General Election Tuesday, November 8, 2022

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Some polling places have changed.

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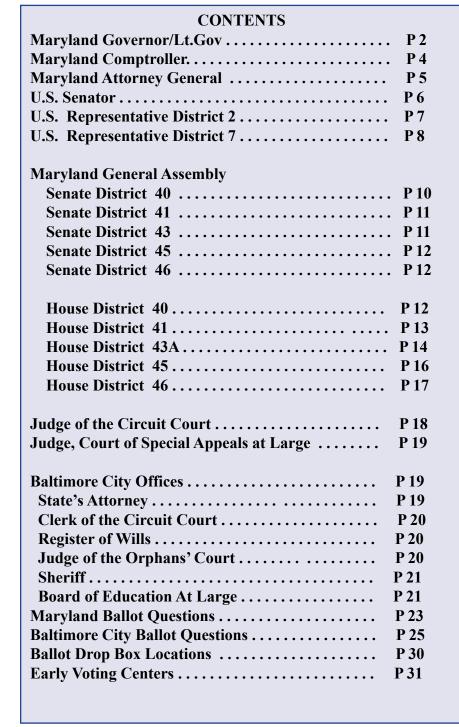
https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch

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

http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html An application for a mail-in ballot must be received by your local **Board of Elections**

- Tuesday, November 1, 2022, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax; or
- Friday, November 4, 2022, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website (you must still print and mail the ballot - you cannot return it by email).



GROUND RULES FOR THIS GUIDE

All candidates for each office were invited to respond to identical nonpartisan questions.

Responses were limited to 400 characters and were then cut off at the end. No editing was done. If a candidate did not respond by the printing deadline, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Additional updated information on the candidates is available at www.VOTE411.org.

Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. Candidates who submitted campaign websites have links listed under their names.

Offices and Candidates are listed in Ballot Order.



Maryland Statewide Offices Governor / Lt. Governor

DUTIES: The Governor is the head of the executive branch and appoints the heads of statewide departments and judges in the state courts. The Governor proposes the annual operating and capital budgets to the legislature and may veto legislation passed by the legislature.

The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor and carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability.

TERM: Four years. Limit of two consecutive terms.

SALARIES: Governor \$184,000, Lieutenant Governor \$165,000 as of

January 23, 2023.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team.

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

Questions

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

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland

while improving police accountability in communities?

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

HEALTH CARE: What are the most significant health challenges facing

Maryland and how will you address them?

NATURAL RESOURCES: What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment and how will you address it? INFRASTRUCTURE: How will you balance infrastructure needs with their environmental impact?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for 1 pair.

Dan Cox / Gordana Schifanelli

Party: Republican
Campaign You Tube:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCi9qISW51AbDEK2uKM0EaRg

Other: Truth Social: @realdancox Campaign Facebook: Official.Dan.Cox Campaign Twitter Handle: @dancoxesq Campaign Instagram: @dancoxforgovernor Campaign Email: dan@dancoxforgovernor.com

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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

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

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

EDUCATION: Provide tax credits for those forced out of the public classrooms, while providing school choice and additional charter schools. Ensure audits of the spending and reduce administrative waste while increasing pay and training of teachers. End the ghost 2students and ensure every student has access to tutors as needed to ensure they understand and pass the material in each class.

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

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

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

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

Wes Moore/ Aruna Miller

Party: Democratic

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

David Lashar / Christiana Logansmith

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

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

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

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

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

NATURAL RESOURCES: For the Bay, we must compel PA to meet its targets under the Blueprint for the Bay, so that MD and VA are no longer bearing the costs of fertilizer runoff from PA farms. For the climate, we must recognize per the UN panel's own science that we DO face a formidable challenge but we do not face an imminent catastrophe. So, we must avoid panic while moving to clean, reliable, affordable energy. INFRASTRUCTURE: First, I must implore that we quit exaggerating our needs. The Rs and Ds in DC already have splurged on unnecessary and inflationary spending. Second, I commit to managing that which is coming from DC in a competent manner (unlike the Purple Line) while tending to environmental impact, for example avoiding miles of new concrete; for example promoting innovation for east-west Baltimore

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

Nancy Wallace / Patrick Elder

Party: Green

Campaign You Tube:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCADt2qL0lSkzGDxjtKvF2KQ

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Campaign Website: wallaceforgovernor.us

QUALIFICATIONS: I created and led national environmental strategies at the Sierra Club during 14 years full time legislative campaigns on environment, building coalitions across the political spectrum; studied science, solutions for climate change for 30 years. I'm a certified organizational maturity CMMI appraiser for government and private sector; worked 28 years in executive branch on billion-dollar programs. ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state government should take the lead in redistributing wealth from the top one percent to those who created it by practical programs increasing home ownership such as all public housing becomes rent to own; free college and forgiveness of all public college student debt; free universal health care including elderly care that Social Security doesn't cover; and green jobs with training for all.

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

EDUCATION: Implement the Kirwan Commission on Education, and transition to Montessori proven technique for higher achievement and emotional healing in early years. Free public college so all students know they have path to good paying jobs. High school academies with apprenticeships for locally needed skills for local community, partnering with unions and local businesses. Air conditioning, heat guaranteed! **HEALTH CARE:** Our children's health epidemic of neurological disease of 1 in 8 children, vast racial discrepancies in health care, racialized rates of poverty that are stressors taking years off life expectancy, onslaught of toxic chemicals such as PFAS forever chemicals from firefighting and military facilities, glyphosate from food, mercury from coal plants each need a targeted program for a clean healthy MD.

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

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

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

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

A provisional ballot allows someone to vote who thinks he or she is eligible to vote but who is not in the electronic poll book.

A provisional ballot will "count" if the Board of Elections determines that the voter is registered and eligible.

Examples include voters who moved and did not update their address, who are listed as an absentee voter or as having already

voted, or primary voters claiming a different party affiliation than what is shown in the electronic poll book, among other reasons.

No voter will be denied the opportunity to vote.

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Barry Glassman

David Harding / Cathy White Party: Working Class

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

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

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

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

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

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

INFRASTRUCTURE: Some of the biggest infrastructure problems in

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

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

Comptroller

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$150,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE:

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

Questions

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

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

REVENUE SYSTEM: What policies will you implement to improve the

efficiency of the collection of Maryland taxes?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Party: Republican

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

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

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

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

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Party: Democratic

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

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

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

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

Attorney General

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$150,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE:

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

Ouestions

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

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

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

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

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION: Describe your approach to consumer protection.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

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Michael Anthony Peroutka

Party: Republican

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

Constitution of Maryland.

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

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

PUBLIC HEALTH: No response.

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION: I believe that fraudulent activities should be investigated and prosecuted. However, I believe that it is the first priority of individuals to be careful and scrupulous in their business dealings OTHER PRIORITIES: No governor or any bureaucrat has authority to make law, or declare that any order or edict has the "force of law" Any attempt to enact/enforce anything that violates the divinely given, constitutionally protected rights of people is worse than a nullity. No one, under any circumstance, has the authority to violate the constitution. There is no exception to this. It's a crime & must be prosecuted

Anthony G. Brown

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QUALIFICATIONS: With three decades as a lawyer, in federal and state courts, Army JAG officer, and regulatory attorney, representing clients against big tobacco and pro bono clients, and with twenty-two years leading in the legislative and executive branches of government, I bring the breadth of experience needed to lead and manage the Attorney General's Office, the largest public interest law firm in Maryland. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: As Attorney General, while I represent state government, I work for the people. They deserve efficiency and fairness of legal processes-criminal, civil and administrative. That begins with employing dedicated professionals who reflect Maryland's diversity and who are committed to equity and justice for all. I'll fight for needed reforms before the General Assembly and not accept the status quo. PUBLIC SAFETY: I am an original cosponsor of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act which seeks to improve police accountability, I supported the First Step Act to reduce recidivism, and I advocated in Annapolis for a ban on "ghost guns." I will seek pattern or practice investigation authority over police misconduct, and I will continue to advocate for stricter gun laws such as universal background checks.

PUBLIC HEALTH: These issues require greater public awareness and education on the risks and signs associated with them. Regarding domestic violence, I led the 2009 effort to authorize judges to order domestic abusers to surrender their firearms, eight months after my cousin was killed by her estranged boyfriend. I'll work, as I have in the past, with advocates to develop best practices to address these issues. JUVENILE JUSTICE: We need to treat children like children and not treat them in a way that turns them into hardened criminals. Juvenile justice should focus on restorative justice, not retribution and punishment. Absent the involvement of a firearm, most misdemeanor offenses committed by juveniles should be resolved through diversionary programs, not incarceration. Mental health and educational services are a must.

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

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

U.S. Senator

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

TERM: Six years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

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

are elected every two years. **WEBSITE:** senate.gov/

Ouestions

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy? **ENVIRONMENT:** How do you balance environmental concerns with the goal of strengthening our country's infrastructure and economy? **GUN SAFETY:** Please provide your position on federal gun safety legislation.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Chris Chaffee

Party: Republican

No response received by deadline.

Chris Van Hollen

Party: Democratic

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm running for the U.S. Senate to uphold our values of justice, equality, and freedom; to protect our democracy; and to continue to deliver real results for Maryland. I've fought successfully to bring key investments to support our schools and students, modernize our infrastructure, protect the Chesapeake Bay, provide more affordable health care and housing, and help our seniors and veterans.

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

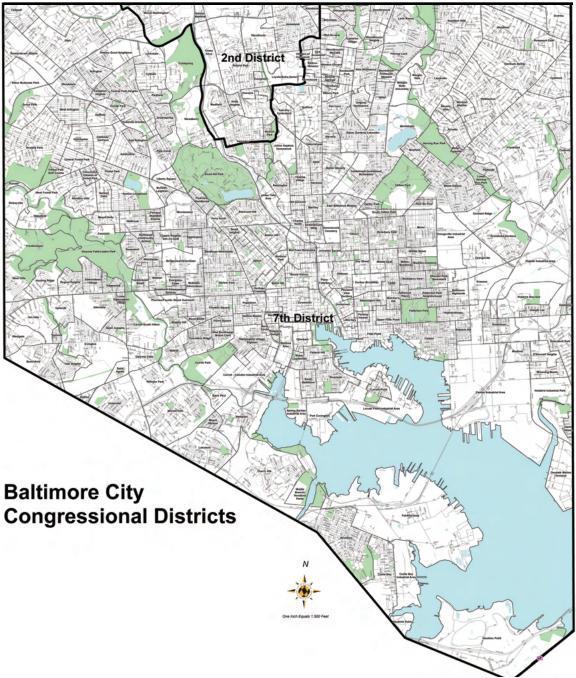
COURT SYSTEM: An independent judiciary made up of diverse voices is a key element of democracy and freedoms. We need to preserve and protect it from those trying to undermine the Constitutional rights it aims to safeguard. I'm working to confirm federal judges with an unwavering commitment to protecting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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: We must address the climate crisis. I proposed the Polluters Pay Climate Fund plan to require the worst polluters like Big Oil to help cover climate clean-up costs. We can grow our clean energy economy, prevent more damage, and create good-paying jobs. The new infrastructure law advances that goal with funds for the Bay, climate change, and cleaner options, like transit and electric vehicles. **GUN SAFETY:** Too many Marylanders face the loss of loved from gun violence. We need common-sense reforms like universal background checks, and reinstating federal bans on high-capacity magazines and semi-automatic assault weapons. We can build on executive actions on limiting ghost guns, expand community violence prevention programs, and pass my legislation for stronger oversight enhancing gun safety. OTHER PRIORITIES: We must build a stronger, more inclusive economy with more shared prosperity. We can end tax giveaways for the super wealthy and increase paychecks for working families while cutting everyday costs on everything from prescription drugs to child care. Also, it's vital that we protect Americans' freedoms and pass the Women's Health Protection Act to codify the legal right to reproductive choice.

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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.

TERM: Two years.SALARY: \$174,000.

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

WEBSITE: www. house.gov

Questions:

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

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

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

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

 $\textbf{IMMIGRATION:} \ \textbf{What changes would you propose in immigration policy?}$

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Representative in Congress, District 2 Candidates

Vote for 1.

Nicolee Ambrose

Party: Republican

No response received by deadline.

C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.dutchforcongress.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have held this position for ten terms, helping tens of thousands of constituents cut through government red tape. I serve on the House Appropriations Committee and have secured hundreds of millions of dollars for Maryland infrastructure, schools, the Bay, local police and fire departments. Prior, I served as Baltimore County Executive, County Councilman and worked as a prosecutor.

ELECTIONS: We should update the Electoral Count Act (first passed in 1997) so that it cannot be exploited in an attempt to overturn a fair election again, as we saw on January 6, 2021. I also support HR1 to expand ballot access, end partisan gerrymandering and improve transparency in campaign finance. The federal government must also ensure our elections are secure.

COURT SYSTEM: We should remove the politicization of justices in the nomination process and ensure that federal judges are qualified as determined by the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary.

HEALTH CARE: We must strengthen the consumer protections provided by the Affordable Care Act by adding a public option that lowers prices by creating competition. We can also allow Americans to buy into Medicare at a younger age. We also must address soaring prescription drug prices that are generating record profits for the pharmaceutical industry at the expense of Americans in need of life-saving medicines.

IMMIGRATION: We should pass comprehensive immigration reform like S.744, which passed the Senate in 2013. It provided both sensible border security (with technology and manpower, not walls) and a reasonable path to citizenship. We should create a merit-based visa system to recruit the brightest minds into our country and provide asylum accommodations for victims of gang violence and sex trafficking.

ENVIRONMENT: We can rebuild aging infrastructure in sustainable ways, which is a primary goal of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The bill invests billions in clean energy through low-emission public transit fleets and in climate resilience, enabling communities to upgrade their critical infrastructure in ways that can sustain extreme weather events. These efforts will also create millions of jobs.

GUN SAFETY: I support: universal background checks for both gun and ammunition purchases, extending the background check review period, banning assault-style weapons, high-capacity magazines, and bump stocks and tougher penalties for straw purchases. People who have been convicted of misdemeanor hate crimes, as well as domestic abusers, should not be allowed to purchase guns.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Global inflation, pandemic-related supply chain backlogs and Putin's invasion of Ukraine has meant higher prices that are straining family budgets. I have supported efforts to reduce supply chain logjams and lower the costs of prescriptions, childcare, utility bills, gas and other everyday needs. The rising crime rates in urban areas across the country also remains a top priority.

Representative in Congress, District 7

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Scott M. Collier

Party: Republican

No response received by deadline

Kweisi Mfume

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: MfumeforCongress.com

QUALIFICATIONS: An effective member of Congress must have the ability to listen to people, understand their concerns, empathize, and turn the needs of the people into real legislative action. As a former member of Congress and current member of Congress, I have successfully demonstrated those abilities in difficult times and effectively carried out the duties of a congressional representative with distinction.

ELECTIONS: The federal government must ensure full access to the election process by every eligible citizen. Further, the federal government must ensure the integrity of every election by having uniform, verifiable voting systems used in every state. I am a proud cosponsor of both the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the For the People Act, crucial legislation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

COURT SYSTEM: While the federal judiciary is a third and equal branch of government, there is a growing concern with activist and potentially partisan rulings by some courts that do not appear to abide by well-established legal precedent and well-settled law. Congressional action to address those rulings is the most direct path to finding relief, although court reform is becoming a more viable consideration.

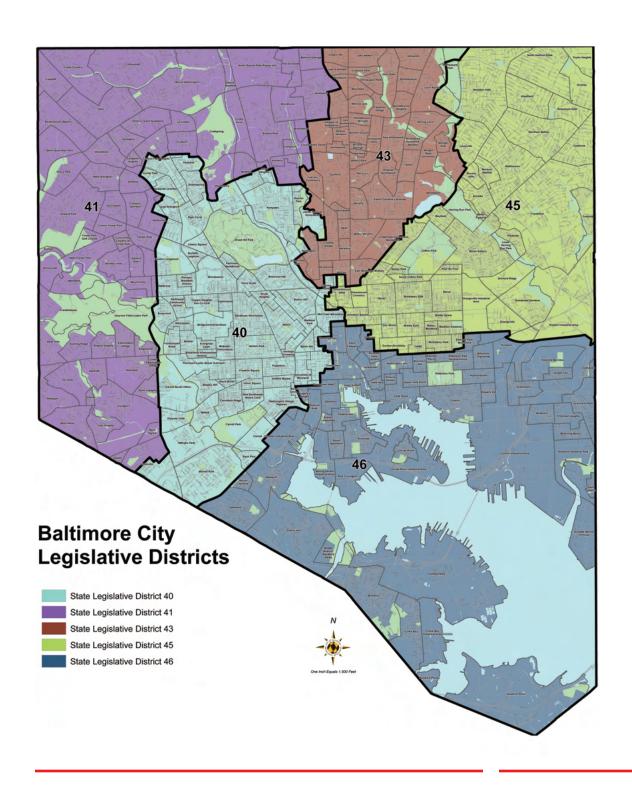
HEALTH CARE: I believe access to high quality and affordable health care is a right, not a privilege. I am an advocate for (i) lowering the cost of prescription drugs, (ii) lowering the age of Medicare eligibility, (iii) expanding the coverage of Medicare, (iv) expanding the Medicaid financial criteria so that more people are covered, and (v) ensuring people with preexisting conditions can afford insurance.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants built America through hard work and a commitment to a "melting pot" of cultures. Our diversity is our cultural and economic strength. Unfortunately the rhetoric around immigration policy often becomes too divisive and unproductive. I try to cut through that divisiveness and support a pathway to citizenship option for those new immigrants who want to help build a better America.

ENVIRONMENT: We must (i) commit to alternative fuel sources that are cleaner and healthier for the environment, (ii) invest in preparing a workforce for cleaner, "greener" jobs, (iii) invest in cleaner public transportation options, (iv) continue to invest in the health of the Chesapeake Bay and other American treasures, and (v) never seek short term gains that cause longer term environmental damage.

GUN SAFETY: I am a staunch advocate for federal gun safety legislation. In this Congress, I cosponsored and helped pass in the U.S. House of Representatives (i) the Bipartisan Background Checks Act and (ii) the Enhanced Background Checks Act. I believe too many people have access to too many guns and that access is the root cause of the violence we see locally and across the nation.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Crime and education are the most pressing issues facing our community. All of us have a role to play in addressing these critical issues. They underpin many of the divides we see from community to community, including the divides we see with the wealth gap, health gap, housing access, food access, and access to other opportunities. I urge all of us to address these priorities together.



State Offices

Maryland General Assembly

State Senator

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$50,328.

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

Questions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

State Senator District 40

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Christopher Anderson

Party: Republican

Campaign Website: www.tinyurl.com/electchris

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked in a bipartisan way with politics in Annapolis even before I ran for office as an political activist & lobbyist. I serve on the city's Central Committee making decisions for our city now & have on the state level as well. I have also traveled to different parts of the state helping other Central committees & members. I've help in Harford, Howard, Garrett & Baltimore counties.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state should start by lowering taxes & passing laws the benefit the economically disadvantage people of MD. Take, for instance, the inheritance tax that drives our senior citizens to other states to retire. We should be making better tax breaks to keep our seniors in their state not drive them away. Lowering taxes should also be a priority for our residents each legislative cycle.

PUBLIC SAFETY: One policy that I've already initiated by one of the first petitions to Congress was the support of police body cameras. Because of that petition, that got pushed back to the states, we have police body cameras as a reality in Maryland today. I also participated in the Freddy Gray uprising & as a result of those demonstrations, we have new laws in Maryland protecting our citizens upon arrest today

EDUCATION: Our current education, school to prison pipeline, is a failure. We need to tear it down & build it from scratch. We should fire the CEO, elect a new school board, & fire or recall anyone in city hall that supports that failed system that keeps failing our children. I support school choice for immediate relief for our parents. Parents should have the right to choose what school their children can go to.

HEALTH: We know that good health is not created equally. I believe that everyone deserves equal access to good health care coverage. People without insurance are less likely to receive care and more likely to have poor health. In 2016, Maryland's uninsured rate for all age groups was 5.6%, lower than the national average. We need to help people to put things in place to improve our health care system.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Out-of-state power plants are impacting our air quality in Maryland. A solution is needed to address pollution now. Maryland needs a science-based method to identify areas most at risk for phosphorus pollution as well. Our Soil should be tested to determine how much phosphorus it contains & when there is more phosphorus in our soil the excess runs off the fields and into nearby streams. We can do this

LOCAL PROJECTS: In Maryland, nearly 90% of drug overdose deaths involved opioids, the hardest hit area in Maryland is district 40. The opioid epidemic has spawned state efforts to develop strategies that involve law enforcement, public health, Medicaid, and other state agencies . Effectively coordinating these efforts will likely prove to be the key to reducing deaths. This will be my no.1 priority in district 40.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Addressing the inheritance tax for our seniors, the opioid crisis, food deserts in district 40 & the opportunity zones that would revitalize the Sandtown Mondawmin area are priority issues for me. Also helping our healthcare system & building a better school system for our children's future is a main priority as well. Addressing food insecurity and revitalizing district 40 will help out our state.

Antonio Hayes

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: antoniohayes.com

QUALIFICATIONS: The last four years in the State Senate have prepared me well to continue to serve the people of the 40th district. Prior to the Senate I served four years in the Maryland House of Delegates, several years as Assistant Deputy Mayor for Baltimore City and Chief of Staff for the largest human services organization in Maryland.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We must address the housing crisis and ensure that housing is affordable for our residents all across the state. No one should have to choose between putting food on the table and getting treatment for cancer, caring for their newborn, or comforting a parent during their last days. SB275 will establish a system for paid medical and family leave that covers all working Marylanders.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I worked to pass Senate Bill 929, also known as the "P.R.O.T.E.C.T Act," which is a solution meant to target the violent crime in Baltimore City and surrounding areas around the state. This bill lays out the implementation of resources and crime prevention measures targeting high-crime micro-zones. The act creates special coordinated teams to focus on increased supervision of violent offenders.

EDUCATION: Every person in Maryland deserves a quality, comprehensive education that will benefit them as they grow through life. During this past session in the Senate, we allocated \$7.9B for Maryland public schools, an increase of an estimated 6.8% from last year, in addition to another \$800 million as a downpayment on the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

HEALTH: Currently the most significant health crisis facing Marylanders is the COVID-19 pandemic. Each new variant poses new challenges and health issues for our residents and continues to affect everyone and even those who have been vaccinated. In the 2021 legislative session, I introduced the "Maryland Health Equity Resource Act," HERC Program, which provided a total of \$59 million over several years.

NATURAL RESOURCES: My Senate colleagues and I passed the Climate Solutions Act of 2022 (SB528) to set bold, aggressive, and practical goals for reducing Maryland's emissions of greenhouse gasses 60% by 2030 and reaching net neutral emissions by 2045. If we can, as a state, work towards lowering our carbon emissions and to net zero emissions, we can set a precedent for surrounding states to do the same.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I have championed legislation that will allocate money for the West North Avenue Development Authority project to revitalize North Avenue in Baltimore City that will go towards cleaning up and restoring North Avenue business. This past session I also worked to pass the Paid Family and Medical Leave Act that will ensure 12 weeks of paid family and sick leave.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Another priority is to address the appraisal gap. SB 859 will make financial assistance available to affordable housing developers working in low-income neighborhoods to close appraisal gaps. Decades of neglect, and disinvestment have prevented the rehabilitation of abandoned and vacant properties. SB 859 would administer financial assistance to affordable housing developers in low-income areas.

State Senator District 41

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Jill P. Carter

Party: Democratic

No response received by deadline.

State Senator District 43

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Mary Washington

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.senatormarywashington.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I approach my work with optimism and a relentless pursuit of fairness. I have distinguished myself as a leader in ensuring equitable education funding, and housing and services for unaccompanied homeless youth. My legislation centers on matters such digital and social media privacy and promoting affordable water, I have experience bringing agencies and advocates together to solve problems.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state needs to play an active role to enable Marylanders to build the resources they need to achieve economic security. We need to do this in many ways from ensuring living wages and access to health care; to making sure public schools are well resourced; to investing in public transit systems; to expanding the ability of people to form or join unions; to investing in job training programs.

PUBLIC SAFETY: To reduce crime, we need to build trust between law enforcement and communities. Improving transparency and accountability also improves public trust and cooperation. I sponsored legislation requiring law enforcement agencies to make mental health support available to officers. In some cases, we can reduce crime by supplementing the work of police with support from health professionals.

EDUCATION: The Blueprint for Maryland's Future promises to make a difference in addressing the structural problems facing schools. Other education initiatives I will champion are the Community Schools strategy; accelerated learning through after-school and summer programs; support for teachers utilizing peer-to-peer coaching; and literacy coaches to support students who are not reading on grade level.

HEALTH: The most significant health challenges are access and equity: Too many Marylanders lack access to insurance and our problems fall disproportionately on Black and Brown communities. Although reforms have expanded coverage, about 350,000 Marylanders remain without insurance. In 2021 I was the lead sponsor of legislation that established the MD Commission on Health Equity.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Climate change poses a threat to our public health and the economy and disproportionately impacts Black and Brown communities. We need to increase the amount of energy we get from renewable energy. We need to retrofit older buildings to reduce carbon footprints. We need to invest in bus, train, and bike infrastructure. I was an early supporter of the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022.

LOCAL PROJECTS: The people, institutions, and businesses of the 43rd District share concerns about a range of issues that are critical to the quality of life, health, and economic security of our communities. Those concerns include reducing crime, enhancing educational opportunities for students, improving air quality, addressing the effects of climate change, and revitalizing the Greenmount/York Road corridors.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My priorities include Expanding affordable housing; Decriminalizing substance abuse; Enabling youth struggling with homelessness or aging out of the foster care system to get access to support; Investing resources in communities that have suffered from disinvestment and racial discrimination; Protecting women's reproductive rights; and Protecting LGBTQ+ citizens against discrimination.

Bob Gemmill

Party: Libertarian

QUALIFICATIONS: It has given me an unique perspective. I have had experiences working with individuals from a variety of cultural backgrounds. I can empathize with those in a econimically disadvantaged situation. I have learned how to adapt to ever changing situations. I know the importance of being open minded to opinions with which I may not necessarily agree. Being willing to compromise is an important at

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state has a role to play in making sure that there is access of opportunity. This is done by establishing quality partnerships with local community leaders, private entities and government. Establishing accountability controls for all programs. Elimination of regressive taxes, such as the gas and sales tax.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Work toward the elimination of the "War on Drugs" Through legalization and decriminalization. establishing a mechanism of review of the Officers Bill of Rights and other policies related to governing the law enforcement arm of the executive branch. Repealing gun laws that only prevent law abiding citizens from protecting themselves. Closing loopholes in the law that will prevent State's Attorney

EDUCATION: Establish a mechanism of school choice that will be economically opportunistic for all Maryland parents. Establish laws limiting executive branch emergency authority without legislative consent.

Holding local school boards accountable for their ineffectiveness.

HEALTH: The most important thing that government should do when it comes to health issues is to provide proper messaging and acknowledge when they do not have all the answers, instead of putting a political spin on it and providing misinformation. There will always be health issues, government needs to treat citizens like adults and allow them to conduct their lives/and those to which they may be respons

NATURAL RESOURCES: My greatest concern is that government is picking winners and losers, instead of allowing the citizens through their purchasing choices and their post purchase actions to reflect what they feel is a legitimate venture.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Bringing business to my district that will provide much needed job opportunities. Holding the school boards accountable and making sure that they are providing a State Constitutionally mandated quality education to the children to whom they claim to care. Develop more quality affordable housing opportunities for seniors, people with disabilities, the homeless and those in a lower economic level.

OTHER PRIORITIES: eliminating restrictive regulations that do not allow for competition and the free market. Repeal and elimination of laws that allow government to intrude or over reach into the lives of the citizens that they are alleged to be working. Elimination of regressive taxes, such as the gas tax and sales tax.

State Senator District 45

Candidate

Vote for 1.

Cory V. McCray

Party: Democratic

No response received by deadline.

No Republican Candidate

State Senator District 46

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Emmanuel Digman

Party: Republican

No response received by deadline.

Bill Ferguson

Party: Democratic

No response received by deadline.

Maryland House of Delegates

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit. SALARY: \$52,343 as of January 11, 2023.

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

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

Questions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Maryland House of Delegates District 40

Candidates

Vote for up to 3

Zulieka A. Baysmore

Party: Republican

Campaign Website: www.baysmore4baltimore.org/home/about-the-candidate

QUALIFICATIONS: Known advocate and pioneer women and a business genius. CEO of the 1st computer automation high-tech production Corp at 22. Zeron, Inc. WDC. Former Regional Vice President for AL Williams Financial Brokerage Firm. 1st Female Sports Manager in the USA. Baysmore was a Republican 2020 Mayoral Candidate. Chair of Grassroots Subcom. for the BCRCC. Worked at RNC 8 yrs. Knowledge in drafting Bills.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Draft and pass Bills that prepare students to enter the job market upon graduation from high school. Invest in Housing to create more 1st time home buyers. Policies that help to encourage entrepreneurship and small business ownership. Vocational Skill Training back in Public Schools.

Increase eligibility of the Income threshold for social services.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Tougher sentencing guidelines, rehabilitation in the prison system to treat mental illness, career skill training to prepare returning Citizens into the community. Continuation of police deescalation training. Also to pass the Police Bill of Rights to bring up morale and retention of law enforcement. Trauma and mental health counseling in public schools.

Education revamp prepare youths for careers.

EDUCATION: Forensic Audit of COVID funds that was to go to public schools in order to bring students back into the classroom safely. Making sure funds for ventilation systems have been used to complete that work in each school. Making sure going into the fall testing is available and policy is set for schools.

HEALTH: What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them? Mental Illness, drug addiction. Must revamp some of our laws when it comes to mental disability. Revamp patients rights and care takers assistance. We must also make Healthcare available to all of Maryland residents. We must stop bundling Healthcare but come up with a universal plan Healthcare. Medicare and Medicaid are broken into parts when it should be simplified with 1 premium

NATURAL RESOURCES: Landfills and Watersheds. We must hold people accountable even DPW and illegal dumpsters. I will address it through common sense policies and consequences.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Build 2 Co-operative food markets in 2 areas of the 40th District, areas considered food deserts. 21st Century Recreation Centers for structured after-school programs for our youths. Investment in abandoned property and upkeep of the Cities inventory of vacant houses and lots. Rehab to create 1st time home ownership and affordable rental properties. I have identified locations.

OTHER PRIORITIES: 1) Reduction of Crime hiring of more officers and retention incentives

- 2) Unfair Closures of Schools (with no bussing)
- 3) School Choice dollars following the student. Heat/Air in Schools
- 4) Lack of Structured Mental & Care Givers Programs
- 5) Reh Residential Programs that are needed to get on top of the Fentanyl Opioid Epidemic.
- 6) Expansion of the Economic Development Zones w/SBA Small Business

Marlon D. Amprey

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.marlonamprey.com

No response received by deadline.

Frank M. Conaway, Jr.

Party: Democratic

No response received by deadline.

Melissa Wells

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: DelegateMelissaWells.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am currently representing the 40th district in the Maryland House of Delegates. Prior to office I spent 15 years advocating for policies that help workers and families build wealth. During my first term I have learned how to effectively move legislation that results in passage. I have also built successful partnerships with colleagues in the legislature as well as constituents and stakeholders.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state must advance legislation and investments that promote equity especially in historically redlined communities. In the 40th district I represent a multitude of communities that have historically received the least support and investment. I will continue to advocate for legislation that advances equity so all communities can thrive.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Crime is often a symptom of deeper issues in access education, employment, and opportunity. I believe we must continue to invest in public education and use our budget to leverage employment opportunities. We must continue to get illegal guns off the street. Public trust in police is critical, which is why we must support civilian oversight to ensure oversight and accountability of police.

EDUCATION: The state needs to provide clear guidance on how to transition to virtual learning. We must continue to increase access to affordable broadband. We must commit to fully fund our children's education and ensure every child has access to a state of the art school and enriching programs regardless of zip code.

HEALTH: Far too many communities are facing health disparities. We must expand access to community health practitioners and affordable health care and continuum of care. The opioid crisis continues to grow as more and more Marylanders deal with substance use disorder. We must provide more access to residential treatment programs. Lastly, we need more mental health providers, especially for our schools.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Addressing climate change and reducing carbon emissions. The legislature must advance a surface transportation plan to increase access to public transit and expand use of electric vehicles. We must also expand production of renewable and clean energy. This new economy must offer the same level of family supporting wages and benefits that fueled Baltimore and our states middle class.

LOCAL PROJECTS: We must build the Red Line to ensure residents have access to reliable transportation that connects them to jobs and employment, education, and other necessary resources. We must also continue to focus investment and development along the North Ave/Pennsylvania Ave Corridor which is a gateway into Baltimore city and include communities that desperately need economic development and revitalization.

OTHER **PRIORITIES**: (1) Increasing rental protections and expanding access to affordable housing and homeownership. (2) Supporting urban farmers and agro-businesses to continue to expand access to healthy foods while also growing food retail in areas that have been abandoned by big box grocery stores. These farmers need more resources to help them make necessary capital improvements and grow production.

Maryland House of Delegates District 41

Candidates

Vote for up to 3

Scott Graham

Party: Republican

No response received by deadline.

Dalya Attar

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.dalyaattar.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I believe it is critical that District 41 continues to have a strong advocate in Annapolis and I am not afraid to fight for more state funding for our communities. My work the last four years as a Delegate proves this.

I also serve as an Assistant State's Attorney in Baltimore City and my hands-on experience assists me in finding ways to combat violence.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Ensuring my constituents have an income and can pay for basic needs is crucial. The State plays a significant role in this via tax policy and other support for low-income individuals. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I have spent a significant amount of time analyzing our tax policy and finding ways to ensure life is affordable for all.

PUBLIC SAFETY: As a prosecutor I have seen how crucial it is for our communities to work together with police in order to reduce crime. This can only happen if our communities trust the police and there is police accountability. We must therefore ensure there are accountability procedures in place, while also ensuring our police and violence prevention programs are funded appropriately.

EDUCATION: The Blueprint for Maryland's future must continue to be funded. In the event that we have another pandemic, we must ensure that our children are receiving an appropriate education. Making sure every student has access to internet and a computer, and teachers are provided sufficient resources and training to teach virtually is crucial.

HEALTH: no response

NATURAL RESOURCES: We must provide a healthy environment for all Marylanders. Our children should no longer grow up in homes with lead paint and in environments that continue to cause serious health problems, like asthma, for many children. We have been working on reducing carbon emissions and developing renewable energy sources for a long time and we passed the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Providing a great education for our children is the most important issue in my district. We cannot neglect our children, and in order to create a strong future and reduce crime long-term, we need to ensure our children are being taken care of now- and that begins with education. It is also crucial to fund local projects, keep our neighborhoods safe and redevelop the Pimlico Race Track.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My district is home to many forms of public transportation including the light rail, the subway and the bus line. The Red Line is the top transportation priority in my district. Ensuring we can get appropriate funding for this again is crucial.

Making sure my constituents can afford basic necessities and life is affordable for all is also a priority.

Tony Bridges

Party: Democratic

Campaign Facebook: facebook.com/delegatetonybridges

QUALIFICATIONS: I have fought in Annapolis each year since being elected for better schools, better public transportation, smarter public safety policies, and equal community development for our neighborhoods. I have consistently connected what's happening in Annapolis and what's needed in the district. I'm running for re-election for Delegate because the work is not done.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: In order to meet the needs of the economically disadvantaged, we have to create and support legislation that approaches our issues through an equity lens, being deliberately inclusive and supportive of people from all backgrounds. Those needs vary in terms of providing resources, creating equitable policies around policing, and addressing affordable health care.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We must ensure we are providing more resources for our public safety agencies to address crime but also hold them accountable when processes fail as we have seen with home detention monitoring. In addition, we must ensure we have a more transparent court system which is why I sponsored a bill to have court hearings live-streamed so the public is made more aware of what happens.

EDUCATION: We should prepare for at-home/virtual learning and provide the technology and infrastructure for internet access so we do not have to struggle with connectivity issues and lack of equipment for students. We also have to find better ways to ensure that teachers stay connected with students and families to know what supports are needed not just for students but also families with wrap around service

HEALTH: We have to continue to find ways to protect and restore the waterways and stop pollution, that includes working on ways to address the problems with the wastewater treatment plants. Additionally, the cost of hospital care accounts for a large portion of our health care expenditures. We have to improve coverage and reimbursement requirements and get creative in using our federal funds for support.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We have strengthened our commitment to reduce greenhouse gasses and meet the net-zero statewide emissions by 2045. We now have to ensure we continue to follow a data driven process and use the best and newest technologies in reaching our goals. Additionally, we must invest in electric grid upgrades and improvements and create additional incentives to achieve 100% zero emissions.

LOCAL PROJECTS: There are a number of projects within the district to work on such as the redevelopment of the Edmonsdon Village Shopping Center, ensuring that we create a better Pimlico Race Course and build a new library in Park Heights. Additionally, we have to continue to support the redevelopment of the Ambassador Theater and make the schools within the district new 21st century facilities.

OTHER PRIORITIES: An equitable and reliable public transportation system is still missing in the region. HB1336 which I sponsored is a step in the direction that will allow us to make recommendations for a new governance and funding structure that's different from what the state of Maryland currently has.

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.delsandy.com

QUALIFICATIONS: My legislative experience will be valuable to advance the needs of the State and my constituents. I have been a leader on the death penalty repeal, a woman's right to choose, and the redevelopment of Pimlico Race Track.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I supported the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. A solid education is an important part of ensuring economic security for Maryland's children. The Red Line will provide greater economic opportunities, and I will continue to be a leader on bringing this project to Baltimore.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Keeping guns off the street and having the police work with communities to address the specific problems in their neighborhoods will help reduce crime. Funding for this work was increased by the Governor and the General Assembly.

EDUCATION: I will work to ensure that the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is effectively implemented in the schools in my district and that funding continues at appropriate levels to ensure success in the long term.

HEALTH: I will continue to be a leader in preserving a woman's right to reproductive health care and increasing access to healthcare for all Marylanders.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Climate change is the biggest threat to Maryland's environment. I supported the Climate Solutions Now Act and will continue to support legislation reducing GHG emissions. This session, I introduced HB 1033 which would ensure that we are investing state resources in poorer communities to address the harms to those neighborhoods from discredited environmental practices.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I initiated the redevelopment of Pimlico Race Track and will continue to work with all the affected communities to ensure that the redevelopment benefits them.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The Supreme Court is expected to weaken the government's ability to limit the carrying of concealed weapons. I am working on limiting the negative effect on public safety of such a ruling, which is expected by late June.

Maryland House of Delegates District 43A

Candidates

Vote for up to 2

Gwendolyn O. Butler

Party: Republican

No response received by deadline.

Regina T. Boyce

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: reginatboyce.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Working and living in Baltimore for 22yrs has prepared me for the duties of delegate. I worked at a university gaining customer service skills. Living in the city I know the true value of each community. Working at city hall I know the workings of government and the meaning of public service, while earning my MPA. I spent valuable time in a nonprofit providing educational services to adults.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The role the state should play is financially supporting those who are under employed and unemployed with guaranteed income, free healthcare, and investing in historically redlined and disinvested communities: housing that is affordable, amenities, and schools; and provide educational, upskilling, and career training opportunities.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The policies I favor are those passed in the police reform and accountability act, 2021: implicit bias training, repeal of LEOBOR, civilian driven actions, disciplinary framework, no-knock warrants, and local control. This year the bill on legalization of recreational cannabis, juvenile justice reform, child interrogation protections, and banning ghost guns all are critical for our communities.

EDUCATION: Actions I will take are those found and funded in the Blueprint for Maryland Future which includes focusing on the concentration of poverty in school districts. Legislation this year requires studying virtual learning best practices, setting up criteria for virtual learning schools, and mandating each board of education to have a plan in place for transitions to long term virtual learning.

HEALTH: Challenges include ongoing COVID infections, substance use disorder, access to healthcare/abortion care and affordability. The General Assembly made healthcare more affordable by charging large health companies a reinsurance fee creating more affordability. We removed physical and financial barriers to reproductive healthcare, expanding who can provide care, and training for care in Maryland.

NATURAL RESOURCES: My greatest concerns are the bay, oysters, green space/tree canopy, urban flooding, air quality, and EJ communities. Climate Solutions Now commits to addressing the climate crisis with greenhouse gas reductions and net-zero goals, and defines EJ communities. We ensured oyster restoration, protected and enhanced our state parks, and created procurement laws to meet the state's environmental goals.

LOCAL PROJECTS: There are many projects in the district! To mention a few, there is the Greenmount Ave streetscape, the Northwood shopping center, the League for People with Disabilities, Enhancing the Alameda Shopping center (both), future renovations of the Northwood baseball field and the 29th street community center, and addressing traffic calming at the most dangerous intersections in the district.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The issues of the residents are my priority. Development in disinvested communities, addressing the socio-economic divide of Greenmount Ave/York road that has existed for decades, and taking care of our seniors who desire to live in place and need estate planning. My overall priority for Baltimore City is growing the agriculture and farming industry.

Elizabeth Embry

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.embryfordelegate.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my career working in City and State government, including as head of the Criminal Division in the Attorney General's Office, Deputy State's Attorney, and Special Assistant to the Secretary of DLLR. I know how government works and how to effectively represent the 43rd District and Baltimore City in the General Assembly to bring resources and partnership from the State.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Maryland is by many measures the wealthiest state in the nation, while Baltimore is home to areas of extreme concentrated poverty. The health of Baltimore is key to the health of the State as a whole and the State plays a key role in providing the education, transportation and infrastructure necessary to eradicate the deep gaps in economic opportunity.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Effective prison reentry is the single most impactful thing that could be done at the State level to reduce violence in Baltimore City and across the State. The reforms to police accountability and transparency passed in the past two sessions are big steps forward and I look forward to adjusting and adding to them to make sure that the reforms are real and measurable.

EDUCATION: I will fight for full Blueprint funding every year. We also need to look at strategies to reengage students and parents who disappeared from the system during COVID, provide extra support to teachers, and make sure the system is prepared for future waves of the pandemic.

HEALTH: Gun violence and opioid addiction are two acute challenges. I have outlined my approach to gun violence in my public safety plan on my website. With regard to the opiate crisis, in addition to expanded treatment, it is also important to crack down on pill mills and other sources of illegally distributed prescription opiates.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The recently passed Climate Solutions Now Act has set ambitious but achievable goals and I look forward to working on legislation to make those goals a reality. It is also critical that communities in Baltimore and across the State most impacted by pollution and climate change are front and center in the State's transformation to a clean energy economy.

LOCAL PROJECTS: My top priorities are improving public transportation options, getting all necessary school operational and construction funds, and addressing public safety.

OTHER PRIORITIES: no response

Renaud Deaundre Brown

Party: Green

Campaign Website: renaudbrownfor43rddistrict2022.com

QUALIFICATIONS: For the past eight years, I've lobbied Annapolis to overturn Citizens United with a constitutional amendment known as the Democracy Amendment Resolution (passed Senate in 2015 and House of Delegates in 2018) and have joined several state, county and local organizations.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We must bridge the working class pay gap and make billionaires and millionaires pay their share.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I favor civilians solving crimes as Mayor Scott has considered and would hope that more funding goes to mental health services to augment what police aren't qualified to do and make their jobs a little easier.

EDUCATION: Continue to implement the Blue Print and bring our schools into the 21st century and are students college-ready and adapt to go into the economy and succeed.

HEALTH: We have to eradicate cancer, diabetes and HIV. I will advocate for scientific advances to cure these.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We need a true Green New deal, that only the Green party is offering. We should restore the Chesapeake and our waterways, We need storm water management, Screening sewers to block debris.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Landlord/tenant, Blight (housing vacancies)

OTHER PRIORITIES: Ending at-will employment, criminal justice reform, environment, education, women's right to choose (reproduction, health care), Medicare for all

Maryland House of Delegates District 45

Candidates

Vote for up to 3

Antonio Barboza

Party: Republican

Campaign Website: BarbozaforBaltimore.com

QUALIFICATIONS: The most important experience for me was growing up in Baltimore. As a veteran of the military and retired 20 year correctional lieutenant, I understand what it means to serve and protect. I have had the privilege to be involved in fulltime ministry as a Pastor, Missionary and the Dean of a Bible school. This unique perspective gives me the opportunity to serve from a place of understanding.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Opportunities in education, employment and training are the cornerstone of personal economic growth. We must strengthen these areas with real, grassroots partnerships that allow people to better themselves. I believe the State should incentivize local businesses to provide job opportunities to anyone who seeks one, regardless of background, education, or past life decisions.

PUBLIC SAFETY: 1. We need to fund the prosecutor's office to do what their name says: Prosecute Crime.

- 2. We must invest in rehabilitation programs in Juvenile and Adult prisons' that are focused on people not politics. Everyone deserves an opportunity to re-engage in life.
- 3. We need to back the BCPD. We need to support active engagement by our good officers, while holding the bad officers accountable.

EDUCATION: 1. We MUST reset our focus back to education as the primary goal and prepare our students for success by giving them the tools they need to succeed in real life.

- 2. We need a full forensic audit of Baltimore City Public Schools to find out how 1.62 billion dollars of appropriated funds have been used.
- 3. We should fund The Return to School Initiative, which allows core subject remediation.

HEALTH: Obesity is overtaking the current generation. Education and Exercise are the keys. Health education needs to be targeted at all ages. We should investigate the funding of life saving bariatric surgeries for those who require it. Lastly, by re-investing in our recreation centers, old parks, and basketball courts we can encourage an active lifestyle with our youth and young adults.

NATURAL RESOURCES: My greatest concern's affecting Baltimore are the air and water pollution.

- 1. We begin by planting trees and investing in gardens and greenhouses with an incentive via property tax breaks.
- 2. Traffic policy should be re-evaluated with a relevant study to current data.
- 3. Fund an independent, 3rd party study of the three biggest threats and/or pollutants affecting the Chesapeake Bay.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Home ownership is the bedrock of every neighborhood. I want to do everything within my means to make this dream a reality for families. If a family owns a home, they are put in position to invest in the neighborhood that they live in. I would also like to focus on local businesses in my district and building partnerships to give economically disadvantaged citizens a new opportunity.

OTHER PRIORITIES: See The World focuses on taking disadvantaged youth to nations of the world. The best way to truly understand the opportunities that exist in America is to give our young people a glimpse of the world. If we invest heavily in the generation coming up now, we have an opportunity to see more than a temporary change. The next generation is the REAL key to long term change for Baltimore.

Jackie Addison

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: jackieaddison.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have a number of years of experience in constituent services, childcare, and community advocacies. I also believe the relationships I have created with other elected officials will be fruitful during my time in office.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state of Maryland needs to focus more on funding and assistance programs that will address the needs of low-income families. These programs need to cover healthcare, education, transportation, and job security, just to name a few. The state could further, use housing subsidies to increase options in higher opportunity areas for low-income families.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I would expand pathways towards meaningful employment as a way of increasing the opportunity costs of committing crime. I would prioritize investments in job creation initiatives. Additionally, investments in affordable housing, substance abuse and mental health programs are vital to improving public safety, and the quality of life for all of Baltimore's residents.

EDUCATION: Now, more than ever, I believe that we need to equitably disperse our educational resources and devote significantly more funding towards our school system. This including the creation of a hybrid style learning system where children will have the necessary tools needed to effectively and successfully pass their courses.

HEALTH: Covid 19 has devastated millions of people around the world and does not appear to be going away anytime soon. It is imperative that elected leaders do everything they can to ensure the safety of their citizens. I would push to have more at home Covid tests dispersed to help identify those diagnosed with the disease to get them the immediate assistance they need.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Climate change is an issue we face throughout the world. I recognize that we should utilize multiple modes of energy to

yield the most effective outcome for our environment and I look forward to working with all communities to combat the issue.

LOCAL PROJECTS: A priority that I would like to address within my own district is public safety.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Priorities that I plan on addressing once I get into office would be the lack of wrap around services for our children, workforce development opportunities, and safer streets.

Stephanie Smith

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.electstephaniesmith.com

QUALIFICATIONS: In her first term. Del. Smith successfully sponsored over 24 laws covering public safety, economic justice, community development and education. Del. Smith's colleagues unanimously elected her chair of the Baltimore City Delegation—twice. A first-generation college graduate, Del. Smith is an attorney, HBCU alum, urban planner, homeowner, and a proud Baltimore City public schools parent.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state has economic development leadership through the Departments of Labor and Commerce. Maryland also faces double digit vacancies across virtually all agencies. As a member of Appropriations and the Education and Economic Development Subcommittee, Del. Smith called for greater workforce training pipelines to fill vacancies with Marylanders who need employment.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We need the state to establish a real-time public safety data tracker that's accessible to the public, a fully-staffed probation and parole and corrections system and continuously improve community ties through lawful crime fighting. Quality investigations are central to prosecutors building a successful case.

EDUCATION: Continue to champion expansion of community schools, funding for facilities in our state's oldest schools and expanding digital access/literacy. Del. Smith will focus on our community colleges serving as a pipeline for economic mobility. We must refine state guidance on career and technical education and build a more diverse teacher corps.

HEALTH: Access to mental health providers and provider diversity is a huge challenge. That's why Del. Smith will reintroduce a bill from the 2022 session to grow and diversify the mental health workforce through alternative pathways to licensure, peer counseling and scholarships for future mental health providers from underrepresented groups.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Del. Smith is proud to have supported the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 because the impact of climate change is the biggest threat to our lives and natural heritage. What Maryland also needs to focus on is developing local green sectors in conjunction with our workforce development needs.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Del. Smith is committed to leveraging state resources to continue to improve economic development in our primary corridors (Monument St, Belair Rd, and Harford Rd) and monitor the Penn Station redevelopment.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Del. Smith will work to ensure any eventual recreational marijuana market provides economic opportunities and revenue support to the communities most impacted by criminalization and that there are dedicated opportunities for research and development at our HBCUS.

Caylin Young

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.caylinyoung.com

No response received by deadline.

Maryland House of Delegates District 46

Candidates

Vote for up to 3

Pete Waters

Party: Republican

No response received by deadline.

Luke Clippinger

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.luke46.org

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a native Baltimorean who grew up in a Dollar House in Reservoir Hill. I graduated from City Schools, and now work as an Assistant State's Attorney in Anne Arundel County. My experiences growing up in Baltimore and working as a prosecutor fighting for victims of crime have given me a great perspective not only as a Delegate, but as Chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I voted to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit in 2021, making it the highest credit in the nation. I voted to put more funding into child care to make it more affordable and available. I also voted to eliminate state income taxes for senior citizens with incomes under \$100,000. We should continue to build on these programs and initiatives in the next Legislature.

PUBLIC SAFETY: As the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, I've taken the lead to ban ghost guns, fund programs that trace guns used in crimes, and reform our juvenile justice system. I also led the efforts to reform our police misconduct process in Maryland, require police officers to have body cameras, and require independent investigation of police involved deaths. I will continue to work on these issues.

EDUCATION: We took great steps forward by passing - and funding - the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. We must monitor the Blueprint's progress and ensure that it's properly funded going forward. The Blueprint will help students with learning loss from the pandemic, but we must also prepare for the next pandemic now and address the structural changes needed to allow for virtual learning in the future.

HEALTH: I will continue to support legislation that protect and expand lower-cost access to Medicare and Medicaid plans and services, secure the Affordable Care Act, lower prescription drug prices, and ensure access to quality physical and mental health services for all Marylanders.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Maryland must continue to lead on climate change. I voted for the Climate Solutions Act in 2022 which will lower our carbon emissions and bring us to net-neutral on carbon by 2045. We must generate more energy from renewable sources. I sponsored community solar, a program that enables Marylanders to buy a small portion of a larger solar array and count the power created against their power bill

LOCAL PROJECTS: We must continue to renovate schools in the 46th District and across Baltimore City. I was proud to support the bills that funded new schools at Patterson, John Ruhrah, Cherry Hill, Arundel and Baybrook, among others. We should continue with the next round of construction. I also support reconstruction of the Hanover Street Bridge and improvements to parks across the district.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We must have an effective transportation system; that's why I voted for the Greater Baltimore Transit Governance and Funding Commission this year which will identify ways to improve the performance of public transportation in Baltimore. It will also recommend ways to properly fund and operate, potentially, a new regional transportation system.

Mark Edelson

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.electedelson.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As the former President of the Canton Community Association, an adjunct professor at Goucher University, a civic-minded attorney, and an elected member of the Democratic State Central Committee, I believe I am uniquely qualified to push innovative, community- focused policies and achieve tangible results for my constituents.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Significant. I strongly believe in a greater focus on equity in state policy and state investment decision-making. I would support an equity analysis requirement for all bills introduced in the General Assembly, as well as requiring a percentage of all public project spending to be invested in historically neglected communities.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We must walk and chew gum at the same time. Public safety must include mental health and social services, allowing public safety professionals to focus on violence prevention. And, investing in public safety programs that work, like addressing our significant warrant backlog and reforming the Department of Parole and Probation.

EDUCATION: Technology. Being out of the classroom resulted in learning deficiencies for all students, but the gulf was significantly wider for our students without access to quality devices, training, and reliable wireless broadband. We must focus on addressing these deficiencies now by bridging the digital and technological divide for all students.

HEALTH: We must do more to provide Baltimoreans with access to healthy food and ensure that all communities are not adversely impacted by pollution and waste. I would support state incentive programs to attract grocery stores to our communities and ensure residents can afford healthy food.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Waste and pollution in Baltimore. Our trash is processed at an incinerator, which has forced south Baltimoreans to bear a disproportionate share of our trash burden, resulting in poor air quality and adverse public health impacts. If elected, I would immediately support legislation to end "clean energy" subsidies for trash incinerators.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Baltimore is home to numerous transit systems, yet our existing transit assets are largely disconnected from one another. We must invest in projects that create true multi-modal connections for transit users, like an east Baltimore MARC station and extending the light rail to the south Baltimore peninsula, and provide real bicycle and pedestrian access to transit hubs.

OTHER PRIORITIES: If elected, I would be only the fourth foreign-born immigrant currently serving in the House of Delegates. Therefore, issues such as affordable housing, tenants' rights, immigration policy, and access to economic opportunity will always be my priority. I am also squarely focused on fully funding the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

Robbyn Lewis

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.robbynlewis.com

QUALIFICATIONS: My education, public service, legislative experience and values prepare me to serve a 2nd term in the Maryland House of Delegates. I hold a MPH from Columbia University, and BA from the University of Chicago. After 20+ yrs working in international public health, incl. service in the US Peace Corps, I became a Delegate in 2017. Since then, I've helped pass laws to improve the lives of Marylanders.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state has great responsibility for the well being of all residents, especially those who are vulnerable. The state should address needs of economically disadvantaged people using all tools at its disposal, e.g., policies that enable quality public education, safe affordable housing, efficient and accessible modal-multi transit, safe and clean water & air, and family-wage sustaining employment.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Violent crime reduction is very important, especially in Baltimore city. I support efforts to prevent violent crime before it happens, thru policies such as access to quality education, incl, universal pre-K, reducing obstacles to employment and stable housing. Regarding the need for police accountability, I have voted to pass police reform laws, because public trust is necessary for public safety

EDUCATION: I voted to pass major, historic education reform including the Blueprint for Maryland's future, and have helped bring billions of dollars to Baltimore to build new schools, increase pay for teachers and educational workers and more. I will support all efforts to address the impact of Covid, particularly its impact on mental and behavioral health.

HEALTH: These include the COVID-19 pandemic and other emerging infectious diseases, traffic violence, lead poisoning and more. I will continue to advance polices and investments to tackle these issues.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Our state is rich in natural resources, but we must act as responsible stewards to safeguard them for future generations. Of course our waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay, require protection. Clean air is critically important, which is why I voted to ban fracking in our state. Reducing dependence on fossil-fueled vehicles will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.

LOCAL PROJECTS: With regard to infrastructure, the most important investment for my district will involve public transit and mobility, including pedestrian, bicycle, bus and rail. The most significant large-scale project will involve design and construction of east-west rail line. In addition, investment in housing will be very important as well.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Access to affordable health care for all people living in Maryland, transit, land use, and public health.

Judge of the Circuit Court- Circuit 8

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.

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

SALARY: \$184,433 as of July 1, 2022.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide. 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

Questions:

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

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

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

Candidates

Vote for up to 4

Erik Atas

No response received by deadline.

Charles Mario Blomquist

No response received by deadline.

Myshala E. Middleton

No response received by deadline.

Barry G. Williams

No response received by deadline.

Judge, Court of Special Appeals at Large

VOTE YES OR NO FOR CONTINUANCE IN OFFICE

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

SALARY: \$183,633

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

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

Questions:

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

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

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JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

Candidates

Stuart R. Berger

No response received by deadline.

Terrence M. R. Zic

No response received by deadline.

Baltimore City Offices

Baltimore City State's Attorney

DUTIES: The State's Attorney is the chief law enforcement official in Baltimore City, responsible to the citizens of Baltimore for enforcing the law. She/he manages a staff of attorneys responsible for the prosecution of all criminal cases and juvenile matters. In addition, the office is involved in advocating for the public interest in legal matters and involving the community to address and resolve issues regarding crime and the criminal justice system.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$278,709

Questions:

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

VIOLENT CRIME: What plans do you have to address the problem of violent crime in Baltimore City?

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: How would you address the impact of the opioid crisis on the criminal justice system and what policies would you implement to address the opioid crisis?

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: How do you plan to address the problem of public confidence in law enforcement?

PERSONNEL: How will you attract, recruit and retain qualified prosecutors?

OTHER PRIORITIES: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Ivan Bates

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.batesforbaltimore.com/

QUALIFICATIONS: As a father, the safety and well-being of my five-year-old daughter and all Baltimoreans is my number one priority. I developed discipline and work-ethic in the US Army and turned that into over 25 years of trial work in state and federal courts as both a prosecutor and defense attorney. I built one of the most successful law practices in Maryland, and this is the only office I have ever pursued.

VIOLENT CRIME: I discuss this at length in my prosecution plan for a safer Baltimore: https://www.batesforbaltimore.com/ivansplan -

I will hold lawbreakers accountable through swift and certain consequences, bring proven programs like Milwaukee's homicide review, collaborate with law enforcement and restore broken relationships. I will restore morale in an office that saw 100% prosecutor turnover in eight years.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: Participation in court-sponsored drug treatment has plummeted as a result of the current officeholder's policy on ignoring low-level offenses; under 200 opioid deaths in 2014 but almost 1000 in 2020. I do not believe in a one-size fits all approach or ignoring those who need dire help. Under my administration, prosecutors will steer simple possession of illegal drugs toward Drug Treatment Court.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: In recent years, I fought to expose the criminal activity of the Gun Trace Task Force ("GTTF") even after the current officeholder ignored my calls for concern. I represented over thirty individuals to bring attention to the system's failures and call for reform. Under my leadership, prosecutors will not turn a blind eye, but receive ongoing training as mandated reporters of police misconduct.

PERSONNEL: I know how to build a strong law office-I built my firm, one of Maryland's best- from scratch. I have been blessed with a long legal career and developed relationships with former prosecutors, retired and retiring judges, who indicated their desire to work with me to rebuild the SAO. I would implement stronger intern and law clerk programs for local students with a path to full-time employment.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Reducing gun violence will be my administration's top priority. In the seventh straight year of 300+ murders, Johns Hopkins found 44.9% of cases involving illegal gun possession failed to gain any conviction/consequence. I will hold violent criminals accountable while upholding my reputation of defending victims from police misconduct, as seen with my history exposing the Gun Trace Task Force.

Baltimore City Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City handles administrative duties for the Circuit Court. The office maintains records of criminal, civil, and juvenile cases, as well as land transactions. Clerks also issue business and marriage licenses and administer oaths to some local officials.

SALARY: \$146,500

Questions:

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

RESOURCES: Does the Clerk's office have sufficient resources to support its functions and, if not, how will you address its lack of resources?

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: How will you improve service by the Clerk's office to the public?

PRIORITIES: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Xavier A. Conaway

Party: Democratic

QUALIFICATIONS: I administer contracts for national advertisers that exceed the annual budget of the Judiciary. I cannot disclose these advertisers for confidentiality requirements, but they involve the clothes that many of us wear and some of the medicines we take every day. Ensuring every dollar is spent with transparency and accountability is essential to the Clerk's of Circuit Court's office.

RESOURCES: No, as there is a staffing crisis at the Clerk's office. In recent years there has been a rise in workplace injustices such as intimidation tactics, mismanagement, emotional and verbal abuse, etc. We must eliminate this culture Day 1 is essential to running one of the biggest Clerk's offices in Maryland. There should be 5 employee appreciation days every week to ensure the public is best served.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: Citizens approach the courthouse with great hopes and great fears. The Clerk can't try cases and render decisions. However, we can do our work in a way that reduces the public's anxiety about the tasks in the courtrooms. I propose to help remove this anxiety and confusion from the process by having personable employees of the Clerk's office stationed at the entrance to assist the public.

PRIORITIES: My highest priority is restoring public faith in the Clerk of Circuit Court's office. There is an opportunity to establish a collaborative management system that values employee and public input. In addition, removing the digital divide between Baltimore City and other Maryland counties can reduce the delays in records we provide to the public. Civil service will be front and center on Day 1.

Baltimore City Register of Wills

DUTIES: The Register of Wills handles administrative duties dealing with estates and heirs. The office appoints representatives to make sure that a deceased person's property passes to others, assists in legal paperwork dealing with wills and probate, collects inheritance taxes, keeps records of wills and probate documents, and does clerking duties for the judges of the Orphans' Court.

SALARY: \$146,500

TERM: 4 years

HOW ELECTED: Citywide

Ouestions:

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

AREAS OF NEED: What are the areas of greatest need in the Orphans' Court system and how would you address them?

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: How will you improve the service provided by the Register's office to the public?

PRIORITIES/GOALS: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Belinda K. Conaway

Party: Democratic

QUALIFICATIONS: I have held this office since 2014. Before that, I was Chair of the Baltimore City Council's budget committee and I worked as a counselor for Baltimore Public Schools. I understand how to manage people, how to navigate the fiscal and budget processes, and how to deal with agencies that interact with the office.

AREAS OF NEED: The greatest need of the Orphans' Court system is consistency. The "customers" are citizens who are either planning for bereavement or citizens who are trying to make the probate process work for their family after someone passes from this life. The Register of Wills has to be there when needed with compassionate and diligent service.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: Diligence and compassion are the essential elements of the Register's office. I am proud to say that the Baltimore City Register of Wills office never closed during the pandemic. Schedules had to be modified, but we were always there for the public.

PRIORITIES/GOALS: There is an ongoing need to obtain space to store the office's records, which are voluminous.

Baltimore City 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 quardianships.

SALARY: \$115,042.TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions:

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

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

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

Candidates

Vote for up to 3

Charles "Chuck" Bernstein

Party: Democratic

No response received by deadline.

Lewyn Scott Garrett

Party: Democratic

QUALIFICATIONS: I have practiced law for about 44 years and been an Orphans' Court Judge for 27 years. At this point in my career I am one of the most seasoned and experienced persons in this area.

PRIORITIES: To always make the best decision under the peculiar circumstances to that case and treat everyone with respect.

COURT SYSTEM: To provide individuals with the legal representation and information that they need to pursue their cases. The Bar Associations and other legal non-profits organizations have attempted to provide legal clinics and sources for those who need them. These organizations need to be financially supported.

MOTIVATION: One of the inspirations was the desire to help people, but the number one inspiration to be totally candid was my mother.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: To treat people the way you would want to be treated.

Michele E. Loewenthal

Party: Democratic

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an Orphans' Court judge since 2011 so I have 10 years experience as an Orphans' Court judge.

PRIORITIES: My priorities include providing grieving families a forum for the resolution of the distribution of their deceased relative's assets.

COURT SYSTEM: The Orphans' Court system is working well.

MOTIVATION: I enjoy helping people, in an area of law which is not well known, so that the assets of their deceased relatives can be transferred in a quick and efficient manner.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: My judicial philosophy is to allow the litigants an opportunity to be heard in a more user friendly forum.

Baltimore City Sheriff

DUTIES: According to the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, its duties include the following: • Service of Writs of Execution, Summonses, Subpoenas, and Writs of Possession • Service of Rent Court Orders and Evictions • Execution of Arrest Warrants • Execution of Sheriff's Sales • Collection of Fines and Court Costs • Transportation of prisoners to place of incarceration • Maintaining order in the Circuit Court courtrooms • Custodial charge of prisoner during trial • Custodial charge of jurors during sequestration, including transportation to and from overnight accommodations • Execution of Domestic Violence and Peace Orders • Criminal Patrol and Crime Suppression Details • Traffic Enforcement.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$186,194.

Questions:

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for this office? Resources: Does the Sheriff's office have sufficient resources to support its functions and, if not, how will you address this lack of resources?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you implement to prevent discrimination in law enforcement?

OTHER PRIORITIES: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Candidates

Vote for 1.

Sam Cogen

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: Electcogen.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I began my 25-year career at the Sheriff's Office as an intern and was promoted eight times to become a top commander. I provided leadership to the Sheriff's operational units ranging from violent offender fugitive apprehension to community engagement.

I believe the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office currently has the resources necessary but is not properly utilizing them.

DISCRIMINATION: Currently, at the Sheriff's Office, women are underrepresented in middle and upper management. They are also underrepresented in the specialized unit. I will work with the unions to develop a program that seeks to adjust this imbalance so moving forward, more women are trained and prepared to take on special assignment roles and take the sergeants test which is the pathway to leadership.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Other priorities of my campaign are Humanizing the eviction process and Reducing violent crime. The current eviction process does not offer resources to prevent evictions and only seeks to remove people. By humanizing the process more resources will be offered to tenants and landlords while offering a connection to services once an eviction is carried out.

Baltimore City Board of Education at Large Member

(Nonpartisan Office)

DUTIES: The Board of School Commissioners is responsible for the management of the Baltimore City Public School System. The Board determines educational policy for the Department of Education, provides forums at which residents of the City may express their views educational policy and decision-making, and submits the annual budget for the Department. The Board also confirms or rejects all nominations by the Superintendent of principals, teachers, supervisors, directors, and other professional employees. Specifications for all educational supplies and equipment used by the Department are determined by the Board. Plans and specifications for school buildings, including changes in plans and specifications, are prepared under the direction of and approved by the Board. Moreover, the Board also has authority to select school sites. In addition, the Board has charge of the transportation of pupils; the maintenance and operation of vehicles and equipment used for such purposes; and the care, storage, and distribution of supplies and equipment used by the Department.

ANNUAL SALARY: None

HOW ELECTED: Two at-large members are elected. Nine members are appointed by the mayor.

TERM: 4 years

Questions:

FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION: What policies will you support to ensure adequate and fair funding of public education, particularly with regard to historically divested communities?

CURRICULUM: What changes, if any, would you support in the curriculum used in public schools, particularly in public high schools?

PARENT PARTICIPATION: How would you ensure the engagement of parents, students, and the general community in making transparent Board of Education decisions?

OTHER PRIORITIES: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Candidates

Vote for up to 2

April Christina Curley

Campaign Website: www.electapril.com

FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION: To ensure adequate funding within BCPSS, I will enlist the collective efforts of cross-industry stakeholders to play a more active role in the development of our schools, teachers, and kids. I will tap into my network to rally tech stakeholders in shaping schools of the future and funding the transformation needed to meet the needs of an ever-growing technical workforce.

CURRICULUM: By bridging the digital divide, I hope to ensure that every student in Baltimore City has access to quality wifi and hardware, make computer science education a requirement to graduate since every job category will require a tech/CS skillset in the future, and restructure computer science curriculum so that it meets the technological skillset of the high-paying, high-quality jobs of the future.

PARENT PARTICIPATION: I believe that the Board of School Commissioners has an inherent responsibility to operate in full transparency, especially with all relevant community stakeholders such as parents, students, and community members. I will work to create policy that requires more direct transparency and accountability of School Board members in driving key strategy and overall decision-making.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a proud baltimorean who relies on public transportation myself, I will work to create innovative transportation options for all children and families. Also, as someone who deeply understands the barriers that mental health issues can pose, I am running to increase access to mental health services for all students and teachers across Baltimore City.

Ashley E. Esposito

Campaign Website: ashleyesposito.com

FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION: I fully support the Blueprint of Maryland Future. I recently became a Certified Blueprint Advocate through Strong Schools Maryland. I plan to ensure that we implement the plan in Baltimore City. I have been actively involved in advocating against permanent school closures. Closures destabilize communities and impact voter turnout where people rely on schools for polling places.

CURRICULUM: I would support moving away from curriculum focused on standardized testing. Teachers have expressed concerns that the testing is prioritized over actual learning. The focus on testing does not benefit different learning styles, english language learners, and others. Testing is a tool but should not be a focus or interfere with a teachers ability to teach all of their students.

PARENT PARTICIPATION: BCPSS communication & outreach needs work. As a working mom, I have not been able to attend meetings or share them with my community because there was little notice. We must use multiple forms of communication such as in-person outreach, mail, email, phone calls, etc. to meet people where they are. Communication needs to be consistent and timely for the community to participate.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My priorities are:

- ~ equity and accessibility
- ~ multi-lingual support
- $\, {\scriptstyle \sim} \,$ investing in arts $\& \,$ vocational programs
- ~ keeping every school open
- ~ free school-based wellness centers every school
- ~teacher retention
- ~ accurate data & information
- ~ community outreach
- ~ supporting green initiatives
- ~helping boost morale by fixing all issues in BCPSS.

All of these are very important to me.

Salimah Jasani

Campaign Website: salimahjasani.com

FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION: BCPSS has been chronically underfunded by the state and city. With the recent increase in federal and state funds, we have an opportunity to promote equity by addressing specific schools, neighborhoods, and students with a high level of need. I support policies ensuring wrap-around services, targeted student interventions, and improved digital and physical infrastructure for all our students.

CURRICULUM: I would support enhancing the curriculum to incorporate more student choice and personalized learning. I also support incorporating competency-based education and exposure to real world experiences and learning opportunities so our students develop both technical skills and self-advocacy skills that will help them transition to college or careers.

PARENT PARTICIPATION: I would host town halls and board meetings in communities where our families live; create planning and advising teams that include students, families, and community members; revamp the feedback process such that there are clear avenues for the community to give feedback on proposals; and ensure that Board decisions, budgets, and processes are accessible and published in family-friendly language.

OTHER PRIORITIES: (1) Ensure that ALL our students, including students with disabilities and English learners, have access to opportunities that enable them to thrive.

- (2) End the school-to-prison pipeline by shifting the way we address behavior and mental health needs.
- (3) Ensure implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future with fidelity alongside the effective use of funds to improve student outcomes.

Kwame Kenyatta-Bey

FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION: Funding for education has been configured in the past to be dependent upon a time space: already stressed population. While the community is a great beneficiary of the results of public education, the weight should not rest totally on the shoulders of this population. One of the greatest beneficiaries of public education is the commercial community. I would look for ways that businesses and profit

CURRICULUM: There are three primary areas that interest me that demand focus in curriculum development

1. Rigor and accountability. We have placed the burden upon staff to supply all the rigor and be accountable for the success of scholars. At the same time we have alleviated this aspect vital to learning off the shoulders of these same scholars. This provides a false lesson that there is no responsibility

PARENT PARTICIPATION: While I hesitate to get into a diatribe concerning parenting and the many responsibilities attached to this process, let me first say that we are no longer living in a 50's where the fantasy was one parent always being available to handle any inconsistencies in their scholars performance. It is in truth with todays demands tat parents are occupied in the chores dedicated to simple survival.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The complexity of education can yield an unending list of concerns. We as a human family have dealt with the best methodology of teaching what is of Important to community survival since the beginning of humanity, whether it was where to find and hunt game or where and how to plant seed. Let me enumerate just a few

I was invited to speak on this subject at a conference in the nation's capitol.

Maryland Ballot Questions

Maryland Question 1

CONSTITUTIONAL Amendment (Ch 82 of the 2021 Legislative Session)

Court of Appeals and Special Appeals – Renaming

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

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

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

Maryland Question 2

CONSTITUTIONAL Amendment (Ch. 808 of 2021 Legislative Session)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maryland Question 3

CONSTITUTIONAL Amendment (Ch. 809 of the 2021 Legislative Session) **Civil Jury Trials**

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

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

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

Maryland Question 4

Maryland Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 45 of the 2022 Legislative Session) (Adding Article XX, Section 1 to the Maryland Constitution)

Cannabis - Legalization of Adult Use and Possession

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

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

Maryland Question 5

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (Ch. 539 of the 2022 Legislative Session - House Bill 868)

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

Repeals county elections of Howard County orphans' court judges and requires the Howard County Circuit Court judges to sit as the orphans' court for Howard County. The current law provides for the voters of Howard County to elect three orphans' court judges. Under the amended law, a party could no longer appeal a final judgment of the Howard County Orphans Court to the Howard County Circuit Court and would instead take an appeal directly to the Court of Special Appeals. (Amending Article IV, Sections 20 and 40 to the Maryland Constitution)

Department of Legislative Services Non-Technical Summary: Constitutional Amendment Summaries

Current Law: The Orphans' Court (similar to probate court in other states) supervises the property and finances of deceased residents. This includes the payment of debts, the distribution or transfer of property, and the guardianship of minor children and their property. It resolves disagreements and contested questions about an estate and also approves the payment of fees.

Currently, the Maryland Constitution establishes an elected Orphans' Court of three judges in all counties, except in Harford and Montgomery counties, which chose to abolish their Orphans' Courts and have those cases heard in Circuit Court. Any citizen over the age of 18 who has lived in Howard County for at least one year may be elected a judge of the orphans' court. A dissatisfied party may appeal a decision of the orphans' court to the Circuit Court for Howard County.

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

Baltimore City Ballot Questions

Baltimore City Question A

Bond Issue Affordable Housing Loan

Ballot Language: Question A is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to \$14,000,000 to be used for the planning, developing, executing, and making operative the Affordable Housing Program of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of the land or property; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of the land or property, and the disposition of land and property for such purposes, such costs to include but not limited to rental payment and home purchase assistance, housing counseling and buyer education, assistance, and activities to support the orderly and sustainable planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and development of economically diverse housing in City neighborhoods; support the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; support the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; and for doing all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

Explanation:: The Affordable Housing Loan sets aside funds exclusively to be used for affordable housing. Eligible uses include acquisition, preservation, production of new housing, demolition, rental assistance, housing counseling and project finance comprised of loans (including forgivable or fully amortizing) or grants as well as other related activities. These funds could be used to support the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. (Source: Baltimore City Department of Planning)

A vote FOR Question A gives the city authority to issue up to \$14,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for affordable housing projects.

A vote AGAINST Question A deprives the city of authority to issue these bonds for affordable housing projects.

Baltimore City Question B

Bond Issue School Loan

Ballot Language: Question B is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to \$38,000,000 to be used for the acquisition of land or property to construct and erect new school buildings, athletic and auxiliary facilities; and for additions and improvements to or modernization or reconstruction of existing school buildings or facilities; and to equip all buildings to be constructed, erected, improved, modernized, or reconstructed; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

Explanation:: Baltimore City Public Schools, the City of Baltimore, the State of Maryland, and the Maryland Stadium Authority are partnering to implement the 21st Century Schools initiative, a nearly billion dollar initiative to renovate or replace 28 school buildings. This loan authorization complements that investment by making critical systemic improvements, such as fire alarms, HVAC systems, and other urgent needs in schools that are not currently funded through the 21st Century Schools Initiative. This loan authorization also allows renovation and replacement of additional schools to take place, leveraging traditional State capital support through the Maryland Public Schools Construction Program. This City contribution is used to match approximately \$30 million in annual State funding through the Public School Construction Program for improvements to school buildings outside of the 21st Century Schools initiative. (Source: Baltimore City Department of Planning)

A vote FOR Question B allows the City to issue General Obligation Bonds to complement the 21st Century Schools Initiative and to pay for additional school construction needs.

A vote AGAINST Question B denies permission to issue these bonds for school construction needs.

Baltimore City Question C Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Ballot Language: Question C is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to \$36,000,000 to be used for, or in connection with, planning, developing, executing and making operative the community, commercial, and industrial economic development programs of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; the development or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of any land or property, or any rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore, and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; the creation of healthy, sanitary, and safe, and green conditions in the City of Baltimore; and authorizing loans and grants therefore; making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to growing businesses in the City; attracting and retaining jobs; providing homeownership incentives and home repair assistance; authorizing loans and grants to various projects and programs related to improving cultural life and promotion of tourism in Baltimore City and the lending or granting of funds to any person or other legal entity to be used for or in connection with the rehabilitation, renovation, redevelopment, improvement or construction of buildings and structures to be used or occupied for residential or commercial purposes; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

Explanation:: Baltimore is committed to supporting and promoting efforts to revitalize and stabilize neighborhoods and support investment that retains and attracts jobs in the City and increases tax revenues. Community and Economic Development funds will be used to attract and retain residents, jobs, and other investment. This loan is used to eliminate blight through strategic whole block demolition; provide financing and incentives for private investment; and improve the appearance of commercial and industrial areas.

(Source: Baltimore City Department of Planning)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{A vote FOR Question C} gives the city permission to issue up to $36,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for these revitalization efforts. \end{tabular}$

A vote AGAINST Question C denies the city the permission to issue these bonds to fund revitalization efforts.

Baltimore City Question D

Bond Issue Public Infrastructure

Ballot Language: Question D is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to \$72,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library and for the construction and development of streets, bridges, courthouses, City buildings and facilities and related land, property buildings, structures or facilities, for acquisition and development of property buildings owned and controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Library and public park or recreation land, property, buildings, structures or facilities including the acquisition of such by purchase, lease, condemnation or other legal means; for the construction, erection, renovation, alteration, reconstruction, installation, improvement and repair of existing or new buildings, structures, or facilities to be or now being used by or in connection with the operations, function and activities of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, public parks and recreational programs; for the construction and development of streets, bridges, courthouses, city office buildings, police stations, fire stations, solid waste facilities, information technology, and public park and recreational and related land property and buildings; for the acquisition and installation of trees, for tree planting programs and for the equipping of any and all existing and new buildings, structures, and facilities authorized to be constructed, renovated, altered or improved by this Ordinance; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

Explanation: The Public Infrastructure Loan provides critical funds for upgrades to public infrastructure including parks, recreation centers, libraries, streets, bridges, courthouses, city office buildings, police stations, fire stations, solid waste facilities, and information technology. (Source: Baltimore City Department of Planning)

A vote FOR Question D allows the city to issue up to \$72,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for public properties and infrastructure.

A vote AGAINST Question D denies the city permission to issue bonds for improving public properties and infrastructure.

Baltimore City Question E Charter Amendment Underground Conduit System -

Sale, Transfer, and Franchise Prohibited

Ballot Language: Question E is for the purpose of prohibiting the sale, transfer, or franchising of the City's underground conduit system for cables, wires, and similar facilities.

Current Law: The Baltimore City Charter currently allows the City to grant for a limited time and subject to limitations in the Charter, specific franchises or rights relating to the City's waterfront, wharf property, land under water, public landings, wharves and docks, streets, lanes, and parks. In 2018, as a result of a voter approved Charter Amendment, the City's water and sewer system were exempted from this provision prohibiting the sale, transfer, or franchise of those systems. This bill would add the City's Underground Conduit System to the list of City assets that could not be subject to sale, transfer, or franchise. The Baltimore City Underground Conduit System is comprised of pipes or "ducts" used to protect and route wiring in areas on or below a City roadway, street, public sidewalk, or alley - known as a City Right of Way. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company has an agreement with the City to use nearly 80 percent of the capacity of the conduit system. The conduit system is also vital in fiber optic communications and wireless communications.

Proposed Change: This Charter Amendment would add the City's Underground Conduit System to the list of City assets that could not be subject to sale, transfer, or franchise.

Origin of the Ballot Question: City of Baltimore Resolution 20-27, introduced by President Young and thirteen City Council members

Arguments FOR the Amendment: Municipal ownership of the conduit system yields benefits, including providing the City opportunities towards implementation of municipal broadband. The system generates sizeable revenue which must be invested back into the conduit system. The city would be prohibited from selling, transferring, or entering into franchise agreements for the use of the underground conduit system, including with cable companies, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, and others. Lease agreements would not be prohibited or affected.

Arguments AGAINST the Amendment: Prohibiting the future sale of conduit infrastructure would forfeit the City's ability to arrange a favorable agreement to monetize this asset which would provide an infusion of cash for other City needs, while shifting the burden of maintenance away from the City to a private operator.

A vote FOR Question E means the City would be prohibited from the sale, transfer, or franchising of the City's underground conduit system for cables, wires, or similar facilities.

A vote AGAINST Question E means the City would be able to sell, transfer or franchise the City's underground conduit system for cables, wires, or similar facilities.

Baltimore City Question F Charter Amendment Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund

Ballot Language: Question F is for the purpose of establishing a continuing, non-lapsing fund to be used exclusively to supplement rewards offered to the public for information leading to the apprehension, arrest, and conviction of criminal suspects. The fund is a supplement only and may not be used as a substitute for or replacement of existing funding for rewards offered by the Baltimore Police Department of any non-profit organization. The fund may consist of money appropriated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates and of grants or donations made to the fund.

Current Law: Cash rewards are offered for tips in homicide and shooting cases. The nonprofit Metro Crime stoppers, which operates in much of Central Maryland, now funds about \$2,000 per reward. The police department and the city also contribute to the fund through the annual budget process.

Origin of the Ballot Question: Advocates felt that higher rewards would be more effective in getting witnesses to come forward, so Council Bill City Council Bill 21-0112 was passed to establish a non-lapsing fund that would be used exclusively to supplement rewards and to refer the charter amendment to the voters. If the amendment passes, the City Council would pass legislation to specify the fund's operational details, including the exact amount of supplementary cash.

Arguments FOR the Amendment· Some proponents say that a minimum of \$10,000 or more per reward should be offered to be more effective in getting community members to come forward with information about crimes. Having a non-lapsing fund would insure that funds would be available for rewards and money could not revert to general revenues.

Arguments AGAINST the Amendment · A non-lapsing fund limits the City's ability to access revenues during economic downturns. Mandating that funds cannot lapse, must be used for this Fund, and cannot revert to general revenues limits the City's ability to respond to urgent fiscal needs. · To meet requirements of the fund, the city might need to raise taxes or cut other programs.

A vote FOR Question F means that the Baltimore City Council would be required to establish a non-lapsing Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund exclusively for rewards and make a certain annual appropriation.

A vote AGAINST Question F means that reward funds would continue to be dependent on donations to Metropolitan Crime Stoppers and annual city appropriations.

Baltimore City Question G

Charter Amendment:

Dante Barksdale Career Technology Apprenticeship Fund

Ballot Language: Question G is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to establish a continuing, non-lapsing fund to promote pre-apprenticeship programs and other workforce development programs in Baltimore City's public secondary schools and community colleges. The fund comprises money appropriated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates, grants or donations made to the fund, and proceeds from fines, fees, surcharges, or other revenues dedicated to the fund by ordinance.

Current Law: There is currently no fund in the City Charter for the specific purpose of supporting pre-apprenticeship programs and other workforce development programs in Baltimore City's public secondary schools and community colleges.

Proposed Change: This resolution would add Section 17 to Article I of the City Charter to allow the Mayor and City Council to create by ordinance a special, non-lapsing fund to promote apprenticeship programs and other workforce development programs in the City's public secondary schools and colleges. The fund would consist of several possible funding sources, including gifts and future appropriations. The fund would be named in honor of the late Dante Barksdale, who prior to his death in 2021, served as the Director of Safe Streets in Baltimore City and spent nearly a decade fighting against gun violence, working with volunteers for years to get the number of shootings down in many areas that see a high rate of crime.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The resolution proposing this Charter Amendment was introduced by City Council President Mosby and sponsored by all 14 City Council members.

Arguments FOR the Amendment: In 2022, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development launched an apprenticeship program created with federal American Rescue Plan Act funding. This proposed Charter Amendment would supplement the MD Department of Labor's existing apprenticeship program by providing training and apprenticeship programs specifically for students at the City's public secondary schools and colleges.

Arguments AGAINST the Amendment: The State of Maryland already has an apprenticeship program. The MD Department of Labor operates the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training program, which offers apprenticeship opportunities and funding throughout the state.

A vote FOR Question G means The Mayor and City Council would have the authority to create by ordinance this non-lapsing fund to support apprenticeship and other workforce development programs for Baltimore City students.

A vote AGAINST Question G means The Mayor and City Council would not have the authority to establish this special fund for the purpose of supporting additional apprenticeships and workforce development programs for Baltimore City students.

Baltimore City Question H

Charter Amendment: Baltimore City Police Department

Ballot Language: Question H is for the purpose of establishing a Baltimore City Police Department, the head of which is the Police Commissioner.

Current Law: Currently the Baltimore City Police Department is an agency of state government, although the police commissioner is under the authority of the Mayor of Baltimore City. Some policies such as the requirement for police body cameras and the redrawing of police district boundaries have needed state approval.

Proposed Change: The amendment would establish the Baltimore City Police Department as an agency of Baltimore City government. This would give the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore the authority to pass ordnances affecting the department.

Origin of the Ballot Question: After the Civil War, the federal government gave control of the Baltimore City Police Department to the state of Maryland. The pressure for police reform and the fact that Baltimore City has been under a federal Consent Decree to improve police practices contributed to efforts for local control of the department. In 2021, the General Assembly passed SB786 making the Baltimore City Police Department an agency of city government if city voters approved a charter amendment in the 2022 or 2024 general election. The bill also required an Advisory Board on the Transfer of Control of the Police Department of Baltimore City to be appointed to study potential issues regarding the transfer. The Baltimore City Council passed Council Bill 22-0248 to submit the Charter Amendment to the voters.

Arguments FOR the Amendment: It gives Baltimore City residents more opportunity to be involved in advocating for policy changes because they would not have to travel to Annapolis to testify. Currently, the city is responsible for the department budget, yet has limited control over policy. All other Maryland counties and cities of comparable size have local control over their police departments. Local control would give residents more confidence in the department because they could demand greater accountability and oversight through the City Council.

Arguments AGAINST the Amendment: Some worry that the City Council might meddle too much in the management of the police department.

A vote FOR Question H means that the Baltimore City Police Department would become an official agency of Baltimore City Government.

A vote AGAINST Question H means that the Maryland state government would continue to have control over many policies of the Baltimore City Police Department.

Baltimore City Question I

Charter Amendment: Inspector General - Advisory Board

Ballot Language: Question I is for the purpose of changing the membership of the Advisory Board that appoints and removes the Inspector General for Baltimore City. It would now be comprised of eleven City residents who are not elected officials, candidates for office or lobbyists, among other restrictions. Seven of the members will be chosen at random from those nominated by City Councilmembers from their districts. Two members will be the heads of the local law schools. One member will be from a group of certified public accountants and one member will be from a group of fraud examiners. The Advisory Board will receive training.

Current Law: The Office of the Inspector General investigates waste, fraud, and abuse in City government. It was established in 2007 by executive order of Mayor Martin O'Malley. In 2018, a charter amendment was adopted which made the Office of the Inspector General an independent body.

The duties of the Office of The Inspector General Advisory Board are to advise the Inspector General as to outreach and awareness, to appoint the Inspector General, provide advice to the office in non-investigation matters, evaluate the performance of the Inspector General, and review and revise the annual budget for the Office.

Currently, the Mayor (or designee), City Solicitor, Comptroller (or designee), City Council President (or designee) and a Member of City Council appointed by the City Council President are included as members of the Advisory Board.

Proposed Change: Question I establishes a new more independent 11-member Advisory Board for Baltimore City's Inspector General. It replaces the current membership of its Advisory Board with a majority of Baltimore citizens whose independence is designed to prevent conflict of interest in carrying out their duties.

This legislation continues the Advisory Board's authority to appoint the Inspector General. Being replaced are: Mayor (or designee), City Solicitor, Comptroller (or designee), City Council President (or designee), Member of City Council appointed by the City Council President. Current representatives being retained are: Deans of both the University of Baltimore School of Law and the University of Maryland School of Law (or designees).

Qualifications: Members of the successor Advisory Board (1) must not be elected officials, city or state employees, designees of city/state employees or designees of elected officials, lobbyists, or a person running for elected office; and (2) should have some familiarity or experience with inspector generals, law, ethics, city government, and/or performance.

New Process for Appointment: (1) Baltimore residents apply to serve by completing the applications on the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) website; (2) Qualified citizen names are given to each of the 14 City Councilmember to randomly select their nominee, (3) Council districts are paired to create 7 eligible groups in which 1 applicant per group is randomly selected to the Board by the Chairman of the Board of Ethics. The remaining 4 members are chosen from: (1) Dean of the University of Baltimore or designee; (2) Dean of the University of Maryland Law School or designee; (3) One member from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners; (4) One member from the Association of Certified Public Accountants

Origin of the Ballot Question: To avoid the appearance of conflict of interest, City Council Bill 22-0238 was passed to change the composition of the Advisory Board and refer the question to the voters.

Argument FOR the Amendment: Despite the service of the current Board, supporters of Question I seek to avoid the risk or perception of conflict or influence in ensuring the independence of the crucial work of the Inspector General and its Advisory Board.

Argument AGAINST the Amendment: Some argued that the proposed appointment process for choosing citizen members is too complicated.

A vote FOR Question I means that qualified citizens would be selected instead of elected officials for the OIG Advisory Board.

A vote AGAINST Question I means that the OIG Advisory Board would continue to have a majority of elected officials

Baltimore City Question J

Charter Amendment Department Of Accounts Payable

Ballot Language: Question J is for the purpose of establishing a Department of Accounts Payable under the supervision of the Baltimore City Comptroller, who will appoint a Department Director. The Department will control all payments made by Baltimore City other than salaries.

Current Law: Prior to the 1964 revision of the Baltimore City Charter, the accounts payable activity was conducted under the direction of the Comptroller. When the Charter was revised, the Department of Finance was created thereby consolidating financial activities under the direction of a Director of Finance appointed by the Mayor.

The accounts payable activity is part of the Bureau of Accounting and Payroll Services within Finance. Its 10-member staff pays an average of 10,400 invoices per month. City policy (AM 303-3) states that invoices should be paid according to the terms of individual contracts or, if no date is specified, not later than 30 days after receipt of a proper invoice.

Proposed Change: If approved by the voters, this Charter amendment will move the accounts payable activity from the Department of Finance to the Comptroller's Office. It will establish a Department of Accounts Payable (DAP) under the jurisdiction of the Comptroller who will appoint its Director. The new DAP will be responsible for all payments and disbursements made by the City with the exception of payroll which will remain within the Department of Finance.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The 2021 Biennial Audit concluded that the City's accounts payable process was in need of improvement for accuracy, continuity, efficiency, and effectiveness. Long-standing issues with payments resulted in an ongoing backlog of invoices not paid within 30 days and outcries from vendors. The audit report also recommended that City agencies should work with the Bureau of Procurement and accounts payable to develop solutions to improve timely payment to vendors. Following the audit report, the Mayor's Office endorsed the transfer of the accounts payable unit to the Office of the Comptroller.

Arguments FOR the Amendment: Creating a new Department of Accounts Payable and placing it under the auspices of an independent member of the Board of Estimates will improve checks and balances by distributing the responsibility for financial transactions to more than one City agency (Department of Finance). The Comptroller's Office has demonstrated the ability to modernize various City functions with an eye on efficiency, transparency, and modernization. The Department of Audits, which is part of the Comptroller's Office, will assure that relevant accounting standards and appropriate safeguards are in place. The new Department of Accounts Payable will partner with the Bureau of Procurement and other units of the Department of Finance as well as with other City agencies to tackle system issues, ensure accountability, and modernize processes.

Arguments AGAINST the Amendment: No arguments against the Charter amendment have been presented. The Department of Finance has endorsed the change. The fiscal impact is minimal and there are no personnel issues to be resolved.

A vote FOR Question J means a new Department of Accounts Payable will be established under the supervision of the Baltimore City Comptroller.

A vote AGAINST Question J means that accounts payable activity will remain as part of the Bureau of Accounting and Payroll Services within the Department of Finance.

Baltimore City Question K

Charter Amendment

Establishment of A Two-Term Limit

for Baltimore City Elected Officials

Ballot Language: Question K is for the purpose of establishing a two-term limit for Baltimore City elected officials, including the Mayor, Comptroller, City Council President, and City Council members. None of these elected officials shall hold office for more than eight (8) years during any 12-year period. In the event that a candidate for one of these offices is elected to fill a vacancy, that candidate may hold the office for the remainder of their predecessor's term and one consecutive full term thereafter. This amendment would be effective beginning with persons elected in the 2024 Baltimore City Election.

Current Law: The mayor, comptroller, city council president, and city council members are elected to four-year terms.

Proposed Change: If approved, this amendment will limit the city's future elected leaders and city council members to two terms and to no more than eight years in elected office within a 12-year period.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The origin of the ballot question was a petition drive that collected the necessary 10,000 signatures to send the issue to voters.

Arguments FOR the Amendment: Term limits will increase the rate of turnover of elected officials and increase the number of open seat elections. Proponents of the amendment argue that term limits will allow for new ideas, more responsive government, and new leadership, that term limits are common in other Maryland jurisdictions, and are in place for the county councils in Howard, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, and Montgomery Counties.

Supporters argue that term limits address a multitude of political problems, from incumbency advantage to the stifling effects of the seniority system.

Arguments AGAINST the Amendment: Under this amendment, several executive (mayor, comptroller, and city council president) and all city council member terms would end at the same time. Term limits increase turnover without necessarily improving performance. Term limits may weaken legislative and executive competence (i.e., legislative procedures, political skills, and policy knowledge, which take time to learn), and may be detrimental to governmental effectiveness. Term limits may destroy institutional memory and policy expertise and may reduce the quality of information available to office holders.

Term limits may increase party polarization by reducing legislators' electoral incentives and diminishing the value of elective office. They may also increase the role of parties in recruiting and supporting candidates.

A vote FOR Question K means: This amendment will limit the city's future elected leaders to two terms and to no more than eight years in elected office within a 12-year period.

A vote AGAINST Question K means: Elected officials (mayor, comptroller, city council president, and city council members) would not be subject to term limits.

Ballot Drop Boxes Locations:



Academy for College & Career Exploration School 427

1300 W 36th Street 21211

Achievement Academy at Harbor City High School 413

2201 Pinewood Avenue 21214

Baltimore Museum of Art 10 Museum Drive 21218

Barclay Elementary School 54 2900 Barclay Street 21218

BCCC-Liberty Heights Campus 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue 21215

Benjamin Franklin HS at Masonville Cove 239 1201 Cambria Street 21225

Carver Vocational Technical High School 454 2201 Presstman Street 21216

Cross Country @ Northwestern School 247 6900 Park Heights Avenue 21215

Dickey Hill Elem/Middle School 201 5025 Dickey Hill Road 21207

Digital Harbor High School 416 1100 Covington Street 21230

Elections Board Office 417 E. Fayette Street 21202

Election Board Warehouse 301 N. Franklintown Road 21223

Forest Park High School 406 3701 Eldorado Avenue 21207

Frederick Douglass High School 450 2301 Gwynns Falls Pkwy 21217

Hamilton Elementary School 236 6101 Old Harford Road 21214 Hampden Elementary School 55 3608 Chestnut Avenue 21211

Herring Run Library 3801 Erdman Avenue 21213

Holabird Academy 229 1500 Imla Street 21224

Leith Walk Elem/Mid School 245 5915 Glennor Road 21239

Morgan State University (Tyler Hall) 1700 E Cold Spring Lane 21251

Mount Pleasant Church and Ministries 6000 Radecke Avenue 21206

Patapsco Elementary School 163 844 Roundview Road 21225

Patterson High School 405 100 Kane Street 21224

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School 414 1400 Orleans Street 21231

Pimlico Elementary School 223 4849 Pimlico Road 21215

Public Safety Training Center 3500 West Northern Pkwy 21215

Reach! Partnership School 341 2555 Harford Road 21218

Renaissance Academy 433 1301 McCulloh Street 21217

Southeast Anchor Library 3601 Eastern Avenue 21224

The League for People with Disabilities 1111 E. Coldspring Lane 21239

University of Maryland Engagement Center 16 S. Poppleton Street 21201

Violetville Elementary School 226 1207 Pine Heights Avenue 21229

Western High School 407 4600 Falls Road 21209

Westside Skill Center 4501 Edmondson Avenue 21229



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Patapsco Elementary School 844 Roundview Road Baltimore, MD 21225





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