

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of Anne Arundel County OTERS' GUIDE

2020 GENERAL ELECTION

VOTING BY MAIL AND
IN-PERSON VOTING



BALLOT DROP-OFF SITES
LATE SEPT - NOV 3

EARLY VOTING
OCT 26 - NOV 2, 7AM-8PM
ELECTION DAY VOTING
NOV 3, 7AM-8PM



Go to vote411.org to find
personalized voting information
and to read candidates' responses
that may not be in this Guide.



Welcome to This Voters' Guide

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

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

Qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to a nonpartisan questionnaire. These responses were limited to 750 characters and were truncated thereafter. Additional details are available on page 4 of this Voters' Guide.

If a candidate did not respond by the date required for print publication, "No response received by deadline." is printed in this Guide.

Additional information on the candidates is available at vote411.org. This site may include answers received after the print deadline and information about write-in candidates. If the candidate submitted a campaign website or social media site, it is listed under her/his name.

The League assumes no responsibility for errors and/or omissions.

ARE YOU A COLLEGE STUDENT?

If you registered to vote in Maryland where you attended college and have since returned home, you may use the State Board of Elections website to update your voting address to your home or to request that a mail-in ballot be sent to your home. Go to <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>. You may also access this website by texting VOTE to 77788.

If you had already requested that a mail-in ballot be mailed to your college address, contact the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections (410-222-6600) to cancel that request. Once the application is cancelled, follow the instructions above to update your voting address and/or to request a mail-in ballot.

If you do not make these changes, your ballot will be mailed to your college address and will not be forwarded—you risk losing your right to vote.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

A provisional ballot is a safeguard at in-person voting to ensure that individuals who believe they are registered and eligible to vote are indeed able to vote. Voters required to vote by provisional ballot will be asked to complete a provisional ballot application and then issued a paper ballot. It is important that voters complete the entire application.

All provisional ballot applications are reviewed. A provisional ballot will be counted after the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections has reviewed the application and determined that the individual is eligible to vote this ballot. Additional information about provisional voting is available at https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/provisional_voting.html

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PROTECT YOUR BALLOT

Do not give your ballot to anyone who offers to collect ballots. Put it directly in the U.S. Mail or in a Board of Elections drop box. You may also take it to a voting center.

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or placed in a drop box by 8:00 pm on November 3. Drop boxes will be available at voting centers from mid-October through Election Day. Remember that the most common reason for a ballot not to be counted is that it was not received on time.

Lists of drop box sites and voting centers are in this Voters' Guide.

GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

Late September	BOE will begin mailing ballots to those who requested them
October 13	Deadline to register to vote by mail or online
October 20	Deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot
October 26-November 2	Early Voting, 7:00am-8:00pm, Voter registration available
October 28	Date recommended by USPS for returning ballots by mail
November 3	General Election, 7:00am-8:00pm, Voter registration available
November 3	Mail-in ballots must be postmarked, placed in a drop box, or taken to a vote center by 8:00pm
November 13	Deadline for properly postmarked ballots to be received at Board of Elections

OPTIONS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Voters with disabilities may choose to vote in person or by mail. Voting centers will have ballot marking devices for use by voters who would have difficulty reading and marking a paper ballot. For those who wish to vote by mail, Maryland offers internet delivery of ballots and an online ballot marking tool. This option is compatible with adaptive technology to enable those with disabilities to access the internet. Internet delivery may be requested on a paper application for a mail-in ballot or in an online application (<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/onlinemailinrequest/InstructionsStep1>). A printer will be required to use this option. Downloaded ballots cannot be returned via the internet.



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DIDN'T RECEIVE AN APPLICATION FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT?

Applications for mail-in ballots were mailed only to active voters at the address on file with the Board of Elections. If you have moved, or if you did not vote in the primary election, you may be on the inactive voter list. It is also possible that your application was lost in the mail. First check whether an application was mailed to you. You may call the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections or check online at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>.

If no application was sent, you may use the State Board of Elections website to update your voting information and to request that a mail-in ballot be sent to your home. Go to <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>. You may access this website by texting VOTE to 77788 or you may call the Anne Arundel County BOE to request a ballot application. Please note that requesting a ballot online requires either a Maryland driver's license or state ID card. If you do not have these, or if you have other questions, please call the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections at 410-222-6600.

Finally, you may also vote in person during Early Voting or on Election Day. Take your driver's license, state ID card or a utility bill or other mailing that verifies your name and address. Voter registration will also be available at the voting centers.

3 WAYS TO VOTE

VOTE BY MAIL To slow the spread of COVID-19, **voters are encouraged to vote by mail**. This process is secure and the most effective way to safeguard the health of voters and election workers alike.

Active registered voters will receive a request for a mail-in ballot and can return it by mail. They may also request their ballots online or download and print a ballot (<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>). Ballot requests are due at the Board of Elections by October 20, but voters are strongly encouraged to submit them as soon as possible.

Mail-in ballots will be sent to those who request them, beginning at the end of September. Again, it is important to complete your ballot and return it as soon as possible. In order to be counted, mail-in ballots must be postmarked, placed in a drop box, or handed in to a vote center by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3.

EARLY VOTING is strongly encouraged if you wish to vote in person. Anne Arundel County will have 7 in-person early voting centers from October 26 through November 2. These centers will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Try to vote at off-peak times (midmorning and midafternoon). A list of the locations is in this *Voters' Guide*. Anne Arundel County voters may use any of the sites. Voter registration will be available.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY Anne Arundel County will have in-person voting at the 7 centers used for early voting and an additional 24 centers throughout the county. Voting centers will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Try to vote at off-peak times (midmorning and midafternoon). A list of all voting centers is available in this *Voters' Guide*. Anne Arundel County voters may use any of the sites. Voter registration will be available.

PRESIDENT AND VICE 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.

TERM: Four years. Limit of two terms.

BASE SALARY: \$400,000 per year.

Criteria for Participation in

VOTE411.org: All presidential candidates who will appear on Maryland's ballot are listed below. Additional write-in candidates appear on the Maryland State Board of Elections website (https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/general_candidates/index.html). The League of Women Voters of the United States, through the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF), established criteria to determine which candidates to invite to respond to questions for the Voters' Guide.

Candidates qualified for invitations from LWVEF to provide responses to specific questions if they met the following criteria: 1) The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President; 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 FEC website by the date of publication; 3) The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.

Additional information on the candidates may be available on [VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org).

ISSUES

COVID-19 RECOVERY: What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?

TOP PRIORITY: What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you

plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?

RACIAL INJUSTICE: How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?

IMMIGRATION: What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?

HEALTHCARE: What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality health care for all?

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COVID-19 RECOVERY: It's a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they're linked. On Day One, I'll implement the COVID strategy I've laid out since March – surging testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local governments resources to keep educators, cops, and firefighters on the job. I'll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I'll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I'll revitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy, and boost caregiving—easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave, and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve.

TOP PRIORITY: Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We're facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I'll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we're never so unprepared for a

pandemic again. I'll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I'll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I'll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I'll work as hard for those who don't support me as for those who do. That's a president's job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal.

RACIAL INJUSTICE: America is at an inflection point. It's past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation's promise to too many for too long. I'll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies; and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I'll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I'll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.

IMMIGRATION: My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It's past time to reform our broken system, restoring family unification and diversity as its core pillars. As President, I'll reverse Trump's assault on our values on Day One, ending his cruel border policies that rip children from their mothers' arms. I'll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families, and invest real political capital in finally delivering legislative immigration reform, with a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong. We have to enforce our laws, but in a way that's humane, respects due process, honors our values, and sees the big picture.

HEALTHCARE: This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That's why I'll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I'll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I'll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care; and much more.

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BREAD AND ROSES PARTY

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This candidate did not meet the criteria for an invitation to participate.

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2

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

TERM: Two years

SALARY: \$174,000

Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland has eight of the 435 Representatives, based on the state's population in the 2010 Census.

WEBSITE: www.house.gov

THE ISSUES

GOALS: Why are you running for this office?

IMMIGRATION: What, if anything, would you change regarding immigration policy?

HEALTH CARE: Would you vote to continue the Affordable Care Act as it is, expand it, or eliminate it? Please explain.

ENVIRONMENT: What should be the federal government's role in addressing national and global environmental concerns?

GUN SAFETY: What policies do you propose to reduce gun violence?

ECONOMY: How would you address the growing income gap in our society?

DISCRIMINATION: What initiatives would you propose to address bias based on race, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, or disability?

STUDENT LOANS: What actions would you support to reduce burdensome student loan debt?

CANDIDATES

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GOALS: Congress needs people, like me, working across the aisle and focusing on the basics like good schools, safe streets and decent jobs. I want to keep focusing on national security as we prepare for the threats of tomorrow, including cyber attacks and nuclear weapons. I also want to continue my work on the Appropriations Committee, ensuring that Maryland and its communities get their fair share.

IMMIGRATION: I'd stop the President from raiding our military facilities and families to build the wasteful border wall. I'd end family separation and move immigrants out of detention facilities as quickly as possible by hiring more federal judges to reduce the courts backlog. I'll work to pass comprehensive immigration reform that provides both sensible border security and a reasonable path to citizenship.

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

ENVIRONMENT: Since the U.S. is one

of the world's leading polluters, the federal government must take the lead in addressing environmental concerns like climate change. We must re-join the Paris Treaty and work toward carbon neutrality. As an Appropriator, I support full funding for programs such as the Chesapeake Bay Program, which benefits our economy, creates jobs and preserves our natural heritage.

GUN SAFETY: I support banning assault weapons and high capacity magazines, background checks for gun and ammo purchases, no-fly-no-buy and tougher penalties for straw purchases. People convicted of certain hate crimes, as well as domestic abusers, should not be allowed to buy guns. I have introduced legislation to stop the cycle of gun violence by providing hospital-based interventions for recovering victims.

ECONOMY: The middle class needs to make more money, which is why I support extending tax cuts for the working class, as well as a minimum wage increase. Congress needs to address paid leave and advance robust "Buy American" provisions as well as workers' rights to help strengthen the working class. I support investing in infrastructure to create jobs, as well as tax incentives for small business.

DISCRIMINATION: There is no place in our society for discrimination of any kind. That's why I support ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment, as well as passing The Equality Act and the Disability Integration Act once and for all.

STUDENT LOANS: I support legislation to lower student loan interest rates and allow students to refinance their student loans when rates decline. I support expanding federal loan forgiveness programs for students who choose certain in-demand careers, like teachers and nurses, and capping the dollar amount students must repay each month. We also need to increase the maximum value and number of Pell Grants.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 3

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

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GUN SAFETY: What policies do you propose to reduce gun violence?

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CANDIDATES

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GOALS: I am running to strengthen our democracy by ending the influence of big money in politics, protecting the right to vote and ensuring that public officials work for the public interest. To make progress on the most pressing issues we face, we first need a political system that responds to the many, not the money. Too many Americans feel shut out by Washington; we need to bring them back in.

IMMIGRATION: I oppose the Trump Administration's immigration policies including zero tolerance/family separation, restricting asylum, ICE operating in sensitive locations, the public charge rule and efforts to end DACA and TPS, among others. We need an immigration policy that protects economic interests while providing a path to citizenship and a humane, legal framework for people to come to the United States.

HEALTH CARE: I am a strong supporter of the ACA and believe that we must stop and reverse years of Republican sabotage, which

has increased costs and limited access to health care. I also believe we can expand on the ACA's successes, including by passing a public option or a single-payer, Medicare for All system—both of which I support—and passing H.R. 3 to reduce the costs of prescription drugs.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the existential crisis of our day. The federal government must lead the effort to reach net-zero carbon emissions that includes a just transition for all communities, including our most vulnerable. We must rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement, reverse course on Trump's deregulatory agenda, and promote green technology that moves the nation towards a healthier, sustainable future.

GUN SAFETY: I have voted to close loopholes and strengthen our background check system. I also support an assault weapons ban, banning large capacity magazines, a national system for extreme-risk protection orders, mandatory safe gun storage, raising the purchasing age for certain firearms and prohibiting persons convicted of hate crimes from buying guns.

ECONOMY: The key to addressing income inequality is fixing our democracy so that economic power does not equal political power. We need to reverse decades of tax cuts for the wealthy and big business and reinvest those revenues in our people—including by reducing the financial burden of health care, housing and education. We must focus on economic justice and building wealth in marginalized communities.

DISCRIMINATION: I strongly support important civil rights legislation like the Equality Act, the Paycheck Fairness Act, the End Racial Profiling Act and the NO BAN Act. I also support building on criminal justice reforms like the First Step Act. I authored H.R. 1, which would expand access to the ballot, particularly for racial minorities and persons with disabilities, who face additional barriers to voting.

STUDENT LOANS: I authored the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program to provide debt relief for individuals who work in public service. I introduced the What You Can Do For Your Country Act, which strengthens PSLF and ensures its proper administration by the Department of Education. I oppose the Trump Administration's attacks on student borrowers and believe we must better protect them from predatory lenders.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 4

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

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GOALS: To Demand Truth The Corporation OFFICERS operating as AGENT'S of the incorporated United States Title 22 USC (Foreign Relations and Intercourse) Chapter 11 identifies all public officials as foreign agents. Title 28 USC 3002 Section 15A states that the United States is a Federal Corporation and not a Government, including the Judiciary Procedural Section. AS A UN-LAW-FULL SHADOW GOVERNMENT

IMMIGRATION: Our nation was built on the principle that immigrants were welcome and that there would be a pathway to

citizenship throughout history corporate America has prospered using immigrant labor and exploiting them for slave wages. Given that statistics show our agricultural industry cannot survive without. Our hospitality industry we need a pathway to citizenship for our immigrants

HEALTH CARE: We need to stop the attack on the affordable care, Social Security, and Medicare and Medicaid which are being ripped off by disreputable corporate interest. Their lawyers and a truly corrupt judicial system and political system that is heavily invested in the corporations to keep the keep them in office. Crackdown on waste fraud and abuse and adopt meaningful legislation say no to fraud.

ENVIRONMENT: At 74 years old . I have watched the revolution that is turn this country and this planet into biomedical disaster at the hands of corporate leadership that cares nothing about our planets survival. They just pay off public officials to kill bills that would support saving the planet we need to put the state of emergency to save our planet from corporate greed.

GUN SAFETY: My policies ongoing safety or well-known posted of georgemcdermott.com guns don't kill people, people kill people, radicalized people kill even more people yet the American Bar Association keeps putting criminals back on the street to line their pockets with gold and silver responsible government summation must be passed protects Second Amendment rights of citizens.

ECONOMY: in 2001. Our national debt was purportedly \$2.5 trillion which would have been offset by \$2.3 trillion is covered to be missing from the accounting records of the Department of defense which was announced on September 10, 2001 was public. The then secretary, Department of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld. The accounting documents were the Pentagon and building 47 of the World Trade Center,

DISCRIMINATION: Our economy is been destroyed by the current administration and by a president and CEO is putting us trillions of dollars in debt and dividing the country. While spending his time off course is private corporate properties overcharging the treasury for his waste fraud and abuse of taxpayer resources protected by an army of attorneys also ripping off the government Illegal

STUDENT LOANS: Student loans student debt makes it impossible for our society to move forward our corporate college system is where about shaking down the students for books parking education and housing. All profit centers. Yet the quality of education has been done down so much, many leaving college can not find the job because of the poor accreditation and substandard education...?

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GOALS: I'm running for re-election because I believe we must further strengthen our communities in order to strengthen and support our families. That work begins by creating jobs, building a competitive workforce, modernizing our infrastructure, developing our small business community, and supporting families with access to affordable, quality healthcare, safe neighborhoods, and a clean environment.

IMMIGRATION: My strong commitment to comprehensive immigration reform is based on the benefits such reform would bring our nation, our economy, our communities, and our families. We need to pursue policies that unite families and that do not tear them apart. We need to reform our immigration laws so that they are better adapted to the needs of America's economy and workforce in the 21st century global economy.

HEALTH CARE: All people have the right to quality, affordable health care. We must do everything we can to protect the ACA, lower the costs of prescription drugs, and protect those with pre-existing conditions. Just as Democrats and Republicans have worked together to strengthen and improve Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, we must do more to lower costs and to increase coverage in our healthcare system.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the greatest national security challenge of this century. Science demands that we take bold actions to reduce carbon pollution by at least 50% by 2030. I support initiatives, legislation and specific actions to reduce carbon pollution from power plants, expand the clean energy economy, build a clean energy infrastructure, and cut energy waste in homes, businesses, and factories.

GUN SAFETY: We need commonsense gun safety measures, including banning the sale of large ammunition clips, expanding background checks before gun purchases, cracking down on illegal gun trafficking, banning assault weapons that have no other use but to kill large numbers of people quickly, enforcing current gun laws, investing in research around combating gun violence, and investing in mental health services.

ECONOMY: We must grow the economy with family-supporting jobs, train and

INCARCERATED AND PAROLED VOTERS

Citizens who are incarcerated for a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial are eligible to register and vote. Individuals convicted of a felony may register and vote when they have completed their court-ordered sentence of imprisonment.

Incarcerated eligible voters are advised to register to vote using their permanent address and to request that a mail-in ballot be sent to the correctional facility. If the ballot is sent to their permanent address, it will need to be hand-delivered to the correctional facility. Visitation at correctional facilities may be limited due to the coronavirus. Advocates should work with correctional supervisors to provide the eligible voter with applications for both voter registration and a mail-in ballot (<https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/index.html>).

educate the workforce, and support families with greater Infrastructure investments, better trade agreements, stronger collective bargaining rights, expanded career technology education, paid medical and family leave, higher minimum wage, tax credits for caregivers, and equal-pay-for-equal-work.

DISCRIMINATION: The greatest challenge we face as a nation are the biases that result in inequalities, disparities, inequities and gaps in our classrooms, prisons, job market and neighborhoods. To address these concerns, I support greater investments in pre-K education, criminal justice reforms and police accountability, more career technology education and affordable housing options, and expanding voting rights.

STUDENT LOANS: Whether their path is vocational training, community college, or attending a university, every student must have all the tools at their disposal if we are going to build a brighter future. In Congress, I continue to support providing students, schools and educators more resources, strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Minority Serving Institutions, and year-round Pell grants.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5

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

TERM: Two years

SALARY: \$174,000

Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland has eight of the 435 Representatives, based on the state's population in the 2010 Census.

WEBSITE: www.house.gov

THE ISSUES

GOALS: Why are you running for this office?

IMMIGRATION: What, if anything, would you change regarding immigration policy?

HEALTH CARE: Would you vote to continue the Affordable Care Act as it is, expand it, or eliminate it? Please explain.

ENVIRONMENT: What should be the federal government's role in addressing national and global environmental concerns?

GUN SAFETY: What policies do you propose to reduce gun violence?

ECONOMY: How would you address the growing income gap in our society?

DISCRIMINATION: What initiatives would you propose to address bias based on race, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, or disability?

STUDENT LOANS: What actions would you support to reduce burdensome student loan debt?

CANDIDATES

Vote for no more than 1.

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GOALS: The divisive politics in our nation's capital has led to the lack of preservation of individual rights and freedoms for all citizens, as well as reckless spending of taxpayers' money. For too long the constituents have been ignored and taken for granted and it is time for a change. We need fresh and invigorating representation not hampered by special interests and national political aspirations.

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

HEALTH CARE: Since passing of the ACA, over regulation has led to sky rocketing costs and lack of options for health insurance coverage. Consumers should have choice in health insurance. Pre-existing conditions need to be covered. Transparency in health care costs will open a competitive market; increasing quality of care while lowering costs will benefit consumers.

ENVIRONMENT: The Chesapeake Bay and other local waterways are a huge economic and environmental benefit to our area that we need to ensure are protected. It's no secret that a lot of the Bay's pollution comes from surrounding states and needs to be addressed at a federal level. We need innovative approaches (like carbon capture technology) and reasonable trade deals to assist lowering emissions globally.

GUN SAFETY: Every American has the right to protect and defend themselves. The right to bear arms shall not be infringed. There are many factors that contribute to gun violence. We need to address mental health as a nation to combat violence. We need to question these medications and side effects.

ECONOMY: I am an advocate for free market principles and stand with pro-growth policies. It is the free market that will better promote a healthy competitive economy, and empower individuals to more opportunities and jobs.

DISCRIMINATION: I am all for equality of opportunity. If we want to battle discrimination, we need to embrace what Dr. MLK Jr said and judge each individual "by the content of their character" and not put individuals into arbitrary groups. Federal non-discrimination laws should always take into account religious and liberty protections. Liberty for all.

STUDENT LOANS: One of the factors that contributes to the skyrocketing costs of higher education and student debt is how federal financial aid has been exploited by Colleges to their benefit. It has contributed to continued raising costs and that's something that needs to be looked into. In regards to college debt forgiveness, and the federal debt at \$23 trillion dollars, we have to ask, 'is it affordable?'



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GOALS: President Trump threatens the basic values and principles of our country. I have been and continue strong opponent of many of his policies. Next Congress, I will continue to work to lower the cost of health care and prescription drugs, act to combat climate change, invest in infrastructure and create good-paying jobs.

IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform. I was proud to support legislation to provide a solution for individuals in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED). We must also hold the Trump Administration accountable for their xenophobic immigration policies.

HEALTH CARE: I was a leader in passing the Affordable Care Act, which has expanded health care coverage to 17 million Americans. I will continue to fight for universal coverage including a public option in the ACA marketplaces, as well as expanding opportunities for those under 65 to buy into existing health programs, such as Medicare. I brought to the Floor legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is a the most critical crisis we confront. It demands an immediate and global response. I was pleased to bring to the House Floor the Climate Action Now Act, which prohibits funds from being used to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement. We must address the role of climate impact as we legislate in many areas, including energy, transportation, housing, and taxes.

GUN SAFETY: After countless tragedies, including shootings at the Navy Yard, Great Mills High School, and the Capital Gazette, I was proud to bring to the Floor of the House legislation to provide comprehensive background checks and close loopholes on gun purchases. I also support red flag laws, magazine limits, outlawing bump stops, and other steps to make our communities safer.

ECONOMY: This Congress, I voted to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour. I was also proud to support legislation that ensures women are paid the same as men when they are doing the same job. I also supported legislation to strengthen labor unions who help to raise wages and benefits for all in our communities, and am fighting to bring

down the costs of health care and post-secondary education.

DISCRIMINATION: Throughout my career, I have supported legislation that ends discrimination including leading the fight for the Americans with Disability Act. This Congress I supported legislation to address criminal justice reform and to ensure LGBT Americans are protected under our civil rights laws. I am an original member of the Black Maternal Health Caucus to address health disparities for women of color.

STUDENT LOANS: I support the College Affordability Act, that will provide relief to current borrowers by allowing lower monthly and total repayments, placing distressed borrowers in income-based repayment plans, letting borrower's default be removed from credit scores, and strengthening oversight of loan servicing. This bill also strengthens the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program and broadens eligibility.

JUDICIAL OFFICES

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CIRCUIT 5

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

SALARY: \$174,433, effective July 1, 2021

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

The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. The General Assembly determines the number of judges in each circuit and county. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office. Each newly appointed Circuit Court judge then must stand for office at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. One or more other qualified members of the bar may also run to fill the vacancy. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots.

THE ISSUES

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

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

REPEAT OFFENDERS: What can the courts do to reduce recidivism?

DISCRIMINATION: What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that bias will influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

CANDIDATES

Vote for no more than 4.

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Prior to my appointment to the bench, my experience was as a prosecutor for 23 years—the majority of which in the Special Victim's unit. I had the opportunity to give a voice to the most vulnerable of victims in our county and to fight to hold the most dangerous of predators accountable. It taught me the value of hard work, preparation and compassion. Those skills serve me well on the bench.

COURT NEEDS: I think one of the greatest challenges our courts are facing is the lack of public confidence in the justice system. I believe public confidence can be increased by retaining qualified, vetted judges with the right demeanor, work ethic and experience. Also, educating the public about the appointment process and the qualifications of sitting judges will increase their confidence in the system.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: Policy decisions of the Maryland Courts are decided by Chief Judge Barbera. In Maryland, there are many alternative courts designed to reduce recidivism. Examples are Veterans Courts, Mental Health Courts and Drug Courts. I have been given the privilege of serving as one of our Circuit Court Drug Court Judges. It is an experience I value greatly because of the positive impact I am having.

DISCRIMINATION: The Judicial Code of Ethics requires that judges approach each case and each decision fairly and impartially. A judge's ability to do that is best tested through the rigorous appointment process, which I have undergone. Continuing this rigorous vetting process and judicial education raising awareness of potential bias is the best way to reduce the risk outcomes will be influenced by biases.

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I was appointed as a Judge by Governor Hogan after a number of legal professionals from across the state determined that my personal and professional background adequately prepared me to serve on the court. My experiences gained as a judge have prepared me to continue to serve the people of Anne Arundel County.

COURT NEEDS: The Maryland Judiciary has stated that its vision is to advance justice for all who come to Maryland's courts. This requires that we continue to be an efficient, innovative, and accessible court system, working collaboratively with justice partners to serve the people with integrity and transparency.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: There are currently a number of programs in Maryland courts aimed at reducing recidivism, including Drug Treatment Court. The mission of Drug Treatment Court is to improve our community through enhanced public safety by providing judicially supervised treatment to substance abusing offenders, thereby reducing the social and economic cost of criminal activity.

DISCRIMINATION: The Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to perform their duties impartially and without bias, prejudice, or harassment. Judges must also hold those who appear before them to the same standard. Preventing discrimination is best addressed by continuing to thoroughly vet candidates prior to appointment and by requiring regular, continuing judicial education after appointment.

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In 2018, Governor Hogan appointed me to the bench based on my 18 years of diverse legal practice in the state of Maryland and my 30+ years of community involvement and public service in this county. My fellow judges and I underwent a thorough and intense vetting process designed to yield only the most qualified judges. It is my great honor and privilege to serve this community as a judge.

COURT NEEDS: Maryland courts are improving access to justice through the implementation of technologies designed to insure more efficient case flow and trial management. For example, the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) now allows parties to send documents and receive documents from the court 24 hours a day via Internet. We are constantly striving to make the courts more accessible to all Marylanders.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: The Maryland Judiciary is invested in reducing recidivism by partnering with the legislative and executive branches of state government to provide punishment that is fair to the offender and fair to the community. To reduce recidivism, the Judiciary also partners with the other branches to provide appropriate treatment, counseling, and training for those deserving of it.

DISCRIMINATION: The Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to perform their duties impartially and without bias, prejudice, or harassment. Judges must also hold those who appear before them to that same standard. Preventing discrimination is best addressed by continuing to thoroughly vet candidates prior to appointment and by requiring regular, continuing judicial education after appointment.

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After a comprehensive vetting process, Governor Hogan appointed me to the bench based on my 23 years in private practice in Anne Arundel County, 5 years in public service as an Assistant State's Attorney and over 31 years of community service. I concentrated my practice in helping protect children. My experience, hard work and temperament have helped me prepare for the duties of my office.

COURT NEEDS: The greatest challenge facing our court system is the lack of access to our civil courts by those persons with limited means. This issue can be addressed by the use of self help legal clinics such as the one located in the Anne Arundel Circuit Court library. It can also be addressed by attorneys agreeing to help indigent litigants for free or reduced fees and the funding of legal aid clinics.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: Many criminal offenses are committed by persons who suffer from addiction or mental health issues. Recidivism for non-violent offenses can be reduced by the use of drug, mental health and veterans courts. At present, the Circuit Court has a drug court that has shown promise in reducing recidivism and the Court is in the process of attempting to implement mental health and veteran court programs.

DISCRIMINATION: The Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to perform their duties impartiality and without bias, prejudice or harassment. We as judges must hold those who appear before us to the same standard. It is also important for judges to be fully vetted and be required to take part in regular continuing judicial education, regarding all forms of bias, once they are appointed to the bench.

JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS CIRCUIT 5

DUTIES: The Court of Appeals is the highest court in the State (commonly called the Supreme Court in other states and at the federal level). In most cases the court may choose whether or not to hear an appeal from a lower court, but it is required by law to hear cases involving the death penalty, legislative redistricting, removal of certain officers, and certifications of questions of law. The Court is composed of seven judges, with one elected from each of seven judicial circuits.

SALARY: \$191,433, annual base.

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

Members of the Court are initially appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Subsequently, they run for office on their records, unopposed. If voters reject a judge's retention in office or there is a tie vote, the office becomes vacant and must be filled by a new appointment. Otherwise, the incumbent judge remains in office for a ten-year term.

THE ISSUES

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

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

REPEAT OFFENDERS: What can the courts do to reduce recidivism?

DISCRIMINATION: What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that bias will influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

CANDIDATES

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

Jonathan Biran

No response received by deadline.

JUDGE, COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS AT-LARGE

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

SALARY: 178,633 annual base.

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

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

THE ISSUES

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

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

REPEAT OFFENDERS: What can the courts do to reduce recidivism?

DISCRIMINATION: What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that bias will influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

CANDIDATES

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

E. Gregory Wells

No response received by deadline.

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 2

BACKGROUND: Legislation was enacted in 2017 changing the Anne Arundel Board of Education from an appointed to an elected body, and eliminating one adult Board position. Implementation of the new structure began in 2018 with the election of four Board members, who are serving a six-year term. In 2020, three Board members will be elected to a four-year term, and in 2024, all seven adult Board positions will be on the ballot.

DUTIES: The duties of the Board include, but are not limited to, the following: selecting and appointing the Superintendent of Schools; appointing personnel; continuous appraisal of the educational and administrative management of the school system;

communicating and meeting with community members, staff and students; ratifying collective bargaining agreements; adopting policies, budgets, and courses of study; establishing school boundaries; making decisions on facility, procurement and financial matters; and deciding appeals.

SALARY: \$8,000 per year.

TERM OF OFFICE: Four years; limited to two consecutive terms.

Elected by the qualified voters of the councilmanic district in which the member resides.

The Board is comprised of seven adult members, and one student member who serves a one-year term. Members must be residents of Anne Arundel County; elected members must reside in the councilmanic district they represent. The student member is selected by the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC), and is a regularly enrolled senior-year student of good character and in good standing in a public county high school.

THE ISSUES

How does your educational background and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

AREA OF NEED: What do you consider the greatest area of need in our county's public education system, and how do you propose to address it?

ACADEMIC EQUITY: What approach will you take to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps for our minority students and how will you measure success?

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: What actions do you support to protect our students from external factors that impede their ability to learn? Examples include bullying, racism and bias, gang activity, homelessness and hunger.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS:

What initiatives do you favor to attract and retain high caliber, experienced teachers throughout our district?

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: To what extent do you support implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future in our county schools and which recommendations, if any, would you give highest priority?

CIVICS EDUCATION: What curricular or extracurricular initiatives do you support to increase students' understanding of and participation in civic life?

CANDIDATES

Vote for no more than 1.

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I am a product of Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and I have taught here for 48 years. I have also worked as a DC and chairperson of the Faculty Council and collaborated with the BOE as chairperson of the High School Concerns Committee and member of the TAAAC ASI-Advisory Board. I know our strengths and weaknesses. I can be a productive Board of Education member from day one.

AREA OF NEED: Safety and equity are top priorities. Everyone has the expectation of and the right to safety, as well as an opportunity to obtain the best education. I will identify concerns and I will work with all stakeholders to guarantee that our schools are as safe as possible, and I will build relationships with those stakeholders to close the achievement gap by way of the attitude gap.

ACADEMIC EQUITY: Opportunity and achievement gaps are not closing because of the attitude gap. When students attend schools with a positive attitude, they succeed. We must build relationships with all parents, students and communities. We must provide resources to help families cope with social issues impacting their approach to learning. Families will begin to care when they know we care. I do care!

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: I will continue to be a bully blocker and advocate for students. We cannot tolerate racism, bias, gang activity or any negative activity in our schools, and there must be consequences for these negative behaviors. Our schools do and will continue to provide help to homeless families and families in need. I will continue to advocate for programs to help eliminate homelessness and hunger.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS:

Students deserve the best. Fair compensation and safe working conditions are essential in order to attract and retain the best. Teachers leave because of workload issues, inappropriate compensation, and lack of respect and support. I will support and help develop initiatives which will solve workload issues, guarantee fair compensation and return respect and support to the profession.

BLUEPRINT

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Blueprint calls for high quality teachers and leaders, College and Career Readiness Pathways,

Early Childhood Education and resources to ensure that all students are successful. I support these concepts as well as resources to help teachers and administrators deal with disruptive students who need alternative settings and additional services to be successful.

CIVICS EDUCATION: Preparing all students to be good citizens is a goal. Anne Arundel County requires the Global Community Citizenship course. Many students would like to have a course that would teach some very basic strategies about being a good citizen, and I believe that we should develop and implement those courses to teach our students about their local, state and federal responsibilities.

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I have served in Education since 1992. Currently, I hold a Teaching Certificate thru June 2021 with the following endorsements: Generic Special Education, Administration I and II, Superintendent, and Reading (6 Credits). I taught ninth special education students from 1992-1998; promoted to assistant principal in 1998 and principal in 2001 at Woodbourne Day School for ED students.

AREA OF NEED: My focus will be on closing the achievement gap for minority students, addressing racism as much as possible, supporting better recruitment and increases in teacher compensation.

ACADEMIC EQUITY: I will support additional professional development in the areas of students with disabilities, IEP's and 504 Plans measured by the School Improvement Plan. I will measure the success by reviewing test results of the students—following the professional development activities to see any changes and change the School Improvement Plan if needed; classroom observations and teacher feedback.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: It will be my mission to improve and maintain a safe and orderly environment to include all stakeholders, teachers, administration, support staff, students, parents, and school resource officers. Frank discussions about bullying, racism, and any bias will be provided. It is also my goal to put down gang activity, poverty, homelessness, and hunger. Also, being prepared from external forces outside.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS:

I would attract and retain high caliber teachers by providing a more competitive compensation package that includes a minimum salary increase of 10% or more and additional focused professional



development. They should be able to work in a clean, safe and orderly environment. The systems office of certification office my monitor teacher's academic coursework to ensure that they are qualified.

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: I would give highest priority to the Blueprint recommendations which include \$1.1 Billion dollar increase in State school funding and it recommends a 10% increase in teacher salaries over the next three years: 200+ new community schools to help close opportunity gaps between low-income students and their more affluent peers.

CIVICS EDUCATION: I believe that all students need to have a full year of civics education that includes an understanding of our Constitution of the United States and its three branches of government. My initiative would be to understand the process of making laws in our democracy. Ensure that all students complete the mandatory community services hours required for graduation in civic minded activities.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 3

BACKGROUND: Legislation was enacted in 2017 changing the Anne Arundel Board of Education from an appointed to an elected body, and eliminating one adult Board position. Implementation of the new structure began in 2018 with the election of four Board members, who are serving a six-year term. In 2020, three Board members will be elected to a four-year term, and in 2024, all seven adult Board positions will be on the ballot.

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SALARY: \$8,000 per year.

TERM OF OFFICE: Four years; limited to two consecutive terms.

Elected by the qualified voters of the councilmanic district in with the member resides. The Board is comprised of seven adult members, and one student member who serves a one-year term. Members must be residents of Anne Arundel County; elected members must reside in the councilmanic district they represent. The student member is selected

by the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC), and is a regularly enrolled senior-year student of good character and in good standing in a public county high school.

THE ISSUES

How does your educational background and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

AREA OF NEED: What do you consider the greatest area of need in our county's public education system, and how do you propose to address it?

ACADEMIC EQUITY: What approach will you take to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps for our minority students and how will you measure success?

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: What actions do you support to protect our students from external factors that impede their ability to learn? Examples include bullying, racism and bias, gang activity, homelessness and hunger.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS: What initiatives do you favor to attract and retain high caliber, experienced teachers throughout our district?

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: To what extent do you support implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future in our county schools and which recommendations, if any, would you give highest priority?

CIVICS EDUCATION: What curricular or extracurricular initiatives do you support to increase students' understanding of and participation in civic life?

CANDIDATES

Vote for no more than 1.

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I have been a teacher for 42 years, I retired 2014 but rehired 2016-2017 school year. Since then I have been working as a long term substitute. I am one of founders and now the president of the foundation for educational excellence that provides warm clothing for students, glasses, and scholarships for students and grants for teachers, I was the vice president of TAAAC Gov. relations chair.

AREA OF NEED: 1. Recruit and retain qualified teachers for our schools. 2. Provide the extra help for struggling students. 3. Access to physical and mental health services. 4. Access to pre kindergarten for

four year old. 5. Increase the vocational opportunities

ACADEMIC EQUITY: To develop better technology for school that have the most achievement gap. Providing these students with a chrome book would help give them homework and classes. Smaller classes size to give them more attention for their school work.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: I would support any legislation that would protect kids. Working in the schools for so many years I see first hand what these external forces do to kids. That is why we need more support for students in our schools counselors and psychologists. If you hear a student has been picked on it really gets to you.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS: We need to get the best qualified teachers in our schools. Curranty we are falling short of getting these teachers, There are less teachers going into teaching and the one that we do getting leave in the first three years. We not only need to look at salaries but the benefits such as health care and retirement as well as other benefit. It is only going to get worse.

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: I think that the Blueprint overall is a good piece of legislation. It provides for many of the thing that we need to accomplish in our schools. My understanding that it is paid for the first three years and that the tax payers in this county would not pay any more in taxes than what they are doing now until 2028.

CIVICS EDUCATION: I do support extra curricular activities in the community. My children belong to the YMCA Indian guides program. The scouts is another program that promotes good citizenship. Many churches in the area sponsor youth groups that student can be apart of. The little league is another good area that promotes sportsmanship and team work.

Corine Frank

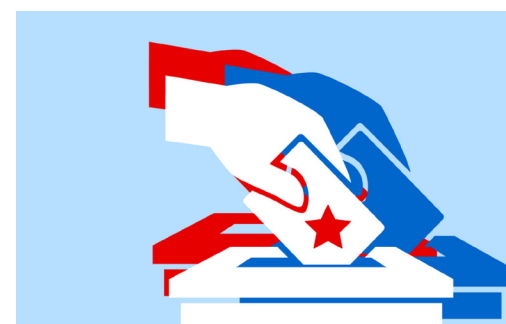
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No response received by deadline.



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 6

BACKGROUND: Legislation was enacted in 2017 changing the Anne Arundel Board of Education from an appointed to an elected body, and eliminating one adult Board position. Implementation of the new structure began in 2018 with the election of four Board members, who are serving a six-year term. In 2020, three Board members will be elected to a four-year term, and in 2024, all seven adult Board positions will be on the ballot.

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SALARY: \$8,000 per year.

TERM OF OFFICE: Four years; limited to two consecutive terms.

Elected by the qualified voters of the councilmanic district in which the member resides.

The Board is comprised of seven adult members, and one student member who serves a one-year term. Members must be residents of Anne Arundel County; elected members must reside in the councilmanic district they represent. The student member is selected by the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC), and is a regularly enrolled senior-year student of good character and in good standing in a public county high school.

THE ISSUES

How does your educational background and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

AREA OF NEED: What do you consider the greatest area of need in our county's public education system, and how do you propose to address it?

ACADEMIC EQUITY: What approach will you take to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps for our minority students and how will you measure success?

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: What actions do you support to protect our students from external factors that impede their ability to learn? Examples include bullying, racism and bias, gang activity, homelessness and hunger.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING

TEACHERS: What initiatives do you favor to attract and retain high caliber, experienced teachers throughout our district?

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: To what extent do you support implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future in our county schools and which recommendations, if any, would you give highest priority?

CIVICS EDUCATION: What curricular or extracurricular initiatives do you support to increase students' understanding of and participation in civic life?

CANDIDATES

Vote for no more than 1.

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My whole life has prepared me to be on the AACo Board of Education. With 20 years public service in law & policy and chairing 5 Board of Directors, I'll understand the Board's legal, budget & procedural operations from day one. I also bring the intangibles to this office: as a teacher, facilitator & juvenile justice advocate, and most notably, 30 years advocating for AACPS as a student and parent.

AREA OF NEED: Equity for all students & staff: equity in the education/treatment of students of color, students w/disabilities, LGBTQ & immigrant students, and equity in the placement/promotion of teachers of color. My action items include collecting publicly accessible data to see exactly where the inequities are, giving support to those schools/staff & holding AACPS accountable if inequities aren't addressed.

ACADEMIC EQUITY: We must monitor system performance to assess, report & communicate student academic performance, including accessible monthly stats of discipline referrals, citations & arrests. I want to conduct quarterly community meetings with students, hire more Special Ed & English Language Acquisition teachers, and ensure teachers of color are placed in ALL subjects & provided leadership opportunities.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: Health, safety & welfare is my priority in my day job and will be the same priority for our kids. My action items include community schools where needed, safe/reliable transportation

for all, transparency to all AACPS families when a hate incident occurs at any school and ensuring policies on bullying & biased behavior are enforced—including protecting LGBTQ & immigrants from harassment/harm.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING

TEACHERS: Ensuring teacher pay/benefits is commensurate with surrounding jurisdictions & restoring lost steps will always be priority, but we also must reduce classroom size to state standards so teachers can connect with students. We need strong mentoring programs for new teachers and, as cited earlier, we must ensure teachers of color are placed in all subjects/grades & provided leadership opportunities

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: I support full implementation of the Blueprint: every recommendation is interwoven as a priority if we want high-quality education for all. All kids need access to full-day Pre-K to prevent inequities starting at a young age, just as we need college & career ready options to allow students to pursue what is in their best interest—and funding more mental health & Special Ed support matters too.

CIVICS EDUCATION: All extracurriculars matter, but focusing on CRASC (county student council), as stated in my 1991 Letter to the Editor when fighting to save CRASC from budget cuts, students not only learn how govt. works but use that info to participate in govt.: CRASC remains a model nationwide. I also support civic engagement through the service-learning requirement that I helped pass in 1993 & internships.

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Early education in Asia and Africa. B.A. Cum Laude, Wellesley College, M.A. St. John's College, Ph.D. Georgetown University. Knowledge of many different educational systems. I have hands-on experience teaching undergraduates. Chairing the board of a private school and leading accreditation teams for public charter programs around the country, I have developed critical oversight skills.

AREA OF NEED: The greatest area of need is attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers and providing sufficient counselors, social workers, and psychiatric staff to enable teachers to focus on instruction. I support increasing teachers' salaries to align with surrounding Maryland counties,

and replacing lost steps. I will also advocate for more counselors and social workers and limiting class size..

ACADEMIC EQUITY: After school activity buses allowing all children to meet with teachers. Curriculum: growing the Global Citizenship Course, and including more local history highlighting the contributions of African Americans and Latinos in our community. Hiring a more diverse teaching force. Measures: increases in equity of graduation rates, participation in high-level classes, and college and job acceptances.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: Implicit bias training for teachers and hiring a sufficient number of counselors, social workers and psychological staff to identify at-risk students and implement interventions. Collaboration between the schools and service providers to address hunger and homelessness. Employing social and emotional development curriculum early, as well as the Global Citizenship Course at high schools.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS: Teacher pay aligned with surrounding counties and restoring lost steps. Nurturing the development of new teachers and encouraging a strong, collaborative culture. Supportive, effective coaching that allows for free exchange of ideas. Hiring a more diverse teaching force, tapping into historically black colleges and universities and non-traditional sources, including career changers.

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: I fully support the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. The most important priorities include expanding pre-kindergarten (full-day) to all 4-year-olds, as well as 3-year-olds from low-income families; raising standards to become a teacher and the status of the profession; raising teacher salaries; enhanced access to technical and vocational training and college and career readiness.

CIVICS EDUCATION: Classroom discussion of current issues, interacting with local elected officials, and participating in public meetings and public discourse. I encourage opportunities for students to testify on bills that affect them. Putting my belief into practice, I recently encouraged my daughter to testify along with me before the Board of Education on the issue of instituting healthy school start times.



STATE BALLOT QUESTIONS

MARYLAND STATE QUESTION 1

Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 645 of the 2020 Legislative Session) State Budget Process

(Amending Article II Section 17 and Article III Section 14 and 52 of the Maryland Constitution)

The proposed amendment authorizes the General Assembly, in enacting a balanced budget bill for fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, to increase, diminish, or add items, provided that the General Assembly may not exceed the total proposed budget as submitted by the Governor.

☐ **FOR** the Constitutional Amendment

☐ **AGAINST** the Constitutional Amendment

Origin of the ballot question: The 2020 session of the General Assembly passed legislation (SB 1028) proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the authority of the General Assembly in the budget process. A bill that amends the Maryland Constitution requires a three-fifth vote in each chamber (Maryland Senate and House of Delegates) and approval by a majority of voters at the next general election.

Present Practice: The Maryland Constitution prohibits the General Assembly from increasing any budget item or adding any new items to the Governor's proposed budget for any of the government agencies except the Judicial branch and the operations of the General Assembly itself. The one exception is that it may add to the budget if it enacts a new revenue source to fund additional items. This is a rare occurrence. In addition, it cannot move funds from one agency to another. Therefore, in practice, the General Assembly can only recommend cuts to state agency budgets recommended by the Governor. Once a budget passes the Senate and House, it becomes law and cannot be changed or vetoed by the Governor.

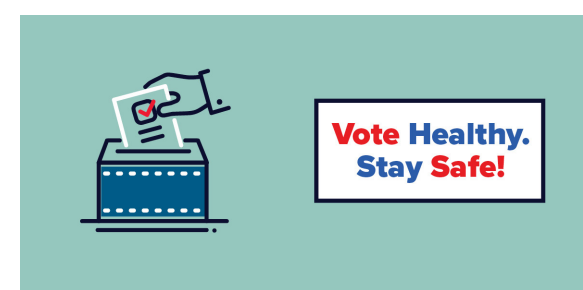
Proposed Change: If passed, the General Assembly could move spending in the budget proposed by the Governor from one agency to another as long as the total amount of the budget does not exceed the total amount in Governor's proposed budget. The General Assembly could also add spending to a new item, as long as other item(s) of the budget are reduced to pay for the new expenditure. This change would begin with the 2024 Budget bill which is presented to the General Assembly in 2023. At that time, the Governor would be given the authority to veto items added or items increased by the General Assembly.

Arguments in Favor:

- The Maryland Legislature has less power in the budget process than any other legislature in the United States.
- Members of the public might have more ability to influence funding for programs of importance to them because they have more opportunities to interact with legislators during the General Assembly Session personally and during committee hearings, than they do to influence the Governor or the state agencies when the budget details are negotiated and finalized for presentation.
- For decades, Republican and Democratic legislators have proposed this change while Governors from both major parties have been in power. The provisions of this bill will not take effect until the election of a new Governor and members of the General Assembly are elected.
- This Constitutional Amendment would not change the current requirement that the General Assembly must pass a balanced budget.

Arguments Against:

- Because the Governor would have the power to enact line item vetoes, there may be more Special Sessions to override those vetoes. Special Sessions come with a cost.
 - Because the public will be advocating for new or increased funding for particular programs, legislators could be swayed to support programs that the Governor did not feel should be funded at that level.
 - It could take longer to pass a budget.
 - Legislators may have more concern about programs that affect their constituents, while the Governor may have a more statewide perspective.
- ☐ A vote **FOR** the constitutional amendment means the legislature will be able to adjust spending in the Governor's budget by reducing some items and increasing others as long as the total amount of spending does not exceed the amount of spending proposed by the Governor.
- ☐ A vote **AGAINST** the constitutional amendment means current law would remain in place and the legislature will only be able to reduce the expenditures within the budget proposed by the Governor.



MARYLAND STATE QUESTION 2

Commercial Gaming Expansion Referendum (Ch. 492 of the 2020 Legislative Session)

Expansion of Commercial Gaming-Sports and Event Wagering

Do you approve the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland to authorize sports and events betting for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education?

☐ **FOR** the referred law.

☐ **AGAINST** the referred law.

Origin of the ballot question: In 2007, the Maryland Constitution was amended to say that the General Assembly may only authorize additional forms or expansion of commercial gambling if approved through a referendum by a majority of the voters in a general election. In 2020 the General Assembly passed SB 04 that would authorize it to pass laws to establish a program of sports wagering and event wagering in the State if approved by voters in the next General Election. The bill also stated that the primary purpose of this expansion of gambling would be to raise revenue for education.

Present Practice: In 2008 Maryland voters first approved gambling via video lottery terminals (slot machines.) In 2012, voters approved expanding the allowable number of video lottery terminals and authorized table games in casinos. Wagering on a contest, event, game, or match between individuals or teams sponsored by a professional league or association or hosted by a college or university is currently illegal in Maryland.

Proposed Change: If the referendum is approved, the General Assembly would then need to pass legislation that authorizes the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue licenses for sports and event wagering in the State. The legislation must include the criteria for eligible applications for a licensee and specify the permissible forms, means of conducting, and locations where sports wagering would take place. The bill that sent this question to the voters also requires a study by the General Assembly to evaluate whether there is reason to assist minorities and women in the sports and event wagering industry and market. This study is to be completed by October 1, 2020 so any recommendations that result can be considered when the General Assembly establishes criteria for licenses (assuming the referendum passes.)

Arguments in Favor:

- Allowing sports betting in Maryland would enable the state to compete with the fourteen states that are already raising revenue this way.

- Illegal sports betting already takes place. Maryland should provide a legal way to place such bets to tap into that market and thereby reduce criminal activity.
- Depending on how it is implemented, Maryland could raise as much as \$20 million a year that could be invested in education which could yield long term benefits for Maryland residents.

Arguments Against:

- Maryland already has legalized a lottery, slot machines and casinos with various gambling table games. This would add another way to raise money from people who may not be able to afford it and may become addicted to gambling.
- If sports betting is implemented in a similar manner to casino gambling, most of the revenue raised will likely go to the gambling venues with only a small portion going to education.
- Sports betting could have an impact on how fans watch games because they could be more interested in making money than appreciating the sport. It could impact the game for players as well, especially if wagering is allowed on college sports.

☐ A vote **FOR** the referred law means the General Assembly will be able to pass legislation to establish a program of sports wagering and event wagering in Maryland with a portion of the revenue going to support public education.

☐ A vote **AGAINST** the referred law means that commercial wagering on sporting events will remain illegal in Maryland.

LOCAL BALLOT QUESTIONS

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY QUESTION A

Ballot Language: To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to allow the County Auditor to (1) have access to all records and files pertaining to county business; to allow the County Auditor to conduct additional financial and performance audits or reviews of any office, department, or agency funded in whole or in part by County funds; and to allow the County Auditor to conduct investigations of an act or allegation of fraud, waste, or abuse in the obligation, expenditure, or use of County resources. (Resolution No. 36-19, passed November 18, 2019)

Origin: Introduced by Councilmembers Volke and Fiedler

Present Practice: Current law provides that the County Auditor have access to all records and files pertaining to the receipt and expenditure of county funds, to conduct

audits of the financial affairs of the county and to call any improper procedure or irregularity to the attention of the County Executive and County Council.

Proposed Change: The amendment would expand the authority of the County Auditor to (1) have access to all records and files pertaining to county business, not just those records pertaining to the receipt and expenditure of county funds; (2) conduct other financial or performance audits or reviews, which are more limited in scope than full audits, of any office, department or agency funded in whole or in part by county funds; and (3) investigate acts or allegations of fraud, waste or abuse in the obligation, expenditure, receipt or use of county resources.

Pro: A strong auditor is good for taxpayers as it encourages transparency in government.

Con: No opposing views were recorded.

☐ A vote **FOR** means the authority of the County Auditor would be expanded.

☐ A vote **AGAINST** means the authority of the County Auditor remains limited.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY QUESTION B

Ballot Language: To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require County Council confirmation of the County Executive's appointments of the County Attorney, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief and to allow the County Council, on the affirmative vote of not less than five members, to prevent removal of a County Attorney appointed by the County Executive. (Resolution No. 37-19, passed September 16, 2019)

Origin: Introduced by the entire County Council.

Present Practice: The County Executive appoints the County Attorney, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief without County Council confirmation, and the County Executive can remove the County Attorney without County Council approval.

Proposed Change: The County Council will review and confirm the County Executive's appointments of the County Attorney, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief. In addition, should a super-majority of the County Council oppose the County Executive's decision to remove the County Attorney, the Council will have the authority to prevent the removal.

Pro: This amendment gives the County Council more oversight in the governing of Anne Arundel County, and provides additional checks and balances between the Executive and Legislative branches. It received unanimous support from both branches.

Con: No opposing views were recorded.

☐ A vote **FOR** means the County Executive's appointments of the County Attorney, Chief of Police and Fire Chief will require County Council confirmation. A vote FOR also means County Council will be able to prevent the removal of the County Attorney by the County Executive if the removal is opposed by 5 or more members of the Council.

☐ A vote **AGAINST** means the County Executive will retain the authority to appoint the County Attorney, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief, and to remove the County Attorney.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY QUESTION C

Ballot Language: To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to remove the limit of 1500 hours per calendar year for hourly rate contractual employees in the exempt service under Section 802(a)(14) of the Charter. (Resolution No. 17-20, passed July 20, 2020)

Origin: Introduced on May 26, 2020 by request of the County Executive. The amendment is the first of four resulting from an informal internal survey by the County Executive's office asking the question: Which parts of the County Charter are standing in the way of efficient and effective local government?

Present Practice: County part-time contractual employees are limited by the Charter to working no more than 1500 hours per calendar year and are not eligible for overtime. Many of these employees reach their annual limit and the County must hire and train new employees to fill their positions on an interim basis. This results in additional recruiting and training costs for the departments and adversely impacts the employees and the community they serve. The County's hourly limit was last modified in the 1990s. Several neighboring counties have no limit, while Montgomery and Prince George's Counties have lower hourly limits than Anne Arundel.

Proposed Change: When deemed appropriate by the department managing the budget appropriation, part-time contractual employees will be able to remain in their positions throughout their job term and/or perform other contractual duties within the department, irrespective of the total number of hours worked in the year.

Pro: County government will be able to serve the community more efficiently and consistently, and provide more steady and reliable employment to part-time contractual workers.

Con: Increasing eligible hours for contractual employees doesn't afford them greater job security or benefits.

☐ A vote **FOR** the amendment would remove the limit on the number of hours a part-time contractual County employee can work in a calendar year.

☐ A vote **AGAINST** the amendment would keep the 1500 hour limit on the number of hours a part-time contractual employee can work in a calendar year.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY QUESTION D

Ballot Language: To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to permit the County Council to increase the minimum value of purchases and contracts requiring full competitive bidding to an amount not less than \$25,000 and not greater than \$100,000. (Resolution No. 18-20, passed July 6, 2020)

Origin: Introduced on May 26, 2020 by request of the County Executive. This amendment is the second of four resulting from an informal internal survey by the County Executive's office asking the question: Which parts of the County Charter are standing in the way of efficient and effective local government?

Present Practice: The County Charter and Code establish three categories of bidding processes. For purchases up to \$5,000, one price quotation is adequate; for expenditures between \$5,000 to \$50,000, the purchasing agent must try to get 3 quotations in writing; over \$50,000, contracts are awarded following a publicly announced sealed competitive bidding process. Currently, County Council has the authority to pass legislation changing the minimum amount required for sealed competitive bidding to no less than \$25,000 and no more than \$50,000.

Proposed Change: This amendment authorizes Council to pass legislation establishing the minimum amount required for sealed competitive bidding to an amount between \$25,000 and \$100,000.

Pro: The full competitive bidding process can be costly, time-consuming, and impractical, especially for technology purchases. Smaller businesses may not have the expertise and resources to participate in the sealed bidding process. This amendment provides County Council flexibility to set a minimum limit for certain contracts based on specific criteria, or to adjust for future inflation, by passing legislation.

Con: A publicized sealed bidding process facilitates participation by a diverse range of vendors and can result in cost savings for the County.

☐ A vote **FOR** the amendment would permit the County Council to set the minimum value of a contract subject to

competitive bidding to a value between \$25,000 and \$100,000.

☐ A vote **AGAINST** the amendment would require the County Council to set the minimum value of a contract subject to competitive bidding to a value between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY QUESTION E

Ballot Language: To amend Section 806 of the Anne Arundel County Charter to modify the probationary period from six months to the time required to complete the department's entry-level training program plus twelve months for entry-level full-time classified sworn employees of the Police Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, and Department of Detention Facilities, and to provide that a probationary period does not run while an employee is on paid or unpaid leave that exceeds 80 consecutive hours. (Resolution No. 19-20, passed July 20, 2020)

Origin: Introduced on May 26, 2020 by request of the County Executive. This amendment is the third of four resulting from an informal internal survey by the County Executive's office asking the question: Which parts of the County Charter are standing in the way of efficient and effective local government?

Present Practice: Entry-level recruits at the county police, fire, detention and sheriff departments are probational employees for a minimum of six months and maximum of 12 months, including entry-level training. The length of training programs at the agencies ranges from two months for detention employees to nine months for police recruits. At the end of the probationary period, the department must decide whether to retain the new employee. In some cases, the probationary period remaining after training is too short to develop and evaluate a recruit's officer potential and an employee who might succeed after more time on the job is terminated.

Proposed Change: The amendment establishes a twelve month probationary period for entry-level full-time classified sworn employees that would start when the entry-level training program is completed and would exclude paid or unpaid leave that exceeds 80 consecutive hours.

Pro: The amendment provides county public safety departments a more reasonable and consistent amount of time in which to develop and evaluate potential officers.

Con: None were stated during hearings on the resolution.

☐ A vote **FOR** the amendment will establish a twelve month probationary period for entry-level full-time classified sworn

employees of the Police Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, and Department of Detention Facilities starting after the completion of the department's entry-level training program and excluding paid or unpaid leave that exceeds 80 consecutive hours.

- ☐ A vote **AGAINST** the amendment will retain the current probationary period of six months plus an optional six months, including the time required to complete the department's entry-level training program and paid or unpaid leave that exceeds 80 consecutive hours, for entry-level full-time classified sworn employees of the Police Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, and Department of Detention Facilities.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY QUESTION F

Ballot Language: To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to expand the initial term for an acting Chief Administrative Officer or acting head of any office or department from sixty days to one hundred twenty days, and to allow the County Council to extend that term by up to two additional six month periods instead of the current four months. (Resolution No. 20-20, passed July 6, 2020)

Origin: Introduced on May 26, 2020 by request of the County Executive. This is the fourth and final amendment resulting from an informal internal survey by the County Executive's office asking the question: Which parts of the County Charter are standing in the way of efficient and effective local government?

Present Practice: A Chief Administrative Officer or department head who is hired on an interim basis to fill a vacancy serves a initial term of 60 days and County Council may extend the term an additional four months.

Proposed Change: An interim Chief Administrative Officer or department head would fill the role for 120 days and County Council would be able to extend the limit by resolution for up to two more six-month periods.

Pro: This amendment would give county government more time and flexibility to hire qualified candidates to permanently fill important supervisory positions.

Con: Interim administrators do not always have the same authority as a permanent officer which could affect departmental operations.

- ☐ A vote **FOR** the amendment would lengthen the term of an acting Chief Administrative Officer or acting department head from 60 to 120 days and

would allow the County Council to extend the term for up to two additional six-month periods.

- ☐ A vote **AGAINST** the amendment would retain the current 60-day term for an acting Chief Administrative Officer or department head and would retain the current extension by the County Council of one four-month period.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY QUESTION G

Ballot Language: To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require the Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission. (Resolution No. 22-20, passed July 6, 2020)

Origin: Introduced by Councilmember Pruski. The Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission was first established by Executive Order in 1967 and its composition and purpose have varied over the years. In 2019, County Council passed Bill 57-19 institutionalizing the Human Relations Commission within County Code and granting it the authority to enforce Code provisions related to discrimination in housing.

Present Practice: The Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission, as redefined in 2019, has been established and is operating in accordance with County Code. County Council has the authority to

pass legislation revising the Commission's structure, purpose and authority, or disbanding it, by majority vote.

Proposed Change: The Human Relations Commission will become one of four standing Special Commissions, Boards and Committees required by the County Charter. County Council will retain the authority to revise the Commission's structure, purpose and authority through County Code, but a decision to disband the Commission in the future will require passage of another charter amendment, which must be approved by voters.

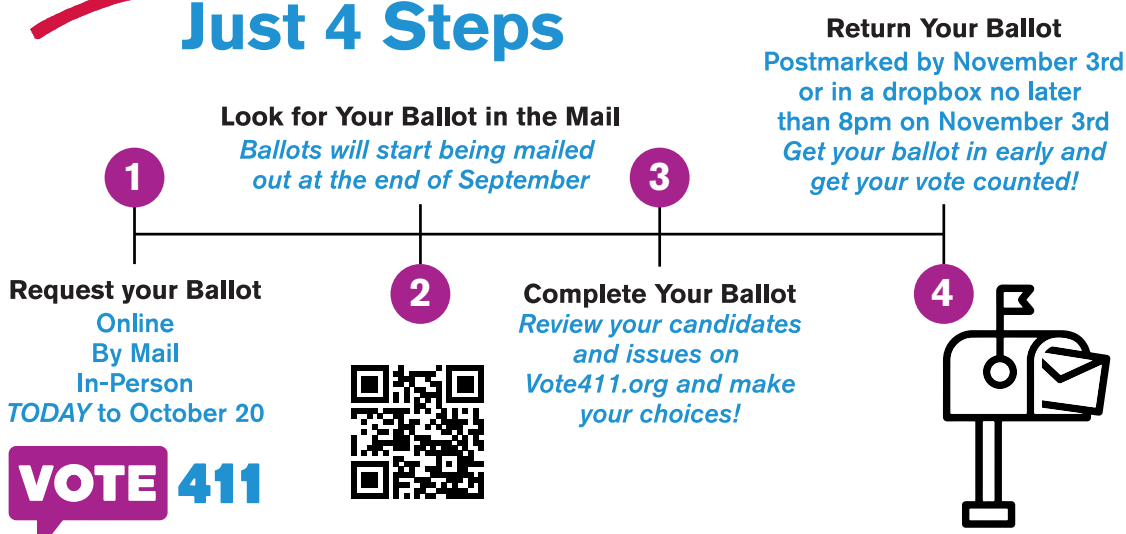
Pro: Passage of this amendment will establish the Human Relations Commission as a fundamental part of County government and provide citizens a voice in future decisions regarding the Commission.

Con: The Human Relations Commission is already a legally established functioning entity within County Code.

- ☐ A vote **FOR** the amendment means the Human Relations Commission will be a function of County government required by the County Charter.
- ☐ A vote **AGAINST** the amendment means the Human Relations Commission will remain established through County Code.



The Vote By Mail in Just 4 Steps

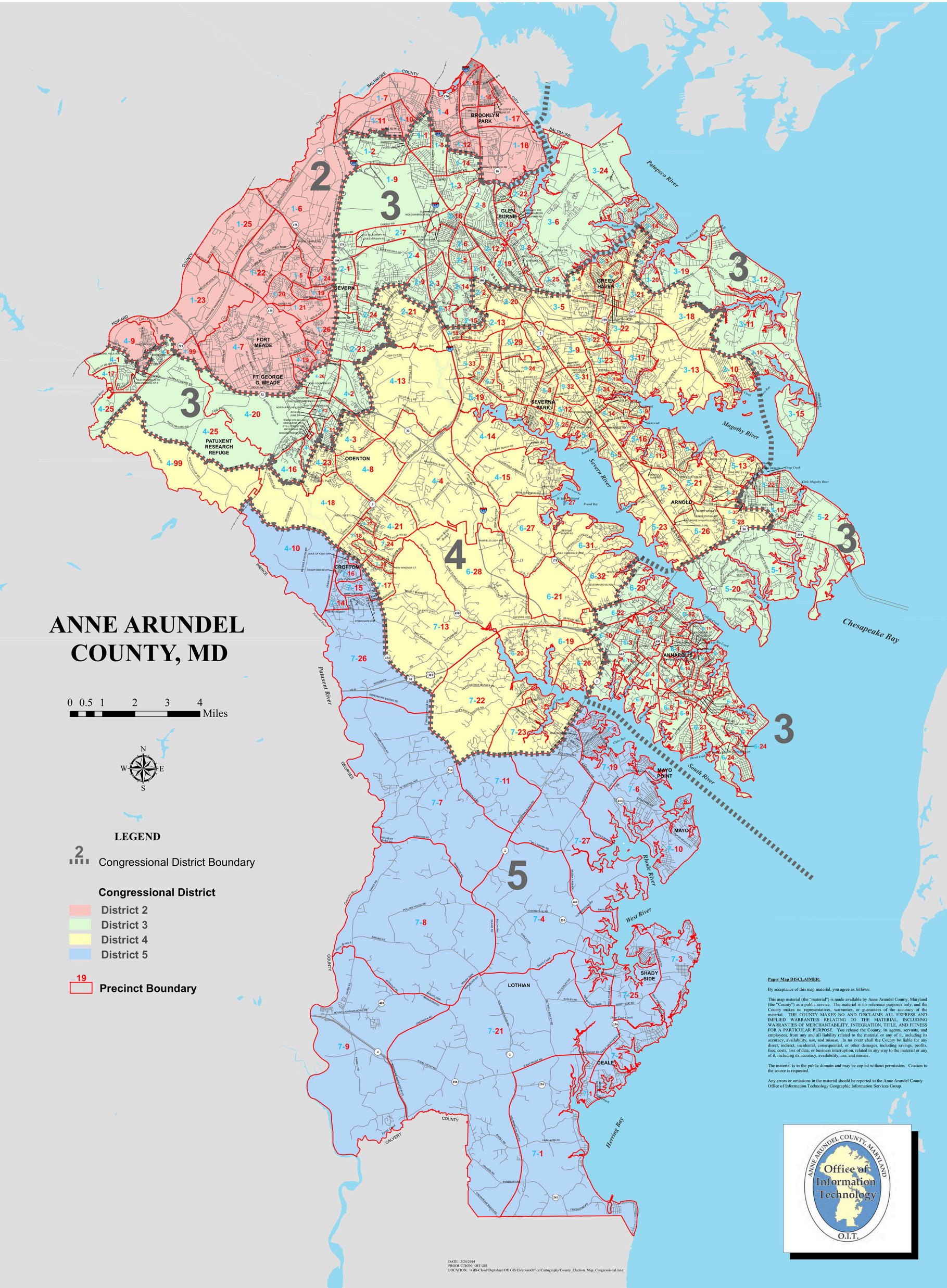


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For the fall 2020 general election, voters seeking to vote by mail MUST REQUEST a mail-in ballot (previously called "absentee ballot").

- The Board of Elections will send **mail-in ballot applications** to all eligible registered voters.
- This is **different from the June 2020 primary election**, when the Board of Elections sent **mail-in ballots** to all eligible registered voters.
- The **deadline to request** for a mail-in ballot is October 20.

There will be in-person voting during early voting (Oct. 26-Nov. 2) and on Election Day (Nov. 3) at designated voting sites. Prevailing health and safety measures, such as mask and social distancing requirements, will be observed.



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September 28th-30th

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2700 Riva Road
Annapolis, MD 21401
- Anne Arundel County Board of Elections**
6740 Baymeadow Drive
Glen Burnie, MD 21060
- Broadneck High School**
1265 Green Holly Drive
Annapolis, MD 21409
- Brock Bridge Elementary School**
405 Brock Bridge Road
Laurel, MD 20724
- Chesapeake High School**
4798 Mountain Road
Pasadena, MD 21122
- County Board of Elections**
6740 Baymeadow Drive
Glen Burnie, MD 21060
- Crofton Middle School**
2301 Davidsonville Road
Gambrills, MD 21054
- Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Hall**
161 Ritchie Highway
Severna Park, MD 21146
- Glen Burnie High School**
7550 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd
Glen Burnie, MD 21060
- Pip Moyer Recreation Center**
273 Hilltop Lane
Annapolis, MD 21403
- South River High School**
201 Central Avenue East
Edgewater, MD 21037
- Arundel High School**
1001 Annapolis Road
Gambrills, MD 21054
- Meade High School**
1100 Clark Road
Ft. Meade, MD 20755
- North County High School**
10 East 1st Avenue
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Anne Arundel Ballot Drop Off Locations for the 2020
Presidential General Election

You can return your ballot by mail or you can drop off your completed, voted ballot at a drop box location in Anne Arundel County.

Simply place your completed ballot in the return envelope, sign the oath on the envelope, seal the return envelope and take it to a drop off box in the county.

Ballot drop off boxes will be delivered at different times. The drop boxes will be available through Tuesday, November 3rd. Your ballot must be dropped off by 8 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Please make sure your oath is signed on the return envelope or the ballot will not count.

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- Northeast High School**
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Pasadena, MD 21122
- Old Mill High School**
600 Patriot Lane
Millersville, MD 21108
- Severna Park High School**
60 Robinson Road
Severna Park, MD 21146
- Southern High School**
4400 Solomons Island Road
Harwood, MD 20776
- Van Bokkelen Elementary School**
1140 Reece Road
Severn, MD 21144
- Brooklyn Park Middle School**
200 Hammonds Lane
Brooklyn Park, MD 21225
- Chesapeake Science Point Charter School**
7321 Pkwy Drive S
Hanover, MD 21076
- Corkran Middle School**
7600 Quarterfield Road
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
- Crofton Elementary School**
1405 Duke of Kent Drive
Crofton, MD 21114
- Heritage Community Church**
8146 Quarterfield Road
Severn, MD 21144
- Lindale Middle School**
415 Andover Road
Linthicum, MD 21090
- Magothy River Middle School**
241 Peninsula Farm Road #1052
Arnold, MD 21012
- Marley Middle School**
10 Davis Court
Glen Burnie, MD 21060
- Millersville Elementary School**
1601 Millersville Road
Millersville, MD 21108
- Rolling Knolls Elementary School 1**
985 Valley Road
Annapolis, MD 21401
- Solley Elementary School**
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4798 Mountain Road
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Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Meade High School

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Ft Meade, MD 20755

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North County High School*

10 East 1st Avenue
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Northeast High School*

1121 Duvall Highway
Pasadena, MD 21122

Old Mill High School

600 Patriot Lane
Millersville, MD 21108

Pip Moyer Recreation Center*

273 Hilltop Lane
Annapolis, MD 21403

Rolling Knolls Elementary School

1985 Valley Road
Annapolis, MD 21401

Severna Park High School*

60 Robinson Road
Severna Park, MD 21146

Solley Elementary School

7608 Solley Road
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

South River High School*

201 Central Avenue East
Edgewater, MD 21037

Southern High School

4400 Solomons Island Road
Harwood, MD 20776

Southern Middle School

5235 Solomons Island Road
Lothian, MD 20711

Van Bokkelen Elementary School

1140 Reece Road
Severn, MD 21144

ABOUT OUR FRONT COVER

Celebrating 100 years of the League of Women Voters and the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution

The photograph is an image from the Library of Congress and was chosen because 2020 is the 100-year anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. This is also the 100-year anniversary of the League of Women Voters.

The League of Women Voters was founded six months before the 19th amendment was ratified. The goal was to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters.

Today, the League of Women Voters of the United States encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League works to register voters and to provide voters with election information through Voters' Guides as well as candidate forums and debates.

For more information about the history of the League, see www.lwv.org/about-us/history