believe we need to protect the rural character of Calvert County.

EDUCATION: I believe education should have the highest priority along with public safety

PUBLIC HEALTH: A healthy community is essential

EMPLOYMENT: It's important to continue to promote all educational programs to ensure we are able to adapt for the future

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We need first time home buyer opportunities and also places for our young people to get started in life also our seniors on a fixed income. In this very difficult housing market I'm open to listen to everyone

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency? Above average.

DIVERSITY: It's important in all of county government

DEMOCRACY: In my district I have discussions almost every day and get input on how we can be better

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked several years as an Analyst in county government. I've worked with Planning and Zoning, Public Works and Environmental Management. During this tenure I prepared multi million dollar budgets, conducted management audits and cost benefit studies. Due to my experience I am very familiar with the county system and I am very astute when it comes to budgets and contracts.

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change? Important.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to update our zoning ordinances to insure that they support the County's mission to keep Calvert's rural culture.

EDUCATION: We need to get a handle on the Kirwan Report's Blueprint requirements and revisit our budget to make sure that we are addressing what is called for in the Blueprint. The Board of County Commissioners must be flexible in regard to budget requirements presented by the School District to meet the needs of the students, teachers and support staff.

PUBLIC HEALTH: There needs to be more mental health services readily available to all citizens, especially or young people. This also would improve the opioid condition that is rampant through the United States. COVID left a trail of hopelessness for many and caused many to give up and commit suicide. Suicide is an epidemic in this nation and mental health services are essential in fighting this killer.

EMPLOYMENT: I would like to see more businesses in the town centers, including a health care center that specializes in mental health which would bring in more jobs to our county. We need a solid tax base and in obtaining this, companies like Dominion need to pay their fair share of tax based on their revenue.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Calvert County is in need of housing that is attainable to all especially our young adults who are first responders, teachers and support staff; and we need attainable housing for seniors. Right now we are chipping away at our infrastructure by not having housing available for the workers in our County. I would like to see housing scattered and not concentrated in one area.

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency? Below average.

DIVERSITY: The County staff in upper management needs more diversity. Most of the management staff are white. There are few to no minorities in these jobs. The County needs to be more aggressive in their recruitment of minorities.

DEMOCRACY: I will make democracy work by active listening to my constituency and to all residents in Calvert County. Follow up is also important so that the residents feel not only listened to but also important enough to take action on their request or inquiry.

Candidates District 2

Vote for 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a lifelong Calvert County resident and small business owner, I understand the concerns of Calvert County citizens. I believe that I have a strong working knowledge of county policies and understand what it takes to preserve Calvert's rural roots.

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change? Important.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: My primary focus is smart county growth. There must be discussion regarding infrastructure as well as further road studies.

The Adequate Public Facility Ordinance must also be kept up to date.

EDUCATION: Public education is a top priority and the safety of our children is paramount. I believe there needs to be transparency among all stakeholders as we work to get back to the basics of education. As Commissioner, I will work to foster a relationship between the BOCC, superintendent, and Board of Education.

PUBLIC HEALTH: I believe we need more resources and tools to support public health. We must also work with the local health department to ensure that they have what they need to support all Calvert County citizens.

EMPLOYMENT: I am in favor of policies that support job growth and will advocate for small businesses.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I believe there needs to be more affordable housing options in the county and we need to monitor the availability of these units.

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency? Below average.

DIVERSITY: While I cannot speak to specifics, if elected, I will work to ensure that diversity is maintained throughout the Calvert County Government.

DEMOCRACY: I believe that transparency is the key to make democracy work better in Calvert County. As your District 2 Commissioner, I would act on the best interests of all Calvert County citizens regardless of party affiliation and work to improve the communication between the BOCC and community.

David M. Gray

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I spent the last 5 years of my 31 year military career in Recruiting and Retention, Marketing and Advertisement. I was responsible for approving millions of dollars worth of request from 92 Air National Guard recruiting wings throughout the US and 4 US territories. I have a bachelor's degree in Business Management, associates degree in Criminal Justice and Human Resources.

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change? Very important.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I think it's vital that the county commissioners continue to improve the quality of life of the county residents but also not to over develop the county. I want to keep Calvert rural with that country feeling every time you enter the county. This will take smart planning and zoning with ideas that will keep us thriving but small and strong.

EDUCATION: I am entering this race for the youth of this county. Calvert is not only one the wealthiest counties in the state but also the country. I will work very hard with the school board to make sure our students are graduating with some of the best education in the country by providing the resources needed to achieve that! I want to make sure our youth have every advantage available to assure success.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The public health system is also a priority of mine. Our citizens deserve the best health system possible by providing the funding necessary to have the technical advantage to keep our citizens healthy and safe. Every citizen in this county must and shall have access to a superb public health system!

EMPLOYMENT: I do support economic development and job growth but only with careful and smart decision making. Overdevelopment can have consequences as well. As I said before keeping Calvert rural and country is important to me because safety is also vital to our citizens. Overdevelopment can lead to overpopulation that can lead to public safety issues. Being a small county we have to develop carefully.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: This nation as a whole needs to develop more affordable housing. Not only will I support measures to develop affordable housing, but I will be at the forefront pushing for it in Calvert. We forget that not everyone has the income to buy the big houses in this county and I find it unacceptable that we are not providing more affordable housing to everyone. This is also why I'm running for office.

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency? Average.

DIVERSITY: Diversity brings diverse ideas and unity to this county. When citizens see diversity in their leadership it shows more of a balance that makes all our citizens feel a sense of belonging and fairness. When I was deployed to the Middle East, I had a diverse team that made us strong because we learned from each other. We got to understand each other's visions which bonded us for mission success.

DEMOCRACY: I will make democracy work in Calvert by communicating and being transparent to all the citizens of this great county. After reading some of the billboards in this county it's obvious to me that there are some who don't believe in diversity and freedom for all. What they need to understand is I fought for freedom for ALL and I have no problem going toe to toe with those who fight against it!

Candidates District 3

Vote for 1.

Catherine Grasso

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Contact Name: Catherine Grasso

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked in management, ran my agency's budget which included meeting with Capitol Hill staffers, and have been a leader and volunteer in Calvert County. One of my specialties is conducting meetings with positive outcomes.

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change? Important.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: High-density growth and too much traffic is spoiling our rural community. We need a pause on development, evaluate moving forward, take into consideration what our citizens want and proceed strategically.

EDUCATION: The BOCC and the school board need a solid working relationship that will ensure that parents and our teachers have a voice as well. More important is the future of our children. We need to get back to basics and remember that our children are our future.

PUBLIC HEALTH: We need to have an open dialogue with our public health system. Of particular interest to me is mental health and addiction. Mental health services should be available to all of our citizens.

EMPLOYMENT: I will work with Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce. I have spoken with the Chamber President on how we can support small businesses to guide them through the process so that they can thrive and survive.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: It is my understanding that with new development this has been taken into consideration.

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency? Above average.

DIVERSITY: Diversity in the workforce benefits county government with a wide spectrum of ideas. County government should work to make this happen.

DEMOCRACY: Being transparent, listening and making myself available to my constituents. Not letting them find out in the paper and on social media what is going on in county government. I plan on having a newsletter to stay connected with my constituents because I work for them.

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Contact Name: Darrell Roberts

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a military veteran, dues paying union member and have experience running a successful national nonprofit. I have created budgets, raised funds, organized efforts, and created structure to assist those in need. My formal education consists of a BA in Business and a Masters in Executive Leadership.

CLIMATE CHANGE: How important is it for Calvert County to act on climate change? Very important.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Protecting our green spaces, waterways, and wildlife that is the essence of Calvert County. Ensuring that any plans of growth are well thought out, strategically planned and the development process is completely transparent, with long term implications and objectives weighed for outcomes and decisions.

EDUCATION: Strive to work with, and listen to, the board of education, parents, students, teachers, school staff, and peers, to provide the resources necessary for Calvert County students to be successful and safe. That schools are safe places to learn; from the air they breathe, to the roof down to the foundation.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Ensure the health of all residents from the newborn to our seniors, and everyone in between is considered by the Board of Health. Listening to the subject matter experts and residents on matters of health and working with community and agencies to ensure the needs of our residents are met.

EMPLOYMENT: Planning for long term, sustainable outcomes, with support of small business, to include farmers, watermen, and local entrepreneurs with a local labor force. Listen to, and work with, our current business owners, employees, and residents. Good wages and benefits for the labor force so they can afford to live in the county they work.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Yes, more affordable housing is needed in our county. Housing prices continue to increase, placing prices outside the range of the very people who work in Calvert County. I support efforts of collaboration with local businesses, labor unions, residents and government entities to work toward solutions. Studying best practices locally and abroad to help find the best path forward.

TRANSPARENCY: The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines transparency as: "...Business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that decisions are fair and honest." How well do you think Calvert County government scores on transparency?
Average.

DIVERSITY: I do not have a specific example. I believe that having fair and equal opportunity for all of our residents to ensure diversity is important for all positions in government.

DEMOCRACY: Listening and working with the residents of the county and my district. Ensuring that all residents voices are heard, common sense is balanced with the facts and working with my peers and community for the best outcomes. Being transparent about those efforts and processes and open to communication lines and inquires.

Judges, Court of Special Appeals

DUTIES: Judges preside in the Court of Special Appeals, the intermediate appellate court in Maryland. The Court reviews the actions and decisions of the Circuit Court and of the Orphans' Court in cases brought before it. The Court, usually sitting in panels of three judges, decides if the trial judge followed the law and legal precedent. The Court is composed of 15 judges: eight at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

SALARY: \$183,633.

TERM: Ten years, no term limit. Mandatory retirement age of 70 years.

HOW ELECTED: When there is a vacancy on the Court of Special Appeals, the governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office, with the consent of the State Senate. Once appointed, the appellate judge holds the office until the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. At that time, the judge runs for election for a ten-year term on their record (yes or no for continuance in office). No one is permitted to file against them. If the incumbent judge is approved, the judge faces another "retention election" every ten years to continue in office. If the incumbent judge is rejected by the voters, the post becomes vacant, and the governor makes a new appointment.

Questions

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

COURT SYSTEM: What are the greatest challenges facing Maryland's court system and how should these be addressed?

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

Candidates At Large

Vote Yes or No for Continuance in Office.

Stuart R. Berger

No response received by print deadline.

Terrence M. R. Zic

No response received by print deadline.

Candidate – Circuit 5

Vote Yes or No for Continuance in Office

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Calvert County Treasurer

DUTIES: The Treasurer is responsible for collection of the majority of all county funds, has custody of and disburses County funds such as: county property taxes, personal property taxes, revenues from permit fees, land-fill income, water and sewer payments, gambling and liquor license fees. Acts as agent of the State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the registration of motor vehicles.

SALARY: \$57,500.

TERM: Four (4) years as specified in public local law.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

CHALLENGES: What do you see as the most important challenge for this office in the next year, and how would you address it?

OUTREACH: Should this office work to increase public understanding of the income-based property tax credits that are available to low-income county residents? If yes, how?

PRIORITIES: What issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for 1. (Note: there is no Democratic candidate.)

Nova Tracy-Soper

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No response received by print deadline.

Calvert County State's Attorney

DUTIES: The State's Attorney prosecutes any cases in Calvert County in which the State may be interested. Calvert County State's Attorney Office has four Divisions: Circuit Court: Criminal Division, Circuit Court: Child Support Division, Circuit Court: Juvenile Division, and District Court Division.

SALARY: \$131,700.

TERM: Four (4) years. Must be a member of the Maryland State Bar Association.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies would you support to prevent discrimination in law enforcement?

INCARCERATION: What steps would you take to reduce incarcerations while also keeping the public safe?

BAIL REFORM: Do you support reform of bail policies to reduce incarceration of citizens who are unable to pay? Why? If yes, how?

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: How should this office address the growing problem of substance abuse?

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: How should this office address the problems of domestic violence?

JUVENILE JUSTICE: What are the greatest needs of our juvenile justice system?

PRIORITIES: What issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Bob Harvey

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the incumbent State's Attorney. During my term, Calvert has had one of the lowest crime rates in MD. When it comes to public safety, experience counts. I bring over 40 years of courtroom experience to the job. I have personally tried hundreds of serious criminal cases, to include murder, rape, and robbery. I have effectively and efficiently managed the prosecutor's office in Calvert Co.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination has no place in our society, much less the criminal justice system. Early on, I required my prosecutors to participate in implicit bias training. As a member of the Maryland Sentencing Commission, I am involved in a State-wide study to eradicate racial bias in criminal sentencing. As prosecutors, we have an ethical obligation to seek a fair and just outcome in every case. We have consistently adhered to the highest ethical standards. I insist upon it.

INCARCERATION: Public safety is my #1 priority. There must be real consequences for those who violate the law, otherwise we have anarchy. I have established written policies on how cases will be prosecuted. To protect the community, violent offenders must be incarcerated upon conviction. For certain non-violent offenders, I support alternatives such as drug court, mental health court, and work release.

BAIL REFORM: In making bail recommendations, my office only considers whether an individual is a flight risk or a danger to himself or others. If an individual is not a flight risk or a danger, he/she is

entitled to pretrial release. We have the lowest number of pretrial detainees at the Detention Center in many years. I support pretrial release in most cases, provided it is consistent with public safety.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: My office is an active participant in drug court. In 2021, 33 people graduated from this program and went from being addicted to drugs to being substance free. I believe addicts should be given the opportunity for treatment (with limits) but dealers must be prosecuted aggressively and face incarceration. My office has partnered with the Health Department to promote substance abuse education.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: DV is the 2d most prevalent crime in Calvert. My office has 2 prosecutors assigned to DV cases plus 1 investigator and victim advocate. I convinced the County Commissioners to fund another DV attorney position, effective July, 2022. As a Director of the MD Crime Victim Resource Center, I am keenly aware of the needs of DV victims. I am now focusing resources on human trafficking prosecutions.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: At the State level, the juvenile system is broken. The Dept. of Juvenile Services needs funding for more counselors, more facilities, more alternative programs, more everything. At the local level, I strongly support School Resource Officers in EVERY Calvert County school. I have visited each High School in the County to teach our kids about the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

PRIORITIES: 1. Public safety. I will continue to work with Federal, State, and local law enforcement to keep Calvert a safe place to live, work, and raise a family. 2. Police training/accountability. I will continue to provide training on criminal law and procedure and work closely with the new Police Accountability Board. Please visit the Calvert County State's Attorney website for more information.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 21 yrs of work experience between the Army, private practice, and gov't service. I hold a BA in Public Admin. & a JD. I have experience as a judicial law clerk, defense attorney, as a prosecutor in Calvert, and as a Major Crimes prosecutor in PG Co. I have a law practice in Prince Frederick and am on the board of the Calvert Housing Authority. I will bring new energy and fresh ideas.

CUALIFICACIÓN: ¿Cómo lo prepara su experiencia para los deberes de esta oficina? Tengo más de 21 años de experiencia entre el ejército, la práctica privada y el servicio gubernamental. Tengo una licenciatura en administración pública y tengo experiencia como asistente legal judicial, abogado defensor, fiscal en Calvert Co. y fiscal de delitos mayores en PG Co. Tengo una práctica legal en Prince Frederick y estoy en la junta de la Autoridad de Vivienda de Calvert.

DISCRIMINATION: My office will address discrimination through smart, evidence-based decision-making and community involvement, to achieve transformative change with measurable outcomes. We will work with our law enforcement partners (LEO) to develop and conduct joint training sessions. I will have zero tolerance policy for discrimination.

DISCRIMINACION: ¿Qué políticas apoyará para prevenir la discriminacion en los departamentos de policía?

Mi oficina abordará la discriminación a través de la toma de decisiones inteligentes y basadas en evidencia y la participación de la comunidad, para lograr un cambio transformador con resultados medibles. Trabajaremos con la policía para desarrollar y realizar sesiones conjuntas de capacitación. Tendré una política de tolerancia cero hacia la discriminación.

INCARCERATION: I will increase the use of jail alternatives, such as electronic monitor, diversion programs, and treatment options. My office will set up a diversion program for veterans. In Calvert, jailing someone costs approx. about \$120 a day, diversion programs are an effective use of tax dollars, they help non-violent offenders become productive members of society, and reduce recidivism.

ENCARCELAMIENTO: ¿Qué pasos tomará para reducir el encarcelamiento y al mismo tiempo mantener la seguridad pública? Aumentaré el uso de alternativas a la cárcel, como el monitor electrónico, los programas de desvío y las opciones de tratamiento. Mi oficina establecerá un programa de desvío para veteranos. En Calvert, encarcelar a alguien cuesta aprox. alrededor de \$120 por día, los programas de diversión son un uso eficaz del dinero de los impuestos.

BAIL REFORM: We should always be looking to do things in a better, fairer manner. I support the use of pretrial release and electronic monitor in lieu of cash bail. Where cash bail is appropriate, it should be a just amount to ensure the accused comes to court and the safety of the public and safeguard the victims & witnesses in the matter. Judges should set bail in an amount appropriate to the risk presented.

REFORMA DE LA FIANZA: ¿Apoya la reforma de las políticas de libertad bajo fianza para reducir el encarcelamiento de ciudadanos que no pueden pagar? ¿Por qué? Si respondió sí, cómo? Siempre debemos buscar hacer las cosas de una manera mejor y más justa. Apoyo el uso de la liberación previa al juicio y el monitor electrónico en lugar de la fianza en efectivo. Cuando la fianza en efectivo sea apropiada, debe ser una cantidad justa para garantizar que el acusado comparezca ante el tribunal y la seguridad del público y salvaguardar a las víctimas y testigos en el asunto.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: I support a smart on crime approach that focuses on early diversion for drug users and aggressive prosecution of higher-volume drug dealers. The Drug Court program in Circuit Court is excellent. I would like to see similar programs at the District Court level to address substance abuse at the level of the users as well as those driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.

ABUSO DE SUSTANCIAS: ¿Cómo debería esta oficina atender el creciente problema del abuso de sustancias? Apoyo un enfoque inteligente sobre el crimen que se centre en el desvío temprano para los usuarios de drogas y el enjuiciamiento agresivo de los traficantes de drogas de mayor volumen. El programa del Tribunal de Drogas en el Tribunal de Circuito es excelente. Me gustaría ver programas similares a nivel de los Tribunales de Distrito para abordar el abuso de sustancias a nivel de los usuarios.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: The SAO will handle DV matters as a serious criminal offense and needs an additional prosecutor to handle the DV case load. We will improve training for staff and provide more support to victims. Calvert needs a DV diversion program to address anger, mental health, substance abuse, and job assistance as needed where appropriate. Cases with credible proof of strangling will be indicted.

VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA: ¿Cómo debería esta oficina atender los problemas de violencia doméstica? La Oficina del Fiscal del Estado manejará los asuntos de violencia doméstica (VD) como un delito penal grave y necesita un fiscal adicional para manejar la carga de casos de VD. Mejoraremos la capacitación del personal y brindaremos más apoyo a las víctimas. Calvert necesita un programa de desviación de VD para abordar la ira, la salud mental, el abuso de sustancias y la asistencia laboral.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: The juvenile justice system is designed to rehabilitate youths and make them productive members of society. The greatest need is more options for local rehabilitative services. We will work closely with our partners to educate students on the dangers of drugs, drinking and driving, and address the epidemic of cyber-bullying. Crime prevention requires consistent presence & messaging with the youth.

JUSTICIA JUVENIL: ¿Cuáles son las mayores necesidades de nuestro sistema de justicia juvenil? El sistema de justicia juvenil está diseñado para rehabilitar a los jóvenes y convertirlos en miembros productivos de la sociedad. La mayor necesidad es más opciones para los servicios locales de rehabilitación. Trabajaremos en estrecha colaboración con nuestros socios para educar a los estudiantes sobre los peligros de las drogas, beber y conducir, y abordar la epidemia de ciberacoso.

PRIORITIES: Protecting the citizens of Calvert is my first priority. I want to improve the prosecution of DV cases and adopt smart-on-crime policies. Improving the relationship between the SAO and LEO partners is vital. Training for staff has to be improved and expanded. Finally, the SAO must be modernized, to adjust and meet current and future.

PRIORIDADES: ¿Cuáles asuntos son prioritarios para usted? Proteger a los ciudadanos de Calvert es mi primera prioridad. Quiero mejorar el enjuiciamiento de los casos de violencia doméstica y adoptar políticas inteligentes contra el crimen. Es vital mejorar la relación entre el Fiscal del Estado y la policía. La formación del personal debe mejorarse y ampliarse. Finalmente, la oficina debe modernizarse, para ajustarse y cumplir con el presente y el futuro

Calvert County Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the office that performs many administrative duties for the Circuit Court, including the maintenance of court records. Other duties include recording of deeds and collecting taxes and fees based on property transactions, issuing licenses for fishing, hunting, sales of liquor and marriage. The Clerk also performs civil wedding ceremonies and processes passport applications.

SALARY: \$143,600 as of January 11, 2023.

TERM: Four (4) years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

PUBLIC AWARENESS: What would you like the public to better understand about the role and responsibilities of the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court?

CUSTOMER SERVICE: What changes, if any, would you make to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and customer service of the Clerk's office?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

Candidates

Vote for 1. (Note: there is no Republican candidate.)

Kathy P. Smith

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the Maryland Rules Committee, State Conference of Circuit Court Chair, President of the Clerk's Association in addition to numerous statewide committees. All of the knowledge acquired and networks established have advanced my experience and prepared me to confidently and successfully fulfill the duties of the Clerk of Circuit Court for the past 24 years.

PUBLIC AWARENESS: The responsibilities are complex and varied. We manage non-judicial functions, such as land records and licensing, and judicial functions, such as criminal, civil, family and paternity cases. Each function has its own set of laws, rules, and procedures that we must know in order to serve our customers effectively and efficiently. The laws are not stagnant. We must constantly stay abreast.

CUSTOMER SERVICE: We have electronic filing and have attempted for several years to get county offices on board for us to accept deeds for recording electronically. Hopefully, that can be accomplished this year. In general, better use of advancing technology statewide improves customer service. However each court office does not control the tech budget. Tech is under statewide control for uniformity.

PRIORITIES: Electronic filing of deeds. To continue to find new and innovative ways to serve the public effectively and efficiently.

Calvert County Register of Wills

DUTIES: The Register of Wills is responsible for administration of all estates. Admits wills to probate; appoints Personal Representatives; audits accounts; determines/collects fees, costs and State inheritance tax; maintains all records and a depository for Wills of the living. Acts as Clerk to the Orphans' Court.

SALARY: \$134,899 as of January 11, 2023.

TERM: Four (4) years.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

PUBLIC AWARENESS: What would you like the public to better understand about the role and responsibilities of the office of the Register of Wills?

CUSTOMER SERVICE: What changes, if any, would you make to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and customer service of the Register of Wills' office?

SPECIAL NEEDS: Should this office do more to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities? Why? If yes, how?

OUTREACH: Should this office do more to increase understanding of the services provided by the Register of Wills, especially among lower-income residents? If yes, how?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

Candidates

Vote for 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a probate attorney for 35 years, I have represented hundreds of families in probate. I have a Master of Laws degree, taught law at Catholic Law School, and the University of Maryland. My compassion, education and legal experience will increase the level of service as Register of Wills.

PUBLIC AWARENESS: 60% of Americans do not have wills. While death is a certainty, the tragedy of Covid19 demonstrated that illness and death can come at any time. I will implement a program "Where There is a Will There is a Way" and conduct workshops as Register of Wills to increase awareness.

CUSTOMER SERVICE: I will increase the effectiveness and customer service of the Register of Wills by using existing technology and increasing use of e-mail communication, publishing e-mail addresses of all Register of Wills employees; implementing Zoom and virtual access to those unable to travel, and schedule "Meet the Register" public forums.

SPECIAL NEEDS: 50,000 Maryland families face challenges of autism and children with developmental disabilities. I will implement public forums to inform the public of the availability of Special Needs Trusts to preserve and protect state and federal benefits while allowing a special needs child to receive estate distributions without disqualification from benefits.

OUTREACH: I will implement a dedicated governmental FACEBOOK page for the Register of Wills for Calvert County to distribute information and increase awareness of lower income residents of the functions and services of the Register of Wills and publish private and pro bono resources to obtain wills and estate planning counseling.

PRIORITIES: COVID19 ravaged America and changed the way the people interact with the elected officials and agencies that serve them. I will work to implement electronic processing of estates by using the same technology available in our Circuit Court judicial system to reduce taxpayer cost and improve efficiency in probate proceedings.

Margaret H. Phipps

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QUALIFICATIONS: With over 44 years experience, I have the legal knowledge, technical expertise and leadership ability to provide professional, confidential and compassionate service to ALL A Register does not set policy and cannot practice law. The Register serves the people to assist and ease them through one of the most traumatic times in their lives- the loss of a loved one.

PUBLIC AWARENESS: The Register of Wills is there to serve the citizens. My staff and I assist you to settle the affairs of your departed loved ones by assisting with forms and guiding you through the legal requirements. We admit Wills to probate, appoint Personal Representatives, audit accounts and are responsible for the administration of estates.

CUSTOMER SERVICE: I will continue to provide the service we presently provide, while always striving to improve. We are building a Statewide web-based program to accommodate more electronic features, while being mindful that losing a child, spouse or parent is a traumatic event and needs special consideration. It is so personal and in no way compares to filing a deed or other instrument.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Estate Planning for persons with disabilities is often complex. Laws and regulations vary from state to state. It is best to seek legal help, since Registers are prohibited from

practicing law or giving legal advice. BUT I can and do assist by speaking to groups and personally working with individuals from all walks of life, including those with disabilities.

OUTREACH: I have a history of consistently working with individuals and groups such as Office on Aging, Senior Centers, Calvert Library, Hospice, NAACP, Asbury Solomons, various churches and other organizations to keep them aware of the services we provide and to promote planning. I will continue these efforts. My door is always open to assist you.

PRIORITIES: First and foremost, my priority is to continue to serve the citizens of Calvert County in the very best way possible - professionally, confidentially and compassionately. Many do not have computers, while many are very computer literate - we are there to assist all of them. Losing a child, spouse or parent is so traumatic and we work hard to assist each and everyone of them.

Calvert County Judges of the Orphans' Court

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

SALARY: \$8,925.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

COURT SYSTEM: What are the greatest challenges facing Maryland's court system and how should these be addressed?

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

Candidates

Vote for up to 3.

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Calvert County Sheriff

DUTIES: Established in 1654, the Calvert County Sheriff is the Chief Executive Law Enforcement Officer for the primary law enforcement agency within the territorial boundaries of Calvert County. The Sheriff manages the crime and traffic enforcement efforts, crime prevention and control efforts, and coordinates law enforcement activities within Calvert County. The Sheriff has direct responsibility for court and judicial security and overall responsibility for county jail operations.

SALARY: \$139,391.

TERM: Four (4) years.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election. Must be at least 25 years of age and a state resident for at least five (5) years.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: What specific role should this office play in confronting the problem of substance abuse?

EQUAL TREATMENT: What policies would you pursue to promote equitable treatment for everyone interacting with law enforcement, including within the Sheriff's Department?

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: Would you do more to involve residents in improving public safety, and why? If yes, how?

TRANSPARENCY: Do you want to increase or decrease transparency to the public about the work of the Sheriff's Department? Why and how?

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD: What thoughts or concerns do you have about Calvert County's Police Accountability Board?

CONSTITUTIONAL SHERIFF: Do you belong to the 'Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association' or agree with their beliefs? Why or why not?

PRIORITIES: What issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I graduated from Calvert High School Criminal Justice Program and immediately entered the United States Marine Corps. I did two combat tours in Iraq leading troops in combat. I currently serve as a Captain at the CCSO and eventually commanded every bureau in the office. I completed my bachelor's degree and many high-level command schools. This is not a retirement job for me!

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: The Calvert County Sheriff's Office should be one of the organizations at the forefront of the substance abuse problem. However, "traditional enforcement" has not been working by itself. The issue must be attacked in a multi-faceted approach. Community partners must come together with the Sheriff's Office to provide a united front. I have looked into private investors and other organizations.

EQUAL TREATMENT: I will ensure everyone is treated equally both in the department and out. I have already announced a plan to have Mr. Keith Hicks work in the role as Director of Leadership Development and Training. Part of this position will be to ensure all trainings, policies, and procedures are conducted in the most equitable fashion possible. I will also meet regularly with citizens via community meetings and forums to openly discuss any issues. Equal treatment should be a cornerstone of every deputy.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: I will explore bringing back a text notification system. The current Sheriff's app being utilized is not enough to ensure communication is efficient and effective. I will move from the current statistical led department to one that is more community oriented. Instead of randomly stopping as many cars as we can on Route 4, deputies will be visible in neighborhoods interacting with the citizens.

TRANSPARENCY: The current level of transparency in the office is not acceptable. The level of information should be the same all the time, not just when it's convenient. I will release all information that can be released by law that does not jeopardize a current investigation. If law dictates it cannot be released, I will communicate those reasons. The trust of the public is hard to gain, but easy to lose.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD: I attended many of the forums leading up to the eventual formation of the board. The board is going to have a big responsibility. I plan to work with them in a productive manner as possible. I think there are going to be some growing pains that are going to need to be worked over. I will offer as much training and communication with the board to ensure they are making the most informed decisions.

CONSTITUTIONAL SHERIFF: I do not belong to the Constitutional Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association. However, I am a very passionate and patriotic person. I have taken an oath on several occasions to protect the Constitution. I literally put my life on the line during two tours in Iraq and during my time as a police officer upholding the Constitution. I will continue that enthusiasm as your Sheriff!

PRIORITIES: I will ensure school safety by supporting deputies in our schools and building relationships with school board officials. Enhancing drug education and enforcement. I will implement community-oriented policing by establishing improved communication with our community leaders. Prioritizing Sheriff's Office and community mental health is a necessity.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experiences as a police officer have given me a great understanding of our county and the needs. It has taught me that the service part of police work needs to be just as much a focus as the enforcement part. It also has prepared me to be a leader that teaches the importance of taking the time to think before reacting.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: The Sheriff's Office needs to continue to support the Health Dept and other agencies in this county as they battle this major issue. We would do that by implementing a multi-discipline taskforce to combat this complex issue.

EQUAL TREATMENT: It starts with your leadership. You need leadership to lead by example. Then it becomes the culture for everyone under that leadership. That's one of the biggest lessons I've learned in my police career, is the importance of being fair and respectful to everyone. It's important to know everyone is different and deserves to be treated fair. We would do that by continuing to enhance our diversity training.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: Yes! We would definitely start a Citizen Advisory committee. This committee would meet routinely to talk about community issues, upcoming events and anything that needs to be addressed. This would help to foster an open dialogue with both the community and Sheriff's Office.

TRANSPARENCY: We want to be as transparent as possible. As with any law or court involved matter, we still have procedures to follow. But with that said it is very important to maintain the public's trust and the best way is to share information allowed by law. I believe the Citizen Advisory Committee will help with that.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD: The State Of Maryland has said that every county must have a Police Accountability Board. It's a requirement starting in July 2022 and I think the board will be a good thing. As with anything starting from scratch, there will be some growing pains at the start of the Board. But I believe the board can be very effective.

CONSTITUTIONAL SHERIFF: No I don't belong nor have plans to join. I believe as Sheriff you have a duty to protect and service all the citizens of Calvert County and to do so while maintaining their Constitutional rights.

PRIORITIES: One of my main priorities is to build a better relationship with the community. I want to lead a Sheriff's Office that can protect and service while being respectful, compassionate and showing empathy. To help usher in a new era of policing to this county through new training, community policing, and a fresh culture.



Calvert County Board of Education

DUTIES: The Board of Education hires the superintendent and sets the policies that provide a framework for the program of studies. Work sessions focus on comprehensive presentations and discussions about instructional and curricular matters, short-range and long-range planning, and associated budgetary issues.

SALARY: President \$6,500; Members \$5,500.

TERM: Four (4) years.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by election on a staggered basis. School board candidates are voted county-wide. In 2022, two (2) at-large candidates will be elected.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: What is your understanding of the conditions that contribute to the educational achievement gap, and what steps do you support to reduce the gap?

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: What do you think should be prioritized or changed to prepare students for employment?

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING: What measures do you support to address issues of school safety and student well-being?

CRITICAL RACE THEORY: What are your views on the discussion of 'Critical Race Theory' ('CRT') in schools?

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONS: What changes, if any, would you make to the way the School Board operates? Why?

PARTNERSHIPS: Should our schools partner more with businesses and community organizations? Why? If yes, how?

PRIORITIES: What issues are priorities for you?

Candidates At Large

Vote for up to 2.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a Calvert County resident and parent of two CCPS public school graduates. What makes me unique from other candidates is that I've served as a public school teacher for 26 years, most in CCPS. I am running for a seat on the BOE to use my experience to advocate for decisions and policies in the best interest of students, while keeping parents involved and informed.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Social & economic status: Families struggling are less able to provide educational opportunities. I support educational policies that provide early interventions to promote cognitive & social development.

Teacher experience: Experience provides a toolbox of strategies to target instruction to students. Retain teachers/support staff by providing resources & time to prepare for targeted instruction.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: These programs are not solely vocational trainings. CTA and CTE expose students to real-world experiences and career options. To adequately prepare for employment, students need to learn how to write resumes and how to interview. Sufficient funding is necessary to provide staffing and other resources to effectively run these programs.

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING: School resource officers are trained and assigned to protect and serve at our schools. They serve as mentors, educators, and counselors, and ensure the safety and security of our students and staff. I support hiring mental health experts and additional behavioral specialists to ensure the well-being of staff and students.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY: CRT is not being taught in the classroom. However, tenets of CRT are being filtered into schools through colorful nouns being taught as diversity, equity, and inclusion. An example is embedded in policy designed to eliminate the disproportionality of discipline & suspension rates among racial groups. The policy focuses on the numbers & percentages. Discipline should be based on behavior, not race.

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONS: The BOE should hold town hall sessions to have open and interactive forums to foster communications and restore trust with our community. I support eliminating the 10-speaker limit. I support implementing monthly or quarterly meetings with county commissioners to discuss policy and budget.

PARTNERSHIPS: Yes. We need to build bridges among families, educators, administration, the BOE, and the superintendent. Businesses celebrating staff through small acts of kindness enhance morale and restore the connection between schools and their communities.

PRIORITIES:

- Advocate for a safe learning environment for all children.
- Teach the basics of reading, writing, math, history, and fine arts.
- Keep parents educated, informed and the ultimate authority of their child's education.
- Provide teachers and support staff time and resources necessary to prepare instruction.

Camille T. Khaleesi

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QUALIFICATIONS: Many of the issues that are impacting teachers and staff within the school system, such as recruiting and retention, conflict resolution, effective communication and workplace culture, are areas where I have had great impact as an HR professional for over 20 years. Timing is perfect for my experience. I also bring a wealth of knowledge in Special Education, as a parent and trained advocate.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: I support any efforts to focus in on each individual root cause and issue causing the achievement gap and develop long range planning to address. I support leadership that is committed to this as it is a large problem to try to make progress within. And again teacher support is a priority at the root of being capable of having significant impact.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: Further communication to students about what is available to them. More information for all about our award winning Vocational programming. Opportunities for even the college bound to access, learn and utilize vocational education. Possibly a partnering as many could use vocational skills to help them with the costs of college. Breakdown of any stigma attached to vocational studies vs. college.

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING: I support what has already been done to further monitor & control

outside access. I support educating students about each others differences and truly reinforce a culture of no bullying/harassment. If schools say they need more dedicated safety staff this should be made available to them as they best know what issues they face internally. I support training to reduce need for restraint/seclusion.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY: Critical Race Theory is not being taught in Calvert County Public Schools, so it's unclear to me why it has so much focus as though it is something that needs to be removed.

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONS: The way the School Board operates in general is dictated by MD law. If this question is really aiming at how the Board reaches out, connects, etc., I aim to educate more through written materials and create opportunities for conversation for better understanding of what the Board is capable of, partnering to solve problems, & proper chains of command to make change and have issues addressed.

PARTNERSHIPS: Need to better understand what type of partnerships you mean to fully respond to the question, but in general yes. The community that the school system and local businesses are in the "village" of the school system, thus everyone should be connected and committed and providing resources to produce healthy, educated individuals who will in turn repeat and continue the cycle.

PRIORITIES: Supporting teachers by reducing class sizes, hiring more teachers, hiring more support staff & other needed professionals, providing more planning time, providing appropriate pay, etc. If teachers, who make up bulk of system are not fully supported through action, budget, and cultural change the remainder of the system will collapse. Addressing this would have a chain effect to other priorities.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was elected to the BoE 3 times (term-limit) and served through 2020. I served as President and Vice President, and earned the Maryland Association of Boards of Education Master Board Member designation by participating in extensive training. I am skilled at using the BoE authorities to accomplish goals. My experience, training, and expertise can best be used in service on the BoE for CCPS.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: The essential question for a school board is: Does the trajectory of a child's life improve because they spent time in Calvert County Public Schools? I believe each student's options and choices as adults can be better because they attended CCPS. An achievement gap is an equity gap. Equity in education means intentionally allocating school time, materials, and staff to maximize each student's achievement. A BoE intentionally adopting equitable policies and budgets will close the gap.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: CCPS offers rigorous programs at the Career and Technology Academy. Programs that don't require specialized spaces are also offered at the comprehensive high schools. I believe CTA should continue parent/student outreach to enroll more students, deploy more programs in the comprehensive high schools, and increase transportation capacity so more students can participate with less travel time.

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING: I support air quality testing and excellent ventilation in all spaces, providing mental health services in school to staff and students, Be SMART gun safety initiatives, online safety instruction at all grade levels, social and emotional learning, community mediation, restorative justice, Childhood Nutrition in the BoE budget NOT an enterprise fund activity, and lots of outdoor activities for all.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY: The discussion is muddled because CRT isn't "in schools". I believe

people discussing CRT have questions and concerns because schools are focused more on diversity, inclusivity, and multiculturalism than in the past. CRT is used as a catchphrase for people's concerns around these efforts and how public education is changing. I hope to shift the discussion to how change can improve our schools.

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONS: I believe the BoE should make MD Assoc. of BoE new member orientation mandatory, and ongoing professional development a prerequisite to being nominated to a BoE leadership position. The BoE is charged with executive, quasi-judicial, & legislative responsibilities and authority of CCPS. Training and ongoing professional development are essential to effectively and efficiently doing the work well.

PARTNERSHIPS: I support partnering with businesses and community organizations when partnerships are aligned to school and student programs, are close by or can be done in school so transportation isn't a barrier to students, and are a meaningful opportunity for students to investigate careers and/or collaborate with community organizations. I support quality partnerships over a quantity of partnerships.

PRIORITIES: THE priority is a world class school system where adults support each student learning to be their best self academically, physically, and socially, and where teachers want to work because they are well compensated, fully supported by administration, and are esteemed and respected in the community, and where administration frictionlessly supports students and staff to do and be their best.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have professional experience in project management, human resource management, and budget development, as well as knowledge of procurement and contracts at the federal and local levels of government.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Socioeconomic status can contribute to the educational achievement gap. If elected, I would focus on making sure that the needs of the students are identified. I would also ensure that there are adequate resources for children with specific needs (transportation, LRE, etc.).

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: I think it is important to focus on regular academic classes that allow students to graduate with standard diplomas, and that give them the option of going into a trade or two year college if they choose. Students being able to get certifications (i.e. welding, cosmetology, etc.) during high school should also be a priority.

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING: I support having safety advocates and student resource officers in schools. I also think we need to have a robust drug education program.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY: Critical Race Theory is a college level course and does not belong in elementary or secondary classes.

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONS: I would like to see more involvement with the Superintendent and the budget. I would also like to review policies/procedures for effectiveness.

PARTNERSHIPS: Yes, I think this is a way to offer exposure and resources to our children. I think CCPS does a great job of partnering with the businesses and community organizations already. I would see to enhance what is currently in place - specifically when it can align with curriculum.

PRIORITIES: The priorities for me are:

Budget

Transparency in Curriculum

Community engagement and parent involvement

BALLOT QUESTIONS

Maryland Question 1

Constitutional amendment (Ch 82 of the 2021 Legislative Session)
Court of Appeals and Special Appeals – Renaming

Changes the names of Maryland’s appellate courts from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maryland and from the Court of Special Appeals to the Appellate Court of Maryland. Under the new law, judges serving on the Court of Appeals will be justices of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals will be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland.

(Amending Article II, Section 6, Article III, Sections 5, 30, and 52, Article IV, Sections 1, 3, 3A, 4B, 5A, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22 and 44E, Article V, Section 6, and Article XVII, Section 3 to the Maryland Constitution.)

Current Law: Under the Maryland Constitution, the highest court in Maryland is called the Court of Appeals, unlike many other states and the federal constitution, which refer to their highest court as the Supreme Court. Judges on the Court of Appeals are referred to as judges rather than justices, which is the title in states that call their highest court the Supreme Court. The Maryland Constitution also provides for a Court of Special Appeals, which hears most initial appeals from trial courts and whose decisions can be reviewed by the Court of Appeals if one of the parties appeals their decision.

Proposed Change: The name of the highest court in Maryland would be changed from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maryland and the judges on that court would be referred to as justices. The current name of the Court of Special Appeals would be changed to the Appellate Court of Maryland.

Origin of the Ballot Question: This amendment was proposed in a bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly (Senate Bill 666) in the 2021 session. The judges of the Court of Appeals proposed changing the name of their court to avoid confusion when their decisions are cited in arguments in lawsuits in other states. In most other states, a “court of appeals” is a mid-level appellate court rather than the highest court. Bills to make this change were considered in 2019 and 2020 before finally passing in 2021.

Arguments FOR the amendment:

- Decisions by a state’s highest court are treated as more persuasive in arguments and a reference to the Supreme Court of Maryland would be readily understood as the final decision regarding Maryland law.
- Decisions by the “Court of Appeals,” the current name of the highest court in Maryland, might be misunderstood as referring to a decision of a mid-level appellate court, instead of the highest court.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

- Legal research is a highly specialized field and lawyers reviewing decisions of courts in other states are presumed to understand which court is the highest court.
- There would be administrative costs associated with changing the name of both courts, e.g., revising office letterhead, directory listings, etc.

A vote FOR Question 1 means the Maryland Constitution will be amended to change the name of the highest court from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maryland and its judges will be called justices. The name of the Court of Special Appeals, the mid-level appellate court, will be changed to the Appellate Court of Maryland.

A vote AGAINST Question 1 means that the Constitution will not be amended and the names of the courts will continue to be the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals.

Maryland Question 2

Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 808 of 2021 Legislative Session)

Legislative Department — Eligibility to Serve as Senators and Delegates — Place of Abode

Adds to the eligibility requirements to serve as a senator or a delegate to the Maryland General Assembly by requiring a person to have maintained a primary place of abode in the district that the person has been chosen to represent.

(Amending Article III, Section 9 to the Maryland Constitution)

Current Law: Under current law, to be eligible to serve as a state senator or delegate, a person must have a residence in the district that person represents for at least six months immediately preceding the date of the person's election. However, if the district has been established for less than six months prior to the date of election, they must have resided there as long as the district has been established. Residency can be established by maintaining a residence and staying there at least occasionally.

Proposed Change: The new law requires, beginning January 1, 2024, a state senator or delegate would be required to have both resided in and maintained a primary place of abode in the district for the same time periods as under current law. Primary abode means that they stay there the majority of the time.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The proposed change is a response to a decision by the Maryland Court of Appeals that a state senator had not abandoned his residence in a district because he had established a residence in another district where he often resided. Adding “primary place of abode” would prevent a legislator from claiming residence in a district based on merely owning or renting a place where they sometimes stayed.

Arguments FOR the amendment: To understand the needs of the people in a district, a legislator should live the majority of the time within the district. Merely owning a residence that they occasionally use should not qualify as living within the district.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment: The proposed change could lead to lawsuits over how frequently a person is actually living in a particular residence.

A vote FOR Question 2 means members of the Maryland House of Delegates and Senate will be required to maintain and live the majority of the time in a primary residence within the districts they are representing.

A vote AGAINST Question 2 means that the law will remain unchanged and a Delegate or Senator will be treated as residing within the district they represent so long as they own or rent a residence there and stay there at least occasionally.

Maryland Question 3

Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 809 of the 2021 Legislative Session)

Civil Jury Trials

Authorizing the General Assembly to enact legislation that limits the right to a jury trial in a civil proceeding to those proceedings in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$25,000, excluding attorney's fees if attorney's fees are recoverable in the proceeding.

(Amending Maryland Declaration of Rights - Articles 5(a) and 23)

Current Law: Currently, either party to a civil lawsuit can ask for a jury trial if more than \$15,000 in damages is being sought. Civil cases in which less than \$30,000 is being sought are filed in District Court and are usually decided by a District Court judge. If more than \$15,000 is being sought and one side requests a jury trial, the case is moved to the Circuit Court, where all jury trials take place. Which Court hears the case affects discovery – the right to require the other side to present evidence before the trial to assist in preparing arguments. District Courts allow less discovery than Circuit Courts.

Proposed Change: In a civil case, the parties would have a right to a jury trial in Circuit Court only if the amount being sought was more than \$25,000 (raised from \$15,000). Any cases involving smaller amounts (\$25,000 or less) would be decided by a District Court judge without a jury.

Origin of the Ballot Question: Legislation to increase the amount required for a right to a jury trial was proposed in 2015, 2019, and 2020 but was not successful until the 2021 session of the General Assembly. The threshold was last increased in 2010, when it was raised to \$15,000.

Arguments FOR the amendment:

- Raising the dollar threshold for requesting a jury trial is necessary from time to time to keep up with rising costs.
- Preparing a case for decision by a District Court judge is less expensive for plaintiffs (the party initiating the lawsuit) and defendants.
- Jury trials take more time and require more court resources than non-jury trials, therefore, increasing the threshold for jury trials would save taxpayers money because there would be fewer jury trials.
- More cases could be resolved quickly because a decision by a judge is less time consuming than a jury trial.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

- Limiting the right to a jury trial by raising the threshold to \$25,000 will be a disadvantage to defendants because more cases will be tried in the District Court, which has limited rights to discover evidence before trial.
- The right to a jury trial is an important right that should not be limited more than necessary.
- Concerns about the costs of discovery would be better addressed by reforming discovery rules rather than limiting the right to a jury trial.

A vote FOR Question 3 means the right to a jury trial in civil cases will be limited to those cases where more than \$25,000 is being sought.

A vote AGAINST Question 3 means that a plaintiff or defendant could demand a jury trial if more than \$15,000 is being sought.

Maryland Question 4

Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 45 of the 2022 Legislative Session)

Cannabis – Legalization of Adult Use and Possession

Do you favor the legalization of the use of cannabis by an individual who is at least 21 years of age on or after July 1, 2023, in the State of Maryland?

(Adding Article XX, Section 1 to the Maryland Constitution)

Current Law: Under current State law, possession of 10 grams (0.35 ounces) or more of marijuana is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for up to six months, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both. Possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana is a civil offense, punishable by a fine of up to \$100 for a first offense, \$250 for a second offense, and \$500 for a third or subsequent offense. Marijuana is listed on Schedule I under the federal Controlled Substances Act.

Proposed Change: This constitutional amendment adds new Article XX “Cannabis” to the Maryland Constitution to provide that on or after July 1, 2023, an individual in the State who is at least 21 years old may legally use and possess cannabis (otherwise known as marijuana). This authorization also requires the General Assembly to pass legislation providing for the use, distribution, possession, regulation, and taxation of cannabis within Maryland.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The Legislature passed cannabis reform legislation (House Bill 837) in the 2022 legislative session. A few of the provisions related to studies, data collection, reports, and income tax subtraction modification have been enacted. Implementation of the more substantive provisions was left up to the voters to decide by this ballot question. If Question 4 is approved, this cannabis reform legislation will take effect.

Arguments FOR the amendment:

- Eighteen other jurisdictions, including Virginia and the District of Columbia, have legalized recreational cannabis use by adults.
- Maryland has had a medical cannabis program since 2014.
- About half of Maryland residents over the age of 18 admit to using marijuana at some point in their lives.
- Black Marylanders are more than twice as likely to be arrested for cannabis possession than white Marylanders despite similar usage rates.
- Cannabis possession accounted for 57% of drug related arrests in Maryland in 2020 creating a burden for law enforcement, the courts, and the correctional system.
- Prior offenders will be able to clear their records of cannabis convictions, improving their access to jobs, education, and housing.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

- The amounts authorized in this legislation are significantly lower than the amounts found in the Maryland medical marijuana law, potentially creating confusion for the public.
- The law does not eliminate the illegal buying and selling of cannabis products.
- It does not regulate the safety of cannabis products in the market.
- Use of high-potency concentrates of THC, the main active ingredient of cannabis, especially by those under the age of 21, has been linked to addiction, psychiatric disorders, and hospitalization .

A Vote FOR Question 4 means beginning July 1, 2023, possession of up to 1.5 ounces (42.52 grams) and use of cannabis by adults over the age of 21 will be legal in Maryland.

A Vote AGAINST Question 4 means possession of 0.35 ounces (10 grams) or more of cannabis will continue to be a misdemeanor crime punishable by up to six months in jail.

Maryland Question 5

Constitutional Amendment (Ch 539 of the 2022 Legislative Session - House Bill 868)

Circuit Court for Howard County – Judges Sitting as Orphans’ Court

Repeals county elections of Howard County orphans’ court judges and requires the Howard County Circuit Court judges to sit as the orphans’ court for Howard County. The current law provides for the voters of Howard County to elect three orphans’ court judges. Under the amended law, a party could no longer appeal a final judgment of the Howard County Orphans’ Court to the Howard County Circuit Court and would instead take an appeal directly to the Court of Special Appeals.

(Amending Article IV, Sections 20 and 40 to the Maryland Constitution)

Current Law: The Orphans’ Court (similar to probate court in other states) supervises the property and finances of deceased residents. This includes the payment of debts, the distribution or transfer of property, and the guardianship of minor children and their property. It resolves disagreements and contested questions about an estate and also approves the payment of fees. Currently, the Maryland Constitution establishes an elected Orphans’ Court of three judges in all counties, except in Harford and Montgomery counties, which chose to abolish their Orphans’ Courts and have those cases heard in Circuit Court. Any citizen over the age of 18 who has lived in Howard County for at least one year may be elected a judge of the orphans’ court. A dissatisfied party may appeal a decision of the orphans’ court to the Circuit Court for Howard County.

Proposed Change: This amendment would eliminate the election of orphans’ court judges in Howard County and would instead require the Circuit Court judges to also serve as the Orphans’ Court. If this amendment passes, a dissatisfied party wishing to appeal an Orphans’ Court decision in Howard County would take the appeal directly to the Court of Special Appeals. This amendment must be approved by BOTH a majority of statewide voters and a majority of the voters in Howard County before it can take effect.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The Howard County Delegation requested the Amendment, which was then approved by the Maryland General Assembly as House Bill 868.

Arguments FOR the amendment:

- Moving the orphan’s court function to the Circuit Court will result in the cases being heard by judges with a professional legal background and more closely align with the practice in most other jurisdictions. Only Maryland and Alabama currently allow non-lawyers to serve as elected judges in non-routine or contested probate matters. All other states require such judges to be lawyers admitted to the bar, as do Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Prince Georges’ County.
- The Circuit Court, sitting as an orphans’ court, will be able to easily integrate the workload into its schedule and resolve the issues more efficiently. The Orphans’ Court currently operates on a part-time basis, one day per week. The Circuit Court operates full-time, 5 days per week.

- The Maryland State Bar Association and most of the judicial reform commissions that have considered the matter have recommended the abolition of the Orphans' Courts.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

- Much of the work of the Orphans' Courts consists of approving a variety of orders dealing with the administration of estates that may not require the expertise of an attorney.
- More sweeping changes may make this amendment unnecessary. A 2021 Task Force to Study the Maryland Orphans' Courts made recommendations that are currently awaiting action by the Maryland General Assembly, and which would also require an amendment to the Maryland Constitution.

A vote FOR Question 5 means Circuit Court Judges will serve as the Orphans' Court in Howard County.

A vote AGAINST Question 5 means the Howard County Orphans' Court will continue to operate as it has in the past, with elected lay judges serving on a part-time basis.



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