



# **Baltimore County Voters' Guide**

## **2024 Primary Election**

League of Women Voters of Maryland

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All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for a particular office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates are printed exactly as submitted. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 500 characters (750 characters for presidential candidates), and any additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond by our deadline, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Only voters registered with the Republican or Democratic parties may vote for candidates for most offices, though all voters may vote for Board of Education and some municipal offices. The deadline to update your registration to select a party affiliation is Tuesday, **April 23, 2024**.

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

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## Voting Information

### Early Voting

#### Where:

- Arbutus Recreation Center – 865 Sulphur Spring Road, Halethorpe, MD
- Randallstown Community Center – 3505 Resource Drive, Randallstown, MD
- Towson University, South Campus Pavilion – 1 S. Auburn, Towson, MD
- Honeygo Run Community Center – 9033 Honeygo Boulevard, Perry Hall, MD
- Watersedge Community Center – 7894 Dundalk Avenue, Dundalk, MD **\*New**
- Victory Villa Community Center – 404 E. Compass Road, Middle River, MD
- MD State Fairgrounds – Rosner Miller Bldg. 2200 York Road, Lutherville/Timonium, MD **\*New**
- Reisterstown Senior Center – 12035 Reisterstown Road, Reisterstown, MD
- Woodlawn Community Center – 212 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Gwynn Oak, MD
- Jacksonville Recreation Center – 3065 B Sweet Air Road, Jacksonville, MD
- Baltimore County Board of Elections – 5 Crossing Way, Owings Mills, MD **\*New**

**When: 7:00 am to 8:00 pm** from Thursday, **May 2, 2024** through and including Thursday, **May 9, 2024**.

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

Baltimore County Board of Elections  
 5 Crossing Way  
 Owings Mills, Maryland 21117  
 Phone: 410-887-5700  
 Email: [elections@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:elections@baltimorecountymd.gov)

### Voting By Mail

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

[www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov)

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

- by **Tuesday, May 7, 2024**, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax; or
- by **Friday, May 10, 2024**, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website (you must still print and mail the ballot - you cannot return it by email).

If you hand deliver your ballot, you must deliver it to a ballot drop box, to your precinct polling place, or to your local board of elections by **8 pm** on **election day**. Drop box sites are listed below.

- Arbutus Recreation Center – 865 Suphur Spring Road, Halethorpe, MD 21227
- **(NEW)** Baltimore County Board of Elections Office – 5 Crossing Way, Owings Mills, MD 21117
- Former Baltimore County Board of Elections Office – 11112 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031
- Catonsville High School – 421 Bloomsbury Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228
- Catonsville Middle School – 2301 Edmondson Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228
- County Campus Metro Centre Owings Mills – 10302 Grand Central Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117
- Deep Creek Middle School – 1000 S. Marlyn Avenue, Essex, MD 21221
- Dulaney High School – 255 East Padonia Road, Timonium, MD 21093
- Eastern Technical High School – 1100 Mace Avenue, Essex, MD 21221
- Fifth District Elementary School – 3725 Mt. Carmel Road, Upperco, MD 21155 11
- 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, Towson, MD 21286
- Milford Mill Academy – 3800 Washington Avenue, Windsor Mill, 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 Road, Pikesville, 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 Campus Pavilian – 1 S 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, Gwynn Oak, MD

If you mail your ballot, the envelope must be postmarked on or before primary election day (**May 14, 2024**) and received by your local board of elections by **10 am** on **May 24, 2024**.

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

## Voting on Election Day

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

### Election Information

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

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

Maryland State Board of Elections – P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Phone: 1-800-222-VOTE (8683); Toll Free: 800-222-8683

Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258

Hours: 8 - 5 Monday - Friday.

### ***Rumors about the election?***

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

## President of the United States

**DUTIES:** The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

**BASE SALARY:** \$400,000 per year.

**TERM:** Four years. Limit of two terms.

**Note:** All candidates who will appear on Maryland’s ballot are listed below but only those that meet the following criteria were invited to respond to the League’s questions in this guide: 1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party’s nomination for President; and 2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act’s minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Elections Commission website.

### Questions

**COST OF LIVING:** What steps should be taken to address the high cost of living and depressed wages in America, including for families, people with disabilities, and people that are economically disadvantaged?

**HEALTH CARE:** What steps will you take to ensure all Americans have access to quality and affordable health care, including reproductive care and prescription drug coverage?

**ECONOMY:** What will you do to support an economy and job market that are strong and inclusive of all people?

**CITIZENSHIP:** What are the most important steps you will take to create an accessible path to citizenship, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients?

**ELECTIONS:** What measures do you support to expand voter access and restore trust in our elections?

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### **Joseph Biden**

**Campaign Website:** <https://joebiden.com/>

**COST OF LIVING:** President Biden and Vice President Harris will continue to invest in the American people and fight to lower costs for families. They will continue working to eliminate junk fees and call on corporations with higher markups to pass savings onto consumers. President Biden and Vice President Harris are also pushing Congress to lower the cost of housing, lower prescription drug prices for more Americans, expand access to affordable, high-quality child care and long-term care, extend the enhanced Child Tax Credit, ensure access to paid family and medical leave for every American, make preK free and college more affordable, and more.

Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

**HEALTH CARE:** The Biden Administration is lowering prescription drug prices – President Biden was the first president to take on Big Pharma and win. He has capped the cost of insulin at \$35 for seniors and finally allowed Medicare to negotiate drug prices — starting with some of the costliest, most widely used drugs used to treat blood clots, cancers, diabetes and more. The Biden-Harris Administration is also defending in court a woman’s ability to access medication abortion, fighting to ensure that women receive the medical care they need in emergencies including miscarriages, working to protect the right to travel across state lines to access care, and strengthening privacy protections for patients and doctors.

<http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

**ECONOMY:** President Biden and Vice President Harris came into office with a vision to grow the economy from the middle out and the bottom up—not the top down. They’re focused on an economy that builds more in America, invests in American workers, and promotes competition to lower costs – and their economic vision is working.

Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

**CITIZENSHIP:** President Biden and Vice President Harris are also using all the tools at their disposal to build a safe, orderly, and humane immigration system. While Donald Trump has repeatedly said that immigrants are poisoning the nation’s blood and is calling for an extreme immigration plan that would wreak havoc across communities while doing nothing to keep us safe, the Biden-Harris Administration has both increased legal pathways for migration and increased border enforcement. And, since Day One, President Biden has called on Congress to take action to build an orderly and humane immigration system.

Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

**VOTING AND ELECTIONS:** As president, Joe Biden has made the defense, protection, and preservation of American democracy the central cause of his administration. This starts with strengthening and fighting for our democratic institutions and free and fair elections and President Biden is using every tool at his disposal to do so – including through an Executive Order directing all agencies to promote voting and voter registration, calling on Congress to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act and the Freedom to Vote Act to establish national baseline standards for access to the ballot.

Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

## Dean Phillips

**Website:** [dean24.com](http://dean24.com)

*Note: This candidate did not meet the criteria above and was not asked to respond to questions. He has suspended his campaign.*

## Marianne Williamson

**Website:** [marianne2024.com](http://marianne2024.com)

*Note: This candidate has suspended her campaign.*

**COST OF LIVING:** My Economic Bill of Rights Plan includes 10 transformational changes. Right to a living wage: On day 1, I will issue an executive order that provides a living wage to all public and private sector employees paid with federal contracts will receive a living wage.

The right to a voice in the workplace through a union and collective bargaining.

The right to universal quality healthcare.

The right to a cost-free higher education.

The right to good, affordable housing.

The right to a clean environment and a healthy planet.

The right to a meaningful endowment of resources at birth.

The right to sound banking and financial services.

The right to an equitable and fair justice system.

**HEALTH CARE:** I favor a Medicare for All-style universal healthcare system, like those enjoyed by citizens of every other advanced democracy. My administration will also shift the focus away from a "sick-care system" to a healthcare system that actively invests in the building blocks of a healthy life by addressing root causes of our problems. I will also establish a Department of Children and Youth, taking our children from a national afterthought to a central position in the re-imagining of our nation.

I will also center the rights of women. We will restore the right to abortion, provide reproductive care, close the gender gap in Social Security benefits, enact paid family and medical leave through the FAMILY ACT, and much more.

**ECONOMY:** My administration will make massive investments in our country on the scale of our mobilization during WWII. We will do it by creating millions of well-paid, unionized jobs building the housing, infrastructure, clean energy, education, childcare, and healthcare systems we need to create a fundamental U-turn. Supporting unions, instead of shutting them down the way Joe Biden did, gives the People a seat at the bargaining table. This empowers workers to improve conditions for all. But life happens. We will also ensure there is a robust social safety net there to catch people when they stumble, with extra emphasis on supporting the most vulnerable.

**CITIZENSHIP:** I firmly reject border walls, family separation, and dehumanizing rhetoric. I embrace immigrants and their pursuit of the American Dream, including Dreamers, as embodiments of our highest aspirations as a nation. I support comprehensive immigration reform and will provide a timely, ethical, transparent, and straightforward path to citizenship. I will protect the DACA program, expand protections for DACA recipients, ensure they have access to ACA/Medicaid coverage, update the registration date of the 1929 Registry Act to 1/1/2022, and restore Section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which expired in April 2001, allowing people who have approved petitions to apply for their Green Card upon payment of a fine for the filing fee.

**ELECTIONS:** I have a number of proposals, from getting money out of politics, to restoring the right to vote to the 5 million plus Americans with a felony conviction, abolishing the Electoral college, creating an automatic voter registration system, establishing Election Day as a national holiday, returning power to the Legislative branch, increasing the number of Supreme Court justices to 15 (with 10 or 20 year terms, instituting ranked choice or STAR voting, and much more.

## **Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

### **Nikki Haley**

**Campaign Website:** <https://nikkihaley.com/>

No response received by deadline.

*Note: This candidate has suspended her campaign.*

### **Donald Trump**

**Campaign Website:** <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/>

No response received by deadline

## **U.S. Senator**

**DUTIES:** U.S. Senators make laws along with the members of the U.S. House of Representatives., 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 2024, 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:** [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

## **Questions**

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

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** What actions should the United States government take to protect voting rights and ensure the security of elections?

**ENVIRONMENT:** How would you address problems such as climate change and pollution?

**IMMIGRATION:** What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

**FIREARMS:** Please provide your position on national gun safety legislation.

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1.

### **Angela Alsobrooks**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am proud to have spent my life in public service, first as an Assistant State's Attorney focused on domestic violence cases, then as State's Attorney, where under my tenure violent crime dropped by 50%, and most recently as Prince George's County Executive. I know Marylanders deserve a Senator who both fights for them and shares their concerns. I am running for Senate to be a voice for families like the ones I grew up with and whom I have worked for throughout my life.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** I will fight to eliminate the filibuster and pass critical legislation like the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and Freedom to Vote Act. I'm proud to be endorsed by Congressman John Sarbanes and End Citizens United // Let America Vote, two leading voices for protecting voting rights, strengthening election laws and taking money out of politics.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Urgent action is needed to address the climate crisis. I will be a vocal advocate for the Green New Deal, as well as for expanding tax credits for clean energy and ensuring that all U.S. Government purchases, from buildings to vehicles, align with emission goals. As County Executive, I issued an Executive Order for Prince George's County, setting ambitious targets to reduce the 2005 emission levels by half before 2030 and net zero by

2045. I believe the U.S. should adopt a similar timeline.

**IMMIGRATION:** I will be a strong advocate for comprehensive immigration reform to mend the broken immigration system, including creating a pathway to citizenship for those already living and working in the United States. I will support initiatives such as the American Dream and Promise Act, aimed at safeguarding the rights and future of DREAMers and TPS recipients. I firmly believe these individuals deserve certainty and security, regardless of who holds the office of the President.

**FIREARMS:** As a mother, I have been deeply affected by the tragic loss of too many children to gun violence and am frustrated by the lack of action from Washington. I am committed to fighting for essential gun safety legislation to protect children and communities from gun violence. I will work to implement universal background checks and red flag laws, close the gun show loophole, ban military-style weapons like AR-15s, and prohibit devices like bump stocks.

### **Michael W. Cobb, Sr.**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Unlike the rest of the candidates, I am not a multi millionaire nor a career politician. What makes me most suitable as senator is that I am a blue class working person. I have endured server struggle these past few years. The current state of the political world has no clue what the experience is of the normal person who has to work all day to pay bills and afford to eat. But I do, and I with a closer connection to the people will be able to find the solution to their problems.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** The answer to this question is easy, when I was young it was same day voting, paper ballots, and ID required for voting. The election results were always known at 11pm the same now. Bring it back to the old way and it would solve the issue.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change and pollution is not an american problem, we have some of the strictest regulations on emissions in the world. We need to force other countries such as China, Russia, and India to adress their pollution emittions to more american standards.

**IMMIGRATION:** Lock the border down tight. Anyone who is illegal in the USA caught doing any criminal activity should be deported immediately, and follow all the laws thats already on the books. If anything it should be more difficult to entry the country, not easier.

**FIREARMS:** I am from Maryland, a state with some of the strictest gun laws in the country. I am a firm believer in the 2A rights of americans, including the right to carry. I have a carry permit myself. Background checks should be nation wide, not state by state. If a person is found with an illegally purchased fired, the court system must heavily enforce stricter punishment on them. There should always be a background check on any purchase of a firearm in any situation.

### **Marcellus Crews**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a businessman, having the privilege of serving diverse clients across sectors like healthcare, construction, embassies, churches, and schools. Through my role as a state vendor, I've gained valuable insights into the needs and challenges of our community. With over 6,000 homes served, I've honed a unique ability to navigate complex issues and budgets while fostering trust and comfort through my leadership approach.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** We should pass H.R.4 – The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021 This bill would restore parts of the 1965 Voting Rights Act that prevented states from enacting certain changes to their voting laws. They must first seek federal approval.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Being immersed in technology innovation, I firmly believe that the primary impediment to progress often stems from the relentless pursuit of monetary gain, resulting in inertia. I am confident in my ability to advocate for both businesses and governments to expedite the transition towards efficiency in renewable energy, electric

vehicles, smart homes, smart businesses, and smart cities. Additionally, I am committed to mitigating toxic emissions originating from industrial sources.

**IMMIGRATION:** 1. Immigration processing needs to speed up all the way around. 2. More immigration judges to speed up for those seeking asylum. 3. If allowed to stay in our country while waiting a temporary work visa granted. 4. Dreamers should be given permanent status. 5. Temporary work visa granted processed quicker. 6. More Custom and border protection officers 7. More smart fencing along the boarder. We just need a comprehensive approach!

**FIREARMS:** 1. I advocate for the integration of advanced smart technologies in gun safety measures. 2. The implementation of Red Flag Laws nationwide is imperative. 3. It is crucial to raise the minimum age for purchasing long guns from 18 to 21. 4. We must prioritize the establishment of mental health programs with robust accountability measures. 5. "Stand Your Ground" laws, we should impose limitations on the circumstances under which deadly force is justified outside of one's home.

## **Brian E. Frydenborg**

**Campaign Website:** [brian4md.com](http://brian4md.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Over two decades experience engaging on national and international issues issues as a journalist, academic, and working with NGOs and government agencies. Passion for making a different and two decades of studying, writing about, or working in public public, politics, and international affairs. Deep knowledge of U.S. history, excellent communication skills, attention to detail, and that I am already putting out far more detailed plans than any of my competitors.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** First and foremost, we must call out, stand up to, and stop Trumpist insurrectionist fascism. A big part of that will be protecting, preserving, and expanding voting rights; fighting cheating, gerrymandering, and discrimination; and expanding the Supreme Court while reforming the Senate to keep anti-democratic forces at bay. We must also protect against foreign election interference with our NATO allies and ensure that we instill digital literacy among our students and population.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We must take world leadership and engage in a new round of global climate talks. We should be phasing out coal power and oil while temporarily capitalizing on natural gas and nuclear energy while transition and fully developing far cleaner green energy projects with subsidies and tax breaks. We must also embrace carbon trading and modernize our infrastructure and energy grid, improve waste, food, and water management, and handle overaggressive deforestation and fishing managing soil quality.

**IMMIGRATION:** It has been decades over 4 presidencies that GOP has been blocking comprehensive immigration reform. We need to increase all immigration related staff and systems by between a factor of 1.5-2. That means that many more asylum/immigration courts, judges, application processors, administrative staff, border patrol, etc. Needs to be paths to citizenship/work visas to all migrants in good standing (helping address labor shortage), Must work Latin American partners to stabilize LATAM & stem migration

**FIREARMS:** My own deep research into the issue makes it clear that the 2nd Amendment has been wildly distorted by modern activists: the original cited right to keep/bear are only meant in the context of militia service dating back to ancient Saxon tradition. Common law individual right is not covered by 2nd A and can be regulated easily. We must expand SCOTUS to restore balance who will correctly interpret 2nd A, then Congress can pass reasonable national gun regulation, which empirically saves lives!

## **Scottie J. Griffin**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My professional credentials and professional experiences in leadership specifically correlate with the requirements and experiences for achieving success and effectiveness as a United States Senator. have prepared me for immediately assuming and

achieving the duties of the United States Senate. Most importantly, I am experienced at achieving responsibilities of a United States Senator through years of introducing and drafting bills, proposing and passing legislative policies, developing, organ

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** Congress must update the election infrastructure annually and establish consistent procedures and processes in every state and territory; inspect and replace older voting machines and conduct a nationwide post-election audit in each state and territory

**ENVIRONMENT:** I would decrease the number of trees to reduce excessive carbon; create vehicles that don't run on fossil fuel; decrease emission standards of greenhouse gases to decrease the number of carbon monoxide emitted by human activities, and continuously finance climate change initiatives.

**IMMIGRATION:** I would create a permanent process which stipulates that immigrants who have resided in the United States for ten years without legal issues be granted full-fledged citizenship and decrease the number of years to five or six years

**FIREARMS:** Support President Biden's major gun safety bill in decades which required individuals to ascertain now need a state license to purchase a gun. And, that the bill includes safety legislation for schools, and a state crisis intervention program.

### **Robert K. Houton**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I initiated, and championed the fight in the 118th U.S. Congress to prevent fentanyl poisoning and deaths of teens, youth, and students. My bold leadership safeguarding Maryland families and children, particularly, has resulted in three legislative--bipartisan--bills in the U.S. Congress which President Biden and his Administration also support. S.2569, the Fentanyl Safe Testing and Overdose Prevention Act is now going forward due in no small part to my advocacy.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** The U.S. should remain steadfast in ensuring the existing rules and laws protecting voting rights are adhered to, complied with, and effectively communicated to safeguard all eligible voters' rights.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is real. We must continue to explore pathways for public-private partnerships, including fostering innovation and supporting tax incentives for proven methodologies and practices which protect the environment for our children.

**IMMIGRATION:** With 6,400 migrants with criminal histories apprehended so far this fiscal year, we MUST stop migrants with criminal histories from coming through the border. We must SECURE THE BORDER.

**FIREARMS:** Studies have shown time and again that those who struggle with acute mental health problems are more prone to gun violence. We need to invest in mental health supports. I fully support background checks and the banning of "ghost guns."

### **Joseph Perez**

No response received by deadline.

### **Steven Henry Seufferer**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My entire life, I have been a solver of problems and I have been fascinated by technology, which has ultimately led me to work in Information Technology for a living. We, as a country, are on the precipice of a future where those skills are going to vitally important for our leadership to possess if we want to stay on the forefront, and I plan to be there to help guide us in the right direction

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** Implement automatic voter registration when someone turns 18 and/or obtains an ID or driver's license. Poll workers should be vetted as carefully as those with security clearances to ensure they are not compromised. End gerrymandering by requiring bipartisan approval on all redistricting maps

**ENVIRONMENT:** We need to eliminate corporate money from politics so big polluters can't

just buy a senator, and we need to make unpopular decisions to safeguard our future for those who will come after us, as well as those who are here now.

**IMMIGRATION:** To begin with, I would say that we should probably change some things so that unaccompanied minors do not represent themselves in court proceedings. Also do something to stop governors from sending refugees to another city to try to raise a political issue.

**FIREARMS:** Local and state laws are all well and good, but we won't be able to make any positive or tangible changes to gun safety unless it's done at the federal level. A multi-angle approach is needed, including mental health screenings and common-sense gun laws written by people who understand firearms.

## **David J. Trone**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Following a successful career in business, I've served three terms representing Maryland's 6th Congressional District, where I have advocated for systemic change on the most pressing issues facing Marylanders and people across the country. I have never taken a penny from PACs or lobbyists and have continuously worked across the aisle to fight for progressive values. I have a proven track record of delivering results in Washington, passing 26 bills into law last Congress alone.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** I'm committed to restoring faith and trust in our government by putting an end to voter suppression laws that harm our democracy. We can start by passing the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the For the People Act. I recently released my People Over Politics Reform Plan, which will work to take on the power of special interests, institute term limits, ensure we have free and fair elections, end extreme partisan gerrymandering, and hold elected officials accountable.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is an existential threat to our future and the most important issue of our time. I am proud to have voted to support the Build Back Better Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. In the Senate, I will hold big oil accountable, expand efforts to reduce carbon emissions, invest in renewable energy, and address environmental health impacts in underserved communities to ensure a safe and healthy future for our children — both in the U.S. as well as in developing nations around the world.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigrants are the foundation of this country, and passing comprehensive immigration reform is critical. In Congress, I voted in favor of the Dream Act to grant millions of undocumented immigrants legal status and provide a pathway to citizenship. As Senator, I will work to finally pass comprehensive immigration reform that addresses economic, humanitarian, and security concerns, as well as expanding work visa programs and protecting immigrants from wage theft and worker misclassification.

**FIREARMS:** I am proud to have an F rating from the NRA. Gun violence is out of control in this country, and it is up to our elected representatives to pass swift, comprehensive gun reform. It has long been clear that common sense gun regulations save countless lives. We must reinstate a nationwide assault weapons ban, pass expanded background check requirements, enact red flag laws, and keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers.

## **Andrew Jaye Wildman**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a patriot. Not a politician or a lawyer. A professional business problem solver. Author 2008, 718-page non-fiction political book The Second Coming of Common Sense. I have 40 plus publicly acceptable solutions for problems large and small. See the CS2News podcast. An aggressive problem solver for MD, 49 other states, and DC. I worked in DC for 30 years solving corporate and federal agency problems. So now we must remove cell phones from public school classrooms and close the borders!

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** Means Protecting the Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness

of our Citizens before all any others. Securing and protecting our Constitution from all adversaries both foreign AND domestic. We must close our borders to migrants for 2 years at least. Stop the flood! Implement an American Citizen ID system like every other nation has and register all legal and illegal occupants. Most of us don't realize it but more illegals typically enter via Intl airports than the land borders.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Things cannot stay same for progress to happen. For starters, suspend all passenger airline flights on Wednesday. That means worldwide and all nations. This change is to be considered permanent. Public and industry oversight of flight volume the other 6 days. We must consider the improved nuclear power option. National recycling must become a national priority and industry. We must acknowledge globally that 8 Billion people is far more than governments can support. Fewer is better!

**IMMIGRATION:** Real Human numbers. US population growth by race US Census 2000 vs 2020. White only 1.3 million; Black 7.9 million; Asian 9.4 million; Hispanic 23.8 million; over 20 years. The US/Mexico will be closed immediately, with 2 weeks' notice. To be closed until at least the end of 2025. No migrants will enter the U.S. Amnesty, asylum, etc., will no longer be granted. Biden and the Democrats must close the door and take public credit for it! Remove immigration from the Republican talking points.

**FIREARMS:** On average there are 44 murders in America DAILY or 16,000 annually. Shooters don't fear the Death Penalty. The Parkland High school shooter killed 17. After 2 million plus dollars and 4 years the sentence was 17 consecutive life sentences, NOT the death penalty. Victim families and taxpayers have had too enough. My Justice System Reform proposal. The Sandy Hook Obviously Guilty 90-Day Death Penalty Reform. One and done. This is not eye-for-an-eye. This is death-for-a-death.

## **Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for 1.

### **Moe H. Barakat**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am running for Senate to provide a refreshing alternative from the career politician mold, bringing a unique blend of honesty, leadership, and an exceptional ability to navigate the complex political spectrum to deliver results. As the Managing Director and Treasurer of a well-known US International Business Council, I've been instrumental in advancing investment in American states and cities, demonstrating my capability to forge cross-border partnerships that benefit the US economy.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** The United States MUST have free and fair elections. The integrity of these elections is of the utmost importance, and we must reform our election laws to secure voter ID requirements, prevent fraud, ban drop boxes, and stop ballot harvesting.

**ENVIRONMENT:** In order to address environmental issues, we must prioritize innovation and market-driven solutions rather than implementing overreaching government regulations. Conservatives can conserve our environment without sacrificing economic growth or imposing burdensome regulations.

**IMMIGRATION:** First and foremost, we must secure our Southern border and prevent the flow of illegal immigrants into our communities. We must implement strong enforcement measures against illegal immigration. As the child of immigrants who came to this country the right way, I know the American Dream well and will fight for it every day.

**FIREARMS:** As a pro-Second Amendment candidate, I believe in protecting public safety while upholding our constitutional rights. Restrictions on gun ownership should only target criminals and the mentally unstable, not law-abiding citizens. Strengthening background checks and cracking down on illegal gun trafficking are crucial to ensuring our safety and freedoms.

## Chris Chaffee

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a husband, father, grandfather, Catholic, Patriot, I believe in the Constitution of the United States. I feel our country is going in the wrong direction. I feel my insight as an outsider is exactly what we need.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** We need an ID for everything we do in life. You should need a photo ID to cast your ballot. A special exception for the elderly who may no longer have a license any longer.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I would start having all countries do their part in cleaning up the planet. All countries who manufacture need to be as mindful of the health of our planet as we and other countries are. We can all do better and do our part.

**IMMIGRATION:** First I would start by closing the border. I would enforce the immigration laws on the books. I would hold Mexico and other countries financially responsible for their citizens by boycotting trade until they control their own borders.

**FIREARMS:** I am a defender of the second amendment. I believe if a home has children under 18 years old a trigger lock or a safe must be used for their safety.

## Robin Ficker

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a lifelong Marylander, Army Veteran, former Attorney who completed 40,000 cases, MD Real Estate Broker and farmer. I was elected to the MD House of Delegates, fighting to restrain the State budget and against lobbyists. I've placed 25 charter amendments on the ballot, passing term limits and limiting property tax increases. My life has been dedicated to the service of America and Maryland and my track record of success has uniquely prepared me to serve Maryland in the United States Senate.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** First, the Supreme Court should immediately end all efforts to keep Donald Trump off the ballot, and ensure a free and fair election for President. Second, the Federal Government should create a system to track voters who move to a new state, alerting both States of the move. The Federal Government has little constitutional power otherwise, but should facilitate States implementing ID requirements for every vote, bipartisan vote counting and recounting, and security at polling locations.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I will champion the expansion of Calvert Cliffs clean energy plant, which currently provides 38% of Maryland's electricity. I will push for expanding America's overall nuclear energy production, despite 'environmental' 'activists' efforts to thwart clean energy. I will also vote against treaties that allow China and India to dramatically increase pollution. Finally, I will promote cleaner sources of electricity, such as natural gas, and decrease our reliance on electricity sources like coal.

**IMMIGRATION:** Annually, a million people enter the U.S. legally, far more than any other country on earth. In 2023, there were 3.2 million illegal migrant encounters. This year 28,000 lbs of fentanyl have been seized at the border. More than 2,500 Marylanders under 25 have died from it. We need to hire and place 2,000 immigration judges at the border to speed up processing. We also need to restore "Remain in Mexico" and "First Neutral Nation" policies, so that our asylum system is not taken advantage of.

**FIREARMS:** As an Army veteran, I understand the awesome power of guns, and responsibilities that come with firearms ownership. "Gun safety" is not banning firearms. I will promote actual "gun safety" by voting for legislation that increases access to firearms safety training and promotes groups that teach the same. I will also fight for criminal justice reform that ensures that violent offenders, especially those who use guns, are kept in jail and not let loose on our street. I support the Second Amendment.

## **Lorie R. Friend**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a registered nurse of 27 years. As a nurse, one must listen closely to what someone says and read between the lines to understand what they are communicating. I have had to effectively advocate for my patients as the liaison between doctor and patient. I have had to adapt to changing situations, policies, staff and negotiate effectively in complex situations in an institutional setting. During the Covid pandemic, I held my post every shift. I will effectively advocate for Marylanders!

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** Voting integrity is paramount for democracy. If people lose faith in our elections, then there is no incentive to vote. Elections must be fair/honest. I believe we should make voting a 1 day federal holiday with in-person voting and proper identification. Mail in ballots only for our military, oversees personal and the disabled. Ballots must be paper, not electronic, and counted with results reported on the same day.

**ENVIRONMENT:** As I understand it, the main goal of climate change policy is keeping our environment safe, and many believe we can achieve this with clean renewable energy, However, we need compromise on both sides. While effective green policy may help in aiding the reduction of climate change, we still need resources such as fossil fuels as they are still the lifeblood of our economy and can be used anywhere regardless of location, time, or weather.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration policy change is a difficult subject as so many have already illegally crossed onto American soil. As per our existing laws and policies, one must be detained, vetted, and apply for asylum, not immediately released. The current no border policy is not fair to the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who came to our country legally and is dangerous. I believe one should abide by our laws in order to receive citizenship, social benefits, and rights just as every other American.

**FIREARMS:** There are already ample gun safety legislation in effect. It is not about passing more gun safety laws, criminals will continue to find ways to obtain firearms illegally to commit crimes. While I have no issues with continued screenings and vetting purchasers, and red flagging potential owners with medical/mental instability, I do stand by Americans who legally own and purchase firearms for their protection. It is their 2nd Amendment Right!

## **Larry Hogan**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Governor Hogan has a long record of solving hard problems and overcoming broken politics—including working with the state's Democratic legislature to cut taxes, lower health care costs, and make generational investments in universal broadband and workforce development; leading the nation's governors through the worst global pandemic in more than a century; and, as co-chair of No Labels, partnering with the Problem Solvers Caucus to advance a historic federal infrastructure bill.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** Free and fair elections are the foundation of American democracy and the most basic promise that those in power can pledge to citizens. Governor Hogan supports state and local efforts to ensure safe and secure elections by combating election interference and intimidation. He also looks forward to continuing to work with the League of Women Voters and other leading civic-minded organizations on initiatives to end partisan gerrymandering and restore fairness in the electoral system.

**ENVIRONMENT:** While Washington was failing to address climate change, Maryland was leading under Governor Hogan—enacting cleaner air standards stronger than 48 other states and far stronger than the Paris Agreement. In addition to supporting strong environmental stewardship and sustainability, he believes it is especially critical to bring both state and federal resources to bear in holding upstream polluters accountable and protecting regional Chesapeake Bay cleanup goals.

**IMMIGRATION:** The humanitarian and security crisis at our southern border underscores the need to fix our broken and badly outdated immigration system. One party alone didn't cause these problems, and one party alone cannot solve them. Governor Hogan will work with any leader willing to set politics aside and work on real solutions—starting with securing the border and addressing the flow of migrants.

**FIREARMS:** Governor Hogan believes it is possible to respect the rights of law-abiding gun owners while making it harder for criminals and the mentally ill to obtain firearms. In addition to red flag legislation, the governor has long called for federal action to institute a federal universal background check system. He also strongly supports providing law enforcement with more tools and resources to protect our communities—including increasing penalties for those who commit a crime with a gun.

## **John A. Myrick**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm not a Politician; I'm a Public Servant. Raised here in Maryland, I have spent my life defending our Nation. I was a Harford County Deputy Sheriff. I served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force Reserve; retiring as a highly decorated combat veteran. I was a Senior Civilian Intelligence Officer for the Government; considered a Subject Matter Experts in Asymmetric Threats. I've lectured on National Security issues at major universities and testified before Congress nearly 100 times.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** I believe that every eligible Citizen should be offered the chance to cast their ballot. There needs to be a way to update voter rolls in a more timely and automated manner. I am in favor of requiring an ID to vote to ensure that the person casting a ballot is who they say they are. I would end mail-in ballot "harvesting" and require that all mail-in ballots be sent by U.S. mail. People need to believe in the integrity of the voting process again.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I will introduce legislation to restore American energy independence and also will introduce legislation to incentivize development of clean energy alternatives and hold polluters financially and criminally accountable for their actions. I will encourage the Administration to engage with other nations to reach consensus on ways that they, too, can reduce both carbon emissions and other pollutants. This is a global issue and required a global response. The U.S. cannot do this alone.

**IMMIGRATION:** All nations are defined by their borders. I would work to end the practice of allowing undocumented migrants to surge across our borders and enforce our current entry laws. I would push to have military and other government attorneys detailed as Administrative Law Judges to hear asylum petitions at the border. I will introduce legislation to update our broken legal immigration statutes, with provisions to allow qualified U.S. Citizens to sponsor close family members outside current restrictions.

**FIREARMS:** Marylanders understand that criminals, by definition, do not follow laws. The solution is not more laws, but strict enforcement of existing laws. I will amend current Federal criminal codes to remove judicial discretion in sentencing of crimes involving firearms; adding a 5-year mandatory consecutive term for these crimes that cannot be suspended. I will work to have registered gun owners maintain records of private sales, as one would do with the sale of a vehicle.

## **Laban Y. Seyoum**

No response received by deadline.

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## Representative in Congress

**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. No term limit.

**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](http://www.house.gov)

### Questions

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

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** What actions should the United States government take to protect voting rights and ensure the security of elections?

**ENVIRONMENT:** How would you address problems such as climate change and pollution?

**IMMIGRATION:** What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

**FIREARMS:** Please provide your position on national gun safety legislation.

## District 1

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for 1.

#### **Blane H. Miller, III**

**Campaign Website:** [miller4maryland.com](http://miller4maryland.com)

No response received by deadline.

#### **Blessing T. Oluwadare**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Firstly my experience as a skills of leadership, problem solving, pay attention to details, humility, good communication skills, my passion and motivation, Interpersonal skills. Adaptability, integrity Good time-management skills, strong work ethic and determination to succeed, Creativity and innovative thinking. prepare me for the duties of united States Representatives. am confident in my candidacy for this role and look forward to showing you my skill set."

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** 1. Early voting not only provides individuals greater flexibility to cast a ballot in-person, but it greatly reduces wait times on Election Day 2. Improve accessibility for Voters with Disabilities . The FTVA would improve poll site accessibility standards and require an expedited line for voters with disabilities and older voters. It would also require states to ensure that individuals with disabilities have equal access to mail-in voting as other voters, in addition to making ballots electronic

**ENVIRONMENT:** Changing our main energy sources to clean and renewable energy is the best way to stop using fossil fuels. These include technologies like solar, wind, wave, tidal and geothermal power. Switch to sustainable transport. Go green. Switch to green power from renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and hydropower to reduce both air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

**IMMIGRATION:** poverty, 2) acculturation, 3) education, 4) housing, 5) employment, and 6) social functionality. Permanent Immigrant Registry Congress should create a permanent process whereby immigrants who have lived in the United States for at least 10 years can

register with the government to obtain permanent legal status 2. Permanent Immigrant Registry Congress should create a permanent process whereby immigrants who have lived in the United States for at least 10 years can register with the government

**FIREARMS:** Gun violence is a solvable problem with a road map for success,“. “And educators can work through their unions to pass resolutions for safer schools, participate in days of action, rally and lobby for change, and create opportunities to address mental health and well-being in schools.”

## **Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for 1.

### **Chris Bruneau, Sr.**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I began leadership training at age 12 in military school in 1973. I enlisted in the US Army November 22, 1978 and went on active duty July 29, 1979. I left active duty in 1989 and continued to serve in the reserves until 1992. The rigors of training as a Deep Sea Diver for the US Army prepared me to handle difficult challenges, without fear of failure, through problem solving skills learned in the military. I have over 25 years of experience managing businesses as a fiscal conservative.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** Article 1, Section 4 of the Constitution gives states the right to choose its elected representatives, but congress may modify this through legislation. Little has been done about voter integrity since the 14th amendment and the civil rights acts of 1957 and 1964. Complexity and lack of uniformity amongst the states voting processes makes a federal mandate for a uniform voting system the only practical solution. The challenge is getting 50 states to agree to a federal mandate.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I believe people are moving in a positive direction to treat the planet better. As technology advances we have more and more options available to us for cleaner energy. The problem with great issues like this in the US is elected officials use this and other issues as political poker chips. To make progress on environmental challenges, we need to take it out of the hands of government and let the private sector oversee the proper administration of environmental solutions.

**IMMIGRATION:** US immigration policies and laws are more than sufficient to administer people legally entering the country. The true issue facing our nation is invasion of the United States by foreign nationals. Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution is clear. Congress has the power to provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress insurrections and repel invasions. Change is not required. Congress simply needs to do their job by enforcing the Constitution.

**FIREARMS:** The 2nd Amendment is clear, we have the right to own firearms. Regulation of firearms by the government seems acceptable provided it does not violate the right to bear arms . There are an estimated 393 million firearms in circulation of which 6 million are registered. If registering 387 million firearms will reduce crime, I will cross the aisle to accomplish incremental changes, which is better than the status quo, because nothing changes if nothing changes!

### **Andy Harris**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** In addition to being a US Navy veteran, I was a practicing physician for over 30 years, and have been serving the First Congressional District in Congress since 2011. I sit on the Appropriations Committee, and Chair the Agriculture subcommittee, which is important to the economy of the district.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** We must ensure the integrity of our elections by requiring voter ID and signature verification of mail-in ballots. Electronic voting should not be allowed - only paper ballots which can be audited in a recount. We cannot allow illegal aliens to vote

in any elections.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We have to invest in research to allow us to transition from fossil fuel energy to safe nuclear energy, hydrogen fuel cells, and eventually to fusion energy. Until then we should take advantage of our huge natural gas reserves, which are an environmentally-friendly way of producing energy.

**IMMIGRATION:** We have to deport the millions of illegal immigrants who were allowed to enter the US under the Biden administration. We also have to strengthen the H2B temporary foreign worker program that our district economy depends on.

**FIREARMS:** The Second amendment guarantees the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. In the current environment of increasing violent crime and the restrictions placed on law enforcement to do their jobs, the need for self-defense is even more important than ever. Increasing violent crime by illegal aliens makes this problem even worse.

## **Michael Scott Lemon**

**Campaign Website:** [www.lemon4u.org](http://www.lemon4u.org)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** From interacting with various groups and people, I have been privileged with seeing many walks of life. This has shown me the struggles of everyday people. The same people who have been forgotten again and again.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** An election is unsecure when people don't care and stay home. I truly believe the best way to make sure the will of the people is followed is to instill a desire to turn up and make their voice heard.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Teddy Roosevelt made the National Park service. Richard Nixon made the EPA. I strive to find balance between keeping a clean country and letting people do what needs to be done. I will work with companies to allow more drilling and or fracking but do my best to limit environmental damage.

**IMMIGRATION:** Its not that we need new laws. We need to hold the people not enforcing them accountable. With the recent vote to impeach Mayorkas, its showing that we can hold officials who ignore their duty accountable. Crossing the border is already illegal. Illegal immigration is a slap in the face to legal immigrants and American citizens.

**FIREARMS:** I believe in Firearm safety. Now I'm more inclined to enjoy a manual safety rather than a simple trigger safety. (sorry not sorry to all the Glock fan boys but I am more of a TWO World wars kinda guy) All jokes aside I support legal gun owners. The fact is most gun crimes in America are done with people who are barred from owning firearms. When it comes to Gun control, people are just asking for less gun deaths. I understand them but taking rights away from legal owners is not the way.

## **District 2**

### **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1.

## **Harry Bhandari**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** In my tenure as a Maryland legislator, I've passed nearly two dozen significant bills, focusing on environmental protection, educational support, and reducing prescription drug prices. I am also actively working to reduce emergency wait times. My efforts highlight my commitment to meeting urgent community needs and improving lives. This background equips me to effectively represent Maryland's 2nd district in Congress, emphasizing forward-thinking policies and attentive constituent services.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** To safeguard voting rights and election integrity, it is imperative to counter restrictive legislation and misinformation from unreliable sources. Strengthening our education system is crucial; we must teach our youth and public to critically evaluate information and understand their rights, ensuring they are informed,

vigilant citizens. This comprehensive approach will protect democracy and promote fair, transparent elections.

**ENVIRONMENT:** My approach to tackling climate change and pollution involves drafting and passing legislation endorsed by leading environmental organizations, such as the Sierra Club and LCV. A key achievement in my legislative career was the passage of Maryland's Climate Solutions Now Act. I am committed to promoting clean energy, investing in climate-smart solutions, and protecting our public lands from further damage.

**IMMIGRATION:** I propose comprehensive immigration reform focused on fairness and humanity. This includes clear citizenship pathways for Dreamers, reforming visa programs to protect workers, and streamlining asylum processes. Balancing enhanced border security with respect for human dignity and international obligations is crucial. These changes will uphold America's legacy as a beacon of hope and opportunity for all.

**FIREARMS:** Following the tragic losses in our community, I've pushed for vital reforms. I firmly advocate for comprehensive national gun safety reforms. My approach includes stringent background checks, promoting responsible gun ownership, and implementing conflict resolution education in schools. These measures aim to build safer communities and prevent future tragedies. My dedication to this issue is deeply personal, fueled by a commitment to safeguard our youth and honor the lost lives.

## **Sia Kyriakakos**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an award-winning teacher, artist, and community builder; that's what we need in Washington, DC. As a 3-time Fulbright international scholar, Having a global perspective, I am skilled at examining local, global, and intercultural issues. I believe in celebrating every person's humanity. I always look for solutions to take action. As a union rep, I know how to advocate for my colleagues and work for the collective good.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** Everyone needs to be at the table; it should not be difficult to vote. Election day should be a holiday; we need to support early and mail-in voting. Polling places should be increased, not shut down. We need to make it as accessible as possible. We also need to make accountability part of our democracy; the people who participated in January 6 should be prosecuted and be held accountable and we should not be afraid because of the power that they hold.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Sustainability needs to be a call to action. Maryland is beautiful and we have to preserve it. We need to have better educational programs for children and adults. I support green incentives (bottle bills for money). We need to invest in sustainable development; green space, green energy, and greener buildings. Developers need to work with communities in order to create more socially and environmentally friendly spaces. Sustainability needs to be part of our everyday vocabulary.

**IMMIGRATION:** We are a nation of immigrants; we need to acknowledge that. We all have to work together to make sure that we create a clear pathway to citizenship. People coming to America want to build a new life, work, and give a better future to their children. People need to be given the support to succeed in America such as language and job training, education, and health care. We cannot ignore that immigrants are often the backbone of our economy and add dimensionality to our culture.

**FIREARMS:** If I don't go to another funeral because one student fired a gun at another, that would be amazing. Let's make it harder for those people who want to kill to get a gun. I don't have a problem with people having guns, I have a problem with their use. Americans have a right to bear arms; however, it should be more difficult to get a gun. You need three recommendations to get a job; how about the same to arm yourself? In Congress, I will ban semi-automatic weapons and strengthen gun safety training

## **John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have dedicated my life to serving our communities, whether as a public school teacher, a state delegate, or as Baltimore County Executive. With so much dysfunction in Washington, we need a new generation of leaders who can deliver for our communities by fighting for working families, defending our democracy, protecting abortion access, and restoring transparency and accountability in our government. I'm proud to have a strong track record of delivering on these issues and more.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** As a former public school civics teacher, I understand both how important and how fragile our democracy truly is. In Congress, I will be a strong advocate for federal legislation to expand voting access, including automatic voter registration, early voting, and mail-in ballots. I know that it is critical we also invest in election security measures like paper ballots and cybersecurity upgrades to safeguard against election interference.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges that we face, and addressing it requires both bold and urgent action. I support transitioning to renewable energy, investing in green infrastructure, and implementing strict regulations on polluting industries. I believe that we can both protect our environment and create family-sustaining jobs by growing our green economy.

**IMMIGRATION:** Our system is broken, and Washington is failing us. Rather than working together to get the job done, we see members of Congress playing politics with the issue instead. It's holding back both our communities and our economy. We need to pass comprehensive immigration reform that protects DREAMers who came to America as children, extends a pathway to citizenship for those who have paid their taxes and helped build a better Maryland, and secures our border in a responsible and effective manner.

**FIREARMS:** Too many of our children live in fear in their own schools and too many communities have been torn apart by gun violence. I support common sense gun safety legislation, including universal background checks, closing loopholes in the background check system, and implementing red flag laws.

## **Sharron Reed-Burns**

No response received by deadline.

## **Jessica Sjoberg**

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

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** The United States government should make sure that all fifty states have the same type of voting machines and system, to make sure that all election judges are trained before each primary and general election, to have all the necessary voting equipment and materials ready to go before the polling stations open, and to have everything secure at the end of the night. Plus for everyone to be able to show their drivers license or passport before voting. To be able to have a traveling security guard.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I personally would work with the local fisherman of the Chesapeake Bay to get a better understanding on the pollution issues. I would also work with the Sierra Club of Maryland the Chesapeake Bay Foundation too. My kids and their friends have an eco-club in our community. They clean the streets, clean the Patapsco State Park woods border, clean bike trails. We recycle what we can and anything useful we create purses or crafts, sell them, and donate back.

**IMMIGRATION:** I would firstly help those undocumented immigrants that came before those that came across our borders. Because the significant other cannot complete the application their U.S. born child has the right to help but they have to be 21. Which in my opinion it should be lowered to 16 because too many homes are being broken up and it hurts me.

**FIREARMS:** I feel that guns should not be in the hands of criminals, incoherent individuals, and children/teenagers. I feel there should be an age requirement for a purchase. Every gun should have a lock box requirement in order to purchase. If there are signs of issues the person should get psychological help and treatment. The police should be more aware of those that have been called due to psychological distress or mental health issues. All patrons that legally own the firearms should be responsible.

### **Clint Spellman, Jr.**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** my experience as a licensed insurance agent of 30 years being involved in community events and helping citizens with their needs of protection of property and assets. which gives me experience of what citizens needs are for themselves and their families.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** we have to be first be honest of the actual problem, there is a cancer in the The house and and senate that needs to be removed to protect our democracy. and that cancer must be removed to protect our democracy for now and future generations.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The problem with Climate change and pollution is Ignorance, we have to continue to move forward with green jobs, electric cars and do way corporate plants that continue to pollute our oceans, rivers and lakes with poisonous waste and chemicals that are causing a dangerous shift in our climate.

**IMMIGRATION:** Path to citizenship, I have proposal of how not only to help the immigration problem but to lower the poverty percentage and increase the middle class not only for immigrants, but for disenfranchised citizens, homeless, former incarcerated and low income citizens. a 10 to 14 week training Program to prepare them for blue collar certification jobs to give them not only a job but a profession and they key to make them productive citizens and not dependents of society.

**FIREARMS:** it does not take a college professor to know guns kill people and automatic weapons not only kill but destroy the lives of the living. I am for a law banning all military automatic weapons to citizens and background checks to all who apply for gun ownership. and those who apply must have at least a 3 to 6 week waiting period until background checks have cleared.

## **Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for 1.

### **Kim Klacik**

No response received by deadline.

### **John Thormann**

**Campaign Website:** [www.thormann4maryland.com](http://www.thormann4maryland.com)

No response received by deadline.

### **Dave Wallace**

**Campaign Website:** [www.davewallace.us](http://www.davewallace.us)

No response received by deadline.

## District 7

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for 1.

#### **Tashi Kimandus Davis**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Thank you for your question! For the greater part of three decades, I have been in the service of our great Nation and its communities. Either as a member of the Armed Forces or as a Police Officer. And I currently (still) serve as Program Manager for the United States Navy. It has long been my belief that, to serve in the Federal (Representative) position, one must have a grasp of the programmatic/contracts processes required for (District) provisions. And I am proud to say that I have such!

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** Thank you for your question! Protecting our voter rights begins with sound and enforced Legislation. It is my belief (and would be my pursuit) that we seek a National baseline electoral process and execution. Especially when electing our Federal (Reps and Senators) and Presidents. This legislation would include a (stronger) protective presence for in-person voters, an enhanced Cyber Security infrastructure for our voting machines, and a more accommodating environment for our Legacy voters.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Thank you for your question! The Environment has, long, been a volatile point of debate in our Country. And, sadly, many answers and/or solutions are centered around or affected by costs. I would continue to push for clean energy, with the understanding that (infrastructurally) some States simply aren't ready for full compliance. We would have to Legislate aid for these states, NOT scrutiny. I would also push to reward and incentivize the States that are compliant with environmental betterment.

**IMMIGRATION:** Thank you for your question! Unfortunately, this is a much tougher fix than many are willing to admit! Truth is, we are Nation founded on immigration & owe much of this Country's growth to immigrants. That said, we are in crisis right now. And we simply can't (infrastructurally) support the huge influx pouring through our borders. So our solution MUST begin with closing them. For those who are here and honestly working and contributing to our economy, we have to harness their abilities as well.

**FIREARMS:** As a former Policeman and (current) gun owner, I can speak honestly, when I say that we will never reduce or solve the number of guns in our Country. There's more firearms (estimated) in the U.S. than people. So the focus has to be on legislation a harsher punishments for those who misuse or commit crimes while using firearms. I would push for harsher penalties & increased mandatory minimums. I would also fight for a Nationwide baseline on background checks & penalties for non-compliant vendors.

#### **Kweisi Mfume**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Public service is my life's passion. I have had the honor of serving local communities, national communities, and everything in between for decades. Since I returned to Congress in 2020, I have zealously represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District through a global pandemic and in its wake. I feel very prepared to continue serving the People in Congress - based on my most recent experiences as a member of Congress, service as national NAACP president, and former service in Congress.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** John Lewis, the former congressman and noted civil rights activist, and I came to Congress together in the 100th Congress. I am proud to cosponsor the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which encompasses many of the voting rights protections and election security measures our nation needs. Specific actions the United State government should take include restoring and strengthening the Voting Rights Act of 1965, ending the Citizens United, and expanding vote by mail options.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I have worked hard in Congress to be a leader in the effort to invest in a green economy, grow electric vehicle adoption, reduce carbon emissions, protect the

Chesapeake Bay, and hold polluters accountable. This work includes helping to pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, keeping out of state pollutants from being discarded in Maryland, helping to pass the Inflation Reduction Act, funding environmental justice initiatives, and more.

**IMMIGRATION:** America is a country of immigrants. Humane immigration policies are required at our borders so that we will not have to relive the border tragedies of the prior administration, e.g., permanently tearing children away from their parents or immediately criminalizing humans at our borders. I support working to create a well-reasoned and verifiable pathway to citizenship through the legislative process.

**FIREARMS:** There are too many guns in the hands of too many people who should not have them. I support an assault weapons ban and have introduced legislation to curb the gun violence epidemic that plagues our nation, including legislation to combat the mass shooting epidemic with the Identifying Mass Shooters Act and legislation to curb the proliferation of online access to bullets and other ammunition with the Stop Online Ammunition Sales Act.

### **Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for 1.

#### **Scott M. Collier**

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

No response received by deadline.

#### **Wayne "For Freedom" McNeal**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Lorrie A. Sigley**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I live and work in the district I am running in, I know what my district needs. I am raising my family in this district and my only concern is the people of my district, not enlightening any one else's bank accounts.

**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:** Voter ID, same day voting, using paper ballots and restricting mail in ballots will cut back on cheating a lot.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Americans are already addressing pollution and we are doing a very good job of this. Climate change is just another way to get into our pockets again.

**IMMIGRATION:** Our borders must be closed again and every illegal must be sent back. Americans must use our resources on Americans in need.

**FIREARMS:** We have our second amendment for a reason. Crime is way out of control.

### **Judge of the Circuit Court - Circuit 3**

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide. The state is divided into eight Judicial Circuits. When there is a vacancy, a nominating commission reviews the qualifications of applicants for the judgeship and recommends several names to the Governor, who appoints a person from that list to fill the office. Each newly appointed judge must run for office at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy occurred. 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.

**TERM:** Fifteen years. No term limit. Mandatory retirement age of 70 years.

**SALARY:** \$194,433 per year

### **Questions**

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

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** How would you address the problem of large numbers of minority youth being imprisoned?

**DIVERSION PROGRAMS:** What are your views on diversion programs for behavioral problems and substance abuse?

**CHALLENGES:** What are the greatest challenges facing Maryland's Circuit Courts and how should they be addressed?

### **Candidates**

Vote for up to 4.

#### **Michael S. Barranco**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served as a Circuit Court judge since 2022 and have presided over countless trials involving the full range of cases heard in our Court. Before my appointment I practiced law for 37 years representing individuals, local businesses, and national companies, in all types of cases. I have an informed understanding of the different perspectives parties bring to the Court.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** Juvenile justice policy and reforms to address the problem of juvenile crime, are within the purview of the legislature and executive branches. Judges apply and enforce the laws established by the legislature. The Department of Juvenile Services is the executive agency whose task is to manage, supervise, and treat youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system in Maryland.

**DIVERSION PROGRAMS:** Each case requires individualized judgments as to whether a diversion program or traditional form of punishment is best to protect the public and/or to attempt rehabilitation and treatment. We have a successful Adult Drug Treatment program designed to decrease crime by providing comprehensive need specific treatment. Participants must agree to, and abide by, very strict conditions to remain in the program.

**CHALLENGES:** The mission of the Maryland Judiciary is to provide fair, efficient and effective justice for all. Judges must serve people with integrity and transparency, provide access to justice, be adaptable, and communicate effectively. Maintaining the public's trust that the Court is serving its mission is a challenge that we best meet by treating all parties with respect and remaining accountable.

#### **Robert N. Daniels**

**Campaign Website:** [www.daniels4judge.com](http://www.daniels4judge.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My broad range of experience makes me uniquely prepared to serve as a circuit court judge. From my clerkship in the very court on which I wish to serve through my work as a family law practitioner, felony prosecutor, and civil litigator for the State, I have experience in nearly every practice area heard by the circuit court. But it's through my extensive community service that I have gained the leadership experience and commitment to helping others that has most prepared me for this role.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** By continuing to support efforts to reach our young people long before they've committed crimes requiring incarceration. I'll work with the community to make sure our young people stay in school and receive what they need to thrive and succeed. I'll continue serving with organizations creating opportunities and providing services for our youth. And when incarceration is required to keep the community safe, I'll order access to rehabilitative services to promote maximum success upon release.

**DIVERSION PROGRAMS:** Supporting and expanding these programs must be the judiciary's top priority and incarceration must be an absolute last resort for those confronting mental health and substance abuse issues. All necessary resources must be

directed to these programs to ensure we are reaching all those who could possibly benefit. And the effectiveness of each of these programs must be regularly reevaluated to maximize community benefits while protecting our increasingly limited financial resources.

**CHALLENGES:** Ensuring continued and expanded access to justice is our greatest challenge. Judges must continually take note of the programs available to disenfranchised people and direct folks into those programs. We must exercise wisdom and discernment to always encourage and guide litigants into alternate dispute resolution where appropriate. And we must be uncompromising in our insistence that our judicial system be more inclusive and that it reflects the rich diversity of the communities it serves.

## **Patricia DeMaio**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** During my 24-year legal career, I was a criminal prosecutor, insurance defense attorney, law school instructor and most recently an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). As an ALJ, I conducted fair and impartial due process hearings and issued oral and written decisions in matters where Maryland citizens appealed state agency determinations.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** Issues regarding criminal justice policy are addressed by the legislature and executive branch. As a Circuit Court Judge, I will apply the law equally and fairly without prejudice or partiality. After addressing public safety concerns, I would consider programs that provide services to treat, rehabilitate, and supervise juveniles to support them in becoming productive members of society.

**DIVERSION PROGRAMS:** Diversion programs can be valuable in appropriate circumstances. In all cases, the judge must evaluate any public safety concerns as well as the appropriate treatment and supervision necessary to avoid recidivism while equipping the person with the tools necessary to succeed in society.

**CHALLENGES:** Breaking down the barriers of distrust that the citizens have for the judicial system is one of our biggest challenges, and also our greatest opportunity to move toward a better relationship with the community. By treating all litigants with kindness, fairness, and taking the time to explain process and procedure to the litigants, the judiciary can build the public trust.

## **Marc A. DeSimone, Jr.**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 19 years of civil and criminal litigation experience., I have appeared before 12 of the 24 Maryland circuit courts, have argued before the Maryland appellate courts over 60 times (including 14 times before the Maryland Supreme Court), and have litigated in the US Supreme Court. I have taught at the University of Maryland law school for 17 years, where I have been named adjunct professor of the year.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** A judge must faithfully apply the law. Policy issues are committed to the legislative and executive branches of government. In any case before me, I will apply the law with integrity, independence and impartiality in a manner which requires personal responsibility, ensures justice and fairness for all, and demands dignity, empathy and respect for all persons involved.

**DIVERSION PROGRAMS:** Our Court has a Drug Court program which imposes strict conditions upon participants as they engage in comprehensive and individualized treatment. I believe in programs which require accountability for past actions, seek to address the root cause of criminal behavior, and prevent future crime and victims of crime while providing help to those who are in need.

**CHALLENGES:** Many diverse people bring their disputes before our Court, and we must be able to disagree without being disagreeable and ensure that adversarial disputes are resolved with civility and afford justice to all. Judges must serve the community with integrity, independence and impartiality and ensure that all who come before the Court are

heard and afforded dignity, empathy and respect.

## **James Rhodes**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have litigated countless cases involving most fields of law, within and outside of Maryland on the trial and appellate level. That, in addition to 13 years being engaged in a variety of community outreach programs, prepared me for the bench. My qualifications led to my recommendation by many bar associations, Governor Hogan's Judicial nominating committee and Governor Moore's appointment

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** As a Judge I am required to follow the law and address each case on an individual basis. While the concerns raised in this question are important, those concerns are better addressed by legislators who make policy decisions. As a Judge I am prohibited from addressing policy and legislative matters

**DIVERSION PROGRAMS:** The community and legislature have provided means by which the Courts are able to address these issues. On a case-by-case basis I would determine what resources are available and to what extent any such resource should or should not be utilized in any given case. I would not hesitate to employ diversion programs in the appropriate cases.

**CHALLENGES:** The people who comprise the judges and support staff of our court seek to earn public trust while striving each day to help our community understand the laws and policies by which we are bound. Judges depend on the public's trust that we honor the oath by which we're sworn and the Constitution by which we are required to obey.

## **Delegates to the Democratic National Convention**

**DUTIES:** Convention delegates elected in the Primary are part of the state delegations that officially select their party's presidential candidate at the party's national conventions. Presidential nominees are not elected directly by the voters in the Primary. Rather, voters in each state choose delegates to represent them at the national conventions.

**HOW ELECTED:** Democratic voters will elect delegates to their national convention from each Congressional District (CD), with the number based on the number of Democratic voters in that district. Each Congressional District will elect approximately equal numbers of female and male delegates, with some non-binary delegates included within the state total. Each candidate's gender will be listed under their name on the ballot. The presidential candidates will receive delegates in proportion to their share of the vote in that district. For additional information see the party's rules on the party's [website](#).

### **Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a convention delegate?

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** What factors were most important in deciding to pledge your support to this candidate?

## **District 1**

### **Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 6.

#### **Laurie Anne Brittingham (Female) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Matthew Cody (Male) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Mike Comeau (Male) (Uncommitted)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Having served as a member of the Maryland General Assembly representing District 35A (1997-1999), nine years as a member of the Democratic State Central Committee with three terms as County Chair and having been elected as a Democratic Convention Delegate in 1996 before serving on my local Election Board, I have the background and experience to effectively represent First District Democrats in Chicago. Unforeseen circumstances could arise requiring experienced representation.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Electing our Democratic Presidential nominee is the first priority. Democracy is on the ballot this year along with many core values. The convention is August 19-22 and much could happen in the meantime. As of March 19th, 20 Uncommitted delegates have been elected nationwide and should "Uncommitted" receive 15% or more of the vote in the First District, it is important that an experienced delegate candidate be selected to serve.

### **Michele W. Dappert (Female) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Mohammad Idrees Munir (Male) (Uncommitted)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Connor A. Romblad (Male) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Sheree Sample-Hughes (Female) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Jared Schablein (Male) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Qudrat U. Tariq (Male) (Uncommitted)**

No response received by deadline.

## **District 2**

### **Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 7.

### **Ruben Amaya (Male) (Biden)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My parents always instilled in me that just because you start with nothing, does not mean you have nothing to offer. As a son of immigrants, I have dedicated my life to service and making sure everyone has a voice. My work in the Democratic party reflects this devotion and I am ready to bring that passion to the convention.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** We are at a critical juncture in our nation. We can either move forward and continue the progress we have been making, or move backwards and risk fracturing the institutions of our democracy. President Biden has presented a bold vision for America that includes investing in our education system, upgrading our aging infrastructure, combating climate change, and fighting for working families. I am excited to pledge my support for him.

### **Lela Blue-Campbell (Female) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Robert C. Brooking (Male) (Williamson)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a student of civic process I have studied to achieve my Bachelor's Degree of Government and Politics as well as Master's Degree of Public Policy from the University of Maryland. I have worked for a Congressional Representative, Candidates for Mayor, State Senate, Governor, and President. As well as various legal, policy think tank, and US Department of Commerce roles. I describe myself as an anti-corruption humanitarian. I advocate for economy rights, civic policy juries, and sectoral unions.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Marianne Williamson is of good will towards all people. She has a profoundly positive vision for the betterment of each individual and society at large. Her major policy proposal of an Economic Bill of Rights for the 21st Century stands as a testament to the power of We the People. It is important to note her feminism, womanism, and motherism as her guiding light for an ethics of care. She proposes a moral bottom line as a response to corrupted cultures, corporations, and politics. Choose LOVE.

### **Corynne B. Courpas (Female) (Biden)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have volunteered for countless political campaigns including every Presidential race since 1988. Having attended seven previous Democratic National Conventions, I understand the commitment of helping my party prepare a platform, a strategy, and finalize our ticket. I currently serve as Chair of the Carroll County Central Committee and Secretary of the Maryland Democratic Party. It will be my responsibility to come home and lead my county and state in delivering a victory for the ticket.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Joe Biden has the skills and experience to lead our nation in these most difficult times. He has led us to the strongest economic recovery in the World. His programs have improved our infrastructure and created historic job growth. He has supported voting rights for all and the right of women to make their own healthcare decisions. We are currently facing international crises. Joe Biden has the temperament and knowledge to fulfill our role in resolving conflicts and protecting human rights.

### **Alex Friedman (Male) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Shelly L. Hettleman (Female) (Biden)**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a Maryland State Senator, I have the opportunity to be in the community a lot and to hear directly from constituents about what is important to them. This informs my work as a legislator, and it will be invaluable if I am elected to be a delegate to the convention. I have attended 2 conventions as a delegate (one was virtual), understand the process as well as the district, and will be able to represent the views of my district as needed.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** President Biden has been an incredibly productive leader. In the face of very difficult political headwinds, he has been able to get things done that are having a tremendous impact on individuals' lives and the life of this nation. He has led us out of COVID effectively, gotten resources to families and workers in need, is rebuilding our infrastructure and is committed to a greener and cleaner environment and an economy that works for all. He is also pro-choice, which is critical!

### **Sharonda L. Huffman (Female) (Biden)**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a servant leader who is a housing and disabilities advocate, I convey the interests of constituents. I am well versed in domestic and international affairs, I know the role of a delegate through my participation in the National Association of Parliamentarians. I also am a member of the NAACP, Greater Baltimore Urban League, Blue

& Gold Democratic Club (President), Baltimore Co. Community Planning Ambassador, and ΣΓΡ. I have a BA in Political Science and a Masters in Public Administration .

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** As a native Delaware, I have known President Biden my entire life. It would be an honor to serve as a Biden Delegate. President Biden has restored dignity to the office of President. His administration has increased resources for housing, provided relief for student debt, and addressed climate issues. I really like the President and the Vice President individually. As a result, I am lead for my area for Maryland Women For Biden. For all these reasons, I decided to pledge my support to Biden.

**Louis Gregory Pecoraro (Male) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

## District 7

### Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 8.

**Belinda K. Conaway (Female) (Uncommitted)**

No response received by deadline.

**Tisha S. Edwards (Female) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

**Diana Emerson (Female) (Biden)**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was appointed to the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee in 2022 and officially elected by District 43A residents to serve. Prior to even being elected or appointed, I dedicated my time and energy to making sure Baltimore residents were equipped with the tools necessary to make informed decisions during the election cycle. During the election I was on the ground and in the field to help democratic candidates win up and down the state.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** This is a critical time for our democracy and the time for action is NOW! President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have worked in partnership to undo the damage set in motion by their predecessors. All while Republicans are working hard to strip marginalized groups of their rights. We need action and we need it now. I believe the Biden/Harris team can continue to move us forward in the right direction.

**Antonio L. Hayes (Male) (Biden)**

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

No response received by deadline.

**Bill Henry (Male) (Biden)**

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

No response received by deadline.

**Brandon M. Scott (Male) (Biden)**

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

No response received by deadline.

**Stephanie Smith (Female) (Biden)**

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

No response received by deadline.

### **Tammy Stinnett (Female) (Biden)**

No response received by deadline.

### **John T. Willis (Male) (Biden)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Former MD Secretary of State (1995-2003); DNC member (1987-89, 1995-2003); Delegate to Dem Nat Conv (1996, 2000); Alternate Delegate (1980); DNC Rules Comm. (1976, 1984, 1992); Professor, University of Baltimore (1999 to present); Author of Presidential Elections in Maryland and Maryland Politics and Government; Senior Counsel, Office of MD Attorney General (2015-2024); served in U.S. Army (1968-1975); Charles Village resident for 35 years. Academic, professional work for fair elections.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** President Biden is experienced, consistently exhibits good judgment, stable, and applies common sense in handling the complex issues that arise in government. He displays an understanding of American values and exudes compassion for the people. President Biden will continue to protect civil rights, individual freedom and equality, health care for all, labor rights, voting rights and the principles of democracy. A second term will solidify America's world standing and continue progress at home.

## **Delegates to the Republican National Convention**

**DUTIES:** Convention delegates elected in the Primary are part of the state delegations that officially select their party's presidential candidate at the party's national conventions. Presidential nominees are not elected directly by the voters in the Primary. Rather, voters in each state choose delegates to represent them at the national conventions.

**HOW ELECTED:** Republican party ballots list the candidates for delegates to the Republican National Convention and the name of the presidential candidate each one supports. Republican voters in each of Maryland's eight (8) Congressional Districts will elect three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates. The presidential contender receiving the greatest number of votes in each district will receive the votes of all three (3) of that district's delegates. Each voter may vote for up to three (3) candidates for delegate and three (3) candidates for alternate from his/her Congressional District.

### **Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a convention delegate?

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** What factors were most important in deciding to pledge your support to this candidate?

## **District 1**

### **Candidates**

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

### **Pamela Joyce Craig (Haley)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Julie Giordano (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Danielle Hornberger (Trump)**

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

No response received by deadline.

### **Christopher John Russo, Jr. (Haley)**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** With over 30 years in law, my experience has honed my commitment to fiscal and personal responsibility, the rule of law, free speech, and the Constitution. I bring a seasoned perspective on defending democracy and advocating for political compromise. My legal background ensures I understand and can navigate complex issues, making me a well-prepared advocate at the Republican National Convention.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** My pledge to Nikki Haley stems from her alignment with my core beliefs, as already described. Her commitment to democratic values and her ability to bring Americans of all political persuasions together resonates with me. Haley's proven leadership reflects my advocacy for responsible governance and my dedication to safeguarding our nation's democratic ideals.

### **Nate Sansom (Haley)**

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

No response received by deadline.

### **Kathy Szeliga (Trump)**

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

No response received by deadline.

## **District 2**

### **Candidates**

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

### **Ric Metzgar (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Linda Preece (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Douglas B. Riley (Haley)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A life-long Republican, I was privileged to serve two terms on the Baltimore County Council (1990-1998) and was twice elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention (for George H.W. Bush in 1992 and for Senator Robert Dole in 1996). Presented the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Baltimore County Republican Central Committee, I serve now as a mentor and volunteer for Republican candidates seeking public office in Maryland. I strongly support Governor Nikkie Haley for President.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** I admire Nikkie Haley's sound record as governor of South Carolina, strong advocacy for America's interests as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and conservative core values as a candidate for president. I share her support for Israel and Ukraine, a strong immigration policy, and a balanced Federal budget. I also appreciate her civility and commitment to maintaining our constitutional democracy.

### **Johnny Ray Salling (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

## District 7

### Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

#### **Christopher Michael Anderson (Trump)**

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

No response received by deadline.

#### **Matthew Christopher Brokamp (Haley)**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Robert M. Cooper (Haley)**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Tom Kennedy (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Gloria Bell Murphy (Haley)**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Don Murphy (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

## **Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention**

**DUTIES:** Convention delegates elected in the Primary are part of the state delegations that officially select their party's presidential candidate at the party's national conventions. Presidential nominees are not elected directly by the voters in the Primary. Rather, voters in each state choose delegates to represent them at the national conventions.

**HOW ELECTED:** Republican party ballots list the candidates for alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention and the name of the presidential candidate each one supports. Republican voters in each of Maryland's eight (8) Congressional Districts will elect three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates. The presidential contender receiving the greatest number of votes in each district will receive the votes of all three (3) of that district's delegates. Each voter may vote for up to three (3) candidates for delegate and three (3) candidates for alternate from his/her Congressional District.

### Questions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a convention delegate?

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** What factors were most important in deciding to pledge your support to this candidate?

## District 1

### Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

#### **Lauren Arikan (Trump)**

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

No response received by deadline.

#### **Casi Boyer (Haley)**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Barry Donadio (Trump)**

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

No response received by deadline.

#### **Jeffery McBride (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Marsha W. Swezey (Haley)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been an elected official in the past in PA (Tax Collector). I am a responsible individual who pays attention to detail.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** My desire is to see a younger, more vital candidate with a strong background in national and international affairs.

## District 2

### Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

#### **Saul B. Abrams (Haley)**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Paul M. Blitz (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

#### **J. Michael Collins (Trump)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Attended these RNC Conventions as an Alternate or Delegate: New York, Tampa and Cleveland. Candidate for House of Delegates (twice), Candidate for Clerk of the Court and Candidate for District 4 School Board.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** My way of life was much better four years ago, because of the business experience of Donald Trump and his no nonsense approach to the issues.

#### **Patricia R. Fallon (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

## District 7

### Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

#### **Henry J. Ciezkowski (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

**Andrew J. Creech (Haley)**

No response received by deadline.

**Blaire Freed (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

**Janice Watson Grim (Trump)**

No response received by deadline.

**Barbara Sherry Posner (Haley)**

No response received by deadline.

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