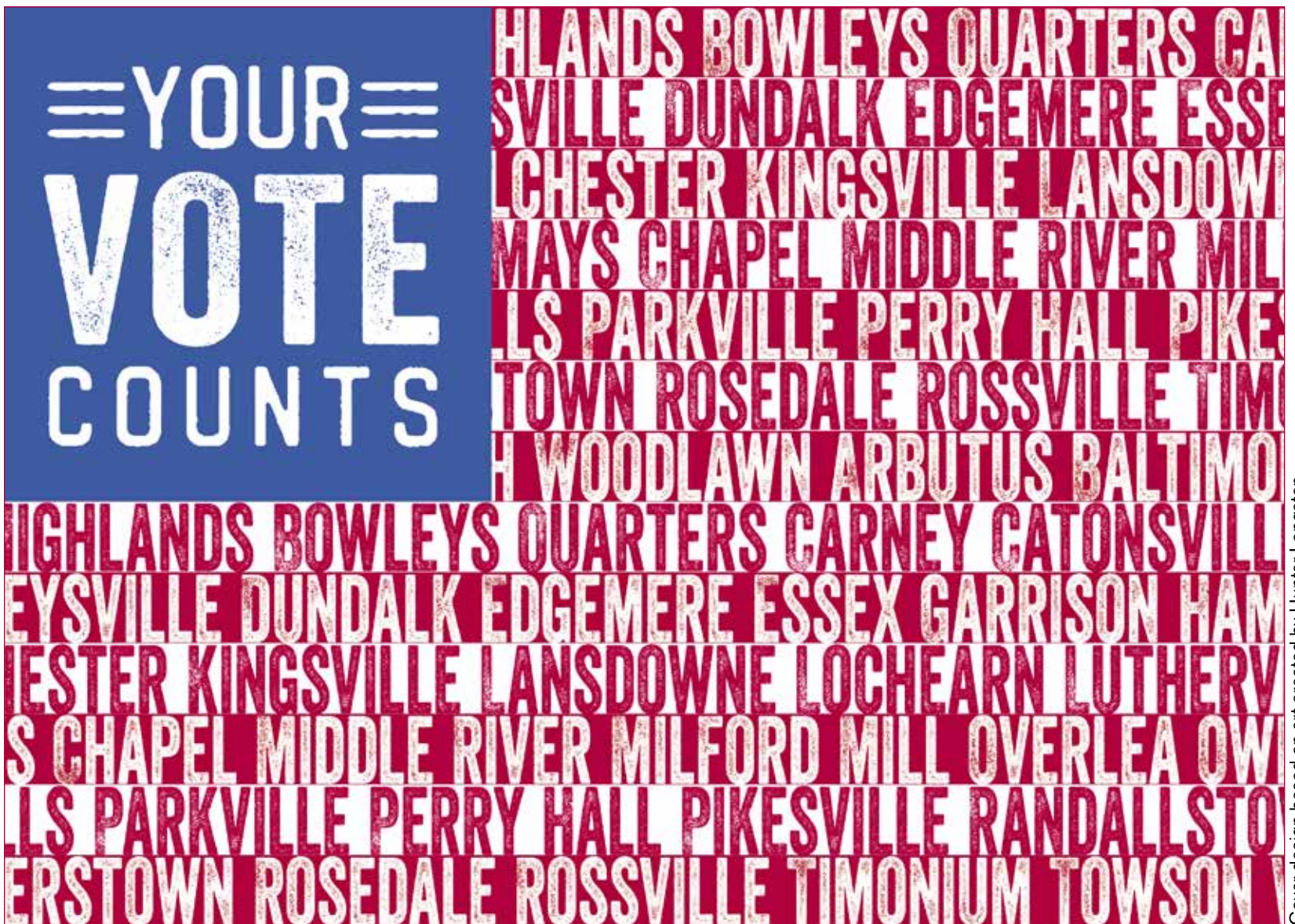


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 **VOTERS' GUIDE**

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

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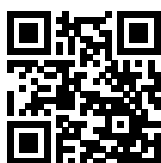
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Go to VOTE411.org to find personalized voting information and to read candidates' responses that may not be in this Guide.



ABOUT THIS VOTERS' GUIDE

The League of Women Voters offers this *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens as they prepare to vote in the General Election. **The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.**

All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for a particular office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates who will appear on the General Election ballot are printed as submitted to the LWV. Thus, some misspelling and typing errors may appear. All responses were limited to 400 characters and were truncated thereafter.

If a candidate did not respond by August 29, 2022, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Additional information on the candidates, including links to social media, may be found at VOTE411.org.

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GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

October 18	Last day to register to vote or update registration before Election Day
October 27	Early voting begins 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
November 3	Early voting ends 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
November 8	General Election 7:00 am - 8:00 pm Voter registration available at polling places Mail-in ballots must be returned to a drop box, polling place or Board of Elections or postmarked by 8:00 pm
November 18	Deadline for local boards to receive mail-in ballots by mail

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PROTECT YOUR BALLOT

Follow the directions that come with the ballots. Do not give your ballot to anyone who offers to collect ballots. Instead, put it directly in the U.S. Mail or in a Board of Elections drop box. You may also take it to a voting center during Early Voting or on Election Day.

Mail-in ballots must be placed in a drop box, left in a voting center or postmarked by 8:00 pm on November 8.

The most common reason for a ballot not to be counted is that it was not received on time. The second most common reason is that there was no signature on the inside of the envelope.

OPTIONS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Every voting center has ballot marking devices. These machines are designed to be used by voters who have difficulty reading or marking a paper ballot on their own.

Voters may also have someone help them. The helper cannot be a candidate on their ballot, their employer, or someone from their union.

Another option is to get a ballot over the internet. These ballots come with an online ballot marking tool that is compatible with adaptive technology.

For more information, see <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/accessibility.html>.

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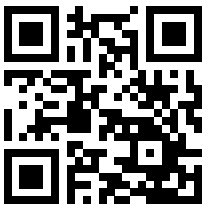
VOTE EARLY at a convenient time and location for you. The Early Voting Centers are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Thursday October 27–Thursday, November 3. All Baltimore County ballots are available at these sites. You may also register to vote at Early Voting Sites.

VOTE BY MAIL from home or away. Applications are available from elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html and at the Board of Elections (11112 Gilroy Rd, Hunt Valley, MD). Ballots must be returned to a ballot drop box, Early Voting Center, polling place or the Baltimore County Board of Elections by 8 pm on November 8. If you return your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked by 8:00 pm on November 8. Be sure to sign the envelope. Call 410-887-5700 for more information.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY Vote at Your Assigned Polling Place on Tuesday, November 8. Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm. If you are unsure of your polling place, visit VOTE411.org or elections.maryland.gov.

JUST FOR CELL PHONE USERS

Find your election information and learn about the candidates on your personal ballot using this QR code.



For More Information About Voting in Maryland

Do you still have questions about voting in the upcoming election? Go to the Maryland State Board of Elections' website and click on "MD VOTES 2022".

This website offers a step-by-step guide to voting in Maryland. You will learn about voter registration, mail-in ballots, finding your polling place and much more.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Occasionally a voter's name is not on the list of voters at a polling place. This is usually because the person was not registered to vote, because they moved and did not notify the Board of Elections, or because they requested a mail-in ballot. A provisional ballot allows these individuals to vote.

The application for a provisional ballot must be filled out completely.



Want to see just the candidates running in your area? Go to VOTE411.org for your personalized ballot.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Baltimore County Board of Elections

11112 Gilroy Road, Suite 104
Hunt Valley, MD 21031

410-887-5700

410-887-0894 (fax)

Email: elections@baltimorecountymd.gov

KNOW YOUR POLLING PLACE

There have been many changes in polling place assignments. If you plan to vote on Election Day, check your 2022 voter notification card for your polling place, or check VOTE411.org.

On the VOTE411.org homepage, enter your street address and zip code. You will then use the Maryland Poll Locator to identify your polling place and your congressional, legislative, and councilmanic district numbers.

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR

Vote for 1 pair.

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?

® REPUBLICAN

Dan Cox/Gordana Schifanelli
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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

© DEMOCRATS

Wes Moore/Aruna Miller
www.WesMoore.com

QUALIFICATIONS: State organizations and leaders—including Maryland's teachers, Speaker of the House Adriene Jones, and Senate President Bill Furguson—not only see us best positioned to win but also see my experience leading in every sector of American society as what is needed to build a

stronger, more equitable future for our state. It's what I've dedicated my career to and it's what I'll do as governor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: No matter your start in life, you deserve an equal opportunity to succeed—a job you can raise a family on, a future you can look forward to. My top priority is to create opportunities for people to step into better jobs, earn higher wages, and build wealth they can pass down to their children.

In the military we learned a mantra, "leave nobody behind" and that's exactly what I'll do as governor.

Ⓛ LIBERTARIANS

David Lashar/Christiana Logansmith
davidlashar.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ⓒ GREEN PARTY

Nancy Wallace/Patrick Elder
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.

Ⓜ WORKING CLASS PARTY

David Harding/Cathy White

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMPTROLLER

Vote for 1.

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?

ARE YOU AN ADVOCATE FOR SOMEONE IN JAIL OR PRISON?

People who are in jail for a misdemeanor or who are awaiting trial can still register and vote. However, individuals convicted of felonies cannot vote until they have been released from prison. In Maryland, they may vote while on parole. If you are an advocate for someone in jail, please let them know the following.

Voters should use their permanent address as the voting address and then request that a mail-in ballot be sent to the correctional facility. If the ballot is sent to their permanent address, it will need to be taken to the correctional facility. Advocates should work with correctional supervisors to provide the voter with an application for voter registration and an application for a mail-in ballot (<https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2022/index.html>)

REPUBLICANS

Barry Glassman
www.barryglassman.com

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

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

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

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

DEMOCRATS

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
www.brookelierman.com

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.

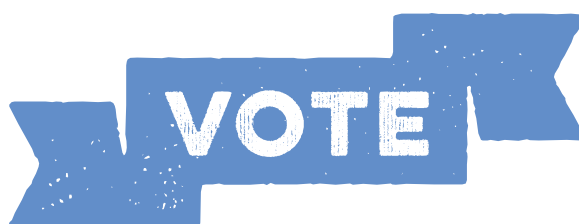
REVENUE SYSTEM: I will introduce new technology to modernize the process of paying taxes and make receiving refunds more efficient. This will ensure that each taxpayer and corporation pays their fair share and also allow every family & small business to know which tax credits they qualify for, such as 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

Vote for 1.

DUTIES: The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, all state departments and boards, and most



commissions. The Attorney General represents the state in all cases that relate to the Governor, the General Assembly and most state agencies. The office also has responsibilities for consumer protection, civil rights, medical and investment fraud, and the juvenile justice system.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$150,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

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

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION: Describe your approach to consumer protection.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

® REPUBLICAN

Michael Anthony Peroutka
www.patriots4peroutka.com

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEALTH: No response.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Efforts must continue to keep youths from entering the penal system. However, violent repeaters will be dealt with appropriately. I would also encourage

the discontinuance of unrequested window cleaning of motor vehicles in Baltimore City and elsewhere.

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

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

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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

Vote for 1.

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

TERM: Six years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

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

WEBSITE: senate.gov

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

® REPUBLICAN**Chris Chaffee***No response received by deadline.***Ⓓ DEMOCRAT****Chris Van Hollen**www.vanhollen.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS****Vote for 1.**

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.

ANNUAL 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 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?

CONGRESSIONAL DIST. 1**® REPUBLICAN****Andy Harris**www.andyharris.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have represented the 1st Congressional District since 2011. I am also a licensed physician, and a veteran.

ELECTIONS: The US Constitution clearly gives most election oversight to the states. The US should step in only when discrimination is occurring.

COURT SYSTEM: We need to expand the number of circuit courts in order to decrease the number of backlogged cases in each circuit and allow for more prompt justice.

HEALTH CARE: We need to preserve the provider-patient relationship as the basis of all health care reform. We also will need to help train more health care providers since they are difficult to find in many rural areas—the Eastern Shore especially. Health care costs also need to be controlled, including the cost of prescription drugs.

IMMIGRATION: We need to enforce immigration law at the southern border, and we need to make sure that we have an adequate number of temporary foreign workers for our tourism and seafood industry especially.

ENVIRONMENT: We need to take environmental concerns into account—but we must remember that it is our strong economy that allows us to afford environmental protection—that's why other poorer nations cannot afford to protect their environment.

GUN SAFETY: We need to enforce all our current gun laws. Clearly, in places like Baltimore City this is not being done, and results in unnecessary violence.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We need to control federal spending in order to control runaway inflation and rising costs. We need to restore parental involvement in our public schools and their curriculum. We need to restore our leadership in energy production—all forms of energy including fossil fuels—to bring down the price of gas and diesel. We need to stop all fentanyl at our southern border.

Ⓓ DEMOCRAT**Heather R. Mizeur**www.heathermizeur.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a skilled legislator with policy experience at the federal, state and local levels and a reputation as a pragmatic consensus builder who knows how to get things done. I turn plans into action; ideas into laws. As a state legislator, I won passage of bipartisan laws to expand health coverage, protect the environment, and strengthen the economy for small businesses and working families.

ELECTIONS: As a Maryland Legislator, I was proud to have expanded voting access, but not all states have done so. While the states administer elections, the federal government

must be a guarantor of the right to vote. I am a strong supporter of the For the People Act, which will expand access to early voting, vote by mail, end gerrymandering and dark money in politics, and clean up government corruption.

COURT SYSTEM: We must remove partisan politics from the judicial system and restore America's confidence in the impartiality of federal courts. I support exploring required term limits for federal judges and SCOTUS justices as well as expanding judicial ethics requirements and extending them to the high court. I am open to any dialogue that finds consensus on reforms to assure the independence of the courts.

HEALTH CARE: I will seek to expand who qualifies for coverage, improve the benefits packages, and will work to bring down out-of-pocket costs through better subsidies and copayment rules. I support allowing Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies to reduce Rx prices and will prioritize our rural health care needs by focusing on ways to attract more and better health care providers to our region.

IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform that includes both a clear pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants and a commitment to border security.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of our economy and our environment are intertwined, not mutually exclusive—and so are my plans for addressing these challenges. My EconomyFirst plan and my Agri-Climate plan lay out visions for investing in infrastructure upgrades while creating clean energy jobs and centering farmers as part of the climate crisis solution while supporting our important agricultural economy.

GUN SAFETY: I support the Second Amendment. I also believe that with important rights come even greater responsibilities. It is critical for Congress to address the epidemic of gun violence plaguing our nation—it is now the leading cause of death for children. I am in favor of common sense federal gun safety legislation, including federal background checks and red flag laws.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My top priority as your Congresswoman will always be the economy first—leading conversations and driving policy solutions that will keep our economy vibrant and strong. That starts with tackling inflation, lowering taxes for middle class families and small business owners, and creating more good-paying jobs. You can read my robust 33-page EconomyFirst plan, a blueprint for action, on my website.

🇺🇸 LIBERTARIANS

Daniel Frank Thibeault

No response received by deadline.



CONGRESSIONAL DIST. 2 🇺🇸 REPUBLICAN

Nicolee Ambrose

No response received by deadline.

🇺🇸 DEMOCRAT

C.A. Dutch Ruppberger
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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.

CONGRESSIONAL DIST. 7 🇺🇸 REPUBLICAN

Scott M. Collier

No response received by deadline.

🇺🇸 DEMOCRAT

Kweisi Mfume
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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 SENATOR

Vote for 1.

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.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$50,328.

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

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/05sen/html/sen.html

QUESTIONS

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

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

OPTIONS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Every voting center has ballot marking devices. These machines are designed to be used by voters who have difficulty reading or marking a paper ballot on their own.

Voters may also have someone help them. The helper cannot be a candidate on their ballot, their employer, or someone from their union.

Another option is to get a ballot over the internet. These ballots come with an online ballot marking tool that is compatible with adaptive technology. For more information, see: <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/accessibility.html>

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?

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 6

® REPUBLICAN

Johnny Ray Salling

No response received by deadline.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT

Cory D. Edwards

QUALIFICATIONS: Having over 18 years of activism to political causes, I started volunteering for Senator Mikulski's campaign at 15. I have worked in government and have been active in the community. I have also been fortunate enough to serve public office, representing Maryland's 6th District to Baltimore County's State Central Committee (2018-present) where I was elected to executive committee leadership.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: As the 6th Legislative District has economically challenged neighborhoods, I feel we should focus on bringing and maintaining more sustainable jobs with livable and competitive wages into the area. It has been exciting to see the changes to our community and there have been opportunities present; however, we need an advocate who will fight for more. People shouldn't have to work 3 jobs to live.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We need to provide police with more than adequate resources, it is easy to pick on a profession; however, we rely so heavily on the hard work of these brave men and women for more than just policing. Police have played many roles for many years, I fully

support funding to support the police to provide them with the resources that will in turn improve accountability and public safety.

EDUCATION: Education is a top priority, billions of state dollars are already committed to school systems. Naturally this is an important investment that we need to protect. Instead of issuing blank checks, we increase teachers and staff pay through accountability and improved spending practices. Students, parents, teachers and staff, along with all of Maryland would benefit.

HEALTH: No family should have to choose between food and funding a prescription, we need to do better. If the Federal government is unable to properly assist, the state needs to do its part to help offset the cost of prescription medicines and ensure more affordable health care.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The Chesapeake Bay is the jewel of the state. Fortunately, living in a district that sits along the bay and tributaries, I am amazed at the majesty of Chesapeake. We need to ensure the cleanliness of the waters especially with the Back River Treatment Facility.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I would like to see an increase of funding to our district. I would like the opportunity to fight for increased funds and projects to revitalize and improve our neighborhoods in order to truly rebuild the pride of our communities.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I am running to give the residents in the 6th Legislative District an option. I am running to give residents a voice. I would like to hear from you on the issues that matter. If elected, I will bring your voice to Annapolis, and represent your interests. I am running for the betterment of our community, our district, and our Great State.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 7

® REPUBLICAN

J. B. Jennings

No response received by deadline.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT

There is no Democratic candidate in this race.

GOVOTE 

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 8

REPUBLICAN

Ken Fitch

QUALIFICATIONS: I retired from the State and have been fighting for almost 5 years to reinstate prescription drug coverage for elderly and disabled State retirees. I was successful in getting an injunction that keeps that benefit in place while litigation is pending. I know how to fight for MD citizens

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The State needs to reduce taxes for all citizens.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Give local jurisdictions resources to hire more police and reinstate the Police Bill of Rights. The State needs to ensure public safety is a priority.

EDUCATION: Make the Board of Education accountable for every dollar spent and make them more transparent.

HEALTH: The State needs to reinstate prescription drug coverage for the elderly and disabled state retirees who earned that benefit. I addressed this by taking the State to Court in *Fitch v. Maryland*. I got an injunction, and 90,000 State retirees continue to have this benefit as long as litigation continues.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The lack of runoff because developments keep putting down asphalt and concrete. We need more green areas. There is too much water running off parking lots and flooding places like Ellicott City. Careful planning of this issue is needed before areas are developed.

LOCAL PROJECTS: School construction. Schools are overcrowded. Development should have been made to ensure schools can accommodate the increased number of children. If schools can't handle the increased population, then development should not take place in that area.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Reduce Crime all over the State. You can't cut back crime by reducing officers or making it harder for them to do their job

DEMOCRAT

Kathy Klausmeier

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been in the Senate for over two decades and have always fought to put my constituents first. I also am a team player dedicated to working across the aisle to make solutions into laws. I am running again because I have work left to do and want to continue to serve my community.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We need to be creative in addressing this complex issue. We need to continue to research and dedicate resources towards existing programs like EARN (Employment Advancement Right Now). We must fully fund education and make sure we have a transportation system that gets Marylanders to school and work.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Public safety is one of my top issues that I have always advocated for in my community. I have built strong relationships with law enforcement and the community to keep our district safe. I think police officers need thorough and comprehensive training to address difficult situations and should be held to a high standard of conduct.

EDUCATION: I will continue to work with the Baltimore county school system through administrators, educators, other school staff, and parents to accommodate our students' needs. I will address classroom overcrowding and make sure there's a plan to address any future pandemics.

HEALTH: The greatest health care challenge facing Maryland is the high cost of medical care. I plan to address it by continuing to advocate for successful programs that bring down the cost of health insurance and prescription drugs. I will be involved in a plan to help small businesses be able to purchase medical insurance that's affordable.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Global climate change is a reality. I will continue to work with all stakeholders to help solve this problem. It takes everyone to do their part. As a member of the Aquaculture Coordinating Council which strives to grow oysters, which will help clean the bay and have a sustainable oyster population to eat and enjoy.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I will be working with the community and the county to rejuvenate Holt Park and the Center for the Arts on an ongoing basis. Other community projects include parks, schools, and community centers where children can learn and have fun.

OTHER PRIORITIES: To continue to look out for small businesses in Maryland, especially in my district. Small businesses promote economic growth and job creation and we need them to thrive.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 10

REPUBLICAN

William Newton

No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRAT

Ben Brooks

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived in my District for the past 42 years. I have been engaged in the political arena, representing my District at the grassroots level on the Democratic Central Committee and as a State Delegate for the past 8 years. As a small business owner, I am aware of business needs and community concerns and I try to strike a balance between the two.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: To be a competitive economy, Maryland does not only need job growth and economic development, but also living wages, equal access to jobs and a diverse, well-trained workforce. Quality of life begins with economic prosperity. There are

many policies and initiatives we can pursue on a state level to ensure opportunity for all Marylanders.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Public safety continues to be a major concern as we witness the uptake in crime throughout our state. By introducing smart gun initiatives, police reform and juvenile justice reform, we can secure safer communities, social equality, and police reform with emphasis on transparency and accountability.

EDUCATION: It is vital that we institute a robust "at home" and "in-person" curriculum, invest heavily in rural broadband and/or mobile hotspots and ensure that all students have access to remote learning. I will continue to support measures that provide the funding revenues to institute these initiatives and the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

HEALTH: Maryland continues to face health disparities. We need to continue to provide funding revenues to protect our most vulnerable communities, reproductive healthcare, and mental health services.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We must recognize the impacts of Climate Change on our environment. I have supported and will continue to support measures that reduce the greenhouse gas admissions, secure net-zero statewide by 2045, increase renewable energy production and increase residential and commercial storage facilities.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Based upon conversations with my constituents, community associations and community leaders, some of the major concerns of my district are the lack of job opportunities, the need for healthy food options and economic development. I have and will continue to work on programs that offer incentives to businesses, grocery stores and developers to revitalize this area.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Another major priority for me is Financial Literacy. Teaching our students these basic personal financial concepts lay the foundation that enables them to make informed decisions as adults. I will continue to host events and introduce legislation with emphasis on financial literacy for our younger generation.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 11

REPUBLICAN

Ruth Goetz

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have watched our county grow in many different ways as well as watch crime and taxes go up over the thirty five years of living here. I have also watched the quality of education go down. People are no longer as happy as they used to be. I want to be your Senator to make our District better for everyone.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Annapolis needs to improve education that focuses on life skills and educational basics without focusing on social politics. There are too many regulations for starting a new business taking way

too long to get approved and prohibiting new businesses from even starting. Annapolis needs to encourage people to start their own business and make it easier for them.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Public safety is a very important issue. The Police Bill of Rights needs to be reinstated. The Attorney General should not plea bargain so readily. We need to stop the revolving door of criminals going back onto the streets. We need to have higher bails. It would make our streets safer if people had respect for one another and learned to get along with one another.

EDUCATION: No more mandates and no more masking requirements. Keep the schools open. No COVID vaccine requirements. Teachers need to have more control over the classroom without the influence of the Unions. The schools need to focus on education on reading, writing, arithmetic, real science, and history. Cursive writing, music and arts, along with physical education should be part of the curriculum.

HEALTH: Health costs are way too high. Hospital protocols should not control the physicians medical decisions. Patients need to be informed of the risks and benefits of the medical decision before committing to the procedure. Doctors should not pressure or scare patients into doing any procedure, but should inform them with honest research and data.

NATURAL RESOURCES: 5G and EMF are now everywhere and we are watching the trees dying in unprecedented numbers. We need to warn people of the health risks of wifi on the children and our environment. The Chemical trails in skies every day are having adverse effects on nature. More research is required to know how our environment is being destroyed. Natural resources are vital to our lives.

LOCAL PROJECTS: The Pikesville area is lacking public playgrounds and parks for families. Traffic and crime are important issues to improve. Housing for middle income families is needed.

OTHER PRIORITIES: No response.

Ⓞ DEMOCRAT

Shelly Hettleman

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QUALIFICATIONS: For the past eight years I have served District 11 in the General Assembly, first elected as a Delegate and then appointed as a Senator. My roots in District 11 are deep. I grew up and raised my own family here and have served in many roles with organizations addressing varied causes including intimate partner violence, advocacy for family-friendly policies, and civil rights advocacy.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I am committed to ensuring equitable access to economic opportunity for all Marylanders. This must include access to excellent public schools regardless of zip code, job training, affordable health care including drug treatment and mental healthcare, quality child care, and increased

investment in reliable public transportation. We also must provide financial assistance to those most vulnerable.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I have advocated for increased funding for evidence-based policies to prevent rather than react to crime through the Violence Intervention and Prevention Program that funds Safe Streets, Ceasefire, and Roca. I also favor increased use of police body worn cameras, getting guns off the streets, and shining a light on the disciplinary process as a means of restoring the public's confidence in police

EDUCATION: I supported a bill that enables the Blueprint's Accountability & Implementation Board adequate time and resources to properly plan for this historic investment in public schools. The COVID pandemic exacerbated cracks that have always existed in the system. We need to identify children with greatest learning loss and focus additional investment in tutoring them and in teacher support and retention.

HEALTH: All Marylanders deserve access to affordable quality healthcare. We need to continue to expand options for the uninsured to obtain insurance through the Maryland Health Connect marketplace, Medicare, and Medicaid. Insurance plans should be comprehensive & include mental healthcare, dental, substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation, access to durable equipment, and reproductive health services.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The Great Outdoors bill passed this year will address the maintenance and infrastructure needs of state parks, preserving them for generations to come. We also passed a bill to encourage planting native species and allow land trusts to purchase land for conservation. We must do more to protect our waterways through holding polluters accountable, planting more trees, and investing in clean energy

LOCAL PROJECTS: Implementing the Blueprint for Education and Built to Learn Act will ensure kids have high quality schools. We must also have more green space for recreation. The redevelopment of the Pikesville Armory is also a priority that will bring recreational space, a chance to honor the history of the site, arts and culture, and be a community gathering place to this important anchor site in Pikesville.

OTHER PRIORITIES: This year, my legislation had a special focus on housing stability. As eviction moratoria expired, too many are still behind on their rent or mortgage and we must do more to ensure they can remain in their homes. The need for affordable housing is vast. I will also prioritize protecting access to reproductive healthcare and expand services for older adults to be able to stay in their homes.



LEGISLATIVE DIST. 42

Ⓜ REPUBLICAN

Chris West

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QUALIFICATIONS: I served in the Maryland House of Delegates for four years and have just served in the Maryland State Senate for the past four years. During my Senate term, I passed 45 pieces of legislation, making me one of the most productive legislators of either Party in Annapolis.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We need to bend every effort to grow our small businesses. The best solution for an economically disadvantaged person is a job. The problem is that each year, the General Assembly passes landmark legislation that hurts our small businesses.

PUBLIC SAFETY: To reduce crime, we need to pass crime-fighting legislation, something the General Assembly refuses to do. To improve police accountability, we need more frequent and better officer training and also need to hire a more diverse cadre of police officers so that the police force in any community is representative of the population of the community.

EDUCATION: We need remedial education to bring all of our children back up to their proper grade level. Also, we need to extend broadband coverage to every home in the State. Having kids stuck at home with no access to virtual education is unacceptable.

HEALTH: As the baby boomers age, the need for better quality health care for seniors grows rapidly. It is essential that our seniors have access to comprehensive health insurance.

NATURAL RESOURCES: I sponsored a bill requiring the phasing-out of the burning of coal to generate electricity in Maryland by 2030. While this bill was pending, I negotiated agreements to end the burning of coal at the six remaining plants in Maryland that burn coal by the end of the decade. In addition, I have pressed hard to require the counties to take a hard look at placing solar panels on the roofs of all new

LOCAL PROJECTS: No one has worked harder or more successfully than me to advance replacement schools for both Dulaney and Towson High Schools. I had to fight in the General Assembly for \$420 million, then had to fight to get the County School Board to prioritize these two replacements, and finally had to fight the County Executive to start the planning and design work. I think things are finally teed up to go

OTHER PRIORITIES: Solar panels on expansive roofs is a top priority. We need to double down on solar energy but not by constructing solar farms on our prime agricultural land.

Ⓞ DEMOCRAT

There is no Democratic candidate in this race.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 43

Ⓜ REPUBLICAN

There is no Republican candidate in this race.

Ⓧ DEMOCRAT

Mary Washington

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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.

Ⓛ LIBERTARIAN

Bob Gemmill

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 economically 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.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 44

Ⓜ REPUBLICAN

There is no Republican candidate in this race..

Ⓧ DEMOCRAT

Charles E. Sydnor, III

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a trained attorney and compassionate advocate, I have effectively served my constituents in the General Assembly since 2015 and within the Senate since 2020. I have led on a number of issues including but not limited to public safety and police reform, settlement of Maryland's HBCU lawsuit, and insurance coverage for PANDAS syndrome.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state has an important role in addressing inequities; especially those for which it has helped create. Zip codes are still able to be used to determine one's opportunities in life. We must do a better job of ensuring our resources are used fairly and equitably and investments in education and job training programs deliver as expected.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Exposure to violence is traumatic and associated with various negative outcomes. Communities should not have to choose between effective crime control and an agency's respect for constitutional principles. Accountability of officers and law enforcement agencies is crucial to policing and dampening violence. That is why our efforts to reform policing were important in the past couple sessions.

EDUCATION: While we have some wonderful schools in the district, we have some schools with challenges which deserve additional

help. To support them, I brokered a relationship between schools and patrons, like Local 486 Steamfitters and Plumbers Union, to provide needed programming. To improve education, I'll continue building relationships with families, students, teachers, and school administrators.

HEALTH: In 2020, I had an opportunity to serve on the Workgroup on COVID-19 and Housing where we heard testimony on landlord-tenant issues and considered actions needed to address what we believed would be an eviction crisis for our unemployed or sickened neighbors due to the coronavirus. Thereafter, I sponsored legislation that was introduced because of these hearings.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Flooding is a concern. A number of communities along Frederick Road and Dogwood Road within my district were devastated by flooding a few years ago. I've attempted to address this issue with conversations with an expert in Maryland Environmental Services, I've also obtained funding for a study to examine flooding at Woodlawn High, and voted for SB 528 to address this issue and climate change.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Priority projects include, but are not limited to the replacement of Bedford Elementary and Lansdowne High schools; the organizing of the Western Baltimore County Redevelopment Authority, the construction of a community center supporting the Edmondson-Westview Recreation Council, and the construction of sidewalks along Windsor Mill Road.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I'll continue working to ensure our schools are providing our children opportunities to fulfill their dreams, and our police department addresses traffic stop disparities brought to light after my 2019 inquiries. I will also continue advocating for a state law modeled after the federal Voting Rights Act.

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.

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

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

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/06hse/html/hse.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?

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 6

Vote for up to 3.

Ⓜ REPUBLICANS

Robin Grammer

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No response received by deadline.

Bob Long

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QUALIFICATIONS: Business owner, Real estate broker. Real estate development and church development. Active in the community. Youth leader in Church Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Married 48 years four children one grandson. I have served in the Maryland General Assembly for the last 8 years serving on Ways and Means committees. Subcommittees revenues local revenues election law.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: In the last 8 years I have served on committees to bring job growth tax credits and other incentives to economically challenged areas in Maryland

PUBLIC SAFETY: Fully funding law enforcement. Ensuring every child receives an education and the skills to becoming a good citizen. Anyone breaking the law must be held accountable.

EDUCATION: Teacher accountability, funding transparency and transparency

HEALTH: Fentanyl overdoses. Treatment and education

NATURAL RESOURCES: Back River and Patapsco River wastewater treatment plants not in compliance with their Maryland water discharge permit. TMDL Require Baltimore

City to be more transparent and accountable. Requiring a third party inspector on site. Fully transparent reporting to MDE

LOCAL PROJECTS: Safety in our schools. Back River wastewater treatment plant and the Patapsco River wastewater treatment plant. To promote and support home ownership for first-time home buyers. Continue to advocate for property tax credits.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Fully funding our police. Making streets safer. Ensuring criminals are prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Ric Metzgar

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QUALIFICATIONS: been doing it now for 8 years, love working across the isle

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: a major role, only makes since, help those that can not help themselves, a hand up not a hand out

PUBLIC SAFETY: increase the police, let the police do there job, and allow the judges, and the prosecutors, do there job, as well, small crime leads to big crime

EDUCATION: allow the teachers to teach, cut back on the administration salaries, allow those students that want to be taught by zoom, allow them, but the teacher must have a special time to chat with those students,

HEALTH: i still think drug overdose is out of control, mental health is wide spread,

NATURAL RESOURCES: we are pushing something in this state that is going to hurt us in the long run, the electric grid is going to cripple us, we only have 2 in America, not going to work much longer,

LOCAL PROJECTS: a total revitalization of our aged communitys an area with real mass transit, midrise condos, priced where our seniors can afford and have there own place, stores and shops below, walking areas

OTHER PRIORITIES: i am easy to get along with,

Ⓜ DEMOCRATS

Megan Ann Mioduszewski

No response received by deadline.

Jake Mohorovic, 3rd

No response received by deadline.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 7A

Vote for up to 2.

Ⓜ REPUBLICANS

Ryan Nawrocki

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No response received by deadline.

Kathy Szeliga

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a wife, mother, grandmother, former educator, and small business owner, I understand the challenges facing



citizens in Maryland. Voters trust me and have elected me to represent them knowing I am an honest hardworking conservative. Serving as a leader in the House of Delegates Republican Caucus for a record 8 years, I was unanimously re-elected as the Whip every year.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Ronald Reagan said, "The best government program is a job." Maryland has diverse and abundant employment opportunities; small businesses, world-renowned healthcare systems, NSA, and military bases with civilian support systems. Public schools are charged with preparing students to be, "career or college ready." Our schools MUST return to teaching basic skills rather than social engineering.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Reducing crime is a top priority. Baltimore Co. is seeing increased violent crime, especially homicides and car jackings. Baltimore City crime is spilling into the County. Soft-on-crime policies and ignoring juvenile crime don't work. I support law enforcement. I support Hogan's crime bills that focus on imprisoning repeat violent offenders and felons who use firearms in the commission of a crime.

EDUCATION: Baltimore County Public Schools are headed in the wrong direction. Student achievement is down. BCPS is ignoring parents' concerns, failing to address student fights in school and on busses, and implementing curriculum that is social engineering. Classroom teachers must be supported and given the tools and support they need. Parental rights must be restored.

HEALTH: As a member of the Health and Gov Operations Committee, I have been working on health challenges for the last 5 years. We have leveled the increases in health insurance, but the high rates and high deductibles make health insurance unaffordable and unusable for too many. Yet the liberals in Annapolis are giving FREE healthcare to illegal immigrants! We must help Americans afford healthcare first.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Today's greatest environmental concern in eastern Baltimore Co is the failure of the Back River wastewater treatment plant. In March, the State took over the plant from Baltimore City after catastrophic failures dumping raw sewage into the river. The flush tax paid by all residents in the State was instituted to clean up the Bay by focusing on wastewater treatment. This plant must be fixed.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Public safety, taxes, inflation, and education are the top priorities for citizens. We are on the wrong track with all of these. We must support law enforcement, lower taxes, reduce the price of energy, and put parents back in charge of their children's education.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Pres. Biden and the liberal leadership in Washington DC are driving our nation in the wrong direction. Maryland is not far behind. I am a conservative Republican. I have never voted for a tax increase. I am for lower taxes, support the

police, support parental rights, pro-Constitution, support the 2nd Amendment, pro-life and I'm working hard to fight the increasing crime in Baltimore County.

Ⓧ DEMOCRAT

Lydia X.Z. Brown
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QUALIFICATIONS: I bring 15 years of experience as a community organizer and disability advocate, most recently as an adjunct professor, special education lawyer, nonprofit leader, and disability and tech policy expert. I know how to build coalitions, collaborate across communities, and work to make sure everyone has a voice.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We should raise the minimum wage to reflect the real cost of living, expand collective bargaining rights for all workers, expand paid family/medical leave protections, provide free tuition at state universities for low- and middle-income students, fund apprenticeships and vocational training with job placement opportunities, and offer tax incentives to employers who hire people with disabilities.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We should increase funding for social services and mental health resources in the community, implement housing first policies, decriminalize alcohol and drug use through harm reduction, and ensure all people have access to stable, safe, affordable, and accessible housing, food, health care, employment, and transportation. We need to fund our communities, not more police.

EDUCATION: We should guarantee fair pay for all teachers and support staff in schools, implement universal pre-K and after school care, hire mental health professionals (including those with lived experience) in all schools, fully fund services for students with disabilities, and allocate funding for COVID precautions during this continuing pandemic.

HEALTH: We must defend all people's reproductive rights to choose to have children and parent or to access abortion care and birth control, expand Medicare and Medicaid for all (including long-term supports and services for elders and people with disabilities), protect LGBTQ people against health care discrimination, and create an ombudsman program to help public health insurance recipients.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We can protect our natural resources/environment by investing in renewable energy, supporting local farms, incentivizing farmers and agricultural businesses to adopt sustainable farming practices that reduce fertilizer runoff, protect fisheries and incentivize scientifically-backed fishing practices, and create jobs in renewable energy and sustainable resources.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I support sustainable and equitable redevelopment to support small businesses, ensure disability accessibility, increase housing access, eliminate food deserts, and improve both our roads and access to reliable public transportation throughout the district. I also care deeply about protecting

our local farms and natural resources, including several that my family relies on throughout Glen Arm.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Maryland must honor its treaty obligations with the Piscataway Conoy Tribe, the Piscataway Indian Nation, and the Accohannock Tribe. We need gun regulations that respect the right to self-defense and promote public safety without scapegoating people with mental illnesses or disproportionately impacting people of color. And we need greater broadband access for low-income people and families.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 8

Vote for up to 3.

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Glen Geelhaar
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QUALIFICATIONS: I decided to run for the Maryland House of Delegates after experiencing the mandates when the Covid lock-downs began. I was told that my Great Grand-Parents came to America because it was against the law to be Catholic in their home Country. When Government Executives ordered churches closed and threatened Priests with hefty fines/jail for celebrating Mass, I knew that Freedom was under attack!

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: In Maryland, our disadvantaged communities are plagued by a serious lack of investment. We need to lift these areas up by cutting taxes and providing economic incentives to create Opportunity Zones. Low interest loans and grants will help new business startups and create jobs for our young people.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I believe that our most pressing issue facing the voters in Baltimore County is crime. Let's make Maryland a Constitutional Carry State, so people can defend themselves! We must restore the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights that has caused a mass exodus of officers and decimated our Police.

EDUCATION: When I entered College at Villa Julie/Stevenson University, I realized the impact that smaller class sizes have for a student's positive learning experience. Our Schools need to expand educational opportunities for Students who desire entering the trades. I would also encourage our school systems to leverage School Construction Projects to encourage the hiring of recent Graduates.

HEALTH: I am Pro-Life, and with your help, I will provide a voice in Annapolis for those Pre-Born Children who cannot speak for themselves. I am proud to have received the Endorsement of our Republican Freedom Candidate for Maryland Governor Dan Cox and former District 8 Republican Delegate Christian Miele. Please visit <http://friendsofglengeelhaar.org> to learn more about my campaign.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Maryland Families need affordable energy choices such as clean burning Natural Gas, and Ethanol enhanced fuels to power our automobiles. Ethanol is a renewable energy source which provides an additional cash crop for our Farmers. I would encourage the planting of trees which convert carbon dioxide into Oxygen. The Energy Source Mandates are unaffordable, unreliable, and arguably unconstitutional

LOCAL PROJECTS: As your Delegate, I am looking forward to working with our County Council Representatives to expand recreational opportunities for our young people. We need to develop athletic fields to support youth sports programs including Cricket, Soccer, and Volley Ball. Our students need to have less screen time, and more game time!

OTHER PRIORITIES: Maryland executives closed businesses, closed churches, and restricted the freedom of our citizens. The Covid relief Money should be used to compensate those injured by the Covid restrictions, provide job training, and incentives for creating new business opportunities. Let's end the partisan programs that do not work and return the money to the people where it belongs!

Timothy M. Neubauer

QUALIFICATIONS: Well this is my first time running for House of Delegates, I'm very involved in what's going on in my community.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Well, I would fight for Lower Taxes for every Marylander, and I would vote against any bills that would raise our taxes.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I would fight for Common Sense Police Reform, to make the Police are properly trained ensure that all people are treated equally under the law.

EDUCATION: I would fight for Parental choice. Bring back Trades into High School, and giving the student the best education they deserve.

HEALTH: The most significant health challenge is the access to insulin to fight diabetes. I would address the issue is to work with pharmaceutical companies to make it easier to get life saving drugs.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Overharvesting of the bay. I would address the issue is to implement responsible wildlife management.

LOCAL PROJECTS: The issue is facing my district is Economic policies, crime, and Education.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Taxation of our Senior Citizens and Veterans.

Kathleen A. Smero

QUALIFICATIONS: For many years I have been active politically, volunteering for candidates and campaigning, but more importantly, I have studied and become knowledgeable about legislation in Baltimore County and across the state that affect all of us. I have testified on issues, and engaged in the political

process. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Government should be a safety net for our weakest citizens—those affected physically, and mentally and our senior citizens. But our State should not be a barrier to prevent individual motivation, growth, and entrepreneurship. I'd like to see more tax breaks to senior citizens to keep them from leaving our State.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Reducing crime must first start with funding the police, not defunding them. A well trained and respected police force sets the tone for civil, lawful behavior. I support funding our police and first responders, enforcing laws and being tough on crime. It's no coincidence that juvenile crime, homicides, and crime in school is rampant, yet some groups want take away authority from the police.

EDUCATION: The Board of Education needs to get back to educating students, not promoting their own agendas. Curriculum should focus on reading, writing, and life skills in addition to providing vocational training as an option. Disruptive students need to be dealt with and disciplined so that other students have a safe environment to learn. Teacher should be given the resources they need to be effective.

HEALTH: I believe mental health is the fastest growing concern we have. Mental health disorders have increased crime, violence, homelessness and suicide. I support programs to promote awareness, education, and accessible, and affordable treatment. Taking away the stigma of mental health disorders will improve the quality of life in our state and should be addressed immediately.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Pollution of one of our greatest resources—the Chesapeake Bay. Several of our neighboring states have contributed to the pollution of the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay affects virtually all aspects of Maryland life, fish and wildlife, the crabbing and oyster industry, and the Port of Baltimore and we have to protect the bay and our creeks and rivers.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Reducing Crime, Improving Education, and combating the high cost of living. All 3 of these issues are affecting the quality of life in my district and throughout Maryland. It cost more for people to fill up their gas tanks and shopping carts. Crime is increasing at an alarming rate and student safety and education has sadly declined too.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Reducing government regulations and overreach and working to fixing the broken supply chain that affects us in our daily lives.



DEMOCRATS

Nick Allen

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a unique background and set of experiences, including service as an Army Officer and professional experience in manufacturing. Throughout my military and civilian careers, no matter my role, I always considered myself a leader first. As a leader, I have always made it a priority to

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I believe Maryland, as a state with a great deal of wealth, has an opportunity and an obligation to address the needs of the economically disadvantaged. One of the best and most immediate ways to do so is through improving access to healthcare, making healthcare more affordable, and reducing the number of uninsured in Maryland.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I support the steps taken by the General Assembly and the Baltimore County Council in the past few years to improve police accountability in our community. I believe that improved accountability, along with robust funding, training, and recruiting for law enforcement, will be effective in reducing crime in Maryland.

EDUCATION: I think we can improve education in Maryland by expanding students' access to technology and broadband internet. Additionally, we can use the lessons learned from COVID to better prepare for future pandemics and emergencies, to ensure teachers and administrations have the resources they need and that plans are in place that will result in fewer interruptions to learning.

HEALTH: In addition to helping uninsured Marylanders get coverage, lowering prescription drug costs for our seniors and those with fixed incomes is a priority. I support the tax credits given by the General Assembly to our seniors, and I want to see more of that, while also expanding coverages for Medicare and Medicaid.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We must continue to protect our state's natural resources, especially our waterways. We must also be prepared to deal with the effects of climate change, including rising sea levels. Another major part of preparing Maryland for the future is reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and out of state energy. I would love to see Maryland become a leader in green energy and green jobs.

LOCAL PROJECTS: A major concern in our area is securing funding for a new high school in northeast Baltimore County, which will reduce the overcrowding at high schools like Perry Hall High and Parkville High, while also securing funding for refurbishment of our older school buildings. Additionally, I want to continue the trend of revitalizing manufacturing and logistics in eastern Baltimore County with green jobs.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a Veteran, I want to make Maryland a place where Veterans and their families choose to settle after their

service is complete. I want to explore creative ways to help Veterans and to incentivize military families to make Maryland a choice destination to put down roots.

Harry Bhandari

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an incumbent Delegate and lifelong educator, I am committed to strengthening our public schools; providing quality technical and career education in a safe, supportive environment; protecting access to Medicaid and Medicare; nurturing our local economy with solid middle-class jobs; overcoming the challenges of opioid addiction; increasing mental health services; and safeguarding our environment

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We must never forget to act in the best interests of our state's economically disadvantaged people. I am fully committed to doing what I can to help protect them. I was proud to support pandemic relief legislation, including \$1.5 billion in tax relief and stimulus for vulnerable families, struggling businesses, and reformed unemployment insurance.

PUBLIC SAFETY: To tackle the issue in public policy, I introduced House Bill 707 in the 2021 legislative session, was an omnibus bill that tackles an array of issues dealing with law enforcement. This was a bipartisan effort that began at the Baltimore County Council that would see reform implemented statewide that rolled into the larger bill. I will keep on fighting legislation to reduce crime in Maryland.

EDUCATION: I will fight to address pandemic-associated learning gaps by implementing evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.

HEALTH: Like in the past, I will keep on fighting for significant challenges facing Maryland, such as capping the cost of prescription drugs, bolstering our state's cybersecurity, helping folks with hospital bills, and increasing transparency at the state and local levels. As a lead sponsor, I passed House Bill 534, which extends Medicaid coverage to self-measured blood pressure monitoring devices.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The most significant concern is our state's greenhouse gas emissions. I was proud to support the Climate Solutions Now Act (CSNA) of 2022 and bills that help develop renewable energy sources. The CSNA aims to help us significantly reduce our state's greenhouse gas emissions to reach net zero by 2045.

LOCAL PROJECTS: The most pressing issue is investing in public safety programs, strengthening local schools by investing in career-focused technical education, prioritizing school construction projects, and addressing overcrowded school issues. We had groundbreaking for the new middle school

and elementary; proud to support the \$2.2 billion school construction project and secured \$69.96 million for the district.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The renovation and street escaping of Belair road are critical. My colleagues and I have been working with state and local partners to reignite the revitalization of Belair Road, including requesting that some of Maryland's funding from President Biden's bipartisan infrastructure deal be earmarked for the project.

Carl Jackson

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am running for Delegate to be the change that I want to see. As someone who grew up in a working poor household, I saw what my mom had to go through to take care of me and my siblings. As I got older, and had my own family, I understood even better and wanted to do all that I could to ensure that all Marylanders had access to good jobs, safe schools, and a high quality of life.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Every person and family should have access to a high quality of life in Maryland, and this includes helping those who are economically disadvantaged. Marylanders are struggling to pay their rent or mortgages, struggling to keep up with ever increasing food prices, and struggling to even put a full tank of gas in their cars. We need to put money back into the pockets of Maryland citizens.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I want to focus on the uptick in crime committed by youth. One of the ways I tried to reduce these rates was by submitting legislation to increase funding for Police Athletic League programs. To address police accountability, I supported legislation that would ensure that misconduct by those who do not uphold their sworn duty to protect and serve is investigated and punished.

EDUCATION: We learned many lessons during the pandemic, and I believe one of those lessons is we need better communication from the school system to the parents. One of the main complaints that I hear from parents (during the pandemic and now), is that schools do not always communicate effectively regarding their child's educational experience.

HEALTH: The most significant health challenge facing Maryland is that access to healthcare is still an issue. There are still too many people who either cannot afford health insurance, or who have insurance, but because of high premiums, can rarely afford to take advantage of it. I look forward to continuing to support legislation that will expand healthcare access and make it more affordable.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Preservation of the Bay is my greatest concern when it comes to Maryland's natural resources. The health of the Bay is integral to Maryland's environmental health and we must do everything that we can to protect it. I will continue to support legislative efforts to clean and protect the Bay now and for future generations.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I believe strongly in local projects that truly affect the day-to-day life of Marylanders. To this end, I have secured nearly \$4 million of state funding to build and renovate parks, playgrounds, and community centers in District 8. I have also helped to secure \$70 million dollars for new school funding in District 8 to address overcrowding issues.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Another main issue for me, and one which I have introduced legislation in the Maryland House of Delegates for, is addressing air quality and mold issues in our public schools. I believe strongly that students, teachers, and school staff deserve a healthy environment in which to learn, teach, and work.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 10

Vote for up to 3.

REPUBLICANS

Patricia R. Fallon

No response received by deadline.

Jordan Porompyae

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have great knowledge of the problems facing ordinary people. I drove a taxi cab to pay my way through college. My taxi cab conversation with customers, seniors, single moms and many more moved my to run for political office to make a change.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state must invest more in the private sector. Create more public-private partnership.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The state needs to hire more police officers. State also needs to create partnership with the federal government to be able to use federal resources appropriately. A federal emergency must be declared in every city with over 200 homicide.

EDUCATION: We have have to greatly increase funding for our schools. One way to raise funding for our schools is to tax all international money transfers.

HEALTH: Shortage of nurses. Government must provide more grants for people interested in nursing programs.

NATURAL RESOURCES: A clean environment is good for our economy, and the future of Maryland. The state must continue to support clean energy.HHW

LOCAL PROJECTS: Help for seniors by building more affordable homes and health care. More funds for schools.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Crime reduction

DEMOCRATS

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No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a seasoned professional. I worked in leadership roles in corporate America for 30 years. As an attorney, I have represented organizations and individuals in the areas of corporate law, family law, estates and trust, and civil litigation. My community work includes non-profit representation and service on numerous boards and commissions. These experiences have prepared me to serve.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I believe government has a role to play in addressing economic inequities. We need to improve access to: health care, equitable education opportunities, credit, fair housing, food, senior services, employment and entrepreneurial opportunities. This means setting policies that address these inequities like small & minority business programs, affordable housing programs and universal health care.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I favor community policing as a tool to improve police and community relations. I favor technology as a way to both deter, detect and discipline. I support police worn body cameras as a way of increasing accountability. I believe we need to make investments in young people to provide them with better options than violence and criminal pursuits. Curriculum in schools that stress non-violence.

EDUCATION: First I support the Kirwan commission and would advocate for continued funding. In addition we need to invest in those most severely affected by learning loss. This may result in additional after school and summer programming. In addition, we need to provide additional support for teachers to address some of the social emotional challenges our students and teachers are dealing with as a result.

HEALTH: Our system still has too many holes as it relates to coverage for all, and the cost of health care is out of line. We need to find a way to provide access to care for all. We need a better preventative care model and reduce the cost of prescriptions.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Clean Air and Clean Water are two of the biggest issues in Maryland. We must protect the Bay and its tributaries. We can do this by implementing the states plan for reduction of carbon emission by 2030 and zero carbon by 2040. Investments in renewable energy and initiatives like wind and solar industries will improve the environment, and create jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities.

LOCAL PROJECTS: We have a number of pressing issues that I plan to work on. These issues include, commercial revitalization in our older corridors, equitable investment in our schools, and improved school performance, opportunities for seniors to age in place with reduced tax burden, policies supporting more equitable, effective and efficient government.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My priorities are, Education; Small and Minority Business; Equitable and Efficient Government; Housing, Economic and Community Development; and Seniors.

Jennifer Whitewww.votejenniferwhite.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a social justice advocate and public health leader who has a heart for the people. I've worked in public health for more than a decade, where I lead issue advocacy campaigns and fight for equitable state and local policies that improve the health and wellbeing of our communities. I believe in working for and alongside community members to create the solutions we need and deserve.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: To address systemic economic inequity, here are a few things Maryland can do: ensure that workers have the skills they need for today's jobs, restructure our tax system so everyone is paying their fair share, control prescription drug pricing, expand access to health care while lowering out-of-pocket medical costs, fully fund and implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I support policies that create protective community environments by addressing concentrated poverty, create green space, invest in mental and behavioral health, and invest in our youth to name a few. As we improve our community environment, we must hold police accountable to rebuild trust, enact effective transparency to address police misconduct and strengthen police accountability mechanisms.

EDUCATION: I will work to expand access for enhanced in-school mental health services and supports for students and educators, strengthen community partnerships to provide wrap-around support services for students and their families, improve working conditions for our teachers and address school capacity issues by bringing more resources to District 10 for school construction and capital improvements.

HEALTH: We are in a mental and behavioral health crisis. I will work to secure more resources to invest in our crisis services, expand access to culturally competent mental health providers and expand access to telehealth. I will continue to champion investments in our public health infrastructure so our local health departments can keep us all safe and better prepare for the next public health threat.

NATURAL RESOURCES: As we strive to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045, we must make sure that our transition is just. Communities that have been historically disenfranchised and impacted by environmental racism must be a part of the decision-making process and have equitable access to clean energy. I will work alongside community members and advocates to ensure our goals and strategies are equitable.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Access to healthy food options, especially along the Liberty Road Corridor, is an issue that often arises when I am out door knocking. I believe we can do more collaboratively at a state and local level to meet the needs of residents and expand geographical incentives to attract healthy food options that are fresh and high quality.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I care about creating an age-friendly environment that will allow our older adults to age-in-place. I will work with state and local officials to design our communities so they are safe, accessible and comfortable for everyone to live independently. I will work to bring more resources to create and maintain our senior centers, which serve as central hubs for supports, services and interactions.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 11A**Vote for 1.****Ⓜ REPUBLICAN***There is no Republican candidate in this race.***Ⓝ DEMOCRAT****Cheryl E. Pasteur**www.voteforcherylpasteur.com/

QUALIFICATIONS: Teacher/ administrator/ County School Board member, work with the Maryland Association of Boards of Education on legislative matters, time as an F.B.I. agent, completion of the Education for Ministry program converged to make clear the needs/dreams of children to grow/contribute/improve themselves and their communities. The General Assembly offers the opportunity to render that support.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Government has the responsibility to ensure that citizens aren't food insecure, are housed, protected with equity. Laws should be made, implemented, enforced to that end. The state is responsible for moving to that point, inclusive of environmental justice: health/clean air/a healthy earth/clean water. Economically disadvantaged citizens are counting on elected officials to do for all citizens.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Reducing crime and police accountability are one. Residents must work together with the support of government entities for strong education, social/emotional health, and economic supports added to positive relationships with district police for mutual respect/engagement. Without these, more work in each area must be forged. This trust isn't easy, but the work must be done to start reducing crime.

EDUCATION: Blueprint for Maryland's Future has the basic structure to improve our educational paradigm. The pandemic shed light on the inequities, esp. for those students with educational needs. I'll support Blueprint while looking for parity for all instructional personnel. How/when, students are remediated is critical. What is taught must be truthful with reading/math/writing skills met on all levels.

HEALTH: Maryland's health challenges include: poor/absent insurance; poor/no pre-natal care; drug use, HIV/AIDS; coronary/cancers/hypertension. AfricanAmericans/Hispanic/Latinos tend to have higher numbers than other groups. Critical work between State, federal, private health systems, and pharmaceutical companies must continue to address the health injustices for those who are economically disenfranchised.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We see environmental issues singularly: air pollution, contaminated soil and water; climate changes; elimination of carbon emissions; BUT the impact is cumulative threatening us collectively. As we move closer to mitigating one, the others loom over us in a threatening way. MDE/legislators should process this when assessing cures, permits, and the people most impacted by cumulative areas of pollution.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Project 1: Revitalization of Pikesville Armory property into a public/private community venue of art, retail businesses, education, and recreation for seniors, youth, and families. Project 2: Mass Transportation options to alleviate congestion as the district continues to develop and grow along with pedestrian and bicycle lanes from Owings Mills to Pikesville

OTHER PRIORITIES: Efforts to improve environmental injustices, especially for the economically disenfranchised by persistently tackling environmental issues of all kinds: air/ ground/water pollution, carbon emissions. Creation of Career Technology Center (CTE) in the northwest corridor of the County, serving students in the district, offering training for post high school options (college/career).

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 11B

Vote for up to 2.

Ⓜ REPUBLICAN

Jim Simpson

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QUALIFICATIONS: I worked as economist and budget analyst under three Presidents, Reagan, H.W. Bush and Clinton for the White House Office of Management and Budget following grad school. I then created and ran a successful small business featured on Washington Post's business section. I am a recognized public policy expert with books, reports and articles written on a broad range of issues for twenty years.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state must end sanctuary policies that favor illegal aliens over legitimate minority owned businesses. The state should support Opportunity Zones and provide tax incentives that foster economic development in the inner cities. Democrats have failed their constituents in this regard for 50 years.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Police do a dangerous and increasingly difficult job in a hostile environment for modest pay. There is corruption, which of course should be addressed, but the

much larger problem is the growing crime wave that has been enabled by inept and destructive Democrat policies over 50 years. We must confront this problem honestly and stop blaming police. Democrats do not seem capable of such honesty.

EDUCATION: I support restoring local control to public schools and abolishing inexcusable, divisive leftist indoctrination like CRT. I support making education taxes portable or refundable to allow transition to private, charter or home schools. School renovations are long overdue and must be a top priority. Teacher unions must be stripped of their self-serving, vice-grip control on public education.

HEALTH: During the pandemic, children were locked out of schools, businesses destroyed & illnesses undiagnosed. Lockdowns and mandates did not reduce illness and death. May have increased them. I oppose all mandates. Maryland is #6 in the U.S. for drug overdoses and suicide is the third highest cause of death among ages 10-35. I support treatment facilities for addicts and greater focus on mental health.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Clean the Chesapeake Bay rather than just talking about it as Democrats have done for decades. I support dredging the Conowingo Dam, responsible for most of the sediment and nutrient damage to the Bay. Sewage treatment facilities, responsible for much Bay pollution also need upgrading and replacement. There are many examples. No one mentions them. I will, and work to get them fixed.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I oppose efforts to urbanize our suburban neighborhoods and efforts to engage in other forms of unconstitutional property takings such as former President Obama's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing which forces public housing and the crime that often accompanies it on suburban neighborhoods whose residents earned the right to be there. I support economic policies that create prosperity for all.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Election integrity must be restored. This means photo voter ID, regular cleaning of voter rolls and no ballot harvesting or mass mail-in ballots. I would also like to see more trade schools in Maryland, as have been requested many times by Maryland residents over the years.

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No response received by deadline.

Ⓜ DEMOCRATS

Jon S. Cardin

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've served 16 years in the House of Delegates; 8 years chairing the Election Law Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee & 4 years as chairing the Civil Law Subcommittee of the Judiciary. I have a Masters in Public Administration and

Policy. I have a JD with a 20-year law practice. I speak 3 languages. I have used my education and experience to be an effective legislator since 2003

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The State needs to take a leading role in creating opportunities for all Marylanders to succeed. The State is uniquely poised to provide justice and equality for minorities and at-risk populations. I will continue to use my influence to make reforms and include budget language so vulnerable communities can thrive. One example of this is my vote to provide assistance to tenants being evicted.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I supported the police reform legislation of 2021. Simultaneously, I worked closely with law enforcement leadership to ensure the reforms were both meaningful and workable for agencies tasked with providing safety services. That way, we maintain a safe community, continue the trajectory of crime reduction, and provide minorities & all Marylanders increased civil rights and a sense of self-worth.

EDUCATION: The legislature needs to force the administration to operationalize the Kirwin Blueprint to better k-12 education with improved outcomes. I would vote to fully fund the education capital projects program as well. I will continue to support legislation that requires school systems to create and put into action plans for future emergencies and best practices, including students with special needs.

HEALTH: The cost of health insurance, dental care, and prescription drugs are the three most serious concerns. There are so many more that we can talk about too. I will continue to support policies such as allowing dental care to be subsidized through Medicaid and work with the providers to shift towards positive health results and outcomes-based services.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Climate Change is our number one existential concern. I voted for the Climate Change Act of 2022, and I will continue to support efforts to improve our outcomes to fight against the negative impacts of climate change. Also concerning is the loss of biodiversity and open space and degradation of the Bay because of toxic runoff and misuse of our waterways as a refuse capture needs to stop.

LOCAL PROJECTS: The community redevelopment of the Pikesville Armory needs to be operationalized. This will galvanize the rehabilitation of Pikesville and provide recreational, art, commercial, historical and community opportunities as well and desperately needed open space for everyone to enjoy. Rosewood completion at Stevenson University, the JCC inclusion pool for children with disabilities are also vital.

OTHER PRIORITIES: For nearly 20 years, I have focused my efforts on making sure that our children, women, families, minorities, small businesses, environment, and vulnerable populations are protected, safe and provided the chance to thrive. For example, I will

continue my efforts to improve Grace's Law against cyber-bullying of children & changes in the civil law code to make our small business be able to succeed.

Dana M. Stein

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a delegate representing District 11 since 2007. A key part of the job of legislator is being an advocate for constituents, and I believe that I have been an effective advocate. I also am executive director of Civic Works, Inc., an "urban Peace Corps" that engages young adults in community service and job training activities.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state can do 3 things: ensure high-quality schools; ensure availability of health care; and provide more job training. Through implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's future and more capital funding, we will be reducing education inequality. Through expanded Medicaid funding, we have reduced the percentage of Marylanders without health insurance to 6%, though we need to do more.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Greater state support of local law enforcement—such as recent funding to support a Baltimore Police Department warrant task force, pay for more federal prosecutors to focus on gun crime, and have state troopers take over traffic patrols on Interstate 83—will help. Establishment of Police Accountability Boards in each county will improve police accountability.

EDUCATION: Implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's future will improve education in all school districts. We should fund schools to provide remediation for students who have fallen behind due to COVID. Also, school systems should have procedures in place to address the impacts of any future pandemic. Schools should have supplies of PPE in reserve that are ready to be used.

HEALTH: We must build on successes in reducing the number of Marylanders who lack health insurance. I support Maryland Health Care for All's three part approach to widening health care access—make it easier to enroll in health insurance; make health insurance more affordable; and promote equitable access to health care. We also need to address the mental health challenges that COVID has created.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The greatest threat to our environment—and more broadly, our future—is climate change. Maryland is one of the most vulnerable states to climate change and rising sea levels. I led the effort in the House to pass this year's Climate Solutions Now Act, which will set Maryland on a path to net-zero emissions. More needs to be done to incentivize greater adoption of electric vehicles.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Redevelopment of the Pikesville Armory would be a transformative project that will make the Armory a multi-use venue for recreation, arts, and other community programming. Other key issues include the building of a new Dulaney Valley High

School, renovations to several other schools in the district, and revitalization of the Pikesville business district.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Ensuring that seniors are able to age-in-place and have access to quality health care; keeping the State's public colleges and universities affordable; making sure Maryland (in particular, our public health system and schools) are prepared for any future pandemic; doing what the State can to reduce inflation; ensuring that Blueprint education dollars are well-spent.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 42A

Vote for 1.

REPUBLICAN

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No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRAT

Paul V. Konka

QUALIFICATIONS: BA (History), MBA (Finance and Investments), JD (Tax and Environmental Law). Over 35 years of experience in private industry (Booz Allen Hamilton), military (Navy Captain), government (USAID, DOD, IRS, CMS, and HRSA), and education (UND, UMGC, and Baltimore County). As a professor of finance and tax expert will focus on bringing fiscal responsibility to the House of Delegates.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The U.S. Census Bureau reports that Maryland has a household median income of \$87,063, which means that Maryland is the richest state in the U.S. Despite being the richest state, many people are economically disadvantaged, and it is appropriate that the richest state assist those who are not economically secure. That starts with increasing job opportunities for anyone who wants a job.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I would work closely with the police to ensure that they have the appropriate financial resources to carry out their critical functions. The General Assembly passed the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021, which required that a Police Accountability Board (PAB) be established in each county. The PAB will work with law enforcement and county officials to recommend improvements in policing.

EDUCATION: I have been a substitute school teacher (every grade from kindergarten through 12th grade) in many schools throughout District 42A since 2015 and understand what improvements are needed. The Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Kirwan Commission) should be funded by the General Assembly. Which candidate is Teacher Recommended and has been endorsed by TABCO and ESPBC?

HEALTH: As stated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Environmental Health: "Your environment is everything around you—the air

you breathe, the water you drink, the community around you, the places where your food is grown or prepared, your workplace, and your home. When your environment is safe and healthy, you are more likely to stay healthy."

NATURAL RESOURCES: My greatest concern is that the natural resources/environment will be diminished without adequate attention being paid by local and state officials. I will coordinate with Baltimore County officials to ensure that we have the State funding necessary to protect the District's natural resources and environment. Which candidate has been endorsed by the Sierra Club and similar organizations?

LOCAL PROJECTS: My priorities are to keep District 42A as one of the most enjoyable places to live and work in Maryland. For specific local projects, I will listen with an attentive ear to the needs and wants of the constituents of District 42A, where I have been a resident for over twenty years.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My top three issues are: 1. Support our kids. 2. Protect your money. 3. Improve our environment. We must achieve and maintain educational excellence and need someone from District 42A with both an educator background (K-12 teacher and university professor) and financial expertise (MBA, finance professor, and supervisory accountant) to do so effectively.

MAIL-IN BALLOTS

Mail-in ballots come with instructions for marking and returning them to the Board of Elections. Follow the instructions carefully—you must sign an oath that accompanies the ballot. Failure to complete the return envelope correctly may result in your ballot not being counted.

Ballots must be postmarked by 8:00 pm on Election Day, November 8. The Maryland State Board of Elections website includes a place to check that your ballot was received (<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>). Ballots may also be returned using secure drop boxes. Drop boxes will be available throughout the county. Mail-in ballots may also be returned inside polling places during Early Voting and on Election Day.

Protect your ballot—Do not give your ballot to anyone who offers to collect ballots. Put it directly in the U.S. Mail or in a Board of Elections drop box.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 42B

Vote for 1.

REPUBLICAN

Todd Huff

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have had the honor to serve on the Baltimore County Council. I have served on numerous Boards and Committees of Business, Civic and Charitable Organizations.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The State should create more vocational education programs to allow low income families to learn and work in a trade.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The only way we can reduce crime is to allow the Police to arrest, the Prosecutors to prosecute, and Judges to put the criminals in jail.

EDUCATION: I would work to make school systems more transparent and allow parents to be more involved in the education of their children. I would also push to get more Vocational Education back into our school systems.

HEALTH: The biggest issue I see everyday is the high cost of Health insurance. I would work hard to make Insurance more competitive. This would help lower the cost and allow businesses to work together as groups.

NATURAL RESOURCES: A great concern of mine is the welfare of the Chesapeake Bay. The health of the Bay is dependent on water quality. In order to insure this, we have to support Oyster Restoration Programs which work with the Nature Conservancy Project. The health of MD's wildlife is essential to keep our greatest asset producing revenue in the form of visitors to our state and overall trade w/surrounding states.

LOCAL PROJECTS: My top priorities are: 1. Public Safety and recruitment of Law Enforcement; 2. Parental Rights in Education; 3. Accountability for our Tax dollars; 4. Working on more Vocational Schools

OTHER PRIORITIES: Protecting Small Businesses, which is the backbone of our Country.

DEMOCRAT

Michele Guyton

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QUALIFICATIONS: Over my lifetime I have learned the true nature of service as a Delegate, a Member of the State Board of Education, a PhD Psychologist, and a disabilities advocate. My experience as a parent of children with disabilities also gives me the drive and the compassion to improve the lives of those who need my voice in Annapolis. I have been very effective solving problems for politically diverse 42B.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The best way to improve the financial stability of families in the long-term is to start with excellent public

schools, child care, and job training programs for all students. In addition, expanded access to health care including mental and behavioral health supports is needed. Tax fairness, improving public transportation, and support for employers also help alleviate these financial struggles.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Crime in my area is decreasing but the problems in Baltimore City certainly affect my constituents directly. Police Reform passed last year should weed out bad apples and support officers who need it. We also banned ghost guns that are becoming an increasing problem and doubled the Governor's funding to fight violent crimes. I worked with the State Police to fund staff and keep officers on patrol.

EDUCATION: I helped develop the Blueprint and am hopeful of its long term results. I passed bills to ensure early childhood intervention, equity for students with disabilities, and to support job training, among others. Teachers and staff need to be better supported and we should learn from Covid to be innovative. Finally, we MUST fully address MH and BH issues.

HEALTH: I believe that access to mental health and addiction counseling is one of the biggest problems we face in Maryland post-Covid. This is particularly problematic for children. The earlier that we can address issues, the more likely that there will be a successful outcome. Having a mentally healthy population affects us all. I will continue to work for early ID and promote access to services.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Maryland is doing great work preserving natural spaces and pushing aggressively to lower our environmental impact greenhouse gas emissions. We need to work more on water purity and to creatively incentive our surrounding states to join our efforts as well. I have and will continue to support the preservation of land, innovative environmental education, and expansion/maintenance of our parks.

LOCAL PROJECTS: School Construction! Particularly shepherding the progress of our new Dulaney and Towson HS. Construction and maintenance of our senior centers and preserving open space—including the NCR trail and more/better neighborhood parks. I am particularly interested in working with business leaders and community to make the York Road corridor more appealing.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I work extensively to support women and children, in particular those with disabilities. I also love fixing everyday issues for constituents and pride myself on being very accessible to my community. I work year round, full-time to ensure that everyone gets the attention and help they need in 42B. Remaining independent, compassionate and accessible is my top priority! Also protecting choice.



LEGISLATIVE DIST. 43B

Vote for 1.

REPUBLICAN

There is no Republican candidate in this race.

DEMOCRAT

Cathi Forbes

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was appointed to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2019, chosen because of my 20 years of experience as a community advocate. While I'm a Delegate now, I still think of myself as an advocate for those in my district. I work 365 days a year, responding to constituent concerns, solving problem and considering legislation, with the goal of improving our community and quality of life.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state should be a safety net to assist the economically disadvantaged, and provide relief to those most in need. We have passed a number of bills aimed at easing the burden on our taxpayers, including a tax credit estimated to help more than 80% of our senior citizens. We eliminated sales tax on things families buy each week like diapers, and aided those struggling with eviction.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I supported a landmark police reform bill to help ensure that all citizens will be treated fairly and equally by police, regardless of race. We also worked hard to support the the police, acknowledging how difficult the work they do is, with better training, tuition assistance, and improved access to mental health care. This legislation will require body cameras for all officers by July 1, 2025.

EDUCATION: I fought for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, a 10-year plan to give students from every ZIP code the educational resources they need. The legislature has since amended the Blueprint twice to address the learning losses and mental health needs caused by the pandemic. Additionally we now have the funding and plans to provide all students with what they need to eliminate the digital divide.

HEALTH: Our healthcare system experienced unprecedented strain from the pandemic, which exposed deficiencies in the system. We need to explore changes to healthcare coverage and payment, workforce strategies to aid in recruitment and retention, and ideas to strengthen the public health capacity for the next crisis. We should improve access to mental health care as it is a struggle for so many families.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Addressing climate change should be everyone's concern. I supported the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022, which accelerates Maryland's transition away from fossil fuels, sets aggressive goals to cut the state's greenhouse gas emissions, and nearly eliminates the state's carbon footprint

by 2045. It also establishes transitions to zero emission school buses and net-zero school construction.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I have been a long-time advocate for alleviating the overcrowding of Towson-area schools and demanding comprehensive school construction planning. This past legislative session I fought to secure additional state funding that has allowed Baltimore County to begin the process of rebuilding Towson High, the County's oldest and most overcrowded high school.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will continue to advocate for plans that advance reliable and sustainable transportation options, including more interconnectivity in public transportation. With better options, traffic congestion will be reduced and our environment will benefit. We must also find short-term solutions for families that struggle with poverty and food insecurity, and long-term plans to help lift those families.

LEGISLATIVE DIST. 44A

Vote for 1.

® REPUBLICAN

Joseph D. "Joe" Hooe

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a lifetime area resident, husband and father, Johns Hopkins University graduate, small business owner, Maryland State Inspector, Volunteer Fire Fighter, Past Trustee of the Lansdowne Improvement Association and Community Activist, I have developed skills, and contacts on both sides of the aisle that will enable me to pass legislation aimed at lowering soaring fuel costs, crime and inflation.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The number of disadvantaged people in our state is growing as prices for food, gasoline and rent soar: Let's stop usury and cap the amount of interest a credit card company can charge, let's eliminate the fuel tax until gas is affordable, let's lower crime by protecting our police from unfair prosecution. And, let's increase access to vocational training for all people in our communities.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Crime is out of control throughout our state because police fear the loss of their livelihoods. We need to restore police officer legal protections, so that officers can do the job without the fear of losing their lives, pensions and freedoms. And, we need to increase fines for nuisance crimes. Additionally, we need tougher sentences for violent offenders, drug dealers and repeat offenders.

EDUCATION: We need to increase the availability of information and communication technology (ICT) for times when students cannot assemble, improve home schooling techniques and increase availability of PPE and health screening. Additionally, we need to develop vocational and social interaction

protocols for healthy students and implement them during times of crisis. Let's also continue to build new schools

HEALTH: We are dealing with both traditional and non-traditional health challenges, however drug overdoses and homicides are our greatest threat to public health. We need better law enforcement, and tougher sentencing of drug dealers. We need more treatment for addicts and we need affordable prescription drugs for seniors.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Overdevelopment and depletion of our natural resources is my greatest concern. Maryland is the 42nd largest state geographically in the US, but is ranked the 19th most populous. Our rapid growth requires us to build, eat and live efficiently, therefore we need to invest in energy technology, community planning and agriculture. We also need better solutions for waste management.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Let's invest in public safety such as construction of the Lansdowne Volunteer Firehouse. Let's fight crime and traffic congestion. Let's increase property crime penalties. Let's limit zoning changes that diminish our home values. Let's stop overdevelopment. Let's fund community improvements. Let's lower gas prices. Let's protect our small businesses. And, let's improve government worker salaries.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I'd like to help our seniors gain access to affordable prescription drugs, and safe reliable transportation. I'd also like to create an immigrant pay to work program that will raise millions of dollars for our state by requiring undocumented workers to purchase an annual temporary right to work. Let's create legislation that works for everyone. And, let's go after catalytic converter thieves.

Ⓞ DEMOCRAT

Eric Ebersole

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a public school teacher for 35 years, I have been able to bring my unique classroom perspective to the legislature. I can offer an evaluation of how policy will manifest itself with students, parents, and educators. In my 8 years in the legislature, I have established credibility with my peers and have been assigned to a variety of leadership positions, most notably on education committees.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We need to offer our resources to lift up the economically disadvantaged with tax equity, housing assistance, environmental justice, & education, to name a few. We need tax relief, especially on regressive taxes. We need eviction protection and renter assistance. We need fence line industry restrictions, more clean energy. We need more Community schools. We need affordable and reliable childcare.

PUBLIC SAFETY: There are many ways to reduce crime. Better and more interactive policing, guided by community input and

with a requirement of community connection. Expansion of Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion where individuals can be directed to social services, mental health assistance, or rehabilitation rather than automatic incarceration. Police need to be accountable to boards that are majority citizen.

EDUCATION: Education is improving as we roll out the Blueprint for MD's Future. Its focus on staff development, career & early education, and school construction are a few of the steps it is taking. The pandemic placed tremendous pressure on mixed delivery pre-k and childcare. We will continue to focus legislation on ensuring the continuation of these services—so critical to our children and workers.

HEALTH: We must address the cost of health care and the fact that many Marylanders do not have health insurance. The Maryland health care exchange is a start but we are not done. We must continue to address the cost of prescription drugs, especially the unique prescription drug situation of state retirees. We have created a board to review prices and we should impose price controls and bidding.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The health of the Chesapeake Bay is a bellwether for how we are doing environmentally. It tells us—through residual flood damage, human nutrient damage, and reduction of species due to temperature and light changes—how we are doing on climate change. We can help these with more renewable energy, reduction/elimination of carbon emissions, & retention and responsible use of open space.

LOCAL PROJECTS: My district has infrastructure needs. I have secured funds for streetscaping in Arbutus—Paradise is next. We can expect a new high school in Lansdowne in a year. We need a new library there as well. On the horizon, I want to establish a SW Balt. Co. Redevelopment Authority—authorizing the County to exercise powers to acquire, develop or redevelop property for improvement of business and housing.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I have interest in helping special needs students & have had several bills to create productive structures to help educate these young people. Beyond education, I have had 2 bills to address human trafficking—one requiring truckers and one requiring hotel workers to have training in recognition and reporting of this heinous crime. My next focus of this will be workers at transportation hubs.



LEGISLATIVE DIST. 44B

Vote for up to 2.

Ⓜ REPUBLICAN

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

Ⓧ DEMOCRATS

Aletheia McCaskill

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a long time advocate within SEIU, Local 500's leadership as a member of the Board, currently VP of the Child Care Div, Chairwomen for Committee On Political Engagement. I have been advocating for childcare issues for both state and nationally. Simply a concerned citizen who want better for our youth, seniors, educational system, environment and sustainable economic development.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Addressing that racism still exist. The median income in Maryland needs to be increased by starting with increasing minimum wage to reflect inflation. More affordable housing, addressing food disparities and access to education (including illiterate adults and free access to high school diplomas or equivalent).

PUBLIC SAFETY: Crime PREvention! We have to approach crime at its root causes; whether it be mental health, fully addressing addiction, education reform, poverty, systematic racism, the criminal justice system, access to job/skills training and better youth opportunities for recreation/jobs/training/mentorships.

EDUCATION: Assure funding given to/by the state is allocated properly to the intended sources; support/introduce good policies that holistically support families, communities, teachers, administration, the child childcare industry, and higher ed institutions. Students and their families have to be treated as individuals and not as numbers or data.

HEALTH: The most challenging health crisis in Maryland are accessibility and affordability. We have to address environmental public health concerns (food prep, air, safe water, toxic communities around us) in order to properly address chronic disease such as asthma, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, dementia and cancer.

NATURAL RESOURCES: As a candidate endorsed by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters, I believe that more acreage of trees should be planted for every tree cleared. Currently, the Forest Conservation Act that generally requires planting only a quarter acre of new trees for every acre of trees cleared for development. As a result, Maryland's forest acreage is declining.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Economic development, youth and senior services, expanding transportation options in an environmentally safe manner, educational support through mix delivery systems.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The environment, public safety, homelessness, affordable housing, childcare and healthcare.

Sheila Ruth

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QUALIFICATIONS: In two years as a delegate I've gained valuable experience helping constituents and advancing legislation. My experiences on the Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee, leading the Baltimore County Progressive Democrats Club, and organizing around issues such as the Fight for 15 and the Baltimore County HOME Act, helped me understand the political landscape and important issues in Maryland.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Morally and economically, the state has an obligation to ensure that no child goes to bed hungry and everyone has access to safe, clean, and affordable housing and medical care when they need it. Every Marylander should have a safe work environment and earn a living wage. It's not just the right thing to do; economically stable residents are also better able to contribute to the state's economy.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Everyone deserves to be safe in their home and community. While we must protect Marylanders from crime in the short-term, it is essential to address the root causes. Overpolicing and mass incarceration of nonviolent offenders don't make us safer and threaten the safety of people of color. Investing in economic development, mental health, and diversion programs will reduce crime in the long-term.

EDUCATION: Two years ago I voted to support the Blueprint for Education, a landmark bill that will transform education in Maryland. Going forward, we need to ensure that the Blueprint is fully funded, help students catch up from pandemic learning loss, and provide sufficient mental health support in schools. We also need to ensure that educators are paid well and work in a safe environment.

HEALTH: The biggest challenge is simply that costs are too high and too many Marylanders cannot get the health care they need when they need it. Many residents remain uninsured, and even some insured can't afford adequate care due to out-of-pocket expenses. I have and will continue to work towards state-based universal healthcare to ensure all Marylanders can get the care they need.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We're already seeing impacts of climate change, and it's only going to get worse. Further, the impacts don't fall equally on everyone: low-income communities and communities of color often experience worse consequences of high heat or flooding due to disparities. This year I worked with my committee on addressing climate change, but there's more to do and I'm committed to acting quickly.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Local economic development is a priority for my district. Some commercial zones are in need of redevelopment, and some areas are becoming food deserts

due to recent grocery store closures. I'm working with other state and county leaders on economic revitalization of the area, including a recently announced \$20 million investment in Security Square Mall, which is just a start on the work needed.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My priorities include combating climate change, protecting the Chesapeake Bay, better regulation of pesticides and gas stations, transit equity, universal healthcare, mental health care and protection for individuals with mental illness, and ending the school-to-prison pipeline. I am also committed to protecting and expanding disability rights, reproductive rights, and workers' rights.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Vote for 1.

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

ANNUAL SALARY: \$175,000 per year.

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

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your most important concerns for the county?

STIMULUS BILL: How would you use the county's share of the federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for transportation and broadband?

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: How will you work to guarantee openness and community trust in creating and managing the police accountability board?

EDUCATION BUDGET: What should be the main focuses for the Baltimore County Public Schools budget?

PUBLIC HEALTH: What are the main concerns for public health services in Baltimore County?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: What steps would you take to increase the availability of affordable housing for county residents?

Ⓜ REPUBLICAN

Pat McDonough

QUALIFICATIONS: Served 20 years in the General Assembly representing Baltimore County. Executive assistant to former County Executive Roger Hayden, familiar with county government operations. Worked in Mayor William Donald Schaefer's office learning his leadership skills.

PRIORITIES: Education Reform and abolish violence and bullying in the schools. Zero tolerance on crime, Use Project Exile on all murder cases. Increase police force size and return Police Officers Bill of Rights. Lack of programs and incentives for seniors.

STIMULUS BILL: I would use the stimulus bill funds to create an Office of Education Advocate and a Parents Bill of Rights. I would use the funds to provide a police training center and fix the sub standard police precinct centers throughout the county. A transportation shuttle program should be studied.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: The police accountability board should be fair and balanced and populated by former police officers and police family members. No anti police groups like BLM should be allowed to participate and there.

EDUCATION BUDGET: The Baltimore County Executive must become more involved in the education process beyond the budget. I would become the Education County Executive. With micro management of the curriculum and policies. I will advocate for Parents and Students Rights and crack down on violence in the school system.

PUBLIC HEALTH: There must be more access to our public health system including an in depth study of our nursing homes quality of services and hospital emergency room operations.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: In my opinion the judicial decision mandating affordable housing in Baltimore County is inappropriate and wrong. I will utilize the county law office to initiate a legal action to abolish the judicial decision. I will create a commission to study the impact of affordable housing on neighborhood sustainability and quality of life in order to answer many concerns and complaints put forward by county

Ⓞ DEMOCRAT

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.
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QUALIFICATIONS: As a father, husband, former county public school teacher and state delegate—and your current County Executive—I have extensive experience and a proven track record as a leader. I'm proud of our work to strengthen our schools, open up our government, and lead our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PRIORITIES: We have made local government more responsive, open and accountable; we have strengthened our schools and made our communities safer; we have instilled equity and sustainability as core values in Baltimore County. Baltimore County must continue to lead in these spaces, and become a model for our state and the region.

STIMULUS BILL: We will continue using infrastructure investment to create jobs and ensure strong communities. Baltimore County is leveraging state and federal funding to expand broadband access for low-income households and rural communities. In

addition, we will continue partnering with state and federal agencies to modernize and accelerate our transportation infrastructure investments.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: We will build on the work already underway, emphasizing openness and community trust. As County Executive, I created an equitable policing workgroup, created dashboards to track use of force and complaints against officers, and passed the bipartisan SMART Policing Act to strengthen equity and transparency in policing.

EDUCATION BUDGET: We've made historic investments in education: hiring more teachers and support staff, raising pay for all employees, and implementing a \$3 billion plan to ensure every school receives meaningful improvements. We will continue investing in wraparound services to support our students, including food access, mental health, and career education.

PUBLIC HEALTH: As we steadily put this pandemic behind us, we will continue doing all we can to make vaccines readily available while preserving a stockpile of tests and PPE. In addition, we are actively promoting food security and housing stability— issues that directly support strong public health.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I passed the HOME Act to ban housing discrimination by source of income. Amid the pandemic, our eviction prevention programs helped thousands of families stay in their homes. I also created an Affordable Housing Workgroup to develop our longer-term roadmap to continue expanding access to safe, supportive, and attainable housing.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Vote for 1.

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

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

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

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

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your most important concerns for the county?

STIMULUS BILL: How would you use the county's share of the federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for transportation and broadband?

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COUNCILMANIC DIST. 1

Ⓞ REPUBLICAN

Albert "Al" Nalley

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a business owner, decisions made daily impact the business profit ability. Volunteering on the Celebrations' Committee allowed me to hone my skills working with others. Umpiring girl's softball has given me the experience of handling conflict amongst participants and observers.

PRIORITIES: Education: Main focus should be on programs that "TEACH" Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. Move away from the programs that have failed our students for years. Law Enforcement: With the mass exodus of police due to the repeal of the Police Bill of Rights, it is important to remember, the police are the 'good guys' dealing with the worse of society.

STIMULUS BILL: I cannot make an informed decision based on the lack of information.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: I will have an open door policy encouraging communication. There should be a fair and unbiased representation on the board.

EDUCATION BUDGET: Provide the resources, including facilities and equipment, needed to provide a first class teaching environment. To reach the goals we all want: A safe, sound, and functional opportunity for students, to give the students the best environment to learn to enable student success. A program to evaluate good, effective, teachers and reward them for high performance

PUBLIC HEALTH: My main concern is the school board will return to the mask requirements that stunted the education of our students the last two years.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Housing costs are a result of the housing market. Supply and demand is the price mover. Question, where are the people coming from? Sure, normal population growth come from within the

county, this is manageable. Most come from outside Baltimore County. Where is it said affordable housing is our responsibility.

DEMOCRAT

Pat Young

No response received by deadline.

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 2

REPUBLICAN

James Amos

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have extensive experience at all levels of government, and am a retired Maryland Capitol Police Lieutenant as well as a retired Army National Guard Staff Sergeant.

PRIORITIES: Out of control crime. Out of control county government spending. Out of control development. An unaccountable school board.

STIMULUS BILL: The county's share should be used to fix and repair our county roads first. Bridges, tunnels, water and wastewater too.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: Crime is out of control and everyone knows it. The police aren't the problem, the criminals are. The police need support not just with rhetoric, but providing the funding and resources they need and deserve. I believe LEOBR must be restored.

EDUCATION BUDGET: The students and teachers. I call for a thorough audit of the Baltimore County Public Schools by the State Office of Legislative Audits.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Drug and alcohol abuse, and communicable diseases. The County Executive's sanctuary policy is certainly counter productive to the latter.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: First stop allowing Baltimore City to buy or rent properties in the county to move their problem residents to the county. Second, crack down on landlords who do not provide for the necessities of their tenants and/or charge too much. Third encourage renovation and rehabilitation of existing properties where and when practicable.

DEMOCRAT

Izzy Patoka

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am seeking re-election to continue the progress that we made in my first term. I have been community centered my entire life. I earned my BS and my MA at Towson University in Environmental Planning. I am an urban/county planner by profession and I have worked in civic life at the highest levels of state, county and local government. I was Chief of Capital Budgeting for Baltimore County & City.

PRIORITIES: I focus on improving the nuts and bolts of government. That's why I served on the County's Code Enforcement, Solid Waste and Affordable Housing Work Groups. Also, the Pikesville Armory revitalization and Liberty Road commercial corridor improvements are my top priorities. Development must be done with respect to the environment, with respect to community and with respect to main streets.

STIMULUS BILL: The State of Maryland needs to invest more in transit. When Gov. Larry Hogan canceled the Red Line, it was devastating in terms of transportation, job creation and economics to the Baltimore region. It hurt the region for generations. We should invest in 21st century transit, road reconstruction and broadband.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: Baltimore County needs to attract and retain more police officers and implement the measures of the SMART Policing Act. The County must also establish a police accountability board. The board must receive complaints of officer misconduct, review disciplinary outcomes, and appoint civilian members to an administrative charging committee in a fair and just manner to ensure trust.

EDUCATION BUDGET: Invest in schools! Maryland reported a \$7 billion surplus & Baltimore Co. reported a surplus of \$239 million. Clearly, there is room to further invest. Our role is to view these issues with an equitable lens, ensuring children have all the resources to be successful, including digital equity, new classrooms that support STEM education & implementation of the recommendations of the APFO task force.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The challenges of the global pandemic need to be addressed. Also, social determinants of health impact communities. If we improve housing, employment opportunities, education, environmental stewardship, recreation & access to nutritious food, then we can be a healthier county. Supporting communities to develop & maintain social & physical environments that promote health will reduce inequities.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We should revisit the zoning code in the post-pandemic economy, including development review to incentivize the development of affordable housing and new definitions in the Zoning Regulations to modify classifications to allow multi-family units in more locations, create administrative exemptions, pass inclusionary zoning legislation and consider alternative building types.



COUNCILMANIC DIST. 3

REPUBLICAN

Wade Kach

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an elected official, I have learned that the best ideas are generated by the people. Public input, openness, transparency, trust and responsiveness are the most important skills for this job. This approach has generated tangible results for this district (Dulaney, Towson, Broadband, additional Athletic fields, Senior Centers).

PRIORITIES: The number one concern for this county is crime. We must support the vital efforts of County Police working with communities in local precincts. This strategy will lead to better policing and crime reduction. Furthermore, we must work to reduce taxes and foster greater parental involvement in our students' education.

STIMULUS BILL: At my active encouragement, Baltimore County Administration has been aggressive with rural broadband expansion to 900+ homes by 2022/23. It also stands to have an excellent chance of winning grant funding for an additional 1500+ homes in northern Baltimore County. Stimulus funding will help expedite these projects.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: Please see my answer above. We must support the vital efforts of County Police to work with communities in local precincts. This will lead to better policing and crime reduction. Our Police Department continues to serve our communities with integrity and professionalism worthy of the County's full support.

EDUCATION BUDGET: Locally, the focus should be on completing the building of new Dulaney and Towson High Schools, while countywide, ensuring parental involvement in our children's education. Due to state law, the County itself has little real oversight over BCPS. We need to reexamine this dynamic, especially with growing concerns among parents, teachers, and students.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The opioid epidemic and the growing youth mental health crisis are among the main concerns of public health. Like the Police and Public Schools, the Health Department is struggling to recruit and retain personnel. I'm working with the Administration to develop strategies to address this very alarming issue.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: It is unacceptable that many are trapped in poor neighborhoods and schools. I question why, with the money we appropriate for education does the situation remain in some of our schools? The County must fund and develop strategies for redevelopment of rundown communities. Nationwide, such programs have proven successful.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT**Paul Henderson**www.henderson4baltimore.squarespace.com/

QUALIFICATIONS: I am and have been a teacher for almost thirty years. The job of County Councilperson is equal parts listening and learning, and communicating. As a young man, I was an Eagle Scout which reinforced a sense of service and responsibility. In recent years concern over unaddressed community concerns led me to found a local political club, the North Baltimore County DEMOCRATICic Club.

PRIORITIES: My focus is on creating more housing options for our residents, feeding the hungry, creating an environmentally sustainable community, maintaining and extending excellent schools, and creating thriving communities

STIMULUS BILL: I would make sure we extend broadband coverage to the rural areas in our county that do not have reliable broadband. I would as well look for ways to drive down the costs of broadband for all. We do not have a competitive market for broadband in the county—whether you live in a rural area that has no cable access, or you live in an apartment without broadband choice your choices are limited.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: I support the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board and believe it is long overdue. Even though mandated by state law, Baltimore County's board can be a model for others to follow if we allow citizens access and a say in how the board is constituted and staffed. I believe council members should be able to nominate members, and the board should have access to independent counsel.

EDUCATION BUDGET: The main focus of our county schools is preparing students for a career of their choice, the college of their choice, and an awareness of their lifelong role in civic life. Every child in the county should have access to the same high level of facility, instruction, and opportunity regardless of their zip code.

PUBLIC HEALTH: No one in the county should be unable to obtain the medical care that they require. The public health services should assess and provide treatment for the medical needs from prenatal screening, mental health, and addiction counseling, and services that allow aging in place in a manner that is accessible and close to where people live.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The county needs to find a way to comply with its existing settlement with HUD to create 1000 units over the next 12 years—starting in 2016. The county is falling short of that commitment. In truth, there is insufficient housing for all segments of Baltimore County and smart, transit oriented, mixed-use housing, and multi-family housing stock needs to be created in the county.

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 4**Ⓢ REPUBLICAN****Kim Bryant**

QUALIFICATIONS: I enjoy working for the people. I have been a civil service employee since 1999. My first employment was as a Paralegal. Working hard to ensure the people rights were not violated and that people adhere to the laws and regulations of the State of Maryland. If I am gracious enough to be elected as the 4th District County Council I will eagerly, passionately and vigorously work to make sure function

PRIORITIES: My most important concerns for Baltimore County are that each one of the 29 unincorporated communities get its fair share to the best education, transportation, planning, fire and public safety, social care, libraries, waste management and trading standards.

STIMULUS BILL: I would use the county's share of the federal funding to make sure just as urban communities have internet access but also the rural communities. I would like for everyone to have access to the world wide web. Everyone must have the opportunity to be involved and informed. It is undoubtable, that transport infrastructure is greatly needed but so is the need for high-speed internet.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: I would work to create a diversified Baltimore County Accountability Board that guarantee openness and community trust by creating and managing the police accountability board with members who registered to vote in the State of Maryland. And members who will reflect the people of Baltimore County.

EDUCATION BUDGET: I feel the Baltimore County Public Schools should focus on providing children with comprehensive fundamental education. To allow children to grasp, experience and maintain what has been taught rather the teaching for testing purpose only . I strongly believe schools should not be focusing on or even communicating with children as young as 5 years old as to what gender the child want to be.

PUBLIC HEALTH: It is a no-brainer that Baltimore County as well as many of the other 23 counties and for that matter the entire country is struggling with overwhelming number of deaths due to drug overdose, mental illnesses, and homelessness. At an alarming rate. Not to mention the fact that state wide we are enduring nurse shortages. We must combat drug addition, mental illnesses, and homelessness heads on.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I would like to expand and expedite refundable, advanceable tax credit. And see that Baltimore County increases the supply of housing, lower the cost, and investment in energy efficiency and accessibility of homes.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT**Julian Earl Jones***No response received by deadline.***COUNCILMANIC DIST. 5****Ⓢ REPUBLICAN****David Marks**www.councilmandavidmarks.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm the only Fifth District County Council candidate with decades of bipartisan community leadership. I've worked with DEMOCRATICS, Republicans and Independents alike to advance eleven new parks and three new schools, as well as protect thousands of acres from development. My background as an educator and transportation official is unique among the candidates for County Council.

PRIORITIES: Public safety must be our top priority. I'm proud to be endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police and will push to fill our police vacancies. Bowleys Quarters and Middle River need modern fire stations. We need a vision for the LaFarge property and Crane power plant property. I'll push for a new Eastside high school, more teachers, and greater accountability from Baltimore County Public Schools.

STIMULUS BILL: I successfully secured funding to resurface seven miles of Joppa Road and many local routes throughout Baltimore County. Any additional federal funding should be used to resurface our aging corridors, address flooding, and build sidewalks where there is support.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: The Baltimore County Police Department commands respect from most residents and business owners. I've supported reforms that modernize the police force without sacrificing public safety. Now that the state government has required Baltimore County to create a police accountability board, I will work to make sure this is a diverse body that understands the complexities and challenges of police work.

EDUCATION BUDGET: As an educator, I appreciate the demands placed on teachers and will support new hiring and a streamlined certification process. I was the first Councilmember to demand that public schools not return to all-virtual learning, which harmed student learning in 2020 and 2021. I secured funding for three new Eastside schools, and will work to build a new vocational-technical high school.

PUBLIC HEALTH: I support taking steps to ensure that all Baltimore County residents have COVID-19 vaccinations and testing kits if they choose to utilize them. Baltimore County needs a robust strategy to address opioid addiction. I also want to continue to look at the public health needs of senior citizens, which represent 25 percent of our county population.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz approved an agreement with housing advocates that requires the county to implement affordable housing goals. This agreement has numerous flaws, as symbolized by the proposed construction of the Red Maple project in east Towson. The Eastside already has an abundant inventory of apartments and townhomes to meet many needs.

Ⓧ DEMOCRAT

Crystal Francis

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a bipartisan public policy expert for the past 14 years has prepared me to develop policy resolutions that address root causes, lead effective and responsive constituent service as a partner, and implement the "Collective Impact Model" to bring diverse stakeholders together to develop strategies to solve common social problems.

PRIORITIES: We can improve the opportunity index. Safe Neighborhoods: Address recidivism, unemployment, mental health, and substance abuse. Healthy Communities: Decrease carbon emissions and flood hazards, eliminate neighborhood disparity, improve access to local food outlets. Strong Schools: Improve preschool enrollment, after-care options, teacher retention, youth engagement, curriculum, and overcrowding.

STIMULUS BILL: I would advocate for the following: Expanding the electric circulator bus program for east and west portions of the County. Enhancing broadband access in rural parts of the County. Creating free community internet hotspots near parks, recreation, and community centers. Expand mobile libraries. Incentivize the purchase of electric vehicles.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: I would advocate for the following to ensure openness and community trust: Ensure a fair and equitable board member selection process. Implement staggered term limits for those who are serving. Ensure gender balance (including non-binary) and ethnic, neighborhood, and regional diversity. Allow opportunities for open meetings and public reporting.

EDUCATION BUDGET: The main focus of the school budget should consist of the following: Removing neighborhood disparities associated with educational attainment. Improving school infrastructure to reduce overcrowding in high-density areas. Enhancing the core curriculum. Improving school safety and access to a nutritious meal. Improving access to preschool, before and aftercare programs, and intramural activities.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The following are the main concerns around public health services: Access to quality care. Education around healthy behaviors. Improved environmental conditions (pollution, air and water quality). Better access to mental health treatment.

Access to nutritious food outlets and large grocery stores. More quality housing options. Decreasing backlogs for social services.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I would consider directing or incentivizing the following to increase affordable housing options: Mixed-income developments in areas accessible to public transit. Acquisition of under-utilized parking lots and vacantly held sites for new construction. Update requirements to allow inclusionary zoning, accessory dwellings, and tiny homes. Up skill the talent pipeline and workforce.

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 6

Ⓧ REPUBLICAN

Tony Campbell

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QUALIFICATIONS: I believe a County Council member should have experience with two major aspects of local government services to the people—the proper function of County Government, and the connection between the Government and Public Education. I have served on the Baltimore County Charter Review Commission (2017), for the last five years, serve on the School Board Nomination Commission.

PRIORITIES: Public Safety, Educational Competency, and Reigning in the authority of Local Government on businesses. Baltimore County is directly impacted by the lack of prosecution for violent crimes committed in Baltimore City. Baltimore County Public Schools is facing a crisis point in providing competent educational outcomes to students. Local government cannot be allowed to hurt small businesses.

STIMULUS BILL: In talking to small businesses throughout the district, Baltimore County government hurt small businesses through its mandated, unilateral shutdown orders. Family owned small businesses were left to fend for themselves and received little to no help. It is these small businesses which should be funded first to help get them back to a healthy financial footing.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: The Baltimore County Police Department does a great job with their outreach programs. The Police and the Community should work as partners to insure open communication is part of the process. As a councilman, and a person of color, I will work to ensure accountability from BCPD, to work to convey my full support for our hard work our officers, and to work to build strong trusting relationships.

EDUCATION BUDGET: Teaching core competencies should be the focus of Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) including making sure every child graduates at grade level competency in Reading, English, and Math. In addition, BCPS should expand apprenticeship training so young people can learn a trade if they are not interested in going to an institutional of higher education.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Developing mental health counseling partnerships in the aftermath of the COVID-19 shutdown response from Baltimore County and Baltimore County Public Schools. The long-term impact on mental health including suicide is a very real public health threat. Better partnerships to build mental health counseling capacity should be a major concern.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Give incentives to property owners to take advantage of government programming. Make application information more accessible to people and families who need housing assistance. Build housing units which add a benefit to existing communities.

Ⓧ DEMOCRAT

Michael "Mike" P. Ertel

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QUALIFICATIONS: 16+ years as a community leader volunteer dealing with school overcrowding issues, zoning, development issues, government relations. Twice president of Towson Communities Alliance. 8 years as Board of Trustees Member and Budget/Finance Chair for CCBC. Chair, Loch Raven 4th of July Fireworks. Member, Baltimore County Master Plan 2020 Committee. Loch Raven Optimist Club "Shop with a Cop" Chairman

PRIORITIES: Increased poverty, violent crime and school underperformance need to be addressed. These three issues are often intertwined. We have too many county residents that don't have the training and skills they need to make a sustainable living. This may also lead some people to make poor life decisions to meet basic needs.

STIMULUS BILL: Broadband is a necessity in today's world. There is no reason why all areas of the county don't have access to reliable and affordable internet access. Many of our county roads are in need of repaving. We also need more consistent and efficient public transportation in more areas of county.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: I will work with the County Executive Administration on creating and managing a Police Accountability Board. In Baltimore County, we will need to address the recruitment of future police officers and make sure that citizens feel safe in their communities.

EDUCATION BUDGET: County leadership should take a more proactive role in the educational outcomes at our schools. The proficiency level at many of our schools have declined dramatically. We cannot send graduates out into the working world who can't perform basic math or read at grade level. I'd also like to see more vocational (trade) training programs at our high schools. We need to promote trade programs sooner.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Providing adequate mental health services may be our biggest challenge in Baltimore County. Baltimore County also continues to have a high rate of drug abuse.

Mental health is a multi-faceted issue affecting children, young adults and even senior citizens

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Citizens over age 65 on fixed incomes are the largest percentage of people who are seeking affordable housing. In Baltimore County, 1 in 4 residents are 65 or older. I'd like to see a program similar to other counties where we have a number of units available in market rate buildings. We also need more robust "Live where you work" programs for teachers, police officers, firefighters, etc.

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 7 REPUBLICAN

Todd K. Crandell

No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRAT

Justin Holliday

QUALIFICATIONS: I was raised in the blue-collar community of West Inverness in Dundalk. Currently, I am a public school teacher in Baltimore County and a shop steward with Unite Here Local 7 at Camden Yards. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Government & Public Policy. Given my experiences, I understand firsthand the everyday needs and struggles of working-class families and how to get things done on their behalf.

PRIORITIES: Crime continues to be a top concern within our neighborhoods. With the police department facing record shortages and criminal activity up nationally, I will make public safety a top priority on the council. Additionally, supporting our existing small-businesses and ensuring Baltimore County is an enticing place for both entrepreneurship and good-paying union jobs, will be a legislative priority.

STIMULUS BILL: With the Baltimore region being one of the 20 most congested in the U.S. and a subpar transit system, we cannot continue with the status quo. My goal would be to ease traffic congestion through targeted investments in our most gridlocked areas with a combination of lane expansion & efficient public transit options. In the year 2022, we should be ensuring that every resident has broadband access.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: Under the statewide law enforcement reform bills passed in 2021, every county in the state is required by law to create a local accountability board. The most important step in the establishment of the board is adhering to community input, which has been an issue in other jurisdictions. The process must be inclusive and transparent in order to guarantee the trust and confidence of civilians.

EDUCATION BUDGET: As a public school teacher in Baltimore County, I see firsthand the needs of our students, teachers, and support staff. Many of our schools continue to be overcrowded, often requiring the use

of trailers outside the main buildings. As a county, we must guarantee our investments in education are accommodating growing population patterns through renovations and school construction projects.

PUBLIC HEALTH: In 2016, I lost my father to his lifelong battle with addiction, unfortunately my experience is not unique, as Baltimore County continues to have the 2nd highest number of overdose deaths in the state. While we continue to fight our way out of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is my pledge to tackle the opioid epidemic head-on, day and night.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I support the county executive's proposal to create an affordable housing fund, which should be intent on providing equitable access across every corner of the county, not exclusively to existing low-income neighborhoods, which historic practice has reinforced poverty and housing segregation.

LIBERTARIAN

Doug Stanley

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an IT infrastructure engineer with 20 years of experience. I am a problem solver and have an ability to work well with others and to see the bigger picture when faced with a problem.

PRIORITIES: Increasing economic activity to bring better higher paying jobs to the county and fixing our crumbling infrastructure.

STIMULUS BILL: I would encourage oversight on management of stimulus funds so they are appropriately allocated for infrastructure.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: We would work to make sure that the police have tools necessary for accountability of all actions taken and have enough resources allocated to community outreach.

EDUCATION BUDGET: I would advocate for local government to audit the spending in the school system. We need to make sure the money is being used for the students and follows the student so they receive the best education possible. Our students are our future!

PUBLIC HEALTH: Making sure citizens have access to resources and accurate information.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The available affordable housing options are directly impacted by rising property taxes and zoning and county code. In order to create a more fair housing market in the county, we need to simplify the code and start working on reducing property taxes.

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CIRCUIT 3

Vote for up to 5.

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.

ANNUAL 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?

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Robert E. Cahill

No response received by deadline.

Judith C. Ensor

No response received by deadline.

Wendy S. Epstein

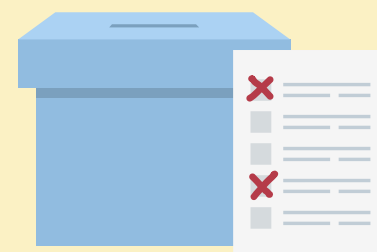
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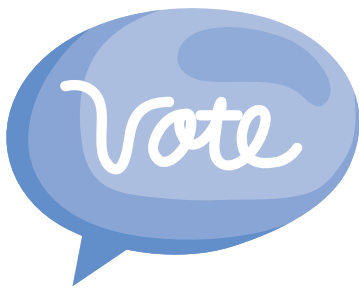
Garret P. Glennon, Jr.

No response received by deadline.

Stacy A. Mayer

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

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PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

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JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Stuart R. Berger

No response received by deadline.

Terrence M. R. Zic

No response received by deadline.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Vote for 1.

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

ANNUAL SALARY: \$212,478

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide

QUESTIONS

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

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: What are your views on criminal justice in Baltimore County?

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

CHARGING AND SENTENCING: How will you guide your office to make certain that there is openness and fairness in charging and sentencing people?

JUVENILE JUSTICE: How should individuals be treated in the juvenile justice system?

PUBLIC SAFETY: What steps will you take to help reduce crime in Baltimore County?

® REPUBLICAN

James A. Haynes

QUALIFICATIONS: I have practiced law and lived in Baltimore County over 40 years. I have served as a Maryland Assistant Attorney General, a Federal Appellate Administrative Judge, a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission for Baltimore County trial judges. My experience and understanding tells me the role of State's Attorney is to actively protect the public and enforce the laws fairly and as written.

PRIORITIES: 1. Prosecute and convict criminals who kill, injure, steal, rape, vandalize and otherwise break the law, especially those who use or possess guns; 2. Work with regional and Federal agencies to attack drug and human trafficking; 3. Increase the number of County trial prosecutors; 4. Support and protect police, fire, education and other public servants who may face interference or abuse.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Each case must be evaluated individually on its merits. Prosecutor's have no right to ignore laws they don't like or pander to interest group politics in doing their jobs. The rights of defendants must be respected. The prosecutor works for all the people. The Prosecutor serves the justice by helping the police and the courts to do their best work.

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING: It is the burden of the convicted felon to prove why an exception should be made to laws which apply to everyone else. Such exceptions can

and should be made for good reason but the prosecutor should support equal application of the law.

CHARGING AND SENTENCING: Fairness involves enforcing the laws as they are written rather than as the prosecutor thinks they should be written. My goal will be consistency in charging and sentencing. The State's Attorney should respond promptly and accurately to legitimate inquiries from the public, especially the victims of crime.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: The laws are generally clear in their purpose to punish criminal behavior and also to recognize the different challenges and possibilities in dealing with juveniles. The job of the prosecutor is to protect members of the public and enforce the laws. Maryland has numerous government and private entities working on juvenile services and crime is part of a much larger spectrum.

PUBLIC SAFETY: See my earlier responses. I would work to support and improve policing in Baltimore County. The cops are not public enemies. I would seek partnerships with state and federal agencies which fight regional, national and global crime. Fentanyl and cocaine manufacture and distribution represent a multinational industry which gives murder, addiction, gangs, cartels a foothold in our middle schools.

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Scott Shellenberger

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QUALIFICATIONS: I worked in the States Attorney's Office from 1985 to 1993 as an Assistant State's Attorney. I went to the private sector to pursue lawsuits for victims of asbestos. I returned to the office and have been State's Attorney since 2007. I am the only candidate who has prosecuted cases.

PRIORITIES: My most important concerns are: To continue to protect the citizens from violent crime, to address the root issues which cause crime and find the solutions to them such as drug treatment, and to assure that this office continues to apply the law fairly and without discrimination.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Appropriately applied and carried out criminal justice is vital to the health and wellbeing of everyone in Baltimore County. That is being carried out now and I strive to continue to balance the protection of the victims with the fair treatment of those who commit crime.

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING: I fully support alternatives to prison for those who are not violent criminals and have not established a pattern of repeatedly violating the law. I agree that mental health issues and drug addiction often are the root cause which must be addressed. I support specialty courts to address this.

CHARGING AND SENTENCING: I have been doing exactly that for the last fifteen years as the States Attorney. I am committed and assure all others in the office are committed to

only prosecuting cases which can be proven beyond a reasonable doubt and without any regard to the race of the person.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Treatment and proper guidance are key in the juvenile justice system if it can be done without danger to the community. Services must be increased and better utilized to assure that any issues in a child's development are addressed in order to accomplish the goals of rehabilitation.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The aggressive pursuit and incarceration of violent criminals has and will continue to keep crime down in Baltimore County. I will continue to insist that non-violent crime be addressed with treatment if appropriate so that we can work to prevent any further crime from that person.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Vote for 1.

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

ANNUAL SALARY: \$124,500.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

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

REPUBLICAN

Brian A. Campbell

Campaign Email:

FriendofBrianCampbell@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: For 27 years, I was in the Human Services field as a Program Coordinator, Operations Manager and Director of Programs. The knowledge, understanding and extensive skill set I gained and utilized, directly relates to effectively managing and coordinating the Clerk's office.

PRIORITIES: Maintain custody of the books and records of the office. Record entries of court proceedings into the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC); Issue business licenses, marriage licenses and perform civil marriage ceremonies; Administer oaths to notary publics, county officials, judges.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: As Clerk of the Court, I will: Increase customer satisfaction and promote fairness in our courts. Act with Integrity and Respect. Put People First.

Ensure everyone owns service loyalty, where we support and hold each other accountable. Implement efficiency and enable our courts to meet time standards. Have a relentless drive for excellence

DEMOCRAT

Julie Ensor

QUALIFICATIONS: Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County since 2010; Member Conference of Circuit Court Clerks, Maryland Circuit Court Clerks Assoc., Court Security and Bench Bar Committees; 12 years Judge of Orphans' Court; Corporate Manager at PHH Corporation; 22 years Information Technology; Magna cum laude Graduate Business Administration at Towson State University; Lifetime Baltimore County Resident.

PRIORITIES: Continue enhanced technology initiatives. In 2022, we'll introduce online payments in Licensing. In 2019 we implemented electronic filing for court cases and continue to make recommendations for system enhancements for the betterment of our customers. In 2015 we implemented eRecording of Land Record documents now used statewide in all Circuit Courts and anticipate adding more e-filing documents.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: Having served as your Clerk of Court for 12 years, we proudly received the top rating in 2 consecutive Legislative Audits in 2017 and 2021 with full fiscal compliance in our operations. We'll continue fiscal responsibility. I'll use my Project Management, Technology and Leadership skills to motivate our Clerks to maintain our stellar reputation in providing excellent customer service to all.

REGISTER OF WILLS

Vote for 1.

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

ANNUAL SALARY: \$124,500.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

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



REPUBLICAN

Lauren Castro

No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRAT

Alexis Burrell-Rohde

www.abr4register.org

QUALIFICATIONS: I have advised people of all backgrounds and financial means on estate planning over a two-decade career. After 10 years planning and administering estates at a major Baltimore law firm, I was an Assistant AG where I advised all the Registers and Orphans' Courts across the State. I am thrilled to use my skills and experience serving the people as Register of Wills for Baltimore County.

PRIORITIES: My priority in office is to provide fair, transparent and equitable access to the core services provided by the Register of Wills including the opening and administration of estates and the storage and safe-keeping of wills. I believe community outreach is critical to educate the public about the importance of having a Will to improve financial literacy and to address systemic financial inequity.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I have a responsive, efficient and well-trained staff guiding each customer through estate administration. We see customers in a time of profound grief. Our staff provides each customer individualized assistance so that their experience is as easy and stress free as possible. Everyone, regardless of race, gender, education, wealth or any other characteristics is treated equally in my office.

JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

Vote for up to 3.

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

ANNUAL SALARY: \$70,000.

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?

® REPUBLICAN

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

William R. "Bill" Evans

QUALIFICATIONS: The Orphans' Court, like any other Court is a Court of Record. Legal procedures and Rules of Evidence matter. I have been a trial attorney for nearly 50 years. I have served as a Judge of the Orphans' Court for 15+ years and a Chief Judge for 13+ years

PRIORITIES: To ensure fair and equal justice under the law. To exhibit understanding and compassion where needed and ultimately decide the issue based on the law and the facts.

COURT SYSTEM: With specific reference to the Orphans' Court we are cramped. Our courtroom is obsolete and our case load continues to increase. While I believe we have done a fairly good job of educating the public as to what the Orphans' Court does (Probate). The atmosphere in which the litigants must present their respective cases is less than ideal.

MOTIVATION: Every day something new occurs. Our Court, unfortunately deals with grief and distrust. We try to resolve these disparities in a fashion that will bring the family together. We are not always successful, but when we are it is an enjoyable occasion.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: Be fair, be compassionate, know the law, listen carefully to the litigants as they recite the facts and the law. Then make a decision expeditiously applying the law to the facts of the case.

Juliet Fisher

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an Orphans' Court judge since 2014 and have also been the Vice-Chair of the Orphans' Court Conference for two of the last four years and the Legislative Chair statewide for the Conference for the last four years. I am not only involved with our Court but trying to improve the courts statewide.

PRIORITIES: My main priority is to make the probate process as easy as possible for those appearing in front of me and to ensure that as much as the law allows, I do as the decedent would have wanted. Another of my priorities continues to be to help support legislation to create laws that make the probate process better for the citizens of Baltimore County.

COURT SYSTEM: The probate court is more insulated than the criminal, family, and civil courts as to many of the social issues in this country. Our court is focused on applying the law as created by the legislature and ensuring access to our courts for every person who comes before us.

MOTIVATION: I truly believe that I am able to help people in one of the most difficult times of their lives. I have tried to utilize settlements and mediations in order to help preserve family relationships and I daily try to reinforce that I am here to try and do what the deceased would have wanted.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: My philosophy is that every person deserves to have their voice heard in court and deserves a jurist who will listen to them and do what is right. The Orphans' Court allows me to do that. I adhere to the laws as created and enforce them to the fullest extent of the law when needed but also try to have patience and respect for those who are often still grieving.

Arthur M. Frank

QUALIFICATIONS: Practicing law for over 40 years and being an experienced trial attorney.

PRIORITIES: Continue our practice of being an efficient court, and being available so that all Baltimore County citizens can have equal access to the court.

COURT SYSTEM: no response

MOTIVATION: Same reasons as becoming an attorney, I get great satisfaction in helping people

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: Follow the law as proscribed and provide an open atmosphere for the parties to address any disputes they might have.

SHERIFF

Vote for 1.

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

ANNUAL SALARY: \$90,000.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

QUESTIONS

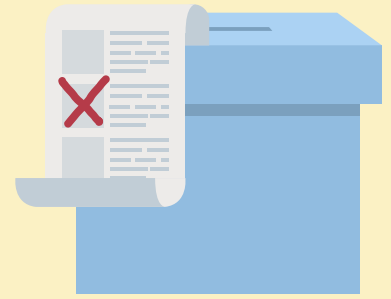
QUALIFICATIONS: What skills and experiences do you have for the position of Baltimore County Sheriff?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

DISCRIMINATION: As Sheriff, what will you do to make certain that all citizens of the County receive fair treatment related to law enforcement?

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: How would you involve the community in working for public safety?



® REPUBLICAN

Andy Kuhl

No response received by deadline.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT

R. Jay Fisher

www.fisherforsheriff.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have (33) years of professional law enforcement experience with the Baltimore Police Department. Prior to my retirement, I was the Operational Commander of the nationally famed Warrant Apprehension Task Force; a unit that is multi-jurisdictional and responsible for serving violent felony warrants throughout the State of Maryland. I am now serving in my fifth term as Sheriff of Baltimore County.

PRIORITIES: Continue to increase the service of Child Support Warrants, District Court Warrants, Juvenile Body Attachments and all summons and writs directed by the Court. Expand the CCTV Surveillance System to include additional staircases and elevators. Continue to be proactive and enhance the training on Homeland Security issues.

DISCRIMINATION: Develop a strong written policy statement (standard operating procedure) making certain the community is clear about the Sheriff's position against discrimination. Every Deputy in this office must be held accountable for practicing and following that philosophy. Deputies and trainees need to be trained and educated through in-service and academy classes to avoid race discrimination.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Baltimore County Sheriff's Office continues to work in concert daily with the Baltimore County Police Department while serving warrants throughout the County. We continue to show fairness by treating everyone with respect and dignity while protecting constitutional rights through impartial enforcement of the law.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Adopt and schedule regular forums and neighborhood meetings where members of the community can interact and have a dialog with Sheriffs/Police to air their concerns that will ultimately build trust. It is also of paramount importance to build trust and mentor our youth by creating various programs and projects: i.e. tutoring, coaching football, basketball, and creating an Officer Friendly Program



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Vote for 1.

DUTIES: The Board of Education determines educational policies for the county school system. Its three major areas of responsibility are school policy (enrollment, attendance and instruction), budget, and school property. The Board hires the Superintendent, who is charged to carry out those policies.

ANNUAL SALARY: None.

HOW ELECTED: Seven members are elected, one from each of the councilmanic districts; four are appointed by the governor.

TERM: 4 years

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

SCHOOL FACILITIES: What steps would you take to address aging facilities and overcrowded schools?

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: How can the schools prepare students who are not college bound for employment and careers?

SCHOOL SAFETY: What do you see as the most serious issues related to school safety in Baltimore County Public Schools?

OPPORTUNITY GAP: How can the school system make sure that all students receive high quality education and fair treatment?

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: How will you involve the community in supporting education?

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 1 NONPARTISAN

Robin Harvey

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a Social Worker, I am ethically bound by the core values of service, social justice, the dignity and worth of a person, the importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence. Having worked as a Guidance Advisor and in public Child Welfare, I am adept in data-driven decision-making, advocacy, negotiation, and results-based accountability.

PRIORITIES: In the next four years in my role on the Baltimore County Board of Education I would seek to work with BCPS and its partners to accomplish the follow top three things: 1) Ensure that all core curriculum classes are taught by certified teachers, 2) Ensure that every school has thriving and active parent participation and 3) Expand/Create student and teacher support programming.

SCHOOL FACILITIES: School construction and renovation priorities should be set with an approach of student and faculty health /safety first. All schools should have

appropriate heating and cooling, potable water, working plumbing, appropriate ventilation, and adequate infrastructure to prevent overcrowding. Using data, we can take a systematic approach to addressing infrastructure issues.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: College is not the only option to a viable future. Rather, we should consider the entire spectrum of higher/continuing education. Helping students develop real career goals is the beginning. If students do not know the realm of possibilities, they can limit their own opportunities. Exposure and purposeful concentration on student's interests and what careers fit those interests is a beginning.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Increased violence and a lack of staff support are contributing to decreased school safety. A lack of effective policies/practices, and or implementation of Character Education, Conscious Discipline, and Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports is problematic. These strategies are intended to foster self-discipline—the preferred outcome. Also, student accountability cannot be overlooked.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: Removing pre-requisites as entry barriers for access to opportunities would allow more participation by students who may be interested but do not meet the pre-requisites. We can provide opportunities for students to earn partial credit for late work. Constant zeros encourage resignation to failure and do not motivate students. Continual assessment of a schools approach to equity is important.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: We have to give parents something to do. We also need to empower the parent association by giving them a relevant role in school functioning and culture. Parents want to feel welcome in the school so creating opportunities to engage in the school environment are crucial. Engagement and communication are essential to meaningful parent involvement with the schools.

Cory Koons

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QUALIFICATIONS: Being a laboratory owner and a parent have both prepared me for the BOE. I have 20 years of experience in guiding decisions, leading people, and achieving results. With a background in engineering, it is clear that the physical state of many schools is in a bad place. I am a collaborator but will stand up for what I believe in. I am a parent and taxpayer who expects more from the county schools.

PRIORITIES: My focus is on the foundation of the school system. The building blocks of the school system are the facilities, the teachers, and the structure. I am not a curriculum guy. That is not my area of focus. I am strong in building concerns, networking, organizational structure and staffing. I will bring a strong voice and fresh views to a board and a school system that desperately needs them.

SCHOOL FACILITIES: New schools, of course, but BCPS must do better in responding and repairing existing facilities. Safe and comfortable buildings are critical to a learning atmosphere. Improvement is needed in the reaction to building issues. A specific instance I was involved with took 2 years to fix heat. That is unacceptable. WIFI is a necessity and some schools don't even have working phones.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: The push for a college degree has stigmatized non-degree seekers. In the modern economy there are many solutions for a student that do not include a degree. Schools need to strengthen the vocational programs and expand them. So many skills in demand which are not available to BCPS students. Cooperation with local colleges and trades. The school needs to reinvent the options for Vocational options.

SCHOOL SAFETY: The most serious risk to school safety is different for everyone. For some it is the behavior of students, for others it is external threats. They all must be taken seriously. Consistent discipline needs to be applied in schools. Actions have consequences, both good and bad. This is a lesson that needs to be reinforced. The Safety Resource Officer Program should be expanded.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: BCPS must provide an equity of opportunity for each and every child under their care. A high-quality program with high quality teachers is paramount. We must be diverse in the offerings and learning opportunities. Additionally, the schools must encourage excellence. Give children an opportunity to thrive. We cannot reduce expectations. Part of the education is to teach students how to succeed.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The past five years have been challenging for BCPS. Trust has eroded due to a number of management issues and poor educational performance both before and after the pandemic. Children are experiencing a COVID Rebellion and the school has not been prepared. Teachers are leaving. Parents and Community Organizers must be invited in and encouraged to help the school system get back on track.

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 2 NONPARTISAN

Rebecca Chesner

QUALIFICATIONS: I am running for this seat because as someone that worked for Baltimore City Public schools for 25 years as a school psychologist, I really care about children and making sure they get a proper education so that they can be productive citizens as adults.

PRIORITIES: I have been deeply saddened how our government managed the pandemic during the past two years. The lockdowns and mandates have deeply impacted our children academically, cognitively and emotionally. The data is indicating that cognitive and academic delays are significant, especially

for younger children and the special needs population and it's going to take quite some time to correct.

SCHOOL FACILITIES: Of course we should always prioritize our children's education, which includes their learning environment. However, along with this goal, we should also prioritize our government leaders to do so in a balanced budget environment with transparency to make sure that our children are getting their needs met.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: I am a believer in trade schools that can teach our children effective skills and trades to prepare them for productive careers.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Over the years our discipline policies have become lax and we have devolved into dangerously low standards and expectations for our children. I believe in zero tolerance when it comes to serious behaviors that put students and staff at risk.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: We need to prioritize keeping our kids in school. The virtual learning that took place over the past two years was a disaster especially for families that did not have the luxury of being able to have a parent sit and monitor their child's online learning experience. Children learn best in the classroom not on a virtual screen at home. Tutorial programs need to be offered to make up work lost.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Parent engagement is essential to ensure that there is transparency and accountability when it comes to supporting our children's education.

Jane E. Lichter
www.janelichter.org

QUALIFICATIONS: As a special educator, principal and executive director, I know the work of schools. My knowledge of teaching and learning provides me an educated lens to study data, listen to feedback, ask difficult questions and ensure that the focus remains on improving student achievement. I will be part of the solution; giving back to my community and restoring BCPS to a status of high academic excellence.

PRIORITIES: BCPS must improve the academic achievement of all students. We must commit to a vision of high expectations, where curriculum and instruction are yielding positive outcomes for all students. Classrooms must be free of distractions, allowing teachers to teach and students to learn. BCPS must attract the best teaching candidates and ensure their longevity with the system.

SCHOOL FACILITIES: The released Multi-Year Improvement Plan for All Schools should be used to set priorities for construction and renovations. Based on the thoroughness of and the criteria used to rank school needs, this report should guide the setting of priorities. A boundary process should be used to assist in alleviating overcrowding when schools are built or renovated or when nearby schools are under capacity.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: BCPS HS offer various career and technical education programs providing students with apprenticeships and industry certifications. It is vital to maintain and enhance existing programs while advocating for expanded access to individual paths of study throughout the county. Middle school counselors should be prepared to share the opportunities and guide students in making informed decisions.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Students returned to school with stress, anxiety and behavioral issues. Resources don't match needs. Lack of timely and ongoing support for students are resulting in more aggressive behaviors. Educators aren't trained in spotting early symptoms of mental health resulting in reactive responses versus preventive solutions. Students need early care, to feel connected to peers and cared for by adults.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: Student data should be requested, presented, and studied by the Board as the entry point for discussions about resources available, which students are and are not being served, and whether programs funded align with ensuring the success of every student. Using data allows underserved student groups to be put at the forefront of the conversation resulting in their academic needs being prioritized.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Creative ways for parents to connect and feel embraced by their children's schools are needed. It's time to open school doors, observe the positive, and share with the community. When productive relationships are established and nurtured, problem solving becomes possible and parents become schools' strongest supporters.

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 3 NONPARTISAN

Maggie Litz Domanowski
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QUALIFICATIONS: As the mother of three public school elementary students with a full-time job and an active volunteer in the community, I can represent everything the Board of Education claims to work for: Students, Parents and Community. Since 2020, I personally witnessed the BCPS policies and practices fail my children, and I watched them ignore the concerns of those they were elected to serve.

PRIORITIES: My priority as a member of the Board of Education is to focus all our efforts on restoring the learning loss suffered during Covid shutdowns, hi-bred learning, and mask mandates. Some of our students have lost up to two years of learning. This needs to be addressed in all schools in our county. No child should be deprived the right to a quality education because of bad policies.

SCHOOL FACILITIES: In my district, there are over 7,200 students in 15 elementary schools that will trickle down to four middle schools and just three high schools, the

newest of which was built in 1972. In 2020, BCPS received over \$320 million in federal funds. We need to focus these funds on building, improving and expanding all our school facilities, teacher recruitment and compensation.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: We need to erase the stigmatism associated with not going to college right after high school. We should encourage students to take apprenticeships over internships. Learn skills that can lead to future employment and careers, and not just more schooling. Education for successful futures means our students should be prepared to compete in the workforce and/or go to college upon graduation.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Respect for authority in our school buildings has to be restored. If someone breaks a rule there needs to be a suitable consequence. Without a suitable and carried consequence, there is very little deterrence from repeating or escalating the violation. Video monitoring in some areas of school buildings would also help students and teachers feel safer.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: By making sure all the schools in our county are providing the same high level of resources. This includes but is not limited to teachers, in school administrators, facilities, technology, books, supplies, etc. Make all our schools a great opportunity for quality learning. The only way you can give everyone equal opportunity is to offer everyone an equal opportunity.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: For our students to care about wanting to contribute to our society, they need to feel like their society wants to contribute to them. Community outreach programs around our schools need to improve. Our schools should have the means to connect to their communities and our communities should understand how important it is to support the education of our children.

Diane Jean Young

No response received by deadline.

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 4 NONPARTISAN

Brenda Hatcher-Savoy
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QUALIFICATIONS: As a former highly effective teacher and administrator in a public school system, I understand the importance of being receptive and responsive to parents, students, teachers and the broader school community by encouraging open dialogue. Having served for 36 years at all levels of public education, I bring a wealth of experience to the board. I am licensed by MSDE as Superintendent, Principal

PRIORITIES: I will be assuring that: Finances and resources are being distributed equitably. Secondly, I will be working tirelessly to close the achievement gap and the digital divide by supporting student learning. Lastly, I hope to implement a 'Therapeutic Crisis Center' in

every school to deescalate crisis situations as they arise; creating a safe and healthy school climate.

SCHOOL FACILITIES: I would use the most recent results of a facility assessment to distribute money on an equitable basis to improve current infrastructure or possibly build a new school. Discuss with the board and stakeholders the effects of over crowdedness, and crumbling buildings have on student achievement: Current school population vs the number of seats needed for children to thrive.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: I would research programs like 'KAPOW' (Kids and the power of work) a program that connects volunteers with schools to teach students about work, and how to connect their success in school with success in the workplace and society. Schools should ensure that those students are engaged in career related activities with a CTE curriculum. Apprenticeships should be available to students on a care...

SCHOOL SAFETY: The most serious issues are: Bullying-(virtual and in person); Students exposed to trama; The lack of Clinicians to engage with students in stressful and on going dangerous situations.; Weapons in the school; Fights; Lack of security officers

OPPORTUNITY GAP: This can be accomplished by; providing quality teachers; ensure the use of quality equipment and create equitably secure and conducive quality learning environments. There should be an 'equity' policy in place to ensure every student is receiving the resources and curriculum that addresses rigor to produce career and college ready students.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The community and parents will be involved by conducting surveys and listening sessions. I will attend PTA meetings, Back to School gatherings to work collaboratively and effectively withparents and teachers and the broader school community. I hope to encourage principals to install a parent center in the school because parents are our greatest asset.

Samay Singh Kindra

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a lifelong Baltimore County resident, community activist, and product of K-12 BCPS education, I know our community and our schools firsthand. I plan to use my diverse background to craft solutions to give every student the opportunity to succeed by charting a course for a more responsive, inclusive, and equitable education system.

PRIORITIES: The most pressing priority is ensuring that the school system's primary focus is on student success after graduating, whether that is through college or other avenues. We will achieve this by focusing on student well-being, through the implementation of an inclusive and equitable curriculum, and by ensuring that teacher needs are met and heard.

SCHOOL FACILITIES: Priorities for school construction and renovation must be set in an objective and equitable fashion—where money is needed most. Long-term plans such as MYIPAS, which layout an equitable distribution of resources, should be used by the Board to make sure we are forward-thinking and planning our future based on equity.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Preparing our students for success requires focusing on all aspects of student well-being, which includes addressing financial literacy within the curriculum and providing adequate mental health education. If we teach students how to manage their wealth and their health, we are setting them up for success no matter what their path may be.

SCHOOL SAFETY: It should be a top priority for BCPS to ensure that all students and staff are in a safe and healthy learning environment. Discipline procedures following events that threaten school safety should include a mental health professional to help students get help for the underlying experiences that may be driving these incidents and stressing an emphasis on rehabilitation, not just punishment.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: An important step is addressing the technological divide. This gap is not just represented by a lack of access to physical hardware but also by the technological literacy that keeps students from properly utilizing these tools to bolster their success. Adequate access to mental health resources and an equitable and representative curriculum are other important steps in minimizing these gaps.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Our education system is strongest when it engages all stakeholders—students, teachers, and parents. I will work with all stakeholders, including teachers, staff, and parents, as we plan the best possible education for children. Furthermore, I will be active at PTA meetings and community events to hear and address concerns from within the communities themselves.

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 5 NONPARTISAN

Julie C. Henn

No response received by deadline.

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 6 NONPARTISAN

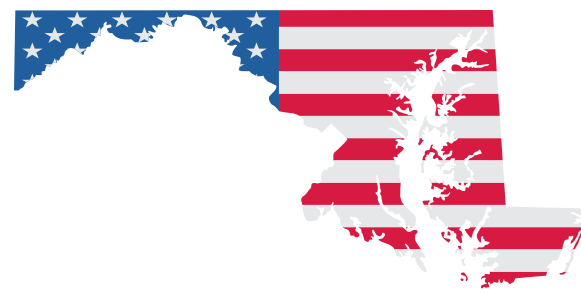
Christina Pumphrey

No response received by deadline.

COUNCILMANIC DIST. 7 NONPARTISAN

Rod McMillion

No response received by deadline.



BALLOT QUESTIONS STATE OF 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.

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.

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.

QUESTION 4

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

Cannabis—Legalization of Adult Use and Possession

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

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.

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)

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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.



BALLOT QUESTIONS BALTIMORE COUNTY

QUESTION A

Charter Amendment

County Charter—County Council—Qualifications

Section 202 of the Baltimore County Charter is amended to: require that, in addition to the requirements of residence as provided in Section 201(a) of the Charter, the members of the county council shall be qualified voters of Baltimore County and not less than twenty-one years of age at the time of their election.

CURRENT LAW: The County Charter currently requires County Council members to be residents in the councilmanic district they represent. Council members must also meet the requirements for State Senator. State Senators must be at least twenty-five years old.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The age requirement for County Council members would be changed to at least twenty-one years old.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Many qualified voters have the maturity and experience to serve on the County Council at age twenty-one. Of note, the age requirements for County Council (or County Commissioner) in Maryland currently vary by county and may be eighteen years, twenty-one years or twenty-five years.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Baltimore County Council members need the additional maturity and experience that come with being twenty-five years old instead of twenty-one years old.

- A vote **FOR** the Charter Amendment means a vote for lowering the age limit for County Council members to age twenty-one.
- A vote **AGAINST** the Charter Amendment means a vote for keeping the required age limit for County Council members at twenty-five years of age.

QUESTION B

Charter Amendment

County Charter—Department Of Public Works And Transportation—Director Qualifications

Section 525 of the Baltimore County Charter is amended to: alter the name of the Department of Public Works and, provide that the Director shall be a professional engineer registered under the laws of this state with at least ten years of relevant supervisory experience in engineering works, or shall be qualified with at least ten years of supervisory experience in infrastructure planning and construction, or transportation engineering and management.

CURRENT LAW: The original name of "Department of Public Works" was changed to "Department of Public Works and Transportation" in 2021. The charter also requires that the director of the department be a licensed professional engineer and have at least ten years of supervisory experience in engineering.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The proposed amendment would make the new name, "Department of Public Works and Transportation," the official name in the Baltimore County Charter. It would also allow the Director to qualify either as a professional engineer with at least ten years of supervisory experience in supervising engineering works (as now) OR supervising either infrastructure planning and construction or in transportation engineering and management.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

As the work of the department has grown to require expertise beyond engineering, the range of experience required for the Director of the department should also be expanded, as other counties in Maryland have done. The need for leaders with engineering experience can be satisfied by continuing to require that Deputy Directors be professional engineers.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

The position of Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation requires both experience as a professional engineer and relevant supervisory experience.

- A vote **FOR** the Charter Amendment is a vote to approve the name change to "Department of Public Works and Transportation" and to add a provision that candidates for Director can qualify on the basis of supervisory experience alone.



- A vote **AGAINST** the Charter Amendment is a vote to keep the name as "Department of Public Works" and to require that the Director be a professional engineer with supervisory experience.

QUESTION C

County Ordinance Agricultural and Rural Land Preservation Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$5,000,000 for agricultural and rural land preservation projects, including but not limited to the purchase of land, development rights and conservation easements and other real property approved by the county council pursuant to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program and the Rural Legacy Program or other similar federal or state programs, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 32-22)

- FOR** the bond issue
 AGAINST the bond issue

QUESTION D

County Ordinance Community College Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$18,500,000 for community college projects, including but not limited to the construction, improvement, maintenance, and modernization of buildings and other improvements for the community colleges, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 33-22)

- FOR** the bond issue
 AGAINST the bond issue

QUESTION E

County Ordinance Community Improvement Project Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$4,000,000 for community improvement projects, including but not limited to construction, renovation, extension, alteration, repair or modernization of street curbs, gutters, water, sewer and other utilities, and sidewalk and pedestrian system improvements, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 34-22)

- FOR** the bond issue
 AGAINST the bond issue

QUESTION F

County Ordinance Operational Buildings Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$27,050,000 for public operational buildings including, but not limited to, general, health, police, fire, recreation, libraries, senior centers and detention buildings or facilities and necessary or desirable equipment, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 35-22)

- FOR** the bond issue
 AGAINST the bond issue

QUESTION G

County Ordinance Parks, Preservation And Greenways Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$2,000,000 for parks, preservation and greenways projects, including but not limited to the purchase or other acquisition of playgrounds, parks, community centers, recreational facilities, and preservation and greenways projects including the cost of construction, improvement, alteration, repair, maintenance and equipping of all public parks, playgrounds, community centers, recreational facilities, preservation and greenways projects, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 36-22)

- FOR** the bond issue
 AGAINST the bond issue

QUESTION H

County Ordinance Public Works Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$57,320,000 for public works purposes, for the class of projects which includes, among other things, streets and highways, bridges and storm drainage systems, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 37-22)

- FOR** the bond issue
 AGAINST the bond issue

QUESTION I

County Ordinance Refuse Disposal Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$5,000,000 for refuse disposal projects, including but not limited to the construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, closing and capping, repair or modernization of county refuse disposal facilities, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 38-22)

- FOR** the bond issue
 AGAINST the bond issue

QUESTION J

County Ordinance School Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$200,000,000 for public school buildings, buildings for school purposes, buildings to support school operations and site projects, including but not limited to acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration, repair, maintenance, conversion and modernization of public school buildings and sites, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 39-22)

- FOR** the bond issue
 AGAINST the bond issue

QUESTION K

County Ordinance Waterway Improvement Program Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$20,000,000 for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, extension, alteration, repair and modernization of waterway improvement and stormwater-related projects, which include but are not limited to shoreline stabilization, shore erosion control, wetland restoration, streambank and riverbank restoration, stabilization and reconstruction, control and monitoring of nonpoint pollutants, landscaping, dredging, planting of trees and similar waterway improvement projects in residential, rural and commercial areas, engineering and other services incident thereto, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 40-22)

- FOR** the bond issue
 AGAINST the bond issue



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2022 GENERAL ELECTION BALTIMORE COUNTY EARLY VOTING CENTERS

Early Voting: Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022 thru Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022
Voting Hours: 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

During Early Voting, Baltimore County voters may vote at any of the listed vote centers. **Please note that some locations have changed since the 2022 primary election.**

<p>Arbutus Recreation Center 865 Sulphur Spring Road Halethorpe, MD 21227</p>	<p>Reisterstown Senior Center— Hannah More Campus 12035 Reisterstown Road Reisterstown, MD 21136</p>
<p>Baltimore County Board of Elections 11112 Gilroy Road, Suite 104 Hunt Valley, MD 21031</p>	<p>Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center 323 Sollers Point Road Dundalk, MD 21222</p>
<p>County Campus Metro Centre at Owings Mills 10302 Grand Central Avenue Owings Mills, MD 21117</p>	<p>Towson University—South Campus Pavilion 1 Auburn Drive Towson, MD 21204</p>
<p>Honeygo Run Community Center 9033 Honeygo Boulevard Perry Hall, MD 21128</p>	<p>Victory Villa Community Center 404 E Compass Road Baltimore, MD 21220</p>
<p>Jacksonville Recreation Center at Sweet Air Park 3605 B Sweet Air Road Phoenix, MD 21131</p>	<p>Woodlawn Community Center 2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue Woodlawn, MD 21207</p>
<p>Randallstown Community Center 3505 Resource Drive Randallstown, MD 21133</p>	<p>Election Day: November 8, 2022: Vote at your assigned polling place.</p>

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MARYLAND BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS

About ballot drop off locations

You can return your ballot by mail. Or you can drop it off in person at one of the drop off locations in your county. Use this sheet to find the closest drop off location.

Ballot drop off boxes are secure

Ballot drop off boxes are very secure. No one has access to the drop off boxes except for trusted election officials. Ballots are picked up from the boxes every day by election officials. The drop off boxes are not the property of the United States Postal Service. If you have questions, contact your local election office.

Before you return your ballot

Make sure that the return envelope for your ballot is sealed and that the oath is signed before returning it. Find your nearest drop off location below. For location updates, visit elections.maryland.gov/2022

BALTIMORE COUNTY BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Arbutus Recreation Center

865 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Baltimore County Board of Elections Office

1112 Gilroy Road
Hunt Valley, MD 21031

Catonsville High School

421 Bloomsbury Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21228

Catonsville Middle School

2301 Edmondson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21228

County Campus Metro Centre Owings Mills

10302 Grand Central Avenue
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Deep Creek Middle School

1000 S. Marlyn Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21221

Dulaney High School

255 East Padonia Road
Lutherville-Timonium, MD
21093

Eastern Technical High School

1100 Mace Avenue
Essex, MD 21221

Fifth District Elementary School

3725 Mt. Carmel Road
Upperco, MD 21155

Franklin High School

12000 Reisterstown Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Hereford High School

17301 York Road
Parkton, MD 21120

Honeygo Run Community Center

9033 Honeygo Boulevard
Perry Hall, MD 21128

Jacksonville Recreation Center Sweet Air Park

3605 B Sweet Air Road
Phoenix, MD 21131

Kingsville Elementary School

7300 Sunshine Avenue
Kingsville, MD 21087

Loch Raven High School

1212 Cowpens Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21286

Milford Mill Academy

3800 Washington Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21244

Millbrook Elementary School

4300 Crest Heights Road
Baltimore, MD 21215

New Town High School

4931 New Town Boulevard
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Northwest Academy of Health Sciences

4627 Old Court Rd
Baltimore, MD 21208

Oregon Ridge Lodge

13401 Beaver Dam Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Overlea High School

5401 Kenwood Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21206

Padonia International Elementary School

9834 Greenside Drive
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Parkville High School

2600 Putty Hill Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21234

Perry Hall High School

4601 Ebenezer Road
Nottingham, MD 21236

Pikesville High School

7621 Labyrinth Road
Pikesville, MD 21208

Randallstown Community Center

3505 Resource Drive
Randallstown, MD 21133

Randallstown High School

4000 Offutt Road
Randallstown, MD 21133

Reisterstown Senior Center

12035 Reisterstown Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Sollers Point Multi- Purpose Center

323 Sollers Point Road
Dundalk, MD 21222

Towson High School

69 Cedar Avenue
Towson, MD 21286

Towson University South Coast Pavillion

1 Auburn Drive
Towson, MD 21204

UMBC The Commons

1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, MD 21250

Victory Villa Community Center

404 Compass Road East
Middle River, MD 21220

Woodlawn Community Center

2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue
Woodlawn, MD 21207

Woodlawn High School

1801 Woodlawn Drive
Woodlawn, MD 21207

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