



# Voters' Guide

## Primary Election 2022

### League of Women Voters of Howard County

#### INTRODUCTION

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization of men and women working to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. The League does not support any candidate or political party. Materials from this Guide may not be reproduced in whole or in part without permission from the League. The League assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In keeping with League policy, the candidates' answers in the Voters' Guide appear as submitted. Thus, some misspellings and typing errors may appear. If answers exceeded the specified character limitation, the additional words were cut from the end of the candidate's statement.

The Voters' Guide includes only the names of the candidates on the official ballot certified by state and local officials. Some candidates may have withdrawn since the material was compiled, and not every candidate listed in the the Guide will appear on every ballot.

Thanks to all candidates who replied to the League of Women Voters questionnaire.

#### PARTY PRIMARIES IN MARYLAND

Party primaries in Maryland are "closed" primaries. You must be a member of a political party to participate in that party's primary, though all voters may vote for nonpartisan offices such as the Board of Education. **You may change your party affiliation up until the close of voter registration on June 28** by completing a voter registration form and submitting it to your Board of Elections. You may also change your party affiliation online if you have a Maryland driver's license or identification card from the Motor Vehicle Administration. **If you have not previously registered to vote, you may register during early voting (JULY 7-14) at an early voting center, or on Election Day, July 19, at any polling place in your county** and choose a party at that time. For those already registered, you may correct your address or other information during early voting, but you cannot change your party registration at that time.

In Maryland, only the Republican and Democrat candidates appear on official primary ballots published by the Board of Elections.



#### FACTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION VOTERS

Questions about whether you are registered to vote or your polling place location can be checked online at <https://www.electionsmaryland.com> or by calling the Howard County Board of Elections at 410-313-5820.

You may take this Voters' Guide into the polling place with you.

Sample ballots will be posted in all polling places.

All registered voters can vote for Board of Education candidates.

Voters are not obligated to answer questions about how they voted.

**MAIL-IN VOTING:** Any registered voter may request a mail-in ballot application from the Howard County Board of Elections, 410-313-5820 or <http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html>.

For the Primary Election, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax, or download your ballot from the state website, your request must be received (not just mailed) by July 12, 2022.

A mail-in ballot will be mailed to your designated address. Emergency mail-in applications are accepted in person until the polls close on Election Day. For more information, call the Board of Elections at 410-313-5820.

**PROVISIONAL BALLOT:** A provisional ballot must be issued: if the voter's name is not on the polling place registrer; if the voter moved from the address listed on the polling place register more than 21 days before the Election; if the voter is required to show identification and does not have it; if the register indicates that the voter was issued an absentee ballot or has already voted.

**For nonpartisan election information, contact the League of Women Voters at 410-730-0142 or [office-hoco@lwvmd.org](mailto:office-hoco@lwvmd.org).**

League Website: [hoco.lwvhowardmd.org](http://hoco.lwvhowardmd.org)  
League online voters' guide at <http://vote411.org>

County voter and election information is available at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/BOE>

Download a voter registration application at: [http://elections.state.md.us/voter\\_registration/documents/2011\\_English\\_Internet\\_VRA.pdf](http://elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/documents/2011_English_Internet_VRA.pdf)

#### EARLY VOTING

**July 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 (7:00 am to 8:00 pm)**

**Reservoir High School - Auxiliary Gym & Gym**  
11550 Scaggsville Rd, Fulton 20759

**Wilde Lake High School - Cafeteria & Gym**  
5460 Trumpeter Rd, Columbia 21044

**Howard High School - Auxiliary Gym & Main Gym**  
8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City 21043

**Marriotts Ridge High School - Auxiliary Gym & Gym**  
12100 Woodford Dr, Marriottsville, 21104

**Long Reach High School - Auxiliary Gym & Gym**  
6101 Old Dobbin Ln, Columbia 21045

**PRIMARY ELECTION: July 19**

**Polls are open from 7am to 8pm**

**League of Women Voters of Howard County, Inc.**

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Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/lwvhc](https://www.facebook.com/lwvhc)

Follow us on Twitter: [@LWVhocoMD](https://twitter.com/LWVhocoMD)

**Support the League's Mission to Provide Nonpartisan Information to Howard County Voters!**

If you believe as we do, that informed voters are essential to a democracy, please make a tax-deductible contribution to the League of Women Voters of Howard County (LWVHC).

Enclosed is my contribution of: \$500 .... \$100 .... \$50 .... \$25 .... Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to LWVHC, or donate online via Paypal or Credit Card.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

## STATEWIDE OFFICES

### GOVERNOR / LT GOVERNOR

**GOVERNOR DUTIES:** The Governor is the chief executive officer of Maryland and appoints judges to the state courts and the heads of statewide departments. The Governor also makes other appointments as provided by the Maryland Constitution or by law and proposes the annual operating and capital budgets to the legislature. The Governor may veto legislation passed by the legislature.

**SALARY:** \$180,000 per year.

**TERM:** Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide as a team with the Lieutenant Governor.

**LT. GOVERNOR DUTIES:** The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor and is elected jointly on a ballot with the gubernatorial candidate. The Lieutenant Governor fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability and carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor.

**SALARY:** \$149,500 per year.

**WEBSITE:** see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

### QUESTIONS

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

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

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

#### NOTE:

**Under Maryland law, the order of candidates on the ballot is determined first by the party of the governor, then by the principal minority party, then by other minority parties in descending order based on statewide party registration. The order of listing in this Voters' Guide follows that directive.**

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

#### Dan Cox / Gordana Schifanelli

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.coxforfreedom.com>

**1) 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.

**2) 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.

**3) 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.

#### Robin Ficker / LeRoy F. Yegge, Jr.

**Campaign Website:** [cutmdsalestax2cents.com](http://cutmdsalestax2cents.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** As Maryland's top civic activist, I have placed 25 questions on the ballot of Maryland's largest county by collecting 18,000 for each. These questions have received 2,537,403 votes. They imposed term limits, limits on property revenue increases, and kept sewage sludge trenching and garbage dumps out of residential zones.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** I am the only gubernatorial candidate in either party to cut taxes. Our 2 cent cut in the state's 6 cent sales tax amounts to a \$780/year/household fiscal stimulus. Every Marylander will get a tax cut every day. And it will give us a national business-friendly reputation, bringing in JOBS.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Our team's Jobs Strikeforce will reverse the avoidance of Maryland by all major US employers. A busy citizen is a happy one. Police need officer-friendly training. Rid us of the scourge of fentanyl, the number one cause of death for Marylanders 18-45 years old. Fund police drug labs.

#### Kelly Schulz / Jeff Woolford

**Campaign Website:** [www.KellySchulzForGovernor.com](http://www.KellySchulzForGovernor.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the only candidate in this race who has a track record of success both in the legislative branch and as a member of Governor Hogan's cabinet. I've led two critical state agencies, the Department of Labor and Department of Commerce which are tasked with growing our economy. Because of our work, Maryland is the most improved state for business in the entire country.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We must continue to make Maryland more affordable so that you, your family, and our state can prosper. I will stand up against tax increases and I will use my position to fight for tax cuts every single day that I am in office. We'll fight to repeal the Inflation Tax so that you can receive much needed relief at the gas pump and eliminate state taxes on the retirement income of all Marylanders.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** If you don't feel like your family is safe, nothing else matters. I'll make sure that police receive the funding and training they need, and I'll fight to keep violent offenders behind bars. We'll treat police like heroes and criminals like criminals. We'll work to improve the relationships officers have with the communities they serve; we'll support PAL programs and community mentorship programs.

#### Joe Werner / Minh Thanh Luong

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** No response.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** No response.

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

#### Rushern L. Baker III /

#### Nancy Navarro

**Campaign Website:** [www.rushernbaker.com](http://www.rushernbaker.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** The Baker/Navarro ticket is the most experienced in the race, with unrivaled State and local governing experience. Both candidates understand how to get things done in Maryland like few others, precisely because they have done them. They will use this experience to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the State together to address our greatest challenges.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The State is the central player in reducing economic disparities, and lifting up the people who have been historically left behind by the people in power. Our campaign has released the Roadmap for Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity which will tackle this problem and help disadvantaged communities support themselves today, build generational wealth for the future.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Both Rushern and Nancy believe strongly that the status quo in Maryland, and especially in Baltimore is unacceptable. We have a comprehensive plan to not only end the tide of violence that is occurring today using community policing, but also to address the underlying causes of crime, and build up those communities who have been hurt the most by it.

#### Jon Baron / Natalie Williams

**Campaign Website:** [jonbaron.com](http://jonbaron.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm a former nonprofit executive and Clinton Administration official with a record of driving real change from inside and outside government. After serving in the Clinton Administration, I founded a nonprofit that sparked a movement to advance evidence-based policymaking—working with the Bush & Obama Administrations to enact major reforms that led to significant gains in wages, education, & more.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Wages for the bottom 40% in MD have been stagnant since the 1980s, as income inequality has soared. We'll partner with MD businesses to provide proven job training programs to every adult who wants to advance. Done right, job training can increase earnings 20-40%. The key is to focus on fast-growing industries, and work hand-in-hand with employers who provide paid internships to the trainees.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** We'll fund crime-fighting strategies shown to produce big reductions in violent crime while building community trust, such as Focused Deterrence—an approach targeted at repeat violent offenders. When implemented in Oakland CA, it helped cut homicides by 50%. We'll also invest in community policing in "hot-spots" where half of all urban crime occurs—an approach found to cut crime as much as 25%.

#### Peter Franchot /

#### Monique Anderson-Walker

**Campaign Website:** [www.franchot.com](http://www.franchot.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I have spent the past 16 years serving as the State's Comptroller. My extensive track-record in public service has demonstrated that I know the issues that are unique to Marylanders, and I have successfully implemented solutions to solve their problems. I am the only candidate that has the statewide experience to hit the ground running on Day 1.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state should help people access job training and placement that lead to stable, lifelong careers. I define the middle class as good wages, healthcare, home ownership, and retirement. I believe the State can help stimulate these opportunities by investing in new infrastructure like world class public transit and renewable energy, and partnering with stakeholders like unions on them.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** I have no tolerance for police misconduct or crime. My policies will approach public safety through a lens that situates it within a broader social context rather than as a stand alone challenge. I support policies such as ending no knock warrants, prioritizing community policing, evaluating police training standards, treating addiction as a health issue, and focusing on violent repeat offenders.

#### Douglas F. Gansler /

#### Candace Hollingsworth

**Campaign Website:** [dougansler.com](http://dougansler.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** Maryland needs a governor with experience to address crime and rebuild our communities, schools, and businesses post-COVID. As a former federal prosecutor, Montgomery County State's Attorney, and MD Attorney General, I am the only candidate with a background in criminal justice, and along with my running mate, a former Mayor, we are the only team with executive-level experience in government.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Safe communities are strong communities. As governor, I will be aggressive about lifting communities out of poverty through education and economic development. As we create new jobs, we will strengthen schools and workforce training to get Marylanders into these new jobs. By building more housing near transit, we can make living

in Maryland more affordable and make access to these new jobs easier.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** We cannot reduce crime without increasing accountability because when people don't trust the police they are less likely to call them when they need them most. My Safe Maryland plan, which will add 1,000 police statewide, recognizes this and weaves the need for better-trained and better-paid police with bold actions that will work to rid agencies of bad practices, bad policies, and bad officers.

## Ralph W. Jaffe / Mark Greben

**Campaign Website:** [fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com](http://fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** As a teacher, I started a movement - cleanse Maryland of sky high moral bankruptcy. Putting the movement into high gear and practicing what I preach, I went on ballot with platform to achieve movement's mission - no campaign contributions, one term only, no salary, tell whole truth, avoid professional lobbyists. 7 campaigns 2010-2018 - results - over 42,000 votes - budget by design \$1700.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Put state legislature on 2 3/4 months recess. Let free enterprise system function without morally bankrupt politicians' interference. Free enterprise system will start to flourish. Businesses - small or big - will be able to hire people who have been jobless. Encourage business owners to partnership with employees giving them larger stake in the company as a paratial owner of the business.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Twofold solution - Short term - bring in National Guard for extended period of time. No big tanks, but lots of manpower-Yes -some restrictions on daily lives of people but major drop in surge of violence

Long term - Implementation of the TUTOR MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM - More details on Facebook - Ralph Jaffe The 2% or 3% of police officers tainting the rest of police force should be removed.

## Ashwani Jain / LaTrece Hawkins Lytes

**Campaign Website:** [JainForGovernor.com](http://JainForGovernor.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** While I would be the nation's youngest Governor, I also have the experience and perspective needed to serve you well. I am a 32-year-old cancer survivor, the son of immigrants and small business owners, and a product of Maryland public schools. I have worked in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and served in the Obama White House and two federal agencies.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We must have equality of opportunity. Part of this means being held accountable and giving residents a real seat at the table. And part of this means increasing revenue streams by keeping people in our state and encouraging more to move here. My "Maryland Now Plan" will help with eliminating the state income tax, free public transit, guaranteed jobs and anti-corruption measures.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** The way to increase accountability and safety is to tackle Criminal Justice comprehensively. That's why my plans include treating opioid/drug abuse as a disease not crime; removing SROs from public schools; investing in social workers; ending the money bail system; ending extreme sentences for children; legalizing marijuana and expunging records; access to jobs; and building community trust.

## John King / Michelle Daugherty Siri

**Campaign Website:** [Johnkingforgovernor.com](http://Johnkingforgovernor.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:**As Sec. of Ed. under Pres. Obama, I managed a budget \$15 billion bigger than the budget of the state of MD. I have the executive leadership and public sector management experience to make MD a national leader in every respect. Public schools saved my life after both my parents passed away, so I know that govt. can be a force for good in people's lives. That philosophy is how I will govern.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We must ensure every Marylander has the opportunity to thrive by making sure they have the food they need to eat, health care, safe and affordable housing, quality child care, and transportation to jobs. My

administration will do everything through the lens of equity, making sure our economy works for everyone in Maryland by directly tackling systemic disparities.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** We need to rethink public safety. We must focus the police on stopping violent crime and the flow of illegal guns - and ensure that officers are well-trained and accountable for protecting people's civil rights. We must also increase investments in violence prevention programs, education and job training for those who are incarcerated, and re-entry supports.

## Wes Moore / Aruna Miller

**Campaign Website:** [www.WesMoore.com](http://www.WesMoore.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** State organizations and leaders—including the Maryland State Education Association and more state legislators than any candidate in this race—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.

**2) 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.

**3) 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.

## Tom Perez / Shannon Sneed

**Campaign Website:** [tomperez.com](http://tomperez.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I have dedicated my life to fighting for jobs, justice, and opportunity. I've done it at the local level on the Montgomery County Council, at the state level as Maryland's Labor Secretary, and at the federal level as head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and as U.S. Labor Secretary under President Obama. I have a proven track record, and I'll continue that fight as governor.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We are the richest state in the nation, but far too many Marylanders continue to fall behind. We will create stronger pathways to the middle class by focusing on job creation, creating pipelines to emerging fields through apprenticeships, investing in balanced transportation solutions, and fighting for fair wages while protecting the right to collective bargaining and prioritizing racial equity..

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** The most important tool officers have is the trust of the community. I'll work to support efforts to interrupt violence, get illegal guns off our streets, and provide resources so probation officers can address the most serious crimes. I will also bring my experience with reform efforts at the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division to Maryland to ensure effective, accountable policing.

## Jerome M. Segal /

Justinian M. Dispenza

**Campaign Website:** [SegalforGovernor.org](http://SegalforGovernor.org)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:**As I've been active in political struggle since the first Vietnam teach-in in 1965. I've worked for civil rights, for peace, and for social equity. I have a Ph.d in Philosophy, a Masters Degree in Public Policy, worked 4 years on Capitol Hill, including 2 on staff of the House Budget Committee, 10 years in the Executive Branch fighting global poverty, and 20 years at UofMD School of Pubic Policy.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** - A legal right to a job.

## COMPTROLLER

**DUTIES:** The Comptroller is the financial officer of Maryland, 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 tax, tobacco, beer, wine and liquor, and estate tax. The Comptroller serves on the Board of Public Works along with the Governor and the state Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly.

**SALARY:** \$149,500 per year.

**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

**WEBSITE:** see [Maryland Manual](#)

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

### Barry Glassman

**Campaign Website:** [www.barryglassman.com](http://www.barryglassman.com)

**1) 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

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

### Timothy J. Adams

**Campaign Website:** [www.timadams.org](http://www.timadams.org)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I will bring 30 years of executive management experience to the comptroller's office. As a Mayor who governed during COVID-19 and a CEO running one of America's largest black owned companies, I have rigorously evaluated capital investments, improved equity in services, and prioritized transparency. This is the experience needed to make our taxes efficient and fair and ensure accountability.

### Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

**Campaign Website:** [www.brookelierman.com](http://www.brookelierman.com)

**1) 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.



The *League of Women Voters* is where hands on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Learn more at [hoco.lwvhowardmd.org](http://hoco.lwvhowardmd.org)

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**DUTIES:** The Attorney General is the chief legal office of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, and all State departments, 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.

**SALARY:** \$149,500 per year.

**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

**WEBSITE:** see [Maryland Manual](#)

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

### Michael Anthony Peroutka

**Campaign Website:** patriots4peroutka.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

### Jim Shalleck

**Campaign Website:** jimshalleck.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I was a prosecutor for 24 years before going into private practice. I was an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, NY; Chief of the Bronx DA Homicide Bureau; Prosecuted David Berkowitz, "Son of Sam" killer, for 3 Bronx murders; an Assistant Attorney General of New York State; Attorney for United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. Since 1994, private law practice in Maryland.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

### Anthony G. Brown

**Campaign Website:** anthonybrown.com

**1) 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.

### Katie Curran O'Malley

**Campaign Website:** www.katieformd.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 30 years of experience working in Maryland's court rooms as an Assistant State's Attorney and as a District Court judge. I know how the criminal justice system works and how it doesn't. I will use that experience to protect Marylanders from rising crime, fight for a woman's right to choose, and defend Marylanders voting rights.

## U.S. SENATOR

**Duties:** U.S. Senators make laws along with the members of the House of Representatives, ratify treaties, and conduct investigations on issues of national importance. The Senate confirms Presidential appointments.

**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 is elected every two years. Senators must be at least 30 years old, have been citizens of the United States for at least 9 years and be residents of the state they want to represent.

**TERM:** Six years.

**BASE SALARY:** \$174,000 per year.

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.senate.gov>

## QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

### Chris Chaffee

**Campaign Website:**

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ELECTIONS:** No response.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.

### George Davis

**Campaign Website:**

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ELECTIONS:** No response.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.

### Nnabu Eze

**Campaign Website:**

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ELECTIONS:** No response.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.

### Lorie R. Friend

**Campaign Website:** electafriend.org

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a woman of middle age, a mother, of three wonderful children, and a seasoned nurse at a hospital for over 25 years. I always rise to the call of duty, make hard call when stakes are high, and I am effective in complex and challenging institutional settings.

**2) ELECTIONS:** There is a present attempt by the Federal government to usurp our constitutional state based election process. I do not support the Federal Government taking control of our election process by either party.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** There is present movement to "pack" the Supreme Court. I am opposed to further politicization of the Supreme Court by either party.

### Reba A. Hawkins

**Campaign Website:** rebaformaryland.com

**QUESTIONS:** No response received by deadline.

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I have spent time organizing on the ground in Baltimore helping the disadvantage fight against payday loans and predatory lending and for better education opportunities. I have also been a small business owner for over 20 years.

**2) ELECTIONS:** The federal government should take an active role in safeguarding the right to vote for everyone. The John Lewis Act should be passed.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** The most important is protecting the right to counsel by extending the time to acquire counsel for defendants from 21 days to 31 days

### Jon McGreevey

**Campaign Website:**

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ELECTIONS:** No response.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.

### Joseph Perez

**Campaign Website:**

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ELECTIONS:** No response.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.

### Todd A. Puglisi

**Campaign Website:**

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ELECTIONS:** No response.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response

### James Tarantin

**Campaign Website:**

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ELECTIONS:** No response.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** No respo

### John Thormann

**Campaign Website:**

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ELECTIONS:** No response.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

### Michelle L. Smith

**Campaign Website:**

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ELECTIONS:** No response.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.

### Chris Van Hollen

**Campaign Website:** www.vanhollen.org

**1) 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.

**2) 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.

**3) 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.

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

**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.

**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.

**Term:** Two years

**Base Salary:** \$174,000

**Website:** <https://www.house.gov>

## QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

#### Thomas E. "Pinkston" Harris

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 2316 McCulloh Street, Baltimore MD 21217

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** NO response.
- 2) ELECTIONS:** No response.
- 3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.
- 4) HEALTH CARE:** No response.

#### Yuripzy Morgan

**Campaign Website:** www.ymorgan.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** Too many in congress do not understand the life of a regular American. I am a 2nd generation American, attorney, mother, and, wife. I spent more than 4 years on WBAL as the host of my own political talk radio show, talking with and giving a voice to people who felt left behind by today's politicians. I loved my role as an advocate for my fellow Marylanders and plan to continue that in Congress.

**2) ELECTIONS:** The Constitution leaves the time, place, and manner of holding elections for Senators and Reps primarily to the states. We live in a diverse country and states, through their legislatures should continue to set most of the rules for holding elections. However, I plan to introduce a stand alone bill to require that congressional districts be drawn by non-partisan redistricting commissions.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** We are so focused on the federal courts, especially the Supreme Court, because Congress has refused to do the job of legislating for far too long. They instead push their role to unaccountable agencies whose regulations end up before the courts. That leaves the judges or Justices as the focus points instead of the bad laws. Members of Congress should be willing to do their job or find a new one.

**4) HEALTH CARE:** To make healthcare truly affordable, we must remove state boundaries as a barrier to competition. Companies should be forced to compete across state lines and not monopolize certain states. Further, we should allow more individuals the option to purchase catastrophic health insurance. There must be actual price transparency, particularly between hospitals and regarding common surgeries.

#### Antonio Patrizio Pitocco

**Campaign Website:** www.pitoccoforcongress.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I was born and raised in the State of Maryland, I'm a product of the education system here, I'm a former marketing professional, and I'm a current real estate agent based in Annapolis. I'm running for Congress because my home state and the Third District deserves better than what we currently have. I am one of the people and want to usher in a new way forward for our incredible state.

**2) ELECTIONS:** The federal government must ensure honesty, trust, and transparency in our electoral process. If we don't have secure elections in this country, and the federal government cannot ensure that, our voices are then silenced.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** If there is anything we need to do as it relates to the court system, it's to make sure we are cracking down and prosecuting all crime, holding repeat offenders accountable, and making sure we are keeping our communities safe.

**4) HEALTH CARE:** We need to redirect money and power over health care decisions away from Washington and return it to patients, communities, and states. Protect all Americans with pre-existing conditions. Inspire innovation while promoting common sense policies like direct primary care, price transparency, health care sharing, and education based services.

#### Amal Torres

**Campaign Website:** www.amalforcongress.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** The first of my family to attend college, I enlisted in the US Air Force at the age of 19 while an undergraduate. I spent the next 12 years at the federal level in the US military and then as a civilian intelligence analyst including deploying overseas in support of US combat operations. I will bring the same dedication and service to the people of Maryland.

**2) ELECTIONS:** Ensure that state elections are constitutional and comply with applicable federal election law, Congress should not, however, usurp state laws. The FEC should continually work to improve their public-facing campaign finance data to increase transparency. The FEC and DoJ should quickly and thoroughly investigate all alleged violations of voters' rights, abuses against or by candidates or parties an

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** I oppose increasing the number of US Supreme Court justices. The recent leak of a draft SCOTUS opinion represents an assault on the independence of the high court and the justices' ability to deliberate in private; I would strongly consider supporting criminalizing the unauthorized release of confidential federal court documents.

**4) HEALTH CARE:** Bipartisan drug pricing reform is long overdue, this includes allowing reimportation of FDA approved drugs and better Congressional oversight and as required federal funding of the FDA to streamline their drug approval processes. Womens and prenatal health is jeopardized by an out of control plaintiffs bar leading to vast healthcare deserts in Maryland and across America where there are few or no

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

#### Ben R. Beardsley

**Campaign Website:** secure.actblue.com/donate/beardsley2022

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** If elected, I would be one of the youngest U.S. Representatives in recent history. As a citizen candidate, I can promise to stand up for the poor and working class because I am a part of the working class. I am not beholden to any corporate interests my loyalty is with the people.

**2) ELECTIONS:** The federal government should provide funding to support state and local governments in holding elections. The federal government should also enact the John Lewis Voting Rights Act which would restore parts of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that have been rolled back. The right to vote is sacred and must be protected. I support removing any unreasonable barriers to voting.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** I would support adding judges to the Supreme Court. I do not believe Supreme Court justices should have lifetime appointments, any justices already on the court would fulfill their lifetime appointments. Doing this would ensure less politicization of the nominating process. I would support adding up to 4 more justices and would support up to a 30 year term.

**4) HEALTH CARE:** I advocate for an end to the current system that puts insurance companies profits ahead of patients getting quality care. I think Medicare for All is the best way to accomplish this. While this would increase the federal budget, it would decrease the amount of money spent on healthcare by hundreds of billions of dollars a year and no one would pay upfront for healthcare.

#### Jake Presto

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 8707 Timber Oak Lane Laurel, MD 20723-5919

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** NO response.
- 2) ELECTIONS:** No response.
- 3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.
- 4) HEALTH CARE:** No response.

#### John Sarbanes

**Campaign Website:** www.johnsarbanes.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I serve on the House Committees on Energy & Commerce and Oversight while chairing the Democracy Reform Task Force. In these roles, I fight to ensure access to affordable health care, protect our planet from the threat of climate change, promote government transparency and accountability and work to restore our democratic institutions while also providing casework assistance to my constituents.

**2) ELECTIONS:** The federal government must protect and strengthen access to the ballot box, including through vote by mail and same day registration. Congress should enact robust campaign finance laws to reduce the influence of special interests, increase transparency and end lobbying loopholes. We must also secure our elections, support robust voting rights enforcement by DOJ and protect election workers.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** We must bolster the ethics and conflict of interest laws governing our courts so that Americans can feel confident in the impartiality of the individuals interpreting the law. I'm also a cosponsor of legislation to establish a new statutory requirement for the Judicial Conference of the United States to issue a judicial code of conduct for judges and justices of U.S. Courts.

**4) HEALTH CARE:** We must strengthen the ACA and further expand quality, affordable coverage - including for contraception and abortion. I've supported legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs, strengthen our health care workforce and fund school-based health centers, I also support expanding behavioral and mental health services, codifying Roe v. Wade and reducing disparities in research and care.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

#### Ray Bly

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 8087 Washington Blvd., Jessup MD 20794-9451

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** NO response.
- 2) ELECTIONS:** No response.
- 3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.
- 4) HEALTH CARE:** No response.

#### Scott M. Collier

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 3510 Dunhaven Road, Baltimore MD 21222

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** NO response.
- 2) ELECTIONS:** No response.
- 3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.
- 4) HEALTH CARE:** No response.

#### Michael Pearson

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 1004 E. Biddle Street, Baltimore MD 21202

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** NO response.
- 2) ELECTIONS:** No response.
- 3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.
- 4) HEALTH CARE:** No response.

#### Lorrie A. Sigley

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 500 Mirabile Ln, Baltimore MD 21224

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** NO response.
- 2) ELECTIONS:** No response.
- 3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.
- 4) HEALTH CARE:** No response.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

### Tashi Kimandus Davis

**Campaign Website:** [www.tashidavisforcongress.org](http://www.tashidavisforcongress.org)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** As a Baltimore native, U.S. Navy Veteran, Police Officer, and Program Manager, my journeyman service has more than prepared me for the responsibilities of Public Service. I see and understand the programmatic failures and requirements of our District, and know myself to be, not just capable of working with our District's leadership for resolution, but to also bring a dutiful mindset to the Capital

**2) ELECTIONS:** Recent events have shown numerous flaws and the potential for corruptibility, when it comes to our Nation's election process, when left to the respective States. This is a sad and inconvenient truth that needs swift mitigation. I believe an increased Federal oversight is required at this point. And not just to protect of the integrity of the Democratic process, but those executing it as well.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** In addition to term limits, & with the understanding that Federal Judges are picked by our POTUS, I would like to see increased participation, in the selection process, at the State & Local levels. With almost twice as many Federal Courts as States to house them, many of these Judges end up residing over jurisdictions they came up in. Local leadership could assist with their selection (or non).

**4) HEALTH CARE:** It remains a travesty that, in the wealthiest and most technologically advanced country in the world, Health Care remains leading cause of financial distress. If elected, I will keep a sharp focus and press on lowering prescription drug prices while applying pressure to healthcare providers for better coverage of patients with pre-existing conditions, to include Mental Health as a pre-exister.

### Elihu Eli El

**Campaign Website:** [www.empathyandproblemsolving.com](http://www.empathyandproblemsolving.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** My career is not full of political alliances and gamesmanship. I am a career problem solver with ONLY these goals: Ensure your safety and well-being. Allocate resources in equitable and S.M.A.R.T. manners. Would our children be healthy by running meetings or talking about feeding them instead of addressing their urgent need for healthy meals? Similarly, taxpayers deserve results, not meetings.

**2) ELECTIONS:** States should enact election laws that accommodate the needs of their citizens. However, the power of voting should not be diluted by gerrymandering enabled by intentional manipulations of malevolent partisan actors. I will fight to ensure that elections are constitutionally fair and safe as interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

**3) COURT SYSTEM:** Our US federal court system job does a poor job at defining and serving victims and citizens filing as plaintiffs. I will enact legislation that addresses complexities associated with consumer and environmental crime victimization. Federal lawsuits by filed victims are far too expensive for regular folks to receive justice. By voting for me, we can end hundreds of years of legalized victimization.

**4) HEALTH CARE:** Federal health should be a solution, not a continual debate or dispute. I will enact legislation that will commission a team of the best experts in health care to assess our nation's progress toward elimination of disparities in health care. Following thorough analysis of solutions that have worked around the world, I will quickly work to enact solutions that will ensure equitable health care.



### Wayne "For Freedom" McNeal

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 8085 Pennington Drive, Laurel MD 20724

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** NO response.
- 2) ELECTIONS:** No response.
- 3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.
- 4) HEALTH CARE:** No response.

### Kweisi Mfume

**Campaign Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 31649 Baltimore MD 21207

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** NO response.
- 2) ELECTIONS:** No response.
- 3) COURT SYSTEM:** No response.
- 4) HEALTH CARE:** No response.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE

**DUTIES:** State Senators and 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. The Senate also confirms the Governor's appointments of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

**HOW ELECTED:** The state is divided into 47 legislative districts, and each district elects one State Senator.

**SALARY:** \$50,330 annual base.

**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE:** [msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/gaf.html](http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/gaf.html)

### QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE DISTRICT 9

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

#### Reid J. Novotny

**Campaign Website:** [reid4md.com/home](http://reid4md.com/home)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** As a current member of the General Assembly, I will bring my legislative experience and over 20 years of military service as a Colonel to my role.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** All Marylanders should have an ability to work hard and get ahead. Equality of opportunity is vital to support from the State.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** During the general assembly session of 2019, there were so many bills passed by the majority party that there is now a shortage of new police recruits and mass retirements. We need experienced police officers in the community and in the schools. We have seen the National narrative of anti-

police and little no accountability for criminals take place in Maryland and this trend must be corrected.

**4) EDUCATION:** I introduced a Parents Bill of Educational Rights for transparency and this is key to our kids success. Kids need to be in school. My daughter is in public school in the 5th grade and there is a dramatic negative impact on learning for all Marylanders based on the policies driven by bureaucrats and not teachers. All test scores are down across Maryland even Alabama has higher reading scores!

**5) HEALTH:** Marylanders need jobs to ensure they can have healthcare. Our government run healthcare systems were never made to support all Marylanders. Efficiencies through the medical industry is the best way to drive down cost and produce better results.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** Legislators need to ensure that environmental goals are balanced with Marylanders ability to have an affordable cost of living. Many of the bills passed in Annapolis have a negative impact of job creation and affordability and little positive impact on the environment. There must be a balance.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Continue to invest in the resilience of our infrastructure.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

### Katie Fry Hester

**Campaign Website:** [katiefryhester.com](http://katiefryhester.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm a proven, independent voice in the Senate who will deliver for the people of District 9. I have negotiated practical compromises across the aisle on tax relief, education, health, and environmental issues. I worked for 20 years building international partnerships between governments, communities, and the private sector. I believe when we listen to each other, we are more alike than different.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The pandemic has exacerbated income inequality in our state and across the country. The state should strategically invest to level the playing field by ensuring that every child receives a world-class education regardless of zip code, scaling up workforce development initiatives, especially for high-income fields like cybersecurity; and offer targeted relief and assistance through the tax code.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** We must ensure law enforcement has the resources they need to keep our community safe while also increasing accountability measures. We should invest more in public safety, including officer training, body worn cameras, mobile crisis response teams & assisted diversion. Also, I strongly supported bills to track gun crimes, ensure judicial transparency & ban untraceable ghost guns.

**4) EDUCATION:** COVID-19 resulted in significant learning loss, especially for lower income students. We must keep kids in school while following science and protecting the most vulnerable. I voted to increase funding for tutoring/summer school, data tracking & accountability, and drafted mental health provisions myself in the Blueprint. We must also eliminate overcrowding & our deferred maintenance backlog.

**5) HEALTH:** We have an endemic shortage of providers, insurance companies do not provide mental healthcare parity, and prescriptions cost too much. I have voted to increase local health dept. funding, expand mental health resources for students, and reduce the cost of prescriptions. I also introduced legislation to expand access for employees of small businesses and am actively working on implementation.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** Ellicott City faced two 1000-year floods in less than 2 years. We must act urgently to avoid the impacts of climate change seen across the state. I passed legislation to create an Office of Resilience within the MD Dept. of Emergency Management to support our communities, and the Resilient MD Revolving Loan Fund to leverage \$1B of federal funding for local projects.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Higher inflation, gas prices, and labor shortages have increased the cost of living in Howard County. This year we provided a \$1000 tax credit per retiree (\$1750/couples filing jointly), but we must do much more to support our seniors. We can also do more to provide additional relief for small businesses and workers, with a special focus on childcare providers, restaurants, and healthcare.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE DISTRICT 12

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Bob Cockey

**Campaign Website:** bobcockey.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** Having run my own business for 40+ years, budgeting and planning, interacting with employees and the public and participating with the community. I also served on community association boards. This helped create a feeling and knowledge of what is important to a wide range of citizens from all walks of life

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** First and foremost everyone needs the same opportunity to get a quality education. To do so we need to recruit top-notch teachers and pay them for the hard work they do. Adequate funding through smart spending can give the schools the tools they need to compete in a global market.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Body cameras protect both the police and the public. Police need to be put back in the neighborhoods to become part of the community.

**4) EDUCATIONS:** We need to reduce overcrowded schools. Eliminate trailers with their close quarters and poor ventilation and make sure all our rural areas have access to broadband in case we have to go back to virtual learning.

**5) HEALTH:** Poor diet and lack of exercise are the biggest culprits. Educating our youth on menu options that may be foreign to them. i.e. vegetarian and foods of other cultures.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** We need to screen the storm drains to filter out the harmful objects that could harm our water table. Limit over-development until the infrastructure can catch up. Build a network of smarter, more efficient public transportation. Replace fossil fuels with resourced biofuels.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Education. Education. Education. Everything starts with two "Es." Education and economics. Education drives economics. Create a vast network of internships and expand vo-tech schools.

Mavourene Robinson

**Campaign Website:** www.Vote4Mavourene.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** 20+ years of paid and unpaid professional experience, life experience, and my heart to serve the people of Maryland, rather than to be served by or enriched on the backs of Marylanders uniquely qualify me for the position of State Senator. Sometimes described as "honest to a fault", in a political landscape where lying is celebrated while people suffer, I will do what I say I will do for D12.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** What government has done for the better part of 60-years has not worked. If we are serious about helping, our State should consider doing things differently.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Policies that demonstrate equal importance, respect and the necessity for our committed law enforcement professionals and the individual's personal responsibility for unlawful behavior

**4) EDUCATION:** I will take actions that restore and solidify parental rights; that consider the science without censoring necessary dialogue about complex issues; and that protect what is best for children and families.

**5) HEALTH:** 1. The affects of crime are a major personal health issue that is overlooked. I will address the issues of crime that are contributing to Marylanders' deteriorating health and decreasing life-spans. 2. Quality healthcare access in rural areas. A key for my Senate tenure will be to consider additional efforts that will attract and support quality General Practice M.D.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** The safety of the Chesapeake Bay is concerning. Every effort needs to be made to ensure that the dollars that have been designated for Chesapeake

Bay clean-up and protection are used for only that purpose. It is also important that small/family owned fisherman's access to clean-up programs and resources are enhanced.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Addressing the issues that cause increasing crime and that diminish the safety of our community; restoring the strength of small and family-owned businesses post COVID; addressing the diminishing health & outcomes for public school students; aggressive taxation, inflation and cost of living increases; traffic

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

Clarence Lam

**Campaign Website:** www.clarencelam.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** In my last eight years in the legislature, I've had a demonstrated record of expanding jobs and businesses, supporting schools and students, safeguarding our environment, increasing mass transit and infrastructure improvements, and keeping our communities safe. As the only physician in the State Senate, I've helped improve our state's response to the pandemic and improved access to healthcare.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** I have voted for and sponsored measures that aid those Marylanders who are economically disadvantaged, including strengthening our unemployment benefits program, supporting eviction prevention, expanding access to child care, reducing the cost of community colleges, improving pay equity for women, and other progressive economic policies that will help lift those in need to grow our middle class.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** As a legislator, I've voted to reduce gun access, ban ghost guns, increase background checks, and curtail gun purchases by those with mental illnesses. I've supported passage of increased police accountability, creation of civilian review boards, and for the attorney general to investigate any police-involved shootings. I've also backed justice reinvestment programs and juvenile justice reforms.

**4) EDUCATION:** Two years ago, I voted for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and the Build to Learn Act, which will transform our public schools back to being the best in the nation and provide billions of additional dollars for school construction. If reelected, I'll work to ensure these laws are fully implemented and also focus on bolstering mental health services in schools in order to reduce teen suicide.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** As a coastal state, Maryland stands to be at great risk from continued climate change. For that reason, I've supported the Climate Change Commission's efforts to prioritize environmental justice and set benchmarks for greenhouse gas reductions. I voted for the recent passage of the Climate Solutions Now Act which aims to make Maryland net-zero in emissions by 2045 and reduce our carbon footprint.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Supporting our local schools and students is one of my top priorities. With Howard County as the fastest growing school system in the state, funding is now coming via recently passed legislation to jump start school construction. And with Anne Arundel County witnessing tremendous population growth, I'll continue to be a champion for more funds to reduce class sizes and modernize aging schools.

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE DISTRICT 13

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

**THERE ARE NO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR THIS OFFICE.**

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

Guy Guzzone

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 7317 Eden Brook Drive Apartment 407, Columbia MD 21046

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** No response.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** No response.

**4) EDUCATION:** No response.

**5) HEALTH:** No response.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** No response.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** No response.



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF DELEGATES

**DUTIES:** Delegates share responsibility with State Senators for enactment of the State's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland. This includes the approval of all state taxes and the spending budget for all state programs.

**SALARY:** \$50,330 annual base.

**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

**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.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE:** [msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual](http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual)

### QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES 9A

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2.

#### Trent Kittleman

**Campaign Website:** trentkittleman.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I won election to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2014 and was reelected in 2018. I was appointed and served as Deputy Secretary of Transportation and CEO of the Maryland Transportation Authority in the Ehrlich Administration. As Vice President of Legislative Affairs for Marriott, I was headquartered in Montgomery County. I also served as Senior Counsel for U.S. Senator Fred Thompson.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The State plays a huge role in aiding people in need both directly and by heavily supporting nonprofits that provide services. Service could be substantially improved, and funding increased by thoughtful restructuring to reduce duplication of services and eliminate bureaucracies that each new program requires. That would let us provide better salaries for the employees who provide these services

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Every bill this legislature has passed over the last 8 years to “fight crime” has been to weaken the police, decriminalize crimes, promote expungement of convictions, increase prisoners’ rights, and/or further restrict the ability of lawful citizens to own firearms. There is no balance in this approach. We need to pass the Violent Offenders Act, now.

**4) EDUCATION:** I would empower parents with the ability to choose the best fit for their child’s education—regardless of their ability to pay by 1) rewriting our Charter School Law to encourage good Charter School networks to come to Maryland; 2) increasing funding for Maryland’s voucher program, BOOST, from \$10 million to \$100 million; and 3) creating Education Savings Accounts to support flexibility.

**5) HEALTH:** No response.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** My concern is that it will be impossible to generate enough energy from fossil fuels without a significant advancement in the ability of renewables to produce sufficient energy and/or unless and until nuclear energy is added to the category of renewables. We need to continue to provide adequate infrastructure for fossil fuels as we build new infrastructure for renewables.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** My constituents are most concerned about retiree taxes. Maryland ranks #50: the worst state to retire to. The “relief” bill we passed this year was more show than substance. It allows a modest tax credit only to couples/individuals earning \$150,000/\$100,000 or less. If you earn more, you are not eligible for the credit. I support a phased-in elimination of the state income tax on retirees.

#### Jianning Jenny Zeng

**Campaign Website:** www.vote4zeng.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a Ph.D. degree, and I actively participate and have first-hand experiences in local and state events. I know the problems public safety and school education quality, and our teachers are over-stressed, struggling small business owners, farmers, and local residents. I had oral and written testifies in the county and in the state. I am well prepared for the duties of State Delegate.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We need to create more job opportunities, and training programs to make sure people are career-ready, promote small businesses, advance technologies to help entrepreneurs, reduce taxes for seniors, help farmers, and protect farmland in Maryland.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** We should fully-fund police, crime is going up, violent incidents in school are going up, we support our law enforcement personnel and school resource office, provide better training programs and make sure our first responders are fully qualified to protect our community. Encourage community self-defense.

**4) EDUCATION:** Restore excellence in education, and empower parents’ voices; Restore high academic expectations and proper

evaluations; Invest more resources for every student; Provide incentives for good teachers and improve accountability; Consider providing school-choice programs; Stop political indoctrination in our school system, and prevent un-reasonable school redistricting

**5) HEALTH:** Make sure rural areas receive quality health care and improve and promote telemedicine, sensor tech, and alternative medicine.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** We are losing farmland, we need to stop excessive development, preserve our precious farmland. We should respect traditional farming methods, at the mean time, provide high-tech power to our farmer industry with alternative clean energy resources, and reduce our carbon footprint in agricultural practices.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Public Safety, Education,

#### Saif Rehman

**Campaign Website:** www.vote4rehman.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** My education and 30 plus years of professional experience has provided me with skills, such as, strategic and tactical leadership, management, oversight, consensus building, cultural intelligence, etc. I am a small business owner, also serving on two MD agencies as commissioner, appointed by Governor with Senate consent. I am well prepared to do an effective job as a State Delegate.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Government has no Constitutional authority to be involved in personal health insurance.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** It’s called the Bill of Rights. There can be no equality by designations using labels.

**4) EDUCATION:** We need to rethink what and how we are educating our children. Parents must have a voice in their children’s education. Our schools should promote achievement and excellence, and merit should be rewarded. Schools must focus on literacy, numeracy, and effective communication. Students need a history and civics curriculum that engenders American values and civic responsibility.

**5) HEALTH:** Per MD Department of Health, Chronic diseases, including heart disease, stroke, and diabetes, are among the leading causes of death in Maryland and currently account for 75 percent of health care costs. As we know now that majority of these diseases can be prevented through proper nutrition, physical activity and not smoking. Promoting and incentivizing good health will help save more long-term

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** MD benefits from Chesapeake Bay, largest estuary in US and natural resources that consists of fertile soil, sand and gravel deposits as well as clay. Coal, limestone, and natural gas. I am strong supporter of a health environment but there must be balance between the ambitions and goals that take everything into consideration. I will continually work toward solutions that benefit us all.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Education is one of the top priorities to ensure that we are providing resources to the schools and children to achieve their full potential. Public safety / crime, transportation, reduced taxes, retirees and helping farmers are some of the main issues for my district and a top priority for me.

**NOTE:**  
**Under Maryland law, the order of candidates on the ballot is determined first by the party of the governor, then by the principal minority party, then by other minority parties in descending order based on statewide party registration. The order of listing in this Voters’ Guide follows that directive.**

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2.

#### Steven M. Bolen

**Campaign Website:** www.bolenformd.com

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a passion to serve and a deep commitment to building a bolder, brighter, more equitable future for Maryland. As a 27-year veteran of federal service - working at executive levels, and now actively engaged in my community, I have learned to collaborate to get things done without giving up core values. I am a servant-leader, not a Party-servant, and I will work to lift all Marylanders.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state can do it part to break the cycle of generational wealth inequality. To do this, we need to ensure all students get a world-class education regardless of their zip code. And we can expand community land trust programs to leverage property ownership as a critical way for people to gain and preserve wealth and to pass it from one generation to the next.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** We need to get back to basics to reduce crime and build positive, confident police-community relations. Beat cops need to spend more time on foot listening, learning, and getting to know the shop owners and citizens in their neighborhoods. Additionally, we can implement body-worn cameras and local police accountability boards and invest in afterschool youth outreach programs.

**4) EDUCATION:** Every student deserves a high-quality education regardless of their zip code. We need to keep students in school safely, support our teachers, reduce class size, and provide pre-K education and more resources for mental health services and struggling and special needs learners.

**5) HEALTH:** Healthcare is a human right. Access to affordable healthcare and prescription drugs will continue to be top concerns. Long-term management of chronic disease - prevention, diagnosis, and maintenance is key to keeping people out of acute/emergency care and driving down costs. We should provide hypertension, cholesterol, and diabetes medicines and management at low or no cost to every citizen.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** A top priority in Maryland will continue to be protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay by reducing the amount of impervious surface and controlling rainwater runoff into the watershed. But, we also need to curb greenhouse gas emissions by building a renewable, clean-energy, jobs-producing economy. And we need to continue to invest in climate change resiliency programs.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Our focus should be on fiscally and environmentally sustainable development: preserve open space and ensure transit, schools, and services keep up with growth. We need to continue investing in restoring old Ellicott City’s business climate and mitigating the potential destruction of the next big flood. In Clarksburg, we need investment to turn the corner and build a true town square.

#### Chao Wu

**Campaign Website:** www.chaowu.org

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I am well prepared for the duties of the House of Delegate. I am a data scientist with a PhD in Electrical Engineering, a proud father of two, an immigrant, and a community volunteer. I have been serving on the Howard County Board of Education since 2018, and as the Chair in 2021. I served on the Audit Committee and County Spending Affordability Committee, and also on the board of MABE.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state should provide sufficient support for economically disadvantaged families and provide education and job training for them and help them become self-sufficient. More importantly, the state should promote job growth and job opportunities for all Marylanders to improve the economic environment in the state.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** As a person of color myself, I believe police officers should be properly trained to be culturally sensitive. Police officers should treat all people equally without regard to the color of their skin. State government should hold local jurisdictions accountable for their effectiveness in protecting our citizens.

**4) EDUCATION:** We need to develop more robust and effective virtual instructions and provide sufficient mental health support for our students and teachers. In addition, the

current funding formula from the state should be revised in order to consider the population growth and society change of education needs, and to provide opportunities for every student, especially for students with special needs.

**5) HEALTH:** Beyond COVID, asthma, lead in the water, cancer with potential links to environmental hazards are three major concerns. Any lead in the blood in children is not safe, according to the CDC. Lead will cause intellectual development problems. I will work to propose legislation for a safe environment and safe drinking water to prevent/reduce these health challenges caused by the environment.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** My greatest concern is overdevelopment without infrastructure support in many areas, which continues to deteriorate our fragile ecosystem. I will propose the Safe Environment Act to mitigate the overdevelopment issue.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Education and overdevelopment without infrastructure support are the main issues in my district. We need a well funded public education system. We should manage housing development, infrastructure support and environmental protection in a smart way. We should enhance Adequate Public Facilities Ordinances (APFO). I will help to enhance the Blueprint and propose a better APFO.

## Natalie Ziegler

**Campaign Website:** [www.nataliefordelegate.com](http://www.nataliefordelegate.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** My first career in broadcast journalism and second career as a small business owner and farmer have given me broad experience and the knowledge that data driven, practical solutions to our problems are what we need, not partisan politics. My volunteer experience has shown me the unmet needs in our state, and the opportunities we have to create an economy that works for everyone.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state has a major role to play in creating opportunities for the economically disadvantaged, from improving the schools and public safety to providing better access to health care, broadband, mental health and substance abuse treatment, to attracting good paying jobs to our state and providing the necessary workforce training.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Common sense gun legislation is at the heart of improving public safety. In addition, I favor programs that target the small percentage of criminals that commit most of the crimes, along with providing more police officers in the highest crime areas, funding for social workers, etc. to respond with police to certain situations, and best practice reforms for police departments.

**4) EDUCATION:** I will work to fully implement the Blueprint for Maryland, including raising salaries and improving working conditions for teachers and all school personnel, ensuring access to social workers in schools and focusing on individual and small group tutors for students who have fallen behind in core subjects.

**5) HEALTH:** While heart disease remains the leading cause of death, we have some new or and/or worsening challenges, including health misinformation, health disparities, gun violence, substance abuse and suicide. We need more funding for mental health care, substance abuse treatment and health facilities in underserved areas. We also need to implement reforms based on lessons learned from the pandemic.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** With its 3000 miles of coastline, Maryland has thousands of acres in danger of repeated flooding, impacting our communities and our economy. We have already seen severe flooding in many areas. In addition to doing everything we can to mitigate and reverse climate change, we need to prepare for an inevitable rise in sea level, allocating funding for, and implementing flood mitigation projects.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** As a farmer in a district with a significant number of farms, I would like to fund the infrastructure necessary to allow schools to prepare meals from scratch, as has been done successfully in California, resulting in better nutrition, new customers for local farms, net cost savings for the school systems, and full-time, better paying jobs for the food prep personnel.

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES 9B

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2.

#### Lisa Kim

**Campaign Website:** [www.votelisakim.com](http://www.votelisakim.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a wife, mother and financial advisor who understands how taxes are destroying our personal wealth. I enjoy making a difference in the community. I roll up my sleeves and look for solutions to problems. I am a former elected city council member, a former Neighborhood Watch President, a church volunteer for children with special needs, and serve as a board member on local non-profits.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** It's time for Maryland to wean people off government subsidized programs except for short term emergencies. Money would be better used for education, job training, and childcare as opposed to creating generational dependency on government assistance. People need to be treated with respect and be rewarded for achievements. Vocational training and occupations will provide both and lessen dependency.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** I support policies that are tough on criminals and protect the innocent. I support increasing police training to provide them the necessary tools to engage with the public without the use of force when practical. Our youth need options outside of college. I want Maryland to have many vocational school options for our youth who have no interest in college.

**4) EDUCATION:** We need to end and remove the monopoly on our education system by special interest groups that only seek to enrich themselves and have no real concern for quality of education. Schools should be teaching skills for success in a global marketplace and not teaching social engineering. We must ready ourselves for the academic catch up needed due to the prolonged and unnecessary school closures.

**5) HEALTH:** With recent covid shutdowns mental health issues and substance abuse have skyrocketed. No one thought to address these issues while advocating for strict lockdowns in work and school. Now that we are over the covid hump we are going to be dealing with these issues for years to come. We need to bring forth ideas and plans to address them. Prioritize these challenges and we will find the solutions.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** We must focus on renewable energy and urban agriculture, and we must accept there will be a water shortage one day and CO2 will continue to harm us. There are game changing technologies available and Maryland needs to prioritize bringing them to our state. We can utilize companies that are looking for 'use cases' and bring these technologies to Maryland at minimal costs to the taxpayer.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** In Howard County we have the ability to utilize land for renewable energy sources and urban agriculture. Crime is surging, schools are falling and cost of living and taxes are ruining us for our financial stability and futures. We must see Old Ellicott City and the water mitigation projects through. We must address all of it and we can when we prioritize.

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2.

#### Courtney Watson

**Campaign Website:** [www.courtneywatson9b.com](http://www.courtneywatson9b.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience in setting education policy for Howard County schools as a school board member combined with my knowledge of county services from being a County Councilmember helps me understand local citizen needs while setting important state policy. Additionally, an MBA and career in business provides an important perspective on the Economic Matters Committee of the House of Delegates.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Making sure all children have access to pre-kindergarten and services such as school health clinics is critical to ensuring equity. The Blueprint for Maryland's Future is an investment in our schools that will provide many of these services. A tax credit I supported for businesses that employ the long term unemployed will provide more opportunity for economically disadvantaged adults.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** I support the School Resource Officer program and Community Policing programs. The relationships established between police and the community are improved when these programs are in place and more crimes are solved. In addition, I believe that a citizen police accountability board is important to provide balance and perspective to the County Executive who has oversight of the police department.

**4) EDUCATION:** Public education in Maryland will benefit from the implementation of Blueprint for Maryland's Future, an infusion of innovation and funding that I have supported the last four years as Delegate. It will improve early childhood education, increase high quality and diverse teachers, provide better college and career readiness pathways, and provide more resources to ensure student success.

**5) HEALTH:** Access to mental healthcare is a significant challenge for all ages, but particularly our youth. Along with Howard County government and HCPSS, I supported a pilot program and its expansion to all schools to make mental healthcare available to all students. Prescription drug cost is also a major issue and I voted to establish the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to help identify solutions.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** Climate change. Ellicott City is still recovering from two tragic flash floods from intense storms. I obtained \$35 million from the state to pay for flood mitigation to save historic Ellicott City. My bill to form an Office of Resiliency will help all communities. My support of the Climate Solutions bill which sets ambitious carbon neutrality goals for MD ensured it passed my committee.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** In addition to flood mitigation for EC, I prioritize the funding for building and renovating schools and was proud to provide the school system with record funding through the Built to Learn Act for this purpose. I also prioritize maintenance of state road and bridge infrastructure as well as taking care of our parks. I was able to obtain several million dollars for Centennial Park upgrades.

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES 12A

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3

**THERE ARE NO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR THIS OFFICE.**

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3

#### Jessica Feldmark

**Campaign Website:** [www.jessicafeldmark.com](http://www.jessicafeldmark.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I bring over 25 years of public service experience with a single common focus of strengthening our communities. In my first term, I have established myself as an effective legislator and advocate for my constituents. I listen to my community, tackle complex issues, and get things done. I collaborate on solutions without compromising on values and will continue to work for all Marylanders.

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**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Economic justice is one of my core values. In policy work, that includes wages, tax fairness, and public services/assistance. Raising minimum wage was an important step. We also need to focus economic development and job creation efforts on quality jobs with family sustaining wages and benefits. We also must target tax relief where it is needed most and ensure corporations pay their fair share.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Economic opportunity for adults and strong schools and recreational opportunities for youth are critical to strengthening communities and reducing crime. Restorative justice and support for citizens returning from incarceration are also needed to reduce recidivism. We made significant progress by passing the Police Reform and Accountability Act. We need our community and police to work together.

**4) EDUCATION:** We must implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and the Built to Learn Act. Every student in Maryland, regardless of zip code, deserves a world-class education. That can't happen in schools that are deteriorating or severely overcrowded. We must invest in our educators and in school construction and renovation. I will continue to support our students, teachers, and schools.

**5) HEALTH:** I believe health care is a fundamental right and must be affordable and accessible to everyone. We have made significant progress but must do more to lower the cost of health care, especially prescription drugs. We need to increase access to mental health services, improve maternal health, eliminate health care disparities, and ensure full access to reproductive health care including abortion.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** Aging infrastructure needs investment, and the State must be a supporting partner in local revitalization efforts such as the Route 1 corridor, where pedestrian and bicycle improvements are critical. Howard County is a wonderful, and expensive, place to live. To be a sustainable and inclusive community, we must expand affordable housing opportunities so our workforce can afford to live here.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Aging infrastructure needs investment, and the State must be a supporting partner in local revitalization efforts such as the Route 1 corridor, where pedestrian and bicycle improvements are critical. Howard County is a wonderful, and expensive, place to live. To be a sustainable and inclusive community, we must expand affordable housing opportunities so our workforce can afford to live here.

## Christopher John Feldwick

**Campaign Mailing Address: 10931  
Battersea Lane, Columbia MD 21044-2701**

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.
- 2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** No response.
- 3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** No response.
- 4) EDUCATION:** No response.
- 5) HEALTH:** No response.
- 6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** No response.
- 7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** No response.

## Terri Hill

**Campaign Website:** [www.FriendsofTerriHill.org](http://www.FriendsofTerriHill.org)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** As a physician-scientist and successful legislator, I bring unique and valued skills. As a district resident of over 50 years, a product of its public schools, and a small business owner, my community roots run deep. I'm committed to its residents' well-being and success, and have the experience, competence, and compassion to continue working for positive change to address our most urgent needs.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Addressing their needs, root causes of poverty, and building economic resilience, we can actively redress inequities hindering individual opportunity & collective success. Our focus must be on those most in need because THEY ARE MOST IN NEED. Investing in policies and programs that invest in people grows the pie, allowing others to have a slice without those already seated having measurably less.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** We must shift from tough on crime to smart on crime approaches, not familiar, failed policies that focus on problems that nurture outlaw culture and offer few options. Delay from implementation to sustained positive results was expected, as with progress come periods of regression. Good police training, oversight & accountability abates mistrust, builds professionalism and pride, creates justice.

**4) EDUCATION:** Successfully implement the education blueprint, audited for efficacy & modified as required; secure needed glasses & hearing aids to equip students to learn; expand community schools & school-based clinics so needed wrap-around services are at hand, supporting healthy, successful learning & growth; promote sustainable alternatives to higher education debt-based financing.

**5) HEALTH:** My work in Annapolis eliminating barriers to quality affordable health care, effective addiction and behavioral health treatment, and lower prescription drug costs, decreasing infant and maternal mortality, and supporting adequate provider reimbursements, is informed by my life's work as a surgeon. I've cared for patients with a host of needs stemming from burns, gunshots, drug use, cancer, and a

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** Planned obsolescence & ready disposability servicing convenience/profits, & the disproportionate wgt of environ insults on the health, livability, & resiliency of commun of poverty and of color are concerns. I'll continue using: toxin bans, accumulative environ. impact studies enforced, tightened regs, accelerated toxin-leaching water conduit replacement, extended producer responsibility policies

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Advancing community & school behavioral health support, wrap around services, and career preparedness; improved quality of life, lowering living costs, support for senior and disabled, good paying jobs, tech training and college affordability; environmental responsibility and climate resiliency; capital investments through new/renovated school, public safety, road, parks and green infrastructure

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES 13

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3

#### Padraic Walsh

**Campaign Facebook:** [facebook.com/padraicwalsh](https://facebook.com/padraicwalsh)

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.
- 2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** No response.
- 3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** No response.
- 4) EDUCATION:** No response.
- 5) HEALTH:** No response.
- 6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** No response.
- 7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** No response.

#### Chris Yates

**Campaign Facebook:** [Facebook.com/citizensforchrisyates](https://Facebook.com/citizensforchrisyates)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** As a citizen candidate I bring lifelong experiences from not one but two careers. I spent 34 years with the Navy to include serving at the Naval War College and a tour as Commanding Officer. I spent 25 years with the Defense Intelligence Agency before retiring from government service.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** One of the root causes is poor education. The state should encourage quality education for all even if it means school choice over failing public schools.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** I am more worried over crimes committed by criminals than by police. We need to support our law enforcement officers both in the police force and on the bench.

**4) EDUCATION:** The COVID pandemic ratified the need to avoid closing schools, on-line learning and wearing masks.

**5) HEALTH:** The Heroin and Opioid Drug Crisis continues to challenge our communities. Drugs seeping into our country from our porous southern border are not helping.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** We need to lower the cost of energy even if it means allowing fracking and increasing our supply of clean fossil fuel.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** The issue is combating noise pollution from aircraft operating out of BWI Airport. This pollution originated from policies by the Federal Aviation Administration that impact aircraft arrivals and departures. We need to return to vectoring flight paths over greater areas for both arrivals and departures while raising the flight path elevation threshold to as high as safely feasible.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3

#### Vanessa Atterbeary

**Campaign Website:** [www.vanessaatterbeary.org](http://www.vanessaatterbeary.org)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a member of House of Delegates since 2015. Currently, I Chair the Ways and Means Committee. I Chaired the Work Group to Address Police Reform & Accountability in Maryland and was Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee. I have served on. Accountability in Maryland and was Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee. I have served on. a variety of legislative workgroups including those focused on child abuse & Domestic Violence. I've served as Chair of the Howard County Delegation

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** To address the needs of the economically disadvantaged citizens of Maryland the state legislature should focus on creating a living wage and maintaining funding for the Blueprint. Creating a statewide living wage will help Marylanders to afford childcare, healthcare and put food on the table. Access to a great education is the biggest determinant that lifts people from poverty.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** I Chaired the House's Police Reform & Accountability Workgroup and successfully ushered through police reform measures in the 2021 Legislative Session. These include mandatory bodycameras, a statewide use of force statute, independent investigations for police conduct and more. I support community policing, combating gun violence and investing in crime prevention programs and victim services.

**4) EDUCATION:** I supported the Blueprint for Maryland's Future that sets aside over \$800 million for education funding, creates educational opportunities for all of Maryland's children regardless of their zip code and new resources for teachers and staff. I support ensuring that the Blueprint's funding is not diverted. As Chair of Ways & Means, I supported legislation for high quality virtual education.

**5) HEALTH:** The state legislature must protect a woman's right to choose. I supported the expansion of abortion care in Maryland and the Constitutional Amendment that would protect a woman's right to choose. I will work to ensure that providers aren't criminally/civically punished for providing abortion care. I will also work to ensure adequate access to reproductive health care throughout the state.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** Mitigating the effects of climate change and addressing communities disproportionately affected by it are my greatest concerns related to the Environment. I supported the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 that sets goals of greenhouse gas reduction and zero emissions. I will work to ensure that all Maryland jurisdictions can meet this goal and to correct damage done to underserved communities.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** School construction, maintenance and overcrowding are priorities in my district. Our schools suffer from a significant number of deferred maintenance projects. I have been working to address the latter issue and this year played a role in obtaining 35 million in unrestricted state funds to address this issue.

## Amy R. Brooks

**Campaign Website:** [www.brooksformaryland.org](http://www.brooksformaryland.org)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** As a 22-year classroom educator and leader in my community, I feel prepared to collaborate with others in Annapolis. I have spent my entire adult life identifying problems, connecting with people in power, and negotiating ways for successful next steps. Working with others in the House of Delegates would afford me the opportunity to lift up the voices of my neighbors, students, and their families.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We have the resources to get to the root of the problems many Marylanders face: lack of opportunity. A dominant issue for many voters is education, which is often equated to opportunity. At the state level, we can fully fund schools AND the infrastructure so employers can pay a living wage. We must also create equitable access to resources like safe housing and comprehensive healthcare.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Crime is often the manifestation of a need that is not met. Mental health services are often necessary, but not available. We must re-evaluate our financial priorities. Police cannot be the only sector addressing crime. They must be a last resort after using other supports. Funds need to be reallocated to proactively address needs instead of responding to the after-effects of societal neglect.

**4) EDUCATION:** We need to embrace the lessons of COVID. While infection rates continue to rise and fall, educators have learned to respond in real-time to students' absences and the ongoing trauma our communities have experienced. We have learned new ways to use technology to reach learners where they are. Our traditional practices have been forced to evolve and we must continue to invest in these efforts.

**5) HEALTH:** Lack of access to proactive healthcare is the biggest challenge for Marylanders at this time. We have an opportunity at the state-level to support widespread health screening that will lead to quick assessments of need. We saw this potential during Covid, the state streamlined programs that distributed safety supplies, tested residents, provided medical intervention, and mass vaccinations.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** My greatest concern is normalizing environmentally harmful practices. Whether it is a shift to single-use plastic by school systems, governments, or businesses or dangerous building practices that needlessly result in the death of wildlife. The state has an opportunity to set standards for plastic use, recycling facilities, and incentives for environmentally-conscious institutions.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Transportation. Howard County is home to many car owners, but there are also thousands of residents who depend on public transportation and other means of getting around- sidewalks and bike lanes. I would love to continue the work that has already started to offer as many free or affordable options. This is also a win-win for individual health when riding a bike/scooter and for the environment.

## Pam Lanman Guzzone

**Campaign Website:** [www.peopleforpam.com](http://www.peopleforpam.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** I have decades of community involvement including recently as Board President of the Arc of Howard County and Secretary of the Howard County Commission for Women. This, combined with over 30 years of professional experience at NASA, including budget and policy development expertise, has honed my leadership, analytical, teamwork and problem solving skills making me well prepared to be a Delegate

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** I believe it is in the best interest of the state to ensure economically disadvantaged people have access to supports that enable them to thrive; supports that lead to housing stability, to affordable, quality healthcare, and affordable childcare. These plus statewide efforts to ensure well funded schools and a minimum wage one can truly live on will lift and strengthen all Maryland residents.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Reducing recidivism leads to reduced crime so I favor programs shown to reduce recidivism such as support for stable housing and second chance job programs. Greater focus on addiction treatment versus drug criminalization should be pursued. Improving police accountability includes creating effective Police Accountability Boards and additional training in crisis de-escalation and bias awareness.

**4) EDUCATION:** I will take action to ensure appropriate funding and oversight of the implementation of the Blueprint, with focus on Pre-K as critical to improve readiness for our youngest citizens and on teacher pay, retention and recruitment. Early data suggests that COVID learning loss is best addressed by individual or small group tutoring during the school day; supporting that should be a funding priority.

**5) HEALTH:** COVID exposed the strong role social determinants of health (housing, employment status, income, education and food security) and health disparities play in one's health. Issues of infant mortality, opioid drug addiction, and reducing incidence of chronic disease like diabetes are also key challenges. Improving affordability and access to insurance is critical to addressing all of these challenges.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** My greatest concern is that the sum of the steps already taken is not enough to arrest the predicted effects of climate change. Meaning that we must continue to take actions big and small to improve the environment, including to mitigate and build resiliency around sea level rise, improve storm water management, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, and expand renewable energy infrastructure.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Housing is a key issue in District 13. From more affordable housing, to greater availability and accessibility of 'missing middle' housing, to aging in place supports, as well as alternate senior living options, action to address current housing challenges is needed. Childcare is another priority issue for me; we need to ensure market strength and quality for both providers and consumers.

## Becca Niburg

**Campaign Website:** [www.beccaniburg.com](http://www.beccaniburg.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** As an attorney, I work with the laws every day and I see the places where the laws, as written, do not make sense or do not accomplish the objective set forth when passed. I serve on the boards of the NAACP, Pride, and as liaison to PATH; I formerly chaired the Walk on behalf of suicide prevention. I advocate for change on a number of issues so making the laws is a natural next step.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Increasing home ownership for minorities is not only vital to create and increase intergenerational wealth for families but is a place where the State can play a vital role. The State also should encourage investment by small and large businesses alike in disadvantaged neighborhoods as well as invest in public transportation and other infrastructure including schools.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** The only true way to reduce crime is to reduce poverty: increase opportunity as well as social supports to address food and housing instability, raise the literacy rate, provide job training, as well as adequate and affordable health and child care. Fully funding education and health infrastructure and raising the minimum wage instead of further feeding the school to prison pipeline is vital.

**4) EDUCATION:** Stop pushing infrastructure updates and needed maintenance to a future date including HVAC systems that heat and cool in all schools. Implementing the Kirwan Commission Blueprint to increase supports for all students including those with learning challenges; attract new, diverse teachers to the profession; and provide holistic support especially mental health to students and teachers.

**5) HEALTH:** Disparities abound throughout the state; we need to attract new, diverse practitioners to all medical fields as well as care for those already in the profession including by reducing the red tape of insurance companies. We also need an increase in bed space for those suffering acute medical crises whether physical or mental and out patient recovery support for families to avoid repeat visits.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** Climate change is without a doubt the greatest threat facing all of us at this moment. Some communities are more impacted than others; those disproportionately impacted by climate change are communities of color. State facilities should use only renewable energy and we need to incentivize business to also kick fossil fuel dependency and adhere to existing environmental standards.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** Revitalization of Rt 1 should be the top priority for anyone seeking election in District 13 through small business support as well as supporting amenities to areas outside of Columbia including the N. Laurel pool and equalizing the treatment of all areas of D13 including renovating/updating Oakland Mills cluster schools.

## Jen Terrasa

**Campaign Website:** [www.teamterrasa.com](http://www.teamterrasa.com)

**1) QUALIFICATIONS:** A lawyer and current State Delegate, I am an experienced, progressive leader who has served our community for nearly two decades. Prior to serving as delegate, I served on the County Council. I grew up in HoCo, graduating from OMHS. I have a BA from UMD and a JD from UB Law School. I clerked for the MD Ct of Appeals and Circuit Ct, worked for The Women's Law Center and taught at UB Law.

**2) ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people should be central to the state's mission. MD should have a minimum wage for all workers, affordable quality universal health care, affordable housing, eviction and foreclosure prevention, and easier access to unemployment insurance. The state can also play a key role in addressing the climate crisis, environmental justice and transit needs.

**3) PUBLIC SAFETY:** Many of the things we put in place last year with our police accountability legislation moved us in the right direction, but clearly there is much more work to be done, including expanding investigatory powers of civilian review committees, banning all no knock warrants and increasing transparency. We also need to reduce the number of guns on the street and address economic inequities.

**4) EDUCATION:** We passed the Blueprint & the Build to Learn Act that together lays out a plan to significantly invest in Maryland's early childhood, primary, and secondary education system with the goal of making it into one that is world-class and add significant dollars for school construction funding. We need to continue to fund that plan and do more to support our teachers and improve mental health services.

**5) HEALTH:** Ensuring access to affordable quality health care, including Rx drugs, mental health, dental & eye coverage. MD needs to move toward a universal, single-payer system to ensure all people get healthcare, including preventative care. Employers are also impacted through missed work, reduced productivity, and the spreading of illnesses. Too many citizens are bankrupted by the cost of medical crises.

**6) NATURAL RESOURCES:** Climate change threatens ecosystems, agricultural production, public health, security and adversely impacts MD due to sea level rise, heavier rains, and prolonged periods of extreme heat. We need to act fast, invest in making communities resilient through clean energy and energy efficiency while recognizing the interplay between climate change, environmental justice, clean water, and governance.

**7) LOCAL PROJECTS:** People are concerned about school construction funding and deferred maintenance. We have funded and will continue to fund the 13th HS, Talbott Springs ES and Hammond HS. Also a priority is building a pool at the North Laurel Community Center which we put \$2 million towards this year. Blandair Park and Savage Trails are important park projects that we secured funding for in FY23.

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# HOWARD COUNTY OFFICES

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**DUTIES:** Proposes and administers the operating and capital budgets, carries out policies established by legislation, interacts with the state and other local governments, helps citizens resolve concerns and oversees county departments.

**TERM:** Four years, two term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** Countywide

### Questions:

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** If elected, what are the top three priorities you will pursue during your term?

**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** What are your priorities for one-time spending when the county has surplus/windfall funds? What are your priorities for the Federal Infrastructure funds?

**3) LAND USE:** What actions will you take to balance increased real estate development with preserving productive farmland and protecting the environment to reduce the effects of climate change, especially on our woodlands and watershed areas?

**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** How do you plan to support the construction of additional moderate-cost housing, including rental units and smaller houses, throughout the county?

**5) APFO REVIEW:** Would you revise the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, and if so, how? What services in addition to school and road capacity, should be measured, and what standards should be used?

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

### Molsen Haghight

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 3700 Shady Lane, Glenwood MD 21738

- 1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** No response.
- 2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** No response.
- 3) LAND USE:** No response.
- 4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** No response.
- 5) APFO REVIEW:** No response.

### Allan H. Kittleman

**Campaign Website:** kittleman.com

- 1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** 1. Our children's education/safety- allow kids to attend neighborhood schools, ensure students have resources they need to succeed and restore our School Resource Officer program. 2. Community safety- support police officers and strengthen community policing. 3. Work to make Howard County more affordable given high inflation and significantly increased taxes and fees that Dr. Ball has raised.
- 2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our infrastructure is falling behind. Ensure growth is managed and focus on improving existing infrastructure. One-time spending should focus on maintaining our schools, roads, and other critical infrastructure. Better quality roads help all users, including those who drive, bike, walk, or take transit. Expand use of technology on our roadways to facilitate better and safer movement for all.
- 3) LAND USE:** Climate change and overdevelopment are exemplified in Ellicott City. Under Dr. Ball, little has been done to protect EC and other areas. HoCo must expand stream channels, construct flood mitigation and increase renewable energy use. I'm also the only certified Exec candidate in HoCo's Public Campaign Finance Program, the CEF. Unlike Dr. Ball, I'm not taking big developer/special interest money.
- 4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** It's important to increase full spectrum residential housing. In addition to current approaches, we should explore developing Land Trusts. Due to re-election concerns, Dr. Ball postponed the General Plan update after spending \$100,000's on consultants. The update must review affordable housing in a more comprehensive and inclusive manner, including innovative ways to add affordable units.

**5) APFO REVIEW:** Yes. Not reviewed in almost a decade, as County Executive, I brought all stakeholders together to evaluate APFO. One Task Force recommendation was to review APFO after each General Plan update. I'd adhere to this and ensure all infrastructure capacity is analyzed, including schools, roads and public safety, as well as ensure accurate data on the amount of students generated from development.

### Darren Vilus

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 7273 Procopio Cir, Columbia MD 21046

- 1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** No response.
- 2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** No response.
- 3) LAND USE:** No response.
- 4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** No response.
- 5) APFO REVIEW:** No response.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

### Calvin Ball

**Campaign Website:** votecalvinball.com

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** I want to build upon our success with record education funding investment, economic development expansion, environmental leadership & effective COVID-19 responsiveness. By focusing on the road to recovery from the pandemic, together we will improve our mental, physical & economic health & wellness while we effectively embrace the promise of tomorrow.

**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** We recently won the NACo award for Process, Engagement & Transparency for our ARP Funding. We committed millions to public safety, healthcare, HCPSS teacher bonuses, hazard pay for first responders, grants for non-profits, small businesses & more. Additionally, infrastructure improvements, bike & pedestrian projects, safety & high-quality transit services are among our highest priorities.

**3) LAND USE:** In 2020, we launched HoCo By Design, a roadmap for land usage. Almost 98% of the County's land is developed, committed, or preserved. Through the General Plan process, we will continue to ensure thoughtful engagement with community stakeholders. Our Climate Action Plan is underway & expanding from mitigation to building environmental resilience, which will coincide with our long-range planning

**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** We completed a 2021 Housing Master Plan. A principal strategy of the plan is to improve the availability, affordability, and diversity of housing. We've included \$5 million in my FY23 operating budget to ensure this strategy is put into action and secured local tax credits for two affordable housing developments that provide nearly 150 affordable units across the full income spectrum.

**5) APFO REVIEW:** On the County Council, I supported strengthening APFO in 2018, creating the strongest standards in the state. Each budget, we have invested in school construction & increased funding by \$80M. Our FY23 budget includes record investment for roads & infrastructure. I will consider new services & standards when APFO is updated in 2023 to ensure a balanced approach to development & school investment.

### Harry Dunbar

**Campaign Mailing Address:** PO BOX 1597, Columbia MD 21044

- 1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** 1) Slow Growth - Over Development
- 2) Climate Change
- 3) Education - Overcrowded Schools

**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** Actually provide low income housing

**3) LAND USE:** Slow growth & protect our woodlands and watershed areas via changed zoning.

**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** By enforcing mandates that I would impose on the developers

**5) APFO REVIEW:** Yes, the present administration has been "is" in the developers pocket. Living wages will be paid to employees

## COUNTY COUNCIL

**DUTIES:** As the legislative branch, the Council approves the laws for Howard County. Members also sit as the Zoning Board and the Liquor Board.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected by district. The county is divided into five districts

### Questions:

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## COUNTY COUNCIL

### DISTRICT 1

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

### Sean J. McCurdy

**Campaign Website:** www.mccurdy4hoco.com

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** Manage the pace of development in Elkridge and Ellicott City Public Safety for our communities AND our children

Less taxes and regulations that are crushing our small businesses

**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:)** 1. Schools 2. Police

**3) LAND USE:** One of my priorities is to manage the growth in howard county. We need to be smart about the way we develop new commercial and residential properties. Real estate development tax income is very important, but we must be careful about over crowding our schools and roadways. In district 1, we seem to be moving to fast in residential development.

**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I think affordable housing is an important part of Howard County. It's important that we bring young and upcoming professionals into our neighborhoods and that is not possible without affordable housing.

**5) APFO REVIEW:** My main focus is school and road capacity. One of the reasons I got involved in politics is the constant redistricting and splitting of our neighborhoods. Again, we have to be very careful about how we continue to grow in the county and make sure we have adequate schools and roads.



## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

Neveen Kurtom

**Campaign Website:** [www.neveenkurtom.com](http://www.neveenkurtom.com)

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** 1. Education: Support a level of educational funding which sustains and enhances the school system; support properly trained School Resource Officers (SROs) 2. Safe Communities: Support and enhance strong policing in our communities; provide adequate funding for law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency services 3. Small Businesses: Support our local businesses and small business development  
**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** Priorities For One-time Spending: I will advocate that these funds go to our public schools as our schools are still behind in having adequate technological resources for our students. Priorities for the Federal Infrastructure Funds: Federal Infrastructure funds should be prioritized to improve Howard County's transit system, roads, water and sewer capacity, and public schools.  
**3) LAND USE:** I will propose legislation to constrain development in sensitive environmental areas - streams and wetlands. In addition, I will work with the county, state, and development community to promote reforestation in areas of new development or on existing land where owners will accept reforestation.  
**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** The county requires builders to provide either affordable apartments in a development or pay a fee-in-lieu-of. I think this fee should be increased. I would require builders to provide 10% of affordable housing in their developments of 20 or more units. If they do not, I would propose legislation significantly increasing the fee-in-lieu-of for each affordable unit not built.  
**5) APFO REVIEW:** The timing for APFO reviews should allow for major reviews every 5-7 years and more focused reviews in the interim period. The following services should be measured and used: 1) Ensure public water & sewer capacity; 2) Examine electrical grid to ensure capacity; 3) Additional funds in Open Space Program to make purchases possible; 4) Ensure that there is adequate public transportation (more buses)

Elizabeth "Liz" Walsh

**Campaign Website:** [lizwalshforhoco.com](http://lizwalshforhoco.com)

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** Land use. Everything else--schools, climate change, good government, even--all comes back to this: whether the policies this County enacts and then actually enforces protect what remains of our green space, natural land and historic sites, or continue to enrich the development interests who've laid it bare for decades. We must get that influence and imbalance out of our local government. For good.  
**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** Schools: Especially our long-neglected capital needs for more brick-and-mortar classrooms, updates to dilapidating and undersized facilities, and systemic improvements to indoor air quality. Green space: Not just putting into preservation more land, but tending to what we have, linking those and other public spaces with safe, accessible bike/walk ways. Pandemic recovery for our small businesses.  
**3) LAND USE:** In my first term, I filed comprehensive bills that would better environmental protections--e.g., applicable to any further development in the old Ellicott City watershed (CB38-2019), and very targeted ones--e.g., incrementally adding to what very largest and oldest trees we protect county-wide (CB78-2021). I am always asking the County to purchase irreplaceable green spaces, like Camp Ilchester.  
**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Require it be built--in meaningful part--as new development keeps coming in. Instead, we keep exempting largest-scale developments from building or even paying their way out of affordable housing. We release built units after the fact. Or we accept a mere 5%, like we have for the 2,296 new units that are Phase I of the Downtown Columbia Plan. The fee-in-lieu assessed must reflect true built costs.  
**5) APFO REVIEW:** Life-safety response should be part of APFO: police, fire and emergency department. So should stormwater controls, park space and safe bike/walk ways. And schools. We say that's a measure, but it's not. At best it's a delay--a "waiting period"--after which new homes build in even if receiving capacity isn't there or planned. Twice I filed bills to at least extend that wait: CB17-2019 and CB1-2020.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### DISTRICT 2

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

Sheila P. Jennifer

**Campaign Website:** [sheila4hoco.com](http://sheila4hoco.com)

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** The top three priorities that I will pursue during my term firstly, will involve working for consensus with fellow Council members to achieve: Improvements in the policies and protocols of our pandemic response. This would include plans for recovery of our educational as well as our business systems. The losses suffered from covid should not be ignored or repeated. Also, add responsible land use.  
**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** Priorities for one time spending would include use of a rainy day savings fund. Part of the funds should be applied to supporting businesses which need support from lockdown closures. Priorities for Federal funds should go towards improving roads and older villages' structures. Health and community service needs, for an increasing aging population, also show up on prospective data models.  
**3) LAND USE:** Real estate development, ostensibly, is meant to be coordinated with responsible use of our land in Howard County. Providing correct infrastructure and allowing for Open Space areas as part of the development process makes Smart Growth possible. Providing tax credits for senior citizens ensures responsible land use. Locally sourced materials and green products must be a part of the grant process.  
**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** The village where I reside contains the blueprint for "smaller houses". We raised a family of seven there thanks to the wonderful amenities that Howard County provides. Any future home models should consider scaled-down versions of single family homes and rentals.  
**5) APFO REVIEW:** The Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance is over run with exceptions that hurt its intended efficacy. The Howard County Citizens Association has provided an exhaustive study which clearly shows our County's schools, hospitals, and roads are inadequate for future overdevelopment. I agree with the recommendations to "obtain measurements" and make them applicable and accountable to land development.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

Opel Jones

**Campaign Website:** [www.opeljones.com](http://www.opeljones.com)

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** My top three priorities are education, public and personal safety, and community vibrancy.  
**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** My top priorities for one-time spending would be for education, more affordable housing, and possibly more resources for Police and Fire.  
**3) LAND USE:** I believe there is already a good balance between development and preserving productive farmland. In this FY2023 budget, there is an additional 60K in the Ag Pres line item for just this purpose.  
**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I plan to continue to support the construction of additional moderate-cost housing by working with state legislators, voting for bills and projects (if certain criteria are met) that would increase affordable housing, and hopefully working with Councilmembers who also want to support the same, not just in promise but in action.  
**5) APFO REVIEW:** With respect to APFO, I was happy to co-sponsor legislation to increase the school surcharge on new developments, and look forward to beginning the conversation with my colleagues on the Board of Education and the Superintendent on increasing the number of seats in renovated and newly constructed schools.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### DISTRICT 3

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

William H. Campbell

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 6375 Open Flower, Columbia MD 21045-4514

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** Improving Financial Stewardship - Howard County as a combined budget of \$2.2 B. We are a big business & require professional management & oversight. Education Reform- We need to replace all 222 mobile classrooms with secure permanent classrooms.  
**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** 1) Fully funding our underfunded retirement accounts for employees (91% funded) and police & fire (84% funded). 2) School construction. 3) Paying cash to avoid future, high-cost debt. Since current Federal funds are largely limited to transportation projects, road & bridge improvements, rail safety improvements, and drinking water & sanitation upgrades. Improved public bus service.  
**3) LAND USE:** The key to effectively managing future growth, development, protecting farmland & the environment is to revise & improve our badly flawed Adequate Public Accommodations Ordinance. Without fixing the APFO we will continue to see uncontrolled growth, loss of green space, and the degradation of our environment & quality of life. Increasing pockets of poverty will overwhelm our public services.  
**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I will champion an improved APFO so that we can fairly & consistently evaluate all new construction without penalizing or giving an unfair advantage to any residential development projects. We cannot allow the increased housing density to overwhelm our ability to provide adequate educational & governmental services. Current infrastructure is causing a severe overconcentration East of US Rt 29.  
**5) APFO REVIEW:** As I have stated in previous responses, I believe that the revision & strict enforcement of the APFO is crucial for maintaining our quality of life. Drinking water quality, sewer capacity, land fill capacity, adequate police/fire/ambulance service, public transportation, access to food stores, access to medical treatment, access to public recreation & green space, access to government services.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

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Christiana Rigby

**Campaign Website:** [www.christianarigby.com](http://www.christianarigby.com)

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** My top three priorities for Howard County are (1) school funding, (2) climate action/equitable transportation, and (3) affordable housing. We need to invest more in our educators and school system, take stronger action to address climate change and improve transportation sustainability, and expand affordable housing options so that all residents have access to housing.  
**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** My county priorities for one-time spending include capital investments in school construction and bike/ped projects, as well as investments in workforce training in critical sectors like early childhood education and transportation. My federal infrastructure priorities include expanding our electric vehicle network, improving transit, and upgrading our streets so that they are safer for all users.  
**3) LAND USE:** Howard County has preserved nearly 40% of our land for green uses, including agriculture, parks, and open space. As Howard County begins to trend toward redevelopment, I support strengthening our stormwater management policies. I also support policies to make new buildings in Howard County more sustainable and more equipped for green technology, such as solar and electric vehicle infrastructure.  
**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Rental units and smaller homes (e.g. duplexes/multiplexes)

being built. I support allowing more affordable and accessible housing types throughout the county. I also support improving our Moderate Income Housing program and funding the Housing Trust Fund to expand affordable units.

**5) APFO REVIEW:** Our adequate public facilities law (APFO) was not written with housing affordability or environmental sustainability in mind. These policy goals should be considered under APFO. On housing, I support improving the flexibility under APFO for mixed-income and affordable housing. On sustainability, I support amending the road capacity test to include public transit improvements and investments.

## COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

### **THERE ARE NO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR THIS OFFICE**

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

Hank Boyd

**Campaign Website:** [votehankboyd.com](http://votehankboyd.com)

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** Education. I assert that we can only reap the benefits of a knowledge-based economy if we have a highly educated workforce.

Balanced Growth. I stand for a balanced growth approach toward future residential and commercial development.

Electrical Infrastructure. To meet energy demand, I contend that we ought to invest in fortifying our electrical infrastructure and support grid in Howard County.

**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** Since moving to Howard County in 2005, I have been struck by just how many of my friends and neighbors work in either DC or Baltimore. To manage this arduous commute, they rely on public transportation, mainly the commuter bus system. Therefore, I would propose offering more funding for public transportation when Howard County has a windfall.

**3) LAND USE:** CO2 emissions is taking a huge toll on our planet. To do our part, we need to move from combustible engines to mitigate the release of this greenhouse gas. In Fulton, I have noticed a marked increase in electric vehicles (EVs). Anecdotal evidence suggest that more folks are buying Tesla, largely for this reason. To meet demand, I believe that we ought to invest in fortifying the electrical grid.

**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I would impose a 10% affordable housing mandate on new developments. To achieve this laudable goal, we must abolish in-lieu fees and build moderate income housing units. If I am fortunate enough to be elected to the Howard County Council, I will be staunch advocate for affordable housing. I believe that the bedrock of community hinges on ownership as opposed to rental.

**5) APFO REVIEW:** When I speak with builders, they voice concern over untenable APFO mandates. Most notably, school overcapacity plagues large portions of Howard County. In my view, we simply cannot build physical structures to meet this student demand in the short term and be left with aging and unused infrastructure after this bulge works its way through the system. We must be creative with existing facilities.



Janssen Evelyn

**Campaign Website:** [janssenevelyn.com](http://janssenevelyn.com)

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** My top three priorities are centered around (1) education - ensuring that every child receives a free, high quality, equitably-funded, public pre-K and K-12 education, (2) affordable housing/redevelopment, and (3) protecting our environment through responsible stewardship to ensure our children and future generations have climate resilient communities filled with green spaces.

**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** Typically, one-time revenues and revenues in excess of projections should be prioritized to meet the county's fiscal policy goals or budgeted as required by law. For the Federal infrastructure funding, my priorities focus on school construction or rehabilitating current schools, public safety, flood control and storm water management, and investing in more multi-modal and safer roads.

**3) LAND USE:** As a board member with the Howard County Conservancy, I am dedicated to preserving our natural world even as we address the housing shortage that Howard County is facing. I would support smart growth housing, infill development, and transportation policies that reduce emissions by focusing development towards downtown and locations prime for redevelopment, which will achieve land conservation.

**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Affordable housing is one of my top priorities and is tied to many of the issues facing the County. As the County continues to evolve, providing housing choices that appeal to a broad range of people is vital. In line with the recommendations made by the Housing Opportunities Master Plan, including changes to policies that impact housing, we can make a more equitable Howard County possible.

**5) APFO REVIEW** APFO remains a controversial topic within the County. An APFO Review Committee will start up following the General Plan adoption. While I believe that APFO will need to be revised in the near future in order to create missing middle housing, I would wait for the recommendations of the APFO Review Committee before I took any action. We measure water and sewer; we should measure fire/rescue too.

Deb Jung

**Campaign Website:** [www.votedebjung.com](http://www.votedebjung.com)

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** My top priorities are maximizing school funding to the extent we can; advocating for land-use policies that ensure growth is accompanied by planned adequate public facilities that do not contribute to overcrowded schools and roads; and supporting affordable housing countywide that does not overconcentrate poverty and which creates opportunities for homeownership and intergenerational wealth.

**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** One-time spending priorities should be capital projects that advance stormwater management and climate change initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as retrofitting buildings, electrifying vehicle fleets, and developing a reliable charging station network. Federal funds should be targeted to improving public transit, such as bus rapid transit and enhanced MARC service and facilities.

**3) LAND USE:** I have been a dependable advocate for protecting the environment, preserving farmland, and fighting climate change. In the General Plan update, I will only approve new growth that is sustainable, accompanied by planned adequate public facilities, and linked to the County's fiscal plan. To the extent possible, the community's interest in resource preservation for the future should be paramount.

**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I support the construction of additional moderate cost housing and rental units countywide that does not overconcentrate poverty in schools along with strategies that promote opportunities for homeownership and a path to create intergenerational wealth. Accessory dwelling unit approval could be streamlined if there are no environmental, parking, or stormwater impacts on neighbors.

**5) APFO REVIEW** I would vote again to strengthen the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance to increase the number of years a project must be retested for school capacity before proceeding to development. Police and Fire services could be added to APFO using response time criteria. Bed capacity could be a standard to measure the adequacy of health facilities although they are generally not publicly owned.

COUNTY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 5

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

David George Yungmann

**Campaign Website:** <http://DavidYungmann.com>

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** Spending restraint  
Expansion of commercial tax base  
Continued excellent constituent service

**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** Infrastructure, debt reduction, return money to taxpayers  
Infrastructure priorities are (1) repair/replacement of aging water/sewer systems, sidewalks, drainage, etc., (2) maintenance of existing buildings including schools, (3) broadband/phone coverage to the west.

**3) LAND USE:** Focus development to areas already suited for growth. Maintain a strong agriculture preservation program and supporting farmers and argi-businesses. Re-evaluate excessive restrictions where they are out of balance for areas targeted for commercial growth. Focus conservation on large areas with high value forest and open space while maximizing the potential on smaller properties.

**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Make sure focus on "affordable" housing doesn't continue being pulled to low income rentals. Expand programs to support home ownership. Stop trying to push moderate income units into high cost areas. Expand use of multi-plex. Create more middle income rental options for seniors.

**5) APFO REVIEW** I think APFO is an imperfect mechanism but don't know of any other models that work better. Property owners can't have their rights on hold forever and we can't overrun infrastructure including schools. I encouraged the alignment of county and school system planning areas that would keep redistricting local and give all stakeholders predictability, but could not get school system buy-in.

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

Joan U. Pontius

**Campaign Website:** [www.joanpontius.com](http://www.joanpontius.com)

**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** 1) Representing a voice for our county's residents rather than profit-driven interests

2) Land use and sustainability. Preserving the natural beauty and open spaces of the county  
3) Taxes and Spending. The larger tax base from new housing and businesses has not led to a reduction in our property tax rates.

**2) OTHER PRIORITIES:** I would like to see any savings passed back to the taxpayer. However, if it had to be spent, and other budget items were provided for, I consider expansion of the hubs and corridors of our Green infrastructure throughout the county to provide wildlife habitat and to provide a buffer against the negative impact of storm water run off.

**3) LAND USE:** Our county code itemizes the considerations to be used in the subdivision process, including preservation of open spaces, recreational areas, areas free of flooding. I will not overlook these criteria.

Such considerations will become increasingly important with extreme weather events. We also have a responsibility to reduce the carbon footprint of our homes and other buildings.

**4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I'd like to see each new development consist of a range of home prices. Anything else leads to segregated communities and is a disservice to the county. I'd also like to see energy efficiency standards include total energy use of a home. This would help move toward smaller homes that are more affordable not only to buy, but to maintain, and help reduce the county's carbon footprint.

**5) APFO REVIEW** The flooding of Ellicott City, as well as the erosion of the banks of the Patapsco suggest that storm water run off needs to be addressed. Storm water management plans need to include standards for moving water away from a structure but also for retaining water on a parcel to allow ground water recharge, to avoid catastrophic flooding, and to avoid erosion of the banks of our rivers and streams

## HOWARD COUNTY JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT - DISTRICT 5 (NON-PARTISAN)

**DUTIES:** Judges preside over trials in the Circuit Court, which is a court that hears major civil cases and serious criminal cases, such as those requiring a jury trial. Circuit Courts may decide appeals from the District Court and certain administrative agencies.

The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a person to fill the office from a list recommended by a judicial nominating commission. The nominating commission reviews each applicant's experience as an attorney before making recommendations to the Governor. Each newly appointed judge must stand for election at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. Sitting judges must also run for re-election after serving for 15 years. Attorneys who are members of the Maryland Bar may also run to challenge a newly appointed or sitting judge. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots. WEBSITE: [msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/31cc/html/ccf.html](http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/31cc/html/ccf.html)

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected Countywide.

### Alicia Altamirano

**Campaign Website:** [ALTAMIRANOFORJUDGE.COM](http://ALTAMIRANOFORJUDGE.COM)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As Court-appointed attorney, I defended hundreds of indigent clients facing inequities in the justice system that jeopardized their freedom, livelihood and housing. I learned to adjust my legal strategies to combat antiquated and arbitrary procedures in District and Circuit Courts and Federal Administrative Agencies. My experiences afford me a unique perspective of how to provide equal justice.

### Stephanie Porter

**Campaign Website:** [www.Vote4JudgeStephaniePorter.com](http://www.Vote4JudgeStephaniePorter.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** After 22 years of legal experience, vetting by the Judicial Nominating Commission and appointment to the Circuit Court by the Governor, I now preside as a Judge over serious criminal, family law, medical malpractice and business cases. As a prosecutor, I tried numerous jury trials. My experiences as litigator and Judge ensure everyone receives a fair process in my courtroom.

## HOWARD STATE'S ATTORNEY

**Duties:** Prosecutes criminals and juvenile cases and determines whether to extradite persons in other areas who have been charged with crimes in Howard County.

**Term:** Four years, no term limit  
**How Elected:** Elected countywide

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

**THERE ARE NO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR THIS OFFICE**



## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

### Rich Gibson

**Campaign Website:** [www.richgibson.net](http://www.richgibson.net)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 1) Create a safer Howard County by approaching each case with integrity, accountability, collaboration, and fairness. 2) Continuing to work with the legislature to enact laws that enhance public safety. 3) Work to develop robust re-entry programs for individuals returning to society.

## HOWARD CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected Countywide.

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

**THERE ARE NO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR THIS OFFICE**

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

### Wayne A. Robey

**Campaign Mailing Address:** PO Box 1702, Ellicott City MD 21041

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

## HOWARD REGISTER OF WILLS

**DUTIES:** The Register of Wills assists the general public with administrative processes concerning estates of deceased persons. The Register collects Maryland inheritance tax on estates and probate fees; maintains all records of wills and estates of deceased persons; acts as clerk to the Orphans' Court; and safeguards wills of living persons.

**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.  
**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

**THERE ARE NO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR THIS OFFICE**

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

### Byron Macfarlane

**Campaign Website:** [www.byronforhoco.com](http://www.byronforhoco.com)

**TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** My first is to continue providing efficient, professional, and compassionate service to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. My second is to continue advocating for reforms to make probate faster, less expensive, and more equitable for all Marylanders. My third is to continue being active and engaged in the community, giving families the information and resources to plan ahead.

## HOWARD JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

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

**TERM:** Four years, no term limits.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide. Candidates for Orphans' Court Judge must be Maryland citizens and residents of their jurisdiction for at least 12 months before their election.

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

**THERE ARE NO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR THIS OFFICE**

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

### Christina J. Bostick

**Campaign Email:** [www.christinabostick.com](http://www.christinabostick.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

### Ajile F. Brown

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 8014 Trotters Chase, Ellicott City MD 21043

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm an attorney practicing estate planning and administration for over 20 years.

### Elizabeth Ann Fitch

**Campaign Website:** [www.elizabethannfitch.com](http://www.elizabethannfitch.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a lifelong Maryland resident, I completed undergraduate studies at the University of Maryland, and earned my J.D. at the University of Baltimore School of Law where I graduated with honors. As a trial attorney for a prestigious firm with a passion for probate, my experience and education are unmatched.

### Nicole Bormel Miller

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 6108 Rippling Tides Ter. Clarksville MD 21029

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I completed four years as an Orphans' Court judge and I was on the board of the MD Association of Judges of the Orphans' Court. Also, Previously I worked in the Howard County Circuit Court as a courtroom clerk. During my time at the courthouse I learned to research and apply the law on the job. I have always worked with the public providing customer service.



## HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF

**DUTIES:** The Sheriff carries out court orders, delivers summonses, and executes bench warrants. The Sheriff performs police or corrections functions in jurisdictions where there are no County police or correction departments. The Sheriff's office is divided into four areas: the Civil Section, the Criminal Section, the Court and Transportation Section, and the Special Operations Section.

**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

John Francis McMahon

**Campaign Mailing Address:** PO Box 4, Dayton MD 21036

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

Marcus Harris

**Campaign Website:** www.marcusharrisforsheriff.com

**TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** The top three priorities that I would pursue during my term would be to expand our community outreach to include continuing to educate the community on the roles and responsibilities of the Howard County Sheriff's Office, provide a more intensive and in-depth training on de-escalation tactics and continue to build on our relationship with the Police Department.



This Voters' Guide will be available online at our League's website, [www.hoco.lwvhowardmd.org](http://www.hoco.lwvhowardmd.org). For Maryland residents living outside Howard County, please check the state League website, [www.lwvmd.org](http://www.lwvmd.org), or the national voters' guide website at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)

Please remember that Democracy is not a spectator sport!

## Howard County Republican Central Committee

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

**TERM:** Four years.

**HOW ELECTED:** Republican Central Committee members are elected countywide by registered party members. .

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 9.

Ray Bly

**Campaign Website:** www.raybly.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received by deadline.

Steve Brown

**Campaign Email:** RepSteveBrown@protonmail.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Active on conservative political scene nearly 30 yrs. Served both as volunteer & professional as Maryland state field director & national regional field director for major pro-family voter education organization. Past volunteer supporting numerous conservative candidate campaigns within Maryland & actively doing so now. I am an America First & Maryland First candidate. Will act accordingly.

Gary Clark

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 15387 Frederick Rd, Woodbine MD 21797

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received by deadline.

Rachel Coutts

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 9354 Sharp Antler, Columbia MD 21045

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a fierce advocate on education and public safety issues. I'm a mother of three in HCPSS schools, an active member of area community organizations, and a former HCC instructor. More recently, I've worked on issues pertaining to school lockdowns and the politicization of school curriculum.

Lisa Feinberg

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 12785 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City MD 21042

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

Jay Gerarden

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 10101 Governor Warfield Pky Apt 220, Columbia MD 21044

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

Sheila P. Jennifer

**Campaign Website:** www.sheila4hoco.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The Central Committee answers to a community that respects individual freedom and traditional values. My experience as a 34 year member of the Howard County community involves federal and state Archivist employment, teaching at a local private school, volunteering for HCPSS,

individual freedom and traditional values. My experience as a 34 year member of the Howard County community involves federal and state Archivist employment, teaching at a local private school, volunteering for HCPSS, and providing community service initiating our Oakland Mills Village Dialogue on Diversity.

Beth Rettaliata Lawson

**Campaign Email:** beth173@verizon.net

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Lifelong Western Howard County resident and product of Howard County schools (Trinity Prep School and Glenelg High School). Strong community advocate through We the People 2, a locally-based community organization targeting parental rights, fiscal responsibility in local policies, and civil liberties for area residents. Current vice-chair of the Howard County Republican Women's Club

Sean J. McCurdy

**Campaign Website:** www.mccurdy4hoco.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

Jen Nussbaum

**Campaign Email:** jennussbaum@proactivemedicalconsultants.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Howard County small business owner. Howard County Republican Club President x 2 terms. Current Howard County Republican Club Secretary. Maryland Republican Women Empowered member. MFRW, HC Republican Women and Walkaway member. Founder HoCo Kids. Original co-organizer Re-Open Maryland. Past Ambassador and Legislative Affairs Committee board member - Howard County Chamber of Commerce.

Heather Olowski

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 4871 Ten Oaks Rd, Dayton MD 21036

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

Saif Rehman

**Campaign Website:** www.vote4rehman.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My education and professional career spanning over 30 years have prepared me with skills needed to be a productive central committee member.

Jason Stein

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 10401 Hickory Ridge Rd Apt L, Columbia MD 21044

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

Justin J. Taylor

**Campaign Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 314, Lisbon MD 21765

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

Geoffrey S. Thornton

**Campaign Website:** www.vote4thornton.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

Steven H. Wilson

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 6101 Hunt Club Rd, Elkridge MD 21075

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have successfully chaired the Central Committee for two years. I am a 56-year resident of Howard County, and a retired County employee with 33 years' experience. I have managed budgets in both government and private industry and have strong diplomatic and team-building skills. I have served as a project manager, event planner, and bureau chief for Howard County Fire & Rescue.

## Howard County Democratic Central Committee

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

**TERM:** Four years.

**HOW ELECTED:** Democratic Central Committee members are elected countywide by registered party members. Voters may vote for the candidates of their choice. The winners will be determined by the greatest number of votes, while taking into consideration that those elected will be as equally divided by gender as possible.

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 10

Maureen Evans Arthurs (female)

**Campaign Website:** facebook.com/maureenevansarthurs

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm running for re-election to the HCDCC because of my demonstrated commitment to our party & community for over a decade. This time 4 years ago, I was Campaign Manager for Team Howard, a grassroots, coordinated campaign with the Maryland Democratic Party which knocked on over 65,000 doors in Howard County. This effort helped secure 19 of 21 state & local democratic races. And we can do it again.

Dedrick Asante-Muhammad (male)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 5565 Vantage Point Rd, Columbia MD 21044

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response

Mae A. Beale (female)

**Campaign Facebook:** www.facebook.com/mae.beale.75

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the Co-chair for the Howard County Democratic Central Committee. Appointed Fundraising Committee Chair, coordinating several successful events for the committee, our Annual Fundraising event and our Annual Labor Day Picnic, which brought in over \$30,000 for the local party. Serves as the MDP Seniors DLC Chair. Working on prior Campaigns prepared me with the needed experience.

Linda Bolen (female)

**Campaign Facebook:** www.facebook.com/lindab4hcdcc

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I currently serve as the HCDCC Recording Secretary. During my tenure, I helped launch a postcard campaign to welcome newly registered Democrats to Howard County, co-organized the 2021 HCDCC Labor Day picnic, and led efforts to improve and update the HCDCC website. Moreover, in 2018 I supported a candidate running for Delegate, District 9A, serving as his Treasurer. This candidate won his primary.

Meagan Braganca (female)

**Campaign Website:** www.hoco4us.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been on the executive committee for Sierra Club Howard County (chair for a year). I was also on the steering committee of Our Revolution HoCo for several years. I was a founding member of Progressive Democrats of Howard County. I have been a long-time activist & organizer and am currently a part of a successful pro-democracy HoCo campaign to get special interest money out of politics.

McNeal Brown, Jr. (male)

**Campaign Facebook:** www.facebook.com/105722755461995

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 2018 - Served as campaign manager Marcus Harris who was running for Sheriff.  
2019 - Served as a member of the Anne Arundel County Democratic Central Committee  
2020- After relocating to Howard County, I volunteered for the Howard County Coordinated Campaign (Howard for Biden-Harris)  
2021 - Served as a member of the Howard County Redistricting Commission.  
I will enjoy serving you on the HCDCC.

Jake Burdett (male)

**Campaign Website:** hoco4us.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served previously on a Central Committee during my time in college at Salisbury University. At this time in 2018, I was elected to the Wicomico County Democratic Central Committee, where I served as Vice-Chair & was the youngest elected official in MD at 19 years old. I am also currently the President of the Progressive Democrats of Howard County, & have worked on many Democratic campaigns.

Regina Clay (female)

**Campaign Facebook:** @friendsofReginaClay

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was appointed to this position in 2018 after the election and got right to work serving the community. Currently I serve as 2nd Vice Chair. Some of my accomplishments include: increase in social media engagement by 45% by highlighting members of the community and their accomplishments; Increased engagement with other Democratic Clubs; served in roles at the State Party.

Rich Corkran (male)

**Campaign Website:** www.richcorkran.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an original member of the Western Howard and Ellicott City Democratic Club(2006) . I have served as vice-president, president, and am currently treasurer(2015-2022). I served on the Central Committee previously from 2010-2014. I have run for office twice(unsuccessfully)--- State Senate in 2006, and House of Delegates in 2014. I am a former teacher--- active in HCEA(Board of Directors).

Kim Pezza Drake (female)

**Campaign Facebook:** www.facebook.com/friendsofkimpezzadrake

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been an appointed member of the Howard County Democratic Central Committee for 14 months. I have years of experience on voluntary public boards and committees having served as president for one, secretary for two committees. In my current role on central committee, I have assisted in planning and hosting multiple fundraisers. I also support democratic events.

Karin E. Emery (female)

**Campaign Website:** www.hoco4us.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was the secretary of the Ellicott City and Western Howard Democratic Club for 2 years and then became a founding member and now secretary of the Progressive Democrats of Howard County which included recruiting candidates for election. I have been a registered Democrat since the age of 18 and have supported Democrats by knocking on doors and phone banking.

Felix Facchine (male)

**Campaign Facebook:** www.facebook.com/felix4hoco

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've been an active Democrat in Howard County for 5 years and have worked on numerous Democratic campaigns, including knocking on tens of thousands of doors. I have a Master's in Public Policy and work on local policy issues. I will bring this experience to the Central Committee with a focus on strengthening community engagement and preparing our party for the future.

Kiana Fok (female)

**Campaign Facebook:** www.facebook.com/kiana.fok

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My participation with various political grassroots organization, from being a steering committee member of HoCo Our Revolution to my times tabling and door knocking for issues and candidates, gives me the experience in how to reach out to community members on what's going on in their community.

Sean Ford (male)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 7230 Darby Downs Unit K, Elkridge MD 21075-5430

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

Lorinzo Foxworth (male)

**Campaign Email:** lorinzofoxworth@gmail.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm a proud Maple Lawn resident since 2012 & Maryland since-1980 participating in Democratic voting strategies and community volunteer actions. Volunteer with HCDCC for the 2012- 2020 democratic campaigns helping to increase voter registration/voting. 20 yr Army veteran, small business owner, parent, & voted since age 18, Doctorate of Mgmt-workforce, Board member MCVET, Professor, UnitedD slate

Sanjay G. George (male)

**Campaign Email:** votesanjaygeorge2022@gmail.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a life long resident of Howard County, I have worked with various non-profits to engage with residents and foster a stronger sense of community. My ability to work with and within various organizations and communicate with others in a direct and relatable way will certainly be an asset as I work to help grow the Democratic Party in Howard County..

Hiruy Hadgu (male)

**Campaign Website:** www.hoco4us.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** While the role of the Central Committee primarily deals with electing Democrats, it should develop a platform that serves as a North Star for the county's Democratic Party, developed with input from the rank-and-file voter - the true source of the party's power. Serving in several community groups gives me the experience to help build a strong political party that returns power to the voter.

Safa Hira (female)

**Campaign Facebook:** www.facebook.com/friendsofSafaHira

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

Joshua Hirsh (male)

**Campaign Facebook:** @friendsofJoshuaHirsh

**QUALIFICATIONS:** - Howard County Commission on Disabilities 2020-present  
- Intern and volunteer with the HCDCC since 2012  
- VP of the Young Democrats of Howard County 2018-2019  
- Board of the Columbia Democratic Club 2019  
- Interned in Calvin Ball's County Council Office 2017  
- Volunteered in campaigns-statewide and nationally  
- Louis Goldstein Spirit Award for service in the Democratic Community 2019

Kathy M. Howell (female)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 8389 Old Frederick Rd, Ellicott City MD 21043

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

Moe Imran (male)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 7157 Morning Light Trl, Columbia MD 21044

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

Adriane Jemmott (female)

**Campaign Email:** Friendsofadrianejemmott@gmail.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been active in issue campaigns and advocacy at a local and national level all of my adult life. I have experiences as an Advocacy Institute Leadership Fellow and as an Obama Fellow and as a member of an Advisory Committee to a County Executive which are among the experiences I believe prepare me for the duties of a Central Committee member.

Joy Jenkins (female)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 1313, Ellicott City MD 21041

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been in Howard County for over two decades. I'm extremely passionate about justice, equity, and giving a voice to the voiceless. I worked on a grassroots level to ensure inmates at Howard County jail had books to read because they didn't have a library there. I've also supported the local Howard County NAACP.

Jennifer Jones (female)

**Campaign Email:** jenjones4hoco@gmail.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have experience building grassroots support for candidates and policies. In the 2018 election cycle, I knocked on doors to understand the issues and coordinated with Democrats at the local and state level to turnout voters. I also held numerous voter registration events to bring in new voters.

Ahmad Khan (male)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 77, Glenelg MD 21737

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

Claudia Koenig (female)

**Campaign Website:** Hoco4us.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a Latina, born to Chilean parents and I think the governing bodies need to connect with the growing Hispanic community. As an attorney, I am focused, organized and analytical, which will help with driving policy and supporting candidates. I have raised my children and lived in Howard County for over 27 years. I would focus on keeping the county's open spaces and good schools a priority.

Rick Kohn (male)

**Campaign Website:** www.Hoco4us.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been active in the community since we moved to Columbia in 1996. For example, I was a soccer coach for five years and served on Howard County School System Committee to review the Equity Policy, and served on Calvin Ball's Transition Team Education Committee. As a scientist, I apply quantitative skills to evaluate policies.

Dhruvak Mirani (male)

**Campaign Website:** www.dhruvak.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As Glenelg's senior class president, a vocal educational equity advocate, and a leader on racial equity issues, I'm prepared to build coalitions across backgrounds and interests to support grassroots Democratic candidates and issues. I've also experienced firsthand the lack of resources available to youth Democratic groups, and I know what investments are necessary to uplift and engage students.

Gabriel Maximilian Moreno (male)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 8440 Oak Meade Way, Jessup MD 20794

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the current Corresponding Secretary of the Howard County Democratic Central Committee. Under my position on the executive board,

I handle external communications with the general public, voters, volunteers, managing vacancies, candidates, and elected officials while also handling several of the internal communications. My tech savviness allows me to create flyers, forms, and edit the website.

James Ward Morrow (male)

**Campaign Website:** www.jameswardmorrow.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ward is a union lawyer and union member of OPEIU Local 2, graduate of Johns Hopkins (BA, Political Science) and U Of MD Law School, former President of the Young Democrats of Md, twice has previously served on the MD Democratic Central Comm., and was a 2008 Obama DNC delegate candidate. In 2014, he was the Democratic Party nominee for House of Delegates in 9A, and is Assist. Gen Counsel for AFGE.

Jessica I. Nichols (female)

**Campaign Website:** www.jessicanichols.net

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As an appointed member of the Howard County Central Committee(CC), my experience on the CC has produced the following results: the highest voter turn out numbers among Democrats in the state for the 2020 election, created more opportunities for local democrats to interact with high level democratic officials, supported the community by ensuring a presence at local events, and so much more.

Lillian Norris Holmes (female)

**Campaign Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077761321798>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

List Rajaratnam (female)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 2774 Saint Johns Ln, Ellicott City MD 21042

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

Eduardo Ribeiro (male)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 9420 Steeple Ct, Laurel MD 20723-5828

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

Taneeka Richardson (female)

**Campaign Website:** www.HoCo4Us.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have years of experience relating to local, state and federal policy. In my current role as a Policy Analyst, I have written expert testimony on dozens of bills before the state legislature including housing, healthcare and other safety net programs for Marylanders. Additionally, I have years of experience volunteering on various policy committees within Howard County.

Shahan Rizvi (male)

**Campaign Website:** www.vote4shahan.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the current Chair of the Howard County Democratic Central Committee. Under my leadership, Howard County achieved the highest voter turnout numbers among Democrats in the state compared to all other counties for the 2020 presidential election – achieving 84.14% voter registration turnout among Democrats, breaking records for the county and the state

Drew Roth (male)

**Campaign Website:** [www.facebook.com/DrewRoth4Us](http://www.facebook.com/DrewRoth4Us)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have extensive community service activities, including leadership in the Greater Elkridge Community Association and the BWI Roundtable. The focus of my community service has been on improving the quality of life in my community. Specifically, advocating for school construction, reduction of airport noise from BWI, and successful opposition to the proposed CSX Intermodal Terminal in Elkridge.

Jackie Scott (female)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 8522 Upper Sky Way, Laurel MD 20723

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Jackie has called Howard County her home for nearly 25 years. A Policy Lawyer by training, Jackie is uniquely qualified to take a seat on Howard County's Democratic Central Committee. She has dedicated her career to positions that embody and advance the values and principles of the Democratic Party. Jackie holds a dual BA, a Juris Doctor and a Masters in Leadership, all from Georgetown University

Dhaval K. Shah (male)

**Campaign Website:** www.shah4howard.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the current Treasurer for these past 4 years. I have helped raise over \$50 K, helped with the rebranding of our local party & getting t-shirts, with my IT experience - involved in the revamp our website, and I changed some financial procedures to make it easier and better for us so I can spend more time getting Democratic candidates elected up & down the ballot and serving the community.

Herb Smith (male)

**Campaign Email:** Herbjsmith1923@gmail.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have over 20 years working for the Democratic Party and local Democratic party's . I have served as a volunteer , precinct captain , and vice chair on two different Democratic committees. I have worked on local , state , and national campaigns , and have led advocacy campaigns that have changed state level policy .

Sanjeev K. Sriram (male)

**Campaign Website:** hoco4us.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

Collin Sullivan (male)

**Campaign Email:** collinsullivan4hoco@gmail.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been involved in more than 20 Howard County Democratic campaigns. Through this work, I have provided advice and consultation, designed campaign materials, managed social media platforms, planned political events, and coordinated volunteers. I have also participated in phone banking, text banking, and doorknocking for a multitude of candidates. I have a Master's in Public Policy from UMBC.

Carla Tevelow (female)

**Campaign Website:** hoco4us.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a 38 year citizen of this county. My understanding of a central committee member is to help grow and expand the democratic party. I have been ensconced and working in a myriad of sectors with various people including citizens, neighbors and politically active groups. I am a long standing democrat and have stood for their values throughout my lifetime.

Francis Uy (male)

**Campaign Website:** <https://francis.hr1.us>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've been a progressive activist for decades. Over the years, my spouse and I have increasingly participated in many local and national political clubs and organizations. I'm now the Chair of Our Revolution's Howard County chapter. I've gotten to know many local public figures. I'm prepared to work with them and stand up for them when warranted, but more importantly stand up TO them when needed.

Kathleen Uy (female)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 5014 Whetstone Rd, Columbia MD 21044com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received.

## NONPARTISAN OFFICES

### Howard County Board of Education

**DUTIES:** The Board of Education of Howard County is responsible for setting local education policy consistent with state and federal laws governing public education. At the direction of the Board, the Superintendent and the school system's administrative staff develop procedures and administrative regulations to support policy decisions. School board members are elected to four-year terms on a staggered basis in even-numbered years. **Beginning in June 2020, the way that Howard County residents vote for school board members changed. Now, five of the seven school board members are elected by voters in their respective County Council districts. The remaining two members are elected at-large, meaning any registered voter can vote for them. In 2022 we are electing the 2 at-large members.**

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit  
**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** If elected, what are the top three priorities you will pursue during your term?
- 2) IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON STUDENTS:** What actions will you take to address the impact the pandemic has had on students, especially related to learning loss, social development, and mental health?
- 3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING:** What changes would you make in how school funding is allocated so as to obtain the best results for students at the most responsible cost to taxpayers? Which interventions would you emphasize to provide the greatest benefit to students?
- 4) REDISTRICTING:** What are the factors that should be considered for attendance area changes (redistricting), and what should trigger that review?
- 5) DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION:** How would you support Diversity, Equity and Inclusion of all students and their families in our schools?

## CANDIDATES

**Voters may vote for no more than 2.**

Tudy Adler

**Campaign Website:** [www.adler4boe.com](http://www.adler4boe.com)

- 1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** 1. Return the focus of schools to core education curriculum and support teachers schedules to accomplish this; Remove politics from schools.  
2. Keep schools safely open. Monitor our mitigation systems for health. Support our SRO programs to ensure a secure campus environment for everyone.  
3. Prioritize neighborhood schools first and foremost in any redistricting plan to keep communities strong.
- 2) IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON STUDENTS:** I will advocate for acknowledging lost learning and encourage focusing efforts to correct this problem. Review curriculum with students until it is mastered. We have to recognize the social and emotional healing process will be different for each student. All parties understanding the adjustment may take a long time for some students.
- 3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING:** The classroom and teachers have to be a priority. For ALL students and All teachers. Clearly we have a shortage of educators and paraeducators placing strain on those who are working hard to make up the difference. HCPSS needs to implement a plan to fill the shortages. If we focus all policy decisions around education, and not political ideologies, our funds will be most efficient.
- 4) REDISTRICTING:** The redistricting should be based on managing overcrowding. Giving priority to keeping students in their neighborhood schools where their family, friends and support systems are in place to support them. Strong communities are important to make children feel safe and confident. Parents should have some level of predictability when they settle their children in a neighborhood.

**5) DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION:** Howard County Public Schools have policies in place for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. An environment of acceptance, respect and care for all has to be cultivated in words and action in any large system. The administration, teachers and support staff in HCPSS I believe are committed to this. It is a daily challenge that requires constant attention and practice

Linfeng Chen

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- 1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** My top three priorities are: (1) addressing the staff shortage; (2) providing adequate school infrastructure; and (3) improving student physical health and mental health.
- 2) IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON STUDENTS:** HCPSS should provide and sustain a safe in-person learning environment for all students and bring back classroom instructions to pre-Covid levels. In-person learning is critical for children's social development and mental health. In terms of learning loss, we can recruit high school students and staff to tutor students and reinforce any identified weak spots after school and during summer break.
- 3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING:** The allocation should have a priority list each year and be agile enough to meet new challenges. Staff salary and benefits should be No.1 priority this year due to staff shortage and the high inflation rate. The school budget needs to be sustainable and reflect the county revenue projection. Additionally, HCPSS should always scout cost effective new technologies/methods to solve pressing issues.
- 4) REDISTRICTING:** Redistricting should be least disruptive to students and families. Redistricting should only be based on school utilization and should be done less frequently and more predictably. Redistricting is the least effective method to address academic performance. HCPSS should work with the community to build a supportive and encouraging environment inside and outside schools.
- 5) DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION:** I support diversity, equity, and inclusion and this is one of my platform issues. An inclusive school system should treat everyone fairly, appreciate their differences, and recognize their identities. Everyone should feel safe and welcomed at school. No one should be treated less because of their race, gender, identity, or ability.

Susan Dreisch

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- 1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** 1. I would like to work on is returning the BOE to the foundational principles of its mission.  
2. Encourage decisions that are focused on the wellbeing of all students and families and not to separate out and label students according to race, sexuality or socioeconomic status.  
3. Board decisions are not to infringe on the authority of parents to raise their children according to their values.
- 2) IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON STUDENTS:** I believe going forward the first thing we need to understand is that school is essential. All children have been set back by the decision to close the schools due to covid-19. It is imperative that educators sacrifice in order to help decrease the gap created. I think that it is important for teachers to allot extra time to helping those with the greatest need.
- 3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING:** I think regarding the budget that I would advocate for removing any funds going to areas that are out of the education systems function and purpose. The schools purpose is education. Funding for schools should be allocated for that purpose.
- 4) REDISTRICTING:** I think the factors that should be used to trigger changes in school districts are, overcrowding and class size, teacher and staff shortages, and development of new communities and housing. The trigger should be if children are getting cheated out of their education due to these issues. Education is the mission of the schools and we need to ensure that it is accomplished for our children
- 5) DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION:** I believe that to create and support equity, defined as the quality of being fair and impartial, we need to focus on the common values that

we all share. They are treating others the way you want to be treated and not holding onto grievances or unforgiveness. As leaders and educators in the schools we must be modeling and teaching these values. These values are the foundation of reconciliation.

Julie Hotopp

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- 1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** 1. To build new schools so that every child has a seat in a brick-and-mortar classroom, instead of a portable.  
2. To use recovery act money to reduce class sizes, so teachers can address the gaps left by the pandemic without increasing their burden.  
3. To identify students early who have learning disabilities, since early intervention produces the best results at the lowest cost.
- 2) IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON STUDENTS:** We need to use recovery act money to reduce class sizes. Current class sizes are too large to allow teachers to provide the individualized instruction needed to address the gaps left by the pandemic, gaps that are uneven in magnitude and effect because each student's experience was different. This would also reduce the burden on teachers, who need to address their own pandemic-related suffering.
- 3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING:** We need smart and cost effective policies. For example, we currently force students to fail before they qualify for special education services. This leads to more expensive solutions, worse results, and expensive lawsuits that distract from the job of teaching. Early intervention is the least expensive and best option. We need to look at all of our policies through such a lens.
- 4) REDISTRICTING:** Capacity. Failing to build brick-and-mortar schools leads to more frequent redistricting. Once triggered, redistricting should be used to reduce transportation demands, improve school start times, and address concentrations of poverty. However, socioeconomic redistricting is not effective because people move while others choose private schools. Poverty concentration must be addressed by zoning.
- 5) DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION:** Every student, regardless of background or ability, is important and must be valued. Our curriculum must consider and include the many perspectives that represent the student body. We need to have safe and bully-free schools that support students of all genders, race, ethnicity, ability, sex, and sexual orientation. We need to address discipline disparities.

Jacky McCoy

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- 1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** (1) REAL Education - Maximize Opportunities in Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Universal Pre-K, Teacher Recruitment and Retention, Social-Emotional Learning)  
(2) REAL Access - Community Schools; fully funded Special Education & Services; Optimize Technology  
(3) REAL Family Engagement - Collaborate for student success; Communicate to engage all families; Accountability to meet student need
- 2) IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON STUDENTS:** Some of my recommendations are: Establish school-based assessments to determine learning gaps. Provide specific instruction based on the needs of students. Supply supplemental materials for after-school work. Engage families and fully fund summer instruction and Saturday school programs, to further address learning loss. Use Social-Emotional Learning tools. Add social workers to support students.
- 3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING:** Interventions funded by the BOE should be research and evidenced based. The county has a predetermined formula. Schools could be funded starting with an allocation based on that formula, and then additional funding could be given as determined by need based on factors beyond Title 1 funding such as: standardized assessment data, number of Medicaid recipients, and other community needs assessments.
- 4) REDISTRICTING:** More work must be put into long-range planning for current and future school building capacities based on

Policy 6010. Stability would be maintained and redistricting less needed if efforts to determine future school locations and capacities were driven by need. The current situation has some communities over represented by schools operating above capacity which drives the need to redistrict.

**5) DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION:**

The "Strategic Call to Action" has 4 overarching commitments for DEI: value, connect, achieve, and empower. I would focus on: community-building throughout the schools, building trust with families and communities, supporting the student's social-emotional needs with restorative practices, every student receiving a high-quality education, and effective PD based on the actual needs of educators.

**Dan Newberger**

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**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** (1) Addressing the impacts of the pandemic in a comprehensive, tailored, data-driven way; (2) Providing every student in the county with what they need (resources, support, challenges, and opportunities) to succeed in school and beyond; (3) Investing in our educators and principals— hiring the best, focusing on their development & retention, and giving them the resources they need in the classroom.

**2) IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON STUDENTS:**

We need comprehensive, tailored, data-driven pandemic recovery plans at the individual school level to identify and analyze impact, so we can address the specific needs of student populations by getting the right resources to the students who need them. These recovery resources must include more school counselors and psychologists, more paraeducators, and more math and reading specialists.

**3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING:** Investing in our educators will translate into the greatest benefits to students at responsible cost to taxpayers: aggressively recruiting the best; building robust observation & development programs to turn good teachers into great ones; focusing on building a pipeline of strong leaders to become tomorrow's principals; bringing back the math & reading specialists and paraeducators we need.

**4) REDISTRICTING:** Policy 6010 lists the right 5 triggers for initiating redistricting but we need to ensure the process is conducted with utmost transparency. 6010 also mandates we strike a balance between the 3 critical priorities of facility utilization, community stability, & demographic characteristics of student populations. We must continue to balance all 3 of these priorities when redistricting is necessary.

**5) DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION:**

We need to support DEI with sustained focus, dedicated resources, and committed leadership. We need a fully-funded DEI office, staffed with experts who offer impactful professional development to our educators. We need to focus not just on hiring minority educators, but on retaining them by ensuring they feel supported in the schools. We also need to increase our focus on restorative practices.

**Monique Richards**

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**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** 1) School start times for high school that are too early, 2) the overcrowding of many of our county schools, and 3) the school redistricting within the county. I would work together with the other members of the Board of Education to review the data that supports making the appropriate changes and moving the discussions forward toward implementation.

**2) IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON STUDENTS:** I plan to embrace learning acceleration, which is a practice of providing scaffolding and other support to fill critical learning gaps, so that students can successfully remain on their intended grade-level trajectories. It keeps the focus on accelerating the responsiveness of schools to student needs, so that we can keep them as engaged as possible with their regular curriculum.

**3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING:** Recently, the County has funded far less than the requested HCPSS budget. In addition, special education services have not been funded to the level deemed necessary by the HCPSS to provide adequate services. Both of these issues need to be addressed, by focusing funding in the areas where it is most needed, for our students. Doing so will provide the greatest benefit to students.

**4) REDISTRICTING:** The capital improvements plans (new schools), the 10-year K-12 student enrollment projections, the acceptable target utilization range as specified by Board Policy 6010 (School Attendance Areas), along with minimizing the commute times for our children throughout the county are the factors that should be taken into consideration for the redistricting (attendance area changes).

**5) DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION:** I would go in knowing that there will be skeptics who oppose DEI efforts. Despite that, I will advocate for paid community liaisons from the marginalized groups across the county to interface with the Board of Education, the students & the parents. This will give the Board access to essential feedback regarding true feelings of inclusion and belonging, equity & the diversity (or lack thereof).

**Meg Ricks**

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**1) TOP 3 PRIORITIES:** Making sure our schools have what they need- adequate buildings and staff, not overcrowded, materials not having to be paid for out of pocket by staff or reliant on donations. Supporting the mental health of students and staff.

**2) IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON STUDENTS:** Allow teachers the time to identify and address gaps. Because of the pandemic, more students will need more help. We need to make sure resources are available to all who need them, especially for those who don't have the means to pay for tutoring and other outside help. We must support the mental health of our students and staff. We will need to work with community partners in this effort.

**3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING:** I would prioritize spending that directly impacts the classroom and the needs of our students and staff. I would also prioritize special education specifically because I feel like we haven't been adequately funding it. When students with special needs aren't getting the supports they need, we're failing. We can't do our best teaching and learning when we're in crisis mode.

**4) REDISTRICTING:** Capacity is number one. Overcrowded schools hurt our students. We have struggled not having the capacity we need. Opening new schools will always necessitate redistricting, and we will need to open more as we continue to grow. The other factors in policy 6010 help us refine the plan and not create new problems like concentrating poverty, creating small feeds, or bussing walkers.

**5) DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION:** I believe all benefit when we have teachers that reflect the diversity of our community. I would like to see the school system work towards making that a reality. We also need to not be afraid to have difficult conversations and have meaningful opportunities for feedback. We need essential messages available in multiple languages. We must continue to evaluate how we are doing in this effort.

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