



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of Anne Arundel County



# VOTERS' GUIDE

## 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

VOTING BY MAIL AND  
IN-PERSON VOTING



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



# About This Voters' Guide

The League of Women Voters (LWV) does not support or oppose any candidate or political party. As part of its mission to empower voters, the LWV produces nonpartisan resources to help all citizens exercise their right to vote. The Voters' Guide provides candidates' views on topics of public interest, using their own words and on a level playing field.

All eligible candidates are invited to participate. Candidates for the same office are asked the same questions. Responses appear exactly as entered by the candidate through an online interface. Answers end when the pre-established 400-character limit is reached.

If a candidate does not respond by May 18, 2022, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Additional information on the candidates, including updated submissions, photographs and links to social media, may be found at [vote411.org](https://vote411.org).

## HOW A CLOSED PRIMARY ELECTION WORKS

Maryland is a closed primary state. In the 2022 Primary Election, voters must be registered as Democrats to vote for Democratic candidates and voters must be registered as Republicans to vote for Republicans. Other recognized political parties in Maryland choose their candidates by other methods. Therefore, third party and unaffiliated candidates will not appear on the primary election ballots and are not included in this guide. Maryland prohibits write-in candidates in the primary election. Candidates for Judge of the Circuit Court, Circuit 5, a nonpartisan race, will appear on both the Democratic and Republican ballots.

## QUESTIONS?

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## POLLING PLACES AND VOTING DISTRICTS

District lines in Maryland have been revised in response to the 2020 census. **If you plan to vote in person on July 19, be sure to check your assigned polling place before you go to the polls.** This information will appear on the sample ballot you receive from the Board of Elections. Your polling place, congressional, legislative, and councilmanic district numbers can also be found by entering your address in [voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch) or [vote411.org](https://vote411.org).

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# 3 WAYS TO VOTE

**EARLY VOTING CENTER** Vote at a convenient time and location for you. You may vote in person at any Anne Arundel County Early Voting Center between 7 am to 8 pm, Thursday, July 7 through Thursday, July 14. Locations are listed in this guide.

**MAIL-IN BALLOT** Vote when you're ready by applying for a mail-in ballot. Mail-in ballot applications are online available from [elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html](https://elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html) and by contacting the County Board of Elections at 410-222-6600. You may return your ballot by USPS mail, in a ballot drop off box, or at an early voting center, polling place or the Board of Elections office. Ballots must be returned or postmarked by 8 pm on July 19.

**ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE** Vote at **your assigned** polling place on Tuesday, July 19. Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm. Your assigned polling place may have changed. Check the sample ballot sent by the Board of Elections or [visit vote411.org](https://vote411.org) or [voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch).

## WHAT IS A PROVISIONAL BALLOT?

A provisional ballot is a safeguard to ensure that individuals who believe they are registered and eligible to vote can 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 in order to have their ballot counted.

All provisional ballot applications are reviewed. A provisional ballot will only 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 [www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/provisional\\_voting.html](https://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/provisional_voting.html).

## 2022 Gubernatorial Election

### ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EARLY VOTING CENTERS PRIMARY ELECTION

**Thursday, July 7, 2022 thru Thursday, July 14, 2022**  
**Voting Hours: 7:00 am to 8:00 pm**  
During Early Voting, Anne Arundel County voters may vote at any of the vote centers listed below.

<b>Annapolis Middle School</b> 1399 Forest Drive Annapolis, MD 21403	<b>Deale Elks Lodge</b> 6022 Drum Point Road Deale, MD 20751
<b>Anne Arundel County Board of Elections</b> 6740 Baymeadow Drive Glen Burnie, MD 21060	<b>Gladys D. Greene Banquet Hall</b> 898 Airport Park Road, Suite 207 Glen Burnie, MD 21061
<b>Arundel Middle School</b> 1179 Hammond Lane Odenton, MD 21113	<b>Laurel Park Race Track</b> 198 Laurel Race Track Road Laurel, MD 20725
<b>Central Middle School</b> 221 Central Avenue E Edgewater, MD 21037	<b>Magothy River Middle School</b> 241 Peninsula Farm Road Arnold, MD 21012
<b>Crofton High School</b> 2291 Davidsonville Road Gambrills, MD 21054	<b>Primary Election Day: July 19, 2022: Vote at your assigned polling place.</b>

## VOTER REGISTRATION FAQS

**Am I registered to vote?**  
In Maryland, registration is permanent as long as you continue to live in the state and keep your address current. To verify your status and your address, go to [voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch), or call the Board of Elections.

When you register to vote or change your registration (name, address or party affiliation), the Board of Elections will mail you a Voter Notification Card. If you don't receive a card within three weeks or the information on the card is incorrect, contact the Board of Elections.

**Am I eligible to register to vote?**  
To register, you must be at least 16 years old, a U.S. citizen and a Maryland resident. You must not be under court-ordered ineligibility to vote due to mental disability, nor convicted of buying or selling votes. If you have been convicted of a felony, you must have completed serving any prison sentence.

**How and when can I register, change party or update my address?**  
For the July 19 primary election, the deadline to register to vote or change your registration information online or by mail is Tuesday, June 28.

If you are eligible to vote, you may register in person at one of the Early Voting Centers or at the polling place assigned to your current address. Take your driver's license, state ID card or a utility bill or other mailing that verifies your name and address.

Registered voters may not change their party affiliation at in-person primary election voting sites.

**Who can vote in the 2022 Maryland Primary Election?**  
Registered voters must be at least 18 years of age on or before the General Election, November 8, 2022, to vote in the primary. In Maryland, a voter must be affiliated with a political party to participate in that party's primary election. The deadline to affiliate or change your party affiliation is Tuesday, June 28.

## PROTECT YOUR BALLOT

Do not give your ballot to anyone who offers to collect ballots. Put it directly in a USPS mailbox or in a Board of Elections drop off box. You may also turn it in at a voting center or at the County Board of Elections office. Drop boxes will be available at voting centers from mid-June through Primary Election Day. Lists of drop off box sites and voting centers are in this Voters' Guide.

## GOVERNOR/ LT. GOVERNOR

**DUTIES:** The Governor is the head of the executive branch and appoints the heads of statewide departments and judges in the state courts. The Governor proposes the annual operating and capital budgets to the legislature and may veto legislation passed by the legislature. The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor and carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability.

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

**SALARIES:** Governor \$184,000, Lieutenant Governor \$165,000 as of January 23, 2023.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide as a team.

**WEBSITE:** [msa.maryland.gov/msa/md-manual/08conoff/html/01govf.html](https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/md-manual/08conoff/html/01govf.html)

## QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** How will you balance infrastructure needs with their environmental impact?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## ® REPUBLICANS

**Vote for 1 pair**

**Dan Cox/Gordana Schifanelli**  
[www.coxforfreedom.com](https://www.coxforfreedom.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** State Delegate Dan Cox is a husband, father, Republican conservative candidate for Governor of Maryland and believer in the goodness of God for the people of our great State. He has been a leading force fighting for the lives and livelihoods of all Marylanders. A lifelong Marylander, Dan has served the People of Maryland as a small businessman, 15+ year Constitutional attorney, and Delegate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Robin Ficker/LeRoy F. Yegge, Jr.**  
[www.cutmdsalestax2cents.com](https://www.cutmdsalestax2cents.com)

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

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

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

**EDUCATION:** We will create the Governor's Annual Reading Contest whereby every classroom in the state will send a student who has read the most books in a year.

**HEALTH CARE:** I want to make Maryland THE SPORTS STATE. Kids in the school systems and most adults are too sedentary, devoting too much time to screen activity. We need to get them out and about, and involved in wholesome activity and exercise.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I am most concerned about multiple instances of sewage treatment plant runoff into the bay. Some of these plants have been leaking for 20+ years. We need an environmental hotline to report violations. Fight climate change by doubling the electrical output of Calvert Cliffs to 2 million homes.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Inadequate roads and idling cars pollute the air. We need to improve Maryland's highways. Construct additional Bay Bridge.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Forming Maryland's Jobs Strikeforce to visit multi-billion \$ companies like Apple, Amazon, Facebook, Google, Intel, Microsoft, Nucor Steel, Samsung, all of which have shunned Maryland. Bring back well-paying jobs. Maryland's Department of Commerce has been asleep.

**Kelly Schulz/Jeff Woolford**  
[www.KellySchulzForGovernor.com](https://www.KellySchulzForGovernor.com)

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

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



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

**EDUCATION:** I have a Parental Bill of Rights which will empower parents and give every child the opportunity to receive a world class education. This means record funding our schools, providing real school choice, investing in innovative solutions like P-TECH schools, and bringing accountability and transparency to the classroom.

**HEALTH CARE:** We are blessed to live in a state that has some of the best hospitals and health care providers not only in the country, but in the world. Innovative approaches have been taken to stabilize health care costs and premiums. We must continue to do this while also allowing for a system in which we can have more competition so that consumers have more choices.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** The Chesapeake Bay is Maryland's greatest natural treasure and we are extremely proud of the impact it has on our livelihoods. Over the last eight years we have made tremendous progress in safeguarding our Bay, investing record funding, and pursuing innovative solutions to clean the Bay. We must continue to make significant progress to preserve and protect the Bay for future generations.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Maryland has become a national leader on environmental issues, ranking as the fourth most environmentally friendly state in the country. To ensure our state's future economic success and viability, we must make sure that Marylanders have access to a world-class transportation infrastructure—that includes record investments in both our roads and in transit.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our campaign is one focused on opportunity and ensuring that every Marylander has the chance to pursue their own dreams and have every shot at success. This is only going to happen if we continue to keep moving our state in the right direction, build upon the success that our state has experienced over the last eight years under Governor Hogan, and make our

**Joe Werner/Minh Thanh Luong**

*No response received by deadline.*

**DEMOCRATS**

**Vote for 1 pair**

**Rushern L. Baker, III/Nancy Navarro**

[www.rushernbaker.com](https://www.rushernbaker.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The Baker/Navarro ticket is the most experienced in the race, with unrivaled State and local governing experience.

Both candidates understand how to get things done in Maryland like few others, precisely because they have done them. They will use this experience to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the State together to address our greatest challenges.

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

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

**EDUCATION:** Rushern and Nancy are strong supporters of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, but they know that it is late coming, and only the first step in improving schools. We need to first make sure that the Blueprint is fully funded, and that will take an executive who knows how to navigate the school system, and is committed to making the hard choices that come with education policy-making.

**HEALTH CARE:** Despite all that has purportedly been done on this issue, the prohibitive cost of healthcare in this country is shameful. That is why it is our goal to implement a single-payer system in the State to ensure all Marylanders are able to access the care they need, when they need it. We know that this will be a monumental task, but it is a necessary one for so many who have suffered without care.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Every Marylander knows that the heart and soul of the State rests in the Chesapeake Bay. It is our greatest asset, and at the moment we are not treating it with anywhere near the respect it deserves. To tackle this, we will establish a pollution revolving fund, which will incentivize polluters to clean up their own waste, and save taxpayers money in the process.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Given the dire situation we are faced with right now, environmental concerns must take precedence over convenience. That said, we believe our infrastructure needs go hand in hand with our environmental ones. My infrastructure priorities are projects like the Baltimore Red Line and starting the Southern Maryland Light Rail. These projects will be done sustainably and take cars off the roads.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** One of the greatest challenges we face today is the corrupting influence of money in our political system. That is why we decided to fund our campaign through public financing, to ensure that voters know that we will not deal with PACs and big money donors. Our administration will expand this

program, allowing more candidates the ability to run for office without letting dark money influence them.

**Jon Baron/Natalie Williams**

[www.jonbaron.com](https://www.jonbaron.com)

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

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities? We'll fund crime-fighting strategies shown to produce big reductions in violent crime while building community trust, such as Focused Deterrence—an approach targeted at repeat violent offenders. When implemented in Oakland CA, it helped cut homicides by 50%. We'll also invest in community policing in “hot-spots” where half of all urban crime occurs—an approach found to cut crime as much as 25%.

**EDUCATION:** More than ¼ of MD middle schoolers can't read at a basic level; more than ½ can't do basic math. We'll expand solutions that are tested and proven to deliver results. For example, we'll raise an army of tutors from the community to help every struggling 1st and 2nd grader in MD—moving them up toward grade level early, before their problems become serious, & reversing COVID-related learning loss.

**HEALTH CARE:** Marylanders are paying 50% more in out-of-pocket healthcare costs than they were 10 years ago, after adjusting for inflation. That's unacceptable. Our administration will negotiate significantly lower prescription drug prices—saving Marylanders up to \$100 million each year—and offer a robust public option health insurance plan cheaper than those currently on the market.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** MD must lead the nation in cutting carbon emissions. We'll pursue a regional approach, building on the successful Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative — an 11-state cap-and-trade program that's cut power plant emissions 47%. We'll expand this approach to other sectors by joining the Transportation and Climate Initiative (focused on transportation), as part of our comprehensive climate policy.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** This is critical—our administration will ensure a thorough environmental review precedes implementation of any infrastructure project, and we will not pursue projects that would cause unnecessary or irreparable harm to the environment. From mass transit to highways and other investments, our administration will strike a balance between needed infrastructure and protection of our natural resources.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our campaign is not taking a dime from corporations, PACs, or MD lobbyists, because Maryland deserves a governor who answers to the voters—not special interests. Our administration will also require independent assessments of our key policies—the results of which will be reported to the governor, voters and General Assembly at the same time.

## Peter Franchot/Monique Anderson-Walker

[www.franchot.com](https://www.franchot.com)

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

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

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

**EDUCATION:** I will be an education-oriented governor with a focus on empowering our students and teachers. I will address student/teacher burn-out by reducing standardized testing, and allow collective bargaining on classroom size. I will also pilot an experiential learning model, push for fully elected local school boards, and ensure no school building suffers from a lack of infrastructure.

**HEALTH CARE:** I am committed to lowering health costs and expanding affordable primary and preventative care. I will expand Medicaid coverage, focus on controlling prescription drug prices, and expand Maryland's total cost of care model for the commercial insurance market to control the rising costs. I will also ensure every Marylander is within a 15-minute commute to a Federally Qualified Health Center.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** One of my greatest concerns is that we do not have a justice oriented approach to addressing environmental concerns. Improving the environment is a matter of effectuating justice. I will remove polluters which are disproportionately placed in communities of color, and provide job training/placement for those who work in industries that will become increasingly obsolete in the new economy.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** I believe we can walk and chew gum at the same time, and I will implement policies that align our infrastructure initiatives with our environmental goals. That means building more public transit for the economy of tomorrow, while alleviating traffic congestion today. I will also require the entire fleet of state vehicles to convert to electric by the end of my first term.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I am committed to building a world-class transit system by reviving the Red Line project and increasing pedestrian/cycling trails. I will make voting more accessible, and secure access to high-speed broadband and 5G wireless technology for every Marylander. All of my policies are integrative, and with my experience I will improve the quality of life of all Marylanders.

## Douglas F. Gansler/Candace Hollingsworth

[www.dougansler.com](https://www.dougansler.com)

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

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

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

**EDUCATION:** Teachers and students were resilient through COVID, but now two years later many have returned to the same unsafe buildings, large classrooms, and demanding tests they left—only this time with additional challenges due to the COVID learning gap. As governor, I

will ensure full, timely implementation of the Blueprint, add SRO's, and take actions to increase student achievement and wellness now.

**HEALTH CARE:** We do not have enough nurses, doctors, home health workers, and mental health professionals to meet our state's needs. And now more than ever we must ensure abortion access and support for women. My administration will increase access and affordability by investing in building the pipeline of healthcare professionals, expanding community health centers, and funding reproductive health centers.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I will protect the Chesapeake Bay both from pollution and the devastating effects of climate change. As AG, I led 22 watershed audits of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, dramatically improving the water quality. We must impose a five-year, statewide moratorium on new residential, commercial and industrial development that is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** As we grow, maintenance of roads, bridges, and stormwater infrastructure is crucial. We'll rethink how we fund infrastructure to no longer incentivize car use while ensuring that we have enough to fund these projects and work with localities to enact land-use policies and directives that embed climate resiliency targets and reduce the overall environmental impact.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The number one job of government is to keep people safe, and bringing crime down and justice up is my top priority. I also care deeply about making our state more inclusive of people with disabilities and would encourage voters to read my Accessible Maryland plan on my website [dougansler.com](https://dougansler.com).

## Ralph W. Jaffe/Mark Greben

[www.fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com](https://www.fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com)

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

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Twofold solution—Short term—bring in National Guard for extended period of time. No big tanks, but lots of manpower- Yes -some restrictions on daily lives of people but major drop in surge of violence Long term—Implementation of the TUTOR MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM. More details on



Facebook—Ralph Jaffe. The 2% or 3% of police officers tainting the rest of police force should be removed.

**EDUCATION:** Implementation of the TUTOR MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM. Long term connection between student and TEAM volunteer mentor results in motivating and challenging lost, troubled students to perform and become productive citizens instead of giving them reason to drop out of school, turning to streets and committing acts of crime. Students will receive care and hope they desperately need.

**HEALTH CARE:** Every citizen deserves good medical coverage. I'll assemble a group of qualified experts (exclude career politicians) to study ways to bring this about and make recommendations. I'll choose best course of action and do everything in my ethical power to implement their top suggestion.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Creating more healthy environment, dealing with climate change challenges, obtaining cleaner water, fresher air to breathe, protection of animal wildlife calls for group of experts (exclusion of career politicians) to study ways to bring this about making recommendations. I'll choose best course of action, do everything in my ethical power to implement the best of their best suggestions.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Establish commission to determine best course of action for building new or repairing existing roads, bridges, and state highways and make people feel safe as they travel on them. Commission's findings would be followed up by figuring out how state and federal funds can be used to finance their proposals. Will use my ethical power to implement their recommendations.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** People serving in government positions should remember they're in that office to serve their constituents, not themselves. Raising exorbitant amounts of money to get elected and re-elected (a better use of all that money—help poor & needy) isn't proof they have these traits. It's matter of TRUST. Whom do voters trust the most to make Maryland a healthier, safer state.

## Ashwani Jain/LaTrece Hawkins Lytes

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

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We must have equality of opportunity. Part of this means being held accountable and giving residents a real seat at the table. And part of this means increasing revenue streams by keeping people in our state and encouraging more to move here. My

"Maryland Now Plan" will help with eliminating the state income tax, free public transit, guaranteed jobs and anti-corruption measures.

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

**EDUCATION:** My Education agenda includes fully funding the Blueprint; ensuring parents, students and educators have a real seat at the table; expanding access to broadband; easing student debt; reducing barriers to becoming an educator; protecting collective bargaining rights; making community colleges accessible; universal Pre-K; removing SROs from public schools; and opposing school privatization efforts.

**HEALTH CARE:** As a cancer survivor and someone who has worked in healthcare, I know we must expand Medicaid Eligibility; invest in Community Health Clinics; have full reproductive justice; ease medical debt; invest in mental health; create a statewide Caregivers Program; address food insecurity; and increase access to childcare. Full details at [JainForGovernor.com](https://JainForGovernor.com)

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** To get to 100% renewables by 2035, I would focus on Climate Justice; stop subsidization of trash incinerators and paper mills; mandate Environmental Impact Studies; increase poultry farm inspections; invest in community solar programs for residents; offshore wind; free public transit; smart growth and mixed-use development; ban single-use plastic bags; and improve composting.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** We need a comprehensive plan that includes making public transit free; ensuring environmental impact studies for all projects; expanding Metro (Red Line, Purple Line and Southern rail); expanding MARC services; more designated bus lanes; smart growth and mixed-use development; and sustainably expanding the Bay Bridge (using the findings of the environmental impact studies that were conducted).

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I believe decisions about us should not be made without us. That's why I'm fully accessible (because 100% of our events are free); I'm fully accountable (because 100% of our campaign is run by residents from every county); and I'm fully transparent (because we've shared the most comprehensive policy agenda since last January 2021). More at [JainForGovernor.com](https://JainForGovernor.com)

## John King/Michelle Daugherty Siri

[www.Johnkingforgovernor.com](https://www.Johnkingforgovernor.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As Sec. of Ed. under Pres. Obama, I managed a budget \$15 billion bigger than the budget of the state of MD. I have the executive leadership and public sector

management experience to make MD a national leader in every respect. Public schools saved my life after both my parents passed away, so I know that govt. can be a force for good in people's lives. That philosophy is how I will govern.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We must ensure every Marylander has the opportunity to thrive by making sure they have the food they need to eat, health care, safe and affordable housing, quality child care, and transportation to jobs. My administration will do everything through the lens of equity, making sure our economy works for everyone in Maryland by directly tackling systemic disparities.

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

**EDUCATION:** I will ensure we fully fund and implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. As well, my recovery plan for our schools includes developing a statewide Student Support Corps to provide intensive tutoring, providing students with additional learning and activities during the school year and summer, and increasing investment in school counselors and mental health services for students and families.

**HEALTH CARE:** Almost 350,000 Marylanders are uninsured and there are serious racial and regional disparities in the quality of care. I believe health care is a human right and will remove barriers to health care for all Marylanders, regardless of immigration status, incentivize primary and specialty providers to locate in underserved communities, and create a permanent task force to address racial disparities.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We must drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. My goal is to reach net-zero emissions in MD by 2035, with a 60% reduction by 2030 and a carbon-free electricity sector in our state by 2030. I will ensure that our Renewable Portfolio Standard only includes true clean energy sources and transition the entire state public vehicle fleet to zero-emission vehicles by 2030.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** I'm dedicated to ensuring environmental justice and will consider the environmental impact of every infrastructure project. I'll prioritize building clean public transit, improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and oppose projects that encourage more driving, like the I-270 toll lanes. Our infrastructure investments will be designed to cut down on harmful effects like storm runoff.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My other top priorities are housing justice and building our affordable housing stock, advancing women's economic equity, including protecting abortion rights in Maryland, making record investments in public transit which includes building the Baltimore Red Line, providing student debt relief, making

higher education affordable, and supporting our immigrant communities and LGBTQ+ Marylanders.

## Wes Moore/Aruna Miller

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** State organizations and leaders—including the Maryland State Education Association and more state legislators than any candidate in this race—not only see us best positioned to win but also see my experience leading in every sector of American society as what is needed to build a stronger, more equitable future for our state. It's what I've dedicated my career to and it's what I'll do as governor.

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

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

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

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

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

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** As governor, I will ensure that we are building 21st-century transportation infrastructure that provides equity both in terms of access and its construction, environmental protections, and strong input

from the communities. A Moore-Miller administration will ensure every step is taken to fully understand and mitigate the environmental impacts while meeting the transportation needs of Marylanders.

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

## Tom Perez/Shannon Sneed

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

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

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

**EDUCATION:** We will fully implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future—and go beyond. I will bolster educational resiliency by providing alternative school schedules, integrating extra-curriculars into existing educational systems, and offering optional additional grades to address learning loss. We will build a pipeline of diverse educators and increase services to address the growing mental health needs.

**HEALTH CARE:** We need to ensure that every Maryland resident has access to quality, affordable health insurance. We will streamline enrollment into coverage, including for immigrant communities; invest in our healthcare workforce by providing scholarships and free community college to aspiring professionals; and address mental health needs by increasing access to services and substance use treatment.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Combating climate change requires interagency coordination, which is why I will appoint a Climate and Resiliency

Coordinator to lead these efforts. We will create tens of thousands of jobs in offshore wind and solar to make Maryland the national leader on green energy generation. We must prioritize climate equity by improving stormwater management, and cooling infrastructure across our state.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** We need to prioritize public transit, walking, and biking by creating a balanced transit system that is dependable, accessible, and affordable. I will revive the Red and Purple Lines, build the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit, and enhance MARC capacity. I will also transition state vehicles to electric and help Marylanders do the same through price incentives and increased charging infrastructure.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** If Roe v. Wade is overturned, states may soon be the last bastion for protecting the fundamental right to abortion. I will lead the charge to ratify a state Constitutional amendment to enshrine abortion as an unimpeachable right—while continuing to expand access to reproductive health care for all women. We must also protect voting rights and make Maryland a national model for access to voting.

## Jerome M. Segal/Justinian M. Dispenza

[www.SegalforGovernor.org](https://www.SegalforGovernor.org)

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

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** A legal right to a job. Zero interest mortgages for low income families to convert to home ownership and be mortgage free in 15 years. Higher minimum wage "Near free EV" after subsidies, less than \$5,000. Free 4 year colleges for those with modest means. Higher earned income tax credit. Progressive property taxes with 0% for modest homes, and high rates for McMansions.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Each neighborhood could veto the assignment to their neighborhood of any particular police officer they do not trust. Truly humane prisons, so that very dangerous criminals can be removed from communities, yet given a real chance to develop into decent human beings. Two months free sleep away camp (Camp David Summer Camp) for children from low income families; counselor jobs for older youth.

**EDUCATION:** The Blueprint for Maryland is a terrific document on social equity issues—must be fully implemented. However, on the mission of public schools it is a dreadful impoverished document, out of touch with the skills young people will need in the future, and out of touch



with the complex mission of schools, to teach America's real history, and to prepare youth for a full and culturally rich life.

**HEALTH CARE:** We have yet to secure health care, including mental health, as a human right. Either we go to single payer, or we use the tax system to ensure that no one need spend more than 1/10th of income (a half day's pay) to cover all health expenditures including insurance. We also need a youth service corps to enable older people to age and ultimately pass on while at home and among loved ones.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We are destroying the planet. The worst culprit is the pollution from automobiles. We need a massive investment in public transit, and a giant conversion to electric vehicles. This will only be possible for low income families, with the "Near Free EV"—GM makes them in China. We will bring them to Md. even if we have to build them with a state owned auto company.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** We focus on infrastructure that improves the environment, such as public transport, and clean electricity. We don't encourage more use of the automobile. We limit highway and bridge investment to safety. We deal with congestion by expanding work at home and by moving to the 4 day work week.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Time Liberty: Giving anyone who has had a job for 3 years, the right to go 1/2 time or to a 4 day week without penalty. Giving people of retirement age the right to hold onto their jobs very part time. Viewing Beauty and Creativity as basic human needs. Making love of books, and the ability to contribute to the beauty of the world central aims of our schools. Teaching virt

## COMPTROLLER

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

**TERM:** Four years. No term limit.

**SALARY:** \$150,000.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

**WEBSITE:** [msa.maryland.gov/msa/md-manual/08conoff/html/03compf.html](https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/md-manual/08conoff/html/03compf.html)

## QUESTIONS

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

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

**REVENUE SYSTEM:** What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency of the collection of Maryland taxes?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

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### Barry Glassman (Republican)

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

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

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

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

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### Timothy J. Adams (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I will bring 30 years of executive management experience to the comptroller's office. As a Mayor who governed during COVID-19 and a CEO running one of America's largest black owned companies, I have rigorously evaluated capital investments, improved equity

in services, and prioritized transparency. This is the experience needed to make our taxes efficient and fair and ensure accountability.

**STATE CONTRACTS:** To earn my vote, capital projects must: Create demonstrable value for Maryland taxpayers; Coincide with a transparent long-term strategy; Taken as a whole, provide equal opportunity for all Marylanders whether they live in Western Maryland, West Baltimore, or the Eastern Shore; Taken as a whole, demonstrate that the state is on track to finally meet its procurement commitments to Minority Businesses

**REVENUE SYSTEM:** As Comptroller, I'd:

Work with the legislature to implement a return-free filing system for families making less than \$100,000, simplifying taxes for tens of thousands of Marylanders. Launch an investigation into tax loopholes and publish recommendations for tax reform. Author a report on adult-use Marijuana legalization that offers a framework for the legislature to raise new education revenues.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Accountability: I will launch an office of investigations and government accountability to fight public corruption and protect taxpayer funds. Schools: I will implement a school funding audit to provide the public regular updates on the fiscal health of public schools. Transportation: I will push for investment in transportation infrastructure, including the completion of Baltimore's Red Line.

### Brooke Elizabeth Lierman (Democrat)

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Maryland faces many economic challenges but also big opportunities. We must tackle inflation, the racial wealth divide, climate change, and fully fund public

education. As Comptroller, I will be a leader who brings people together to find solutions that unlock the potential of our communities and small businesses, increase economic opportunity for all, and build financially-resilient families.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

**TERM:** Four years. No term limit.

**SALARY:** \$150,000

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

**WEBSITE:** [msa.maryland.gov/msa/md-manual/08conoff/attorney/html/06agf.html](https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/md-manual/08conoff/attorney/html/06agf.html)

## QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

**CONSUMER PROTECTION:** Describe your approach to consumer protection.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

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**Michael Anthony Peroutka**

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*No response received by deadline.*

**Jim Shalleck**

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

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** I will establish community offices throughout the State where every month an Assistant Attorney General will meet with residents to hear their concerns, complaints and information that will help our office initiate, investigate and prosecute, if necessary, criminal conduct, discrimination, and other violations of law in areas such as the environment, elections, civil rights, and elder abuse.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Reducing crime will be my top priority. I will create a Major Offense Bureau to assist or replace local prosecutors in the prosecution of violent and repeat offenders. No plea bargaining or deals with these offenders. Police accountability will be reviewed by my staff with my personal involvement. Restoring public trust in policing and the criminal justice system will come from more transparency.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** The most violent and serious offenders of these crimes must be prosecuted vigorously with no plea bargaining or deals. This includes dealers and distributors of illegal drugs and narcotics. Drug users and addicts should be given drug treatment, therapy and counseling. Addiction is a disease and should be treated so that they can be cured.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** The crime committed by a juvenile and their history should determine their punishment and/or treatment. As a prosecutor, some of the most violent and heinous crimes I've seen have been committed by juveniles as young as 14. Juveniles committing non-violent offenses and who are not serious repeat offenders need treatment, counseling, drug or mental health programs. Others may need incarceration.

**CONSUMER PROTECTION:** Consumer fraud is primarily an offense against the elderly, infirm and most vulnerable. To me, these are very serious criminal offenses, especially by those who prey on these victims. The most effective way to deter these scammers is to seek meaningful jail sentences against the worst offenders. This will deter others from scamming and defrauding victims not just fines and desist orders.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Reducing crime is my top priority. We must protect our residents and make Maryland a safer place to live and raise a family. Other issues of major concern include environmental crime and pollution, election fraud, elder abuse, and rights of parents. The Attorney General's plate is very full and I pledge to devote all my energies and abilities to proudly serving the public.

## @DEMOCRATS

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**Anthony G. Brown**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** With three decades as a lawyer, in federal and state courts, Army JAG officer, and regulatory attorney, representing clients against big tobacco and pro bono clients,

and with twenty-two years leading in the legislative and executive branches of government, I bring the breadth of experience needed to lead and manage the Attorney General's Office, the largest public interest law firm in Maryland.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** As Attorney General, while I represent state government, I work for the people. They deserve efficiency and fairness of legal processes—criminal, civil and administrative. That begins with employing dedicated professionals who reflect Maryland's diversity and who are committed to equity and justice for all. I'll fight for needed reforms before the General Assembly and not accept the status quo.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I am an original cosponsor of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act which seeks to improve police accountability, I supported the First Step Act to reduce recidivism, and I advocated in Annapolis for a ban on "ghost guns." I will seek pattern or practice investigation authority over police misconduct, and I will continue to advocate for stricter gun laws such as universal background checks.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** These issues require greater public awareness and education on the risks and signs associated with them. Regarding domestic violence, I led the 2009 effort to authorize judges to order domestic abusers to surrender their firearms, eight months after my cousin was killed by her estranged boyfriend. I'll work, as I have in the past, with advocates to develop best practices to address these issues.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** We need to treat children like children and not treat them in a way that turns them into hardened criminals. Juvenile justice should focus on restorative justice, not retribution and punishment. Absent the involvement of a firearm, most misdemeanor offenses committed by juveniles should be resolved through diversionary programs, not incarceration. Mental health and educational services are a must.

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

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





**Katie Curran O'Malley**[www.katieformd.com](https://www.katieformd.com)

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

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** As a prosecutor and judge for 30 years, I understand the flaws of the justice system. I support reforming juvenile justice to prioritize compassionate rehabilitation, establishing a right to counsel in housing and immigration courts, and creating Sentencing and Conviction Review Unit to investigate wrongful convictions.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Since 2015, gun violence in Maryland has risen 36% while we all witnessed countless senseless police-involved killings. We can only achieve safer communities through equitable policing. I will work to reduce gun violence by prioritizing gun trafficking prosecutions, while simultaneously partnering with local and national advocacy groups to establish community-based law enforcement policies.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Defending survivors has been a cornerstone of my career as a prosecutor and judge. As Attorney General, I will work to reduce the rape kit backlog, advocate for strong sexual assault laws, and ensure victims services are easily accessible for survivors of abuse, trafficking, and assault.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** We need to prioritize compassion and rehabilitation in juvenile justice, acknowledging that these children need guidance. I supported the General Assembly's recent juvenile justice reform laws. Non-incarceration solutions must be our priority. Moreover, we must expand educational programs that reorient juveniles towards healthy and productive lives.

**CONSUMER PROTECTION:** To protect our state's consumers, I will take on corporations and individuals that threaten Marylanders' economic liberties. As a past white collar crime prosecutor, I will bring cases that challenge predatory actors, corporate monopolies, and lobby for the President to forgive student loan debt. I will especially ensure that our seniors are protected from fraud and scams.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Voting rights and reproductive rights are two of my top priorities. Americans are facing an unprecedented conservative assault on our democratic and reproductive freedoms. When elected Attorney General, I will be a tenacious advocate—in courtrooms and in legislatures—for these basic freedoms.

**U.S. SENATOR**

**DUTIES:** U.S. Senators make laws along with the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. They also ratify treaties and conduct investigations on issues of national

importance. The Senate confirms presidential appointments, including Supreme Court justices.

**TERM:** Six years. No term limit.

**SALARY:** \$174,000.

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

**WEBSITE:** [senate.gov/](https://senate.gov/)

**QUESTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

**® REPUBLICANS****Vote for no more than 1.****Chris Chaffee (Republican)***No response received by deadline.***George Davis (Republican)***No response received by deadline.***Nnabu Eze (Republican)***No response received by deadline.***Lorie R. Friend (Republican)**[www.electafriend.org](https://www.electafriend.org)

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

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

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

**HEALTH CARE:** I passionately support the freedom of patients to make independent medical decisions with the counsel of their own doctors. I am equally opposed to generalized and politically motivated medical movements.

**IMMIGRATION:** While it is fair to say that brevity is often the heart of wit, to answer these complex questions in 50 words or less is far too limited. That being said, I support secure borders and reasonable immigration policy.

**ENVIRONMENT:** As a conservationist, I support policies for clean water and safe air for the health of our families, I support renewable energy that is affordable and efficient. At the same time, I recognize that we need to be energy efficient.

**GUN SAFETY:** This seems as though it is a loaded question. pun intended. Firearms are inherently dangerous; accordingly, I favor gun safety training. I support our natural right to defend ourselves and our families.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** INFLATION, INFLATION, INFLATION!!! This is in effect a stealth tax caused by our irresponsible monetary policy and the deficit spending by the federal government. I strongly oppose these policies.

**Reba A. Hawkins (Republican)**[www.rebaformaryland.com](https://www.rebaformaryland.com)

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

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

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

**HEALTH CARE:** Our healthcare system needs an overhaul. We have a staff shortage. I would support programs to help cover the cost of education for those in the healthcare field.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need to fix our broken immigration system. Anyone that wants to come and take part in the American Dream should be able to. I would support a pathway to citizenship for those already here and active in our society.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Our environment is important. Our infrastructure is import. We can strike a balance between the two. We never have to sacrifice one for the other.

**GUN SAFETY:** I am a supporter of the second amendment, and I believe in constitutional gun safety. The right to protect oneself and family is paramount, but we absolutely must address gun violence and mass shootings.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We must do everything we can to support Black Women business owners who have been the drivers of our economy. I

will work every day of my term to help remove red tape and access to capital. I will fight everyday to bring manufacturing to the USA and bring back apprenticeship for trades we need.

### Jon McGreevey (Republican)

*No response received by deadline.*

### Joseph Perez (Republican)

*No response received by deadline.*

### Todd A. Puglisi (Republican)

*No response received by deadline.*

### James Tarantin (Republican)

*No response received by deadline*

### John Thormann (Republican)

*No response received by deadline.*

## Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

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### Michelle L. Smith (Democrat)

*No response received by deadline.*

### Chris Van Hollen (Democrat)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

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

**TERM:** Two years.

**SALARY:** \$174,000.

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

**WEBSITE:** [house.gov](https://house.gov)

## QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## CONGRESSIONAL DIST. 3

### Ⓢ REPUBLICANS

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### Yuripzy Morgan (Republican)

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

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

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

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

**IMMIGRATION:** The goal should be a streamline, legal immigration process. That can't happen while illegal immigration continues to dominate headlines. President Reagan's 1986 bill was able to accomplish half of the solution, but failed to accomplish the other half which was a secure border. As a 2nd generation American, I understand the need to get both parts of the solution correct.



**ENVIRONMENT:** We balance environmental concerns with infrastructure, economy, and national defense by being practical. We cannot be beholden to lobbyist or special interest groups that demand immediate and drastic action, but fail to account for reality. We need to diversify our energy portfolio and include nuclear along with other forms of clean energy. We must be practical and realistic in order to succeed.

**GUN SAFETY:** I worked in Baltimore, and covered the awful murders of kids, elderly and many others killed by illegally obtained guns. I also covered stories of mass shootings at schools and stores. The solutions to those tragedies require different strategies. Eliminating certain rifles wouldn't help in a city where most murders are committed w/handguns. States should be able to tailor gun safety per the Const

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Inflation—Families are being crushed by rising costs on everything from food to gas. We need practical, thoughtful leaders, not more government spending. Education—My parents came to this country with nothing, but they believed that hard work and education could take you anywhere. We must ensure kids are being taught the fundamental skills, that hard work is rewarded, and parents are included

### Thomas E. "Pinkston" Harris (Republican)

*No response received by deadline.*

### Antonio Patrizio Pitocco (Republican)

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

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

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

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

**IMMIGRATION:** As the son of an immigrant, I fully support the process of immigrating to the United States legally. The U.S. has long been a beacon of liberty and freedom in the World. I'm honored to live in a country that offers so much opportunity to its people and those who choose to come here in hopes of living a more prosperous life.

**ENVIRONMENT:** When it comes to preserving our environment, we must leave it better than we found it and the United States needs to be leading that charge. As a proponent of the free market, I will work diligently to ensure that all energy projects are made with consideration of private industry. There are opportunities to streamline clean energy projects without hampering growth and development in the market.

**GUN SAFETY:** The United States Constitution was written to balance individual freedoms and governmental powers – it gave vast new powers to our government but it also aimed to sharply limit them. The many freedoms outlined in the Constitution are held up and protected by our right to bear arms and "shall not be infringed" is abundantly clear.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Term Limits—Far too many of our sitting representatives have held their seats for decades and treat these seats like lifetime appointments. The constitution does not outline term limits for Congress, which has unfortunately been exploited by many individuals. I have signed a pledge to enact term limits and promise to limit my tenure in Congress and any other office I might seek.

### Amal Torres (Republican)

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

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

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

**HEALTH CARE:** Bipartisan drug pricing reform is long overdue, this includes allowing reimportation of FDA approved drugs and better Congressional oversight and as required federal

funding of the FDA to streamline their drug approval processes. Womens and prenatal health is jeopardized by an out of control plaintiffs bar leading to vast healthcare deserts in Maryland and across America where there are few or no

**IMMIGRATION:** Increased funding for both border security and additional resources for processing immigration applications. The US's abject failure to facilitate the evacuation and speedy processing of emergency visas for the tens of thousands of foreign nationals who, at great personal risk, served our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan is an affront to our values.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Better federal—state—industry coordination. In Maryland, a lack of bipartisan planning means the newly enacted greenhouse gas reduction targets will collide with PJM's pending two-year moratorium on most new generation applications, a grid unable to handle an influx of renewable projects, and NIMBYism blocking critical new transmission lines from the very people promoting decarbonization. Curr

**GUN SAFETY:** The federal government must improve the National Instant Check System and take steps to incentivize and/or facilitate the speed and accuracy of state records uploaded to help prevent sales of handguns to those with disqualifying criminal and psychiatric records. I would also support DOJ Office of Justice Programs grants and technical assistance to state governments to block unauthorized sales and

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My priority ultimately is to protect American Interests at all costs.

## @DEMOCRATS

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### Ben R. Beardsley (Democrat)

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

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

**COURT SYSTEM:** I would support adding judges to the Supreme Court. I do not believe Supreme Court justices should have lifetime appointments, any justices already on the court would fulfill their lifetime appointments. Doing this would ensure less politicization of the

nominating process. I would support adding up to 4 more justices and would support up to a 30 year term.

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

**IMMIGRATION:** I believe there should be a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who have been living in this country. Deportations should be reserved for those who commit serious crimes, not those with jobs and families in this country.

**ENVIRONMENT:** If we are not able to ramp up green energy quickly enough I would support temporarily using nuclear energy until we can replace it with green energy. I do not support increasing Infrastructure for fossil fuels, our investments need to be in green, non-polluting forms of energy. This will create good paying jobs and will not increase the profits of fossil fuel companies who are destroying earth.

**GUN SAFETY:** America needs stricter gun laws to combat gun violence. I support an assault weapons ban, along with requiring continuous training and a licensing system for gun owners, including stricter background checks, and closing gun show loopholes. However, I would never support taking legally purchased guns away from law abiding citizens.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Reducing poverty is one of my top priorities. No one chooses to be in poverty and no one deserves to be in poverty. Increasing social spending, this will be paid for by raising taxes on the rich, who use loopholes and the power of their money to get out of paying taxes. Another priority is addressing systemic inequalities. Due to our history as a nation this starts with Black Americans.

### Jake Pretot (Democrat)

*No response received by deadline.*

### John Sarbanes (Democrat)

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

**ELECTIONS:** The federal government must protect and strengthen access to the ballot box, including through vote by mail and same day registration. Congress should enact robust campaign finance laws to reduce the influence of special interests, increase transparency and

end lobbying loopholes. We must also secure our elections, support robust voting rights enforcement by DOJ and protect election workers.

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

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

**IMMIGRATION:** 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. We must protect DREAMers and continue to provide refuge to vulnerable populations around the globe.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is an existential crisis, but environmental protection is key to strengthening both our infrastructure and our economy. Transitioning to clean energy will reduce emissions and create good-paying jobs and investing in resiliency measures will ensure our infrastructure can withstand the immediate impacts of climate change as we continue to move to a more sustainable future.

**GUN SAFETY:** I've voted to close loopholes, strengthen our background check system and address the underlying causes of violence. I also support banning assault weapons and large capacity magazines, creating a national system for extreme-risk protection orders, raising the age to purchase certain firearms, cracking down on ghost guns and prohibiting the purchase of guns by persons convicted of hate crimes.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** As we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, lowering costs for families and reinvesting in our public health infrastructure remain key. I'm also working to make education more affordable, protect the Chesapeake Bay, increase affordable housing, address income inequality and promote civil rights and equity across all federal policies.

## CONGRESSIONAL DIST. 5

### @REPUBLICANS

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### DuVal Cubero (Republican)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have common sense I'm a US Army veteran every job I did in the military was dangerous and I love this country and I'm not corruptible I will not tolerate people around me who are corrupt I will alert

the authorities if I see anyone behaving in such a manner on Capitol Hill what should the federal government be in the election process

**ELECTIONS:** Exactly what the US Constitution says we should not be changing the rules in order to make it easier to game the system and the only other thing I can think of is the United States government should have to give every US citizen a plastic ID card with their picture on it so that when they go to vote we know that they are who they say they are so that Resident aliens and Illy whalens cannot vote

**COURT SYSTEM:** There needs to be severe harsh criminal penalties for any prosecutor state or federal with an assistant prosecutor or head prosecutor anyone on the prosecutor world team that is found to have been hiding evidence destroying evidence or doctoring the evidence and they should lose their bar license permanently so that nobody dares misplace evidence hide evidence to falsely convict someone of a crime

**HEALTH CARE:** Make it impossible for illegal aliens and undocumented aliens and Resident aliens use the system at all Resident aliens that were allowed to immigrate here promised not to be a burden on the federal government when they immigrated here if they can't afford Healthcare or to support themselves that they need to go home to their original country they agreed not to be a burden on our society

**IMMIGRATION:** I would no longer allow a million immigrants to enter this country and if we did let anyone in they have to have a skill a trade or a profession that this country desperately needs we don't need to import cheap labor unskilled labor we have plenty of people graduating high school who fit that bill why make life harder for people born and raised

**ENVIRONMENT:** Construct infrastructure in the cleanest manner possible without making a mess extract natural resources such as oil in the cleanest manner possible you don't need to put extra regulations just follow common sense and cleanliness rules and regulations so that there are no accidental spills but we need to have energy and infrastructure so that we're not at the mercy of countries that don't like us

**GUN SAFETY:** Congress shall make no law that infringes the right to keep on and bear arms that includes safety laws and regulations too they're unconstitutional if you don't like guns don't buy one if you don't want to defend yourself don't buy one but don't sit there and try to force other people to jump through a bunch of Hoops to satisfy you're unnatural fear of guns don't kill people people kill people

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Follow the US Constitution stop making laws that violate people's constitutional rights no matter what it is stop looking for ways to get around the constitution in any way shape or form at in respects to any of our guaranteed inalienable rights





## Vanessa Marie Hoffman (Republican)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have commons sense, a lot of contact with the public, & the ability to visualize problems in a way that generates unique/effective/economical solutions that can easily be brought online to snuff out the promoters/perpetrators of the death of the USA. I am not easily hypnotized by the charms of power/beauty/persuasion the enemy uses to hind its lies/cover up the pungent rotting of its bad fruit.

**ELECTIONS:** The federal government's only real role is to protect the US from internal/external threats. It is to make, execute, and uphold constitutional laws that, among many things, prevent voter/election fraud by keeping corruption/bad players from tainting/cheating in all elections. It is to protect the election process because it IS easily corruptible if bad players are allowed to cheat the system.

**COURT SYSTEM:** The federal court system is to uphold the US federal constitution/strike down all acts/laws/bills/budgets that are counter intuitive to the protection of the laws/lives of the USA. Unconstitutional laws/mandates are banned by constitutional laws that are to be legally upheld. Those who ignore/break/bypass the law are to be prosecuted/impeached/punished in compliance with the law; no exceptions.

**HEALTH CARE:** Federal government subsidies/welfare programs (socialism) keep prices for medical care high & quantity quality of care low. People suffer when bad doctors are artificially kept in business, & subsidies paying the high cost of care keep med costs artificially high. End government subsidies across the board to allow the true cost/supply/demand of things to return to our advanced capitalist economy.

**IMMIGRATION:** Close the boarder, build the wall, vet all who come in/out of the US. Refugees need to prove their case without NGO's coaching. Maximum sentences in solitary confinement in US prisons for all caught trafficking people/drugs/then deportation. Impeach/imprison all in the executive branch who do not enforce/break laws. Impeached/imprisoned those who aid non-citizens to vote for voter/election fraud.

**ENVIRONMENT:** US fossil fuels are the cleanest in existance & should be sold globally. Perpetual improvements to refinery technology need to be mandated globally. Till solar/wind can be manufactured in the US, made repurposable, using easily sourced materials fossil fuels and nuclear are most environmentally friendly solutions to keeping all nations energy independent.

**GUN SAFETY:** Every non-criminal/non-severely mentally ill citizen should be allowed to own unlimited types/ quantities of guns/ magazines in case internal/external enemy invasion they would be effective at destroying any enemy. To limit the gun ownership/access

of law-abiding citizens while having a soft on crime approach is a recipe for good people to die/bad people get away with mass murder of US citizens.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Lower taxes/regulations, stop government subsidies/bailouts, limit welfare to only those truly incapacitated. The economy would boom, the fed would stop destroying the value of each US dollar, and the US would be able to manufacture all needed/wanted goods at home, for a fraction of the price, without inflation causing government generated "need" subsidies/bailouts. We will be independent of China

## Toni Jarboe-Duley (Republican)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience began as a representative in student council six years until graduation. I served as an officer, secretary in 1968, and President in 1971. I was inducted into the Honor Society 1970, graduated with honors from Frederick Douglass HS 1971. I participated in numerous academic clubs, community events. 1992 I graduated University of Maryland BS Mangement/Marketing and working full-time.

**ELECTIONS:** The federal government's role in the election process is that of an overseer of local and state election boards. These boards administer the elections while following state laws. This should be accurate and fair.

**COURT SYSTEM:** I do not recommend any reforms to the US federal court system currently. That could change in the future while serving in Congress.

**HEALTH CARE:** My policy on health care is best described by minimizing the federal government involement in our health care system. The bureaucracy that the federal government wields just gets in the way of many individual needs.

**IMMIGRATION:** My changes that I would propose are simple. Let's enforce the laws that are on the books already, finish building the wall to keep foreigners out, and eliminate sanctuary cities that refuse to enforce immigration laws. If people want to live in our country it would be helpful if they would try to learn english.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I am concerned about our environment. If the goal is strengthening our country's infrastructure and economy why is the government limiting production of our natural resources? Our country produces cleaner gas and oil than most countries and we reduced our carbon footprint. Our country needs to produce enough to support our needs and supply Europe oil and gas so they don't depend on Russia.

**GUN SAFETY:** I see no reason for the federal government to try to legislate guns. The state and local governments have enacted laws that are on the books and they should be enforced. Our Constitution provides us the right to bear arms. This includes a right to protect us from any rouge government in future times. Criminals are not known for following gun laws.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My priorities include Inflation; National Security; Election Integrity and the Propaganda that the education system is inflicting on our children.

## Michael S. Lemon (Republican)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have had a variety of life experiences that has prepared me for this. I have worked across a few different industries and through that I have encountered people from all walks of life. This has expanded my views, allowing me to connect with different people while at the same time always keeping my values consistent.

**ELECTIONS:** I believe the federal government should have a limited role in elections in order to keep things as unbiased as possible. They should act as a referee and only step in when malicious activity is present. Transparent elections give the people confidence in the system.

**COURT SYSTEM:** Selective prosecution has lead to an increase in the prison population. People charged with possession get thrown in with rapists and murders. By decriminalizing marijuana, I believe that we can alleviate the burden on our court systems in order to allow cops to deal with harder criminals. Harder drugs, like fentanyl and opiates should be treated in rehab centers not prison.

**HEALTH CARE:** I believe in prevention healthcare. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" This motto is something I have witnessed and believe in. Unchecked problems that could have been solved earlier (and cheaper), can easily grow into situations with less than desirable outcomes. This philosophy, would guide my hand in order to work to make prevention healthcare more common and accessible.

**IMMIGRATION:** I believe we need to increase our legal immigration numbers while at the same time enforcing our policy on illegal immigrants. However illegal immigrants are still human and deserve to be treated as such.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The views I see while hiking are absolutely breathtaking. I want to preserve that beauty for future generations. I aim for an energy policy that would reduce carbon emissions and still supply us with our energy needs. I am an advocate for nuclear energy and looking ahead. In combination with renewable energy, I believe we can achieve energy independence.

**GUN SAFETY:** Overall crime in all categories has declined. Focusing on the gun itself has less benefits than attacking the social economic factors that affect the decisions. When people prosper the crime level drops. So in order to maximize the affect we need to focus on lifting up our communities.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Inflation is out of control. Average Americans are paying the price with record high gas prices that we feel every day. While electric and biodiesel are viable options, the vast majority of Americans still have own gasoline vehicles. It doesn't have to stay

that way. I will strive for cleaner energy. I have a commitment to better technology and innovative ways makes to make cleaner energy

### Chris Palombi (Republican)

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*No response received by deadline.*

### Patrick Lucky Stevens (Republican)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Born in Washington DC and grew up in the DC Metro Area and am a DC commuter has made my access to our government convenient. Basically this candidacy has been in the works from the Reagan Administration. I understand the exact fundamentals and requirements of bringing forth legislation before a Congress. I do have the clear concept of being part of the Maryland Delegation.

**ELECTIONS:** The regulatory role must be evenly applied to protect citizens against fraud and disruption. The Congress had abolished the "Poll Tax" in any federal election as law of the land. The states regulate the election process. The Feds should stay out of it.

**COURT SYSTEM:** Mainly what is being spoken of is the conservative vs. liberal nomination and confirmation process between Republicans and Democrats, and rich vs. the poor access. The Congress needs to meet to the basic requirements and responsibility ordering the Executive Branch of Government, bring forth nominations and the Congress to act on them. It is the basics any change has to meet to Structural reform

**HEALTH CARE:** I want change the "Penalty" cost requirements in the prescription drug plans. Medicare Part B is clear cut, prescription drug plans are an extra cost to seniors and a longer grace period needed for users to decide on the Medicare part D; plus the penalty late enrollment fee should have a determined expiration after a make up period is fulfilled. Medicare part D is not clear cut with tiered plans

**IMMIGRATION:** Generally and politically speaking; "It's the Border." Tough new foreign policy initiatives in Central and South America and a willingness of the American Government to guard against a surge of chaos to the Southern Part of the United States. My main interest is an "Ellis Island" in the desert where others outside or borders can choose their life's destiny and become Americans.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Regulation from states and federal guidelines of a check and balance nature is probably the best approach. New and innovative measures and ideas are being engaged from different parts of the country. We can combine and adopt initiatives. States Department of Transportation's are astonishingly futuristic. Our workers safety and health come first. Environmental concerns fall into place as needed.

**GUN SAFETY:** Currently the NICS Denial Notification Act background check legislation for the purchase of legal firearms by persons

barred from purchasing legal firearms is a reasonable attempt to help control gun violence by keeping them out of the hands of convicted criminals. This has nothing to do with anyone purchasing an illegal firearm.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** A modern day Civil Defense and Preparedness Policy is needed with an Emergency Communications Act for realignment of authorized carriers of emergency communications. Revitalization of US energy policy for affordable gasoline and other fuels. The price of a barrel of crude with the US as an oil exporter should be 55.00 65.00 dollars.

### Tannis Villanova (Republican)

*No response received by deadline.*

## @DEMOCRATS

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### Steny Hoyer (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My record is strong – from advancing projects such as the New Consolidated FBI Headquarters, to delivering billions of federal dollars for Maryland to rebound from this pandemic. I've built a career fighting for federal employees, strengthening education, and providing high-quality and affordable health care. I will work to ensure that our future is not threatened by climate change.

**ELECTIONS:** I've been fighting to set up guardrails that not only keep our democracy safe from corruption but ensure voters are not intimidated or prevented from casting ballots. I've been a champion and voted for legislation like H.R. 1, For the People Act, H.R. 4, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and the Freedom to Vote Act to ensure that everyone has the right to vote.

**COURT SYSTEM:** The politicization of the courts has led to an ideological Supreme Court., This needs to be stopped. I recently supported bipartisan legislation requiring federal judges to disclose their financial interests in a public database. I also support an ethical code of conduct for the entire judicial branch including Supreme Court Justices.

**HEALTH CARE:** I support strengthening and expanding the Affordable Care Act. I will continue to fight for universal coverage for all Americans including a public option in the ACA marketplace, as well as maintaining the enhanced ACA subsidies provided in the American Rescue Plan. I support letting Medicare negotiate prescription drug costs and capping the cost of insulin at \$35.

**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). But we must pass comprehensive immigration reform that secures the border and provides a pathway to citizenship.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I was proud to support and bring Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation to the House Floor this past year. This legislation will deliver at least \$7.4 billion to Maryland and includes funding for the Chesapeake Bay, Metro, and climate resilience. This legislation will also allow Maryland to build out its electric car charging station infrastructure.

**GUN SAFETY:** After countless tragedies, including shootings at the Navy Yard, Great Mills High School, and the Capital Gazette, I was proud the House took action on commonsense gun safety measures. I brought legislation to the House Floor to pass comprehensive background checks and close loopholes on gun purchases. The Senate should pass and the President should sign this legislation. I support a ban on autom

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** After a once-in-a-century pandemic that has taken a vast toll on our economy and public health, I believe one of the most pressing issues is the need to rebuild stronger and more equitably. We need to protect consumers and lower costs for Maryland families including combating inflation, shoring up supply chains, and reducing energy costs so that Marylanders can Make It In America.

### Keith Washington (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a military veteran with over 20 years of service, 17 years as a police officer, and Deputy Director for Homeland Security for Prince George's County, I have had the opportunity to participated in the government process first hand. Managing and balancing government resources against requirements, and initiating and implementing policies and programs that benefited the citizens I served.

**ELECTIONS:** The federal government should ensure free and fair elections for all citizens who are eligible to vote, this is what preserves our democracy. Voting is the cornerstone of any democracy and we must ensure that those rights and laws are both protected and enforced. We cannot allow voter intimidation, voter suppression or gerrymandering which disenfranchises voters across this country.

**COURT SYSTEM:** I would support reconsideration of life appointments for judges as well as more oversight for judges and prosecutors. While the vast majority of court officers are fair and impartial, personal ambitions and political aspirations are too often put before truth and justice. I have personally experienced a criminal justice system where personal biases and ambitions impacted the decisions made.

**HEALTH CARE:** I support affordable healthcare as a human right for all citizens. Too many are forced to choose between buying medicine or buying food. Medicine is big business, and while I am an advocate of entrepreneurship, I cannot condone business taking advantage of people at their most vulnerable. I also support legislation making healthcare price gouging illegal and holding accountable those that do it.



**IMMIGRATION:** The massive wave of illegal immigrants will not change until foreign policy toward those countries change. We must empower and support economic and infrastructure development in these third world countries, providing access to the World Bank resources. As people continue to come here in massive numbers, the overall quality of life will surely diminish as the country's resources are not infinite.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Preserving the environment and strengthening the country's infrastructure can go hand in hand; environmental solutions are not separate from good jobs and quality of life. We can see the positive effects of electric vehicles, solar panels, and other clean energy technology. We must continue to adapt our business models to include rethinking how we produce energy for the good of future generations!

**GUN SAFETY:** We must address the issue of mass shootings, and easy access to firearms with real solutions and initiatives that will create safer communities. I will also promote responsible firearm storage and safety initiatives which are proven to reduce firearm accidents and misuse, enhanced background checks, and require gun safety classes for those who seek licenses.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I will push for tax relief for our seniors who have worked all their lives and earned their right to enjoy the fruits of their labor. I will stress ethics and accountability, and reform the culture of corruption that some politicians have embraced, advocating for forfeiture of pensions for lawmakers convicted of corruption. I will be accountable to the people that sent me to Washington D.C.!

### McKayla Wilkes (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experienced prepares me for the duties of a Representative in the United States Congress because I will be exactly that: a representative, not a politician. As a working mom, a government contractor, and the founder of an organization dedicated to ending the school-to-prison pipeline, I can deeply resonate with the people of Maryland's 5th District. I'm running \*with\* my community.

**ELECTIONS:** The federal government's role in the election process should be to ensure that elections take place fairly and securely. I support hand-marked paper ballots for the purpose of security. I support upholding the principle of one person, one vote by ending the Electoral College. Finally, I support a ban of gerrymandering, to ensure that voters pick their representatives, not the other way around.

**COURT SYSTEM:** I support expanding the Supreme Court. There is no constitutional requirement for the court to consist of nine justices. It is clear that hard-fought rights are currently under siege by an already-politicized court. This includes not only rights surrounding reproductive freedom, but also an array of others grounded in the right to privacy, including marriage equality.

**HEALTH CARE:** The Covid-19 pandemic has made clear what millions of Americans already knew: health care is unaffordable and inaccessible. I support Medicare-for-All and expanding it to include prescription drugs, primary care, maternity care, vision and dental care, reproductive healthcare (including abortion), doctors' visits, and lab services.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigrant communities should be able to live, work, and attend school free of fear. For decades, cruelty toward undocumented immigrants has been a matter of bipartisan consensus. It's time for change, which is why I support the decriminalization of border crossing and a clear path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants and holders of Temporary Protected Status.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The climate crisis threatens Southern Maryland with rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and severe economic disruption. We can simultaneously take climate action and strengthen our country's infrastructure and economy by enacting a Green New Deal, establishing a National Reconstruction Council with a mandate for decarbonization, and guaranteeing a just transition to workers.

**GUN SAFETY:** In a country where death-by-guns claim more than 39,000 lives every year, we cannot become numb to the magnitude of this problem. It's time to enact comprehensive universal background checks, enact a two week waiting period for the purchase of all firearms, ending the sale of guns that enable the killing of a large number of people, and demilitarize law enforcement.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Additional priorities for me including protecting and improving our public schools by reducing school districts' reliance on local property taxes, building 12 million social housing units and eradicating homelessness by passing the Homes for All Act, and ending mass incarceration by legalizing cannabis, expunging records, and prohibiting government contracts with private prison companies.

## STATE SENATOR

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

**TERM:** Four years. No term limit.

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

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

**WEBSITE:** [msa.maryland.gov/msa/md-manual/07leg/html/gaf.html](https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/md-manual/07leg/html/gaf.html)

## QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 21

### ® REPUBLICANS

*Vote for no more than 1.*

### Lee Havis (Republican)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Legislative District 21, I have been active in the civic affairs of Maryland for many years through public interest groups I established, such as Citizens for a Better Prince George's County, and as 2018 Republican candidate for State Senate in LD21 in 2018. In my professional life, I have been an innovative leader in this field of scientific education.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state can best address the needs of the economically disadvantaged by support for job growth and opportunities for employment in the free market economy. In this purpose, reducing taxes and lifting government restrictions on entry-level employment is important to enable progress towards eventual self-sustaining gainful employment instead of perpetual government dependency.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The state can best reduce crime by a policy of strict law enforcement and police presence, especially in high-crime areas. Local police and law enforcement authorities must work closely with the local communities involved, as well as with federal law enforcement agencies, such as those responsible for enforcement of immigration laws relative to illegal aliens.

**EDUCATION:** Improving quality and value in education comes through greater free market competition and choice in the field, rather than centralized control through censorship and

monopoly. So, greater direct parent choice and accountability is needed in public education such as through wider access to innovative charter schools and a full range of non-government alternatives.

**HEALTH:** The most significant health challenges in Maryland relate to growing mental illness and excessive use of drugs, both legal and illegal. To address these issues, citizens must have freedom to choose their own personal medical care, rather than be subjected to government mandates, based on dubious scientific data, which disturb and debilitate normal functioning and well-being in a free society.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** In Maryland, the greatest concern for natural resources is care and well-being of the Chesapeake Bay and its many tributaries that feed into it. We must especially work with neighboring jurisdictions, such as Pennsylvania, to maintain the Bay clean and free from pollution due to excessive and harmful economic activity.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** In northern Prince George's County, the "purple line" will have a significant impact. Costs and interference with local communities is a major concern. In College Park at the University of Maryland, and elsewhere in the district, large-scale development is placing a burden on traffic and quality of life, which requires close attention to assure the well-being of all.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Election Integrity: Fair and honest elections must be assured to eradicate all potential for voter fraud. For this, there must be no outside private funding and an end to unsupervised drop boxes and mail-in ballots. In addition, voter rolls must be fully and regularly purged of inactive and illegal voters. Also, voter ID required and paper ballot counting, rather than machines.

## Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Jim Rosapepe (Democrat)**

*No response received by deadline.*

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 30

### Ⓢ REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Stacie MacDonald (Republican)**

*No response received by deadline.*

**Bobbi A. Moore (Republican)**

*No response received by deadline.*

## Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Sarah Elfreth (Democrat)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Over the past four years I have authored and worked to pass over 65 bipartisan bills to improve the lives of Marylanders, secured millions of dollars to fund our District's priorities, and helped thousands of constituents navigate state government. It is with this experience, solutions-oriented approach, and bipartisan outlook that I look forward to continuing serving the people of District 30.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The General Assembly must continue to build on our work to lower the cost of living for Maryland families, such as the bill I authored and worked to pass this year eliminating the sales tax on diapers and car seats. The State must continue to help stabilize the child care industry, invest in workforce development, and increase the availability of affordable housing.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** District 30, like the entire State, continues to face incidents of gun violence and crime, and there remains work to be done to fight poverty, reduce gun violence, and create safer communities. We must focus on establishing adequate oversight, providing additional resources, training, and educational opportunities for police officers and advancing community-centered public safety strategies.

**EDUCATION:** I was proud to help pass and fund the Blueprint plan, which will provide generational investments to our educational system—from retaining our educators to providing better support and opportunities to students. I will continue to fight for its implementation and will work to ensure better systems of communication to the public and expand mental health services for students and educators.

**HEALTH:** The pandemic has pushed our health systems to a breaking point. As we recover we must build back our State's health infrastructure through investments in the workforce and telehealth. We also must recognize the increased need for mental and behavioral health services and expand access through strategic planning of bed capacity, a diverse workforce pipeline, and affordability.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** District 30 is blessed to border the Bay yet remains highly susceptible to the impacts of sea level rise and climate change. While we've made progress, there is more work ahead to protect our homes, small businesses, and historic structures from flooding and ensure a clean Bay for generations to come through limiting pollution, expanding public water access, and restoring oyster populations.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** District 30 is home to hundreds of thriving nonprofits and community-centered organizations. I am proud to have been able to provide direct funding and amplify their work as your State Senator—from the Annapolis Maritime Museum to Maryland Hall in Annapolis to the Shady Side Community Center and Ralph J. Bunche Center in South County. I look forward to continuing this support in my second term.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We have more to do to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, make our communities safer and more affordable, and support working families. It also remains my top priority to be as accessible to you as possible to you over the past four years—whether it be at your local HOA meeting, an Eagle Scout ceremony, or in the produce aisle in Graul's – and I look forward to maintaining that level of representation.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 31

### Ⓢ REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Bryan W. Simonaire (Republican)**

*No response received by deadline.*

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 32

### Ⓢ REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Kimberly Ann June (Republican)**

*No response received by deadline.*

## Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Pamela Beidle (Democrat)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served in local government as a Councilmember, as a State Delegate and now has a first term Senator. I have owned a small business, I am experienced in insurance, banking and hospital policy. I have served on many non-profit and business boards and I bring a great deal of practical experience both in private business and government to the position of State Senate.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The State is expanding opportunities for MBE, but more needs to be done for apprenticeship training opportunities, transportation and community college tuition.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Police officers need to return to being a part of the community, not just enforcing the law. In my County we fund our police officers to be involved in youth activities, operate a mobile crises center and attend community meetings. They host coffee with the captains and do a great deal of community outreach. I totally support police accountability, but we also need to have our police present.

**EDUCATION:** I have supported fully funding the "Blue Print" and will continue to do so. We also need to continue to fund broadband to all communities. We could find our state in a pandemic at anytime and we need to be prepared for our students to continue to learn. Currently, I think we need to provide tutors for our students that have fallen behind due to Covid-19.



**HEALTH:** Maryland still sees a great deal of health inequity in our minority communities. In 2022, I was the lead sponsor for "value based health care." It is programs like this that will assist medical practices to improve health care to our minority populations. We also need to address the cost of prescription drugs and provide more accessible preventative care.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay continues to be a concern for Maryland. While we are making improvement, we need to work with the states "upstream" to protect the Bay. We also need to continue to work with our chicken farmers to reduce chicken litter and run-off from our farm fields. Developers should be better trained to protect the Bay from pollution when developing.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Construction of new schools and remodeling our older schools continues to be an issue in Anne Arundel County. In my district I have two overcrowded schools, we need another high school. We also need to provide more recreation and open space for my growing population. The new Severn Center has been a priority and is finally under construction, we need more community centers in our County.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Transportation is a priority in my very populated district. I represent thousands of jobs at Northrop Grumman, NSA, Fort Meade, the National Business Park and we see daily traffic jams. However, our employers cannot get employees to work, we need to be providing safe, reliable transportation for our employees and employers.

### Sarah F. Lacey (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a mom of school-age children, a former chemical engineer, a civil rights litigation attorney and advocate, I know the work it takes to juggle competing demands. I know what it feels like to be up at night worried about childcare, my job, the bills, commuting, health and home issues, just like regular folks do every day. My lived experience means I can relate to the majority of Marylanders.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Some would ask first whether the State needs to play any such role, but the support systems that have been created to help economically disadvantaged Marylanders must be expanded. We can do better. As your Senator, affordable housing, childcare, and tuition costs will be among my top priorities.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** People currently engaging in crime need to be rehabilitated; we need to remove obstacles to their leading productive lives, including raising wages and increasing safety-net supports to prevent recidivism. We need to invest in low-income communities to lift families with young children out of poverty. Over-policed communities need a real voice on citizen review boards.

**EDUCATION:** I will support the priorities of the Blueprint for Maryland. Most importantly, we must permanently and substantially increase teacher pay, so we can retain and hire the best teachers. We need to add a bonus structure that accounts for the extra hours teachers are routinely required to work. And as my kids say, we need to eliminate state standardized testing, so teachers can get back to teaching.

**HEALTH:** We have short-term and long-term health challenges occurring in our State, and there is no single solution to any of them. From a public health perspective, I think our best bet is to listen to the medical professionals leading our boards of health, and fund them. From an individual perspective, we need to adopt universal health care. Getting health care shouldn't bankrupt anyone.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Focusing on central Maryland, I think the greatest issue is poor air quality, resulting in high rates of childhood asthma and lower quality of life. We should stop allowing obvious pollution sources like trash incineration to count toward our so-called renewable energy portfolio. Renewable energy generation and atmospheric carbon sequestration need to be prioritized statewide.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** I am concerned about the second east-west runway planned to be built at BWI. Although the project would increase the operational resiliency of the airport, and the airport unquestionably is an important part of our local economy, I question whether the impact on the surrounding communities will be or can be fully mitigated, in light of existing noise and pollution issues.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We need greater transparency and accountability in multiple areas. These range from our congressional and legislative redistricting process, to ensuring the public has access to all legislative decision making, to simplifying the process to get public information. Progress on each of these issues will help restore citizens' understanding of their government and engagement in the process.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 33

### @REPUBLICANS

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### Sid Saab (Republican)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** First and foremost, I am a husband and father. I am also a small business owner and have had the honor of serving our state for the past 8 years. I am a consensus builder and problem solver. I am deeply familiar with the issues facing everyday Marylanders.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Government has a role in helping the economically disadvantaged. The State must ensure that people have a safety net and provide the necessary tools to help overcome their challenges and reduce inequities.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Public safety and escalating crime are top concerns. More accountability is needed across all levels of government. We must do a better job by holding violent criminals accountable and to keep our communities safe.

**EDUCATION:** Now more than ever we need a multifaceted approach: teachers-parents-student involvement. Teachers need autonomy to do their job effectively with parents' support and students need educational options.

**HEALTH:** People of all ages are experiencing soaring rates of anxiety, depression, trauma, loneliness, and higher than ever suicide rates. We need to address provider adequacy and the shortage of mental health professionals to deal with this crisis. We need to improve access, quality of care and that people get the needed help at the right time.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay and watershed remains a top priority that must be addressed. Aggressive measures need to be taken to protect funding and keep projects on track.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** The Bay Bridge and traffic surrounding it will remain a top issue that needs to be addressed. The Crownsville Hospital Property should be fully utilized as a behavioral/mental health facility.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The economy, inflation; improving the business climate; meaningful tax relief for all Marylanders, especially seniors, veterans, law enforcement and working families; find common ground on divisive issues and put politics aside for the benefit of all Marylanders

### @DEMOCRATS

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### Dawn D. Gile (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Advocacy and public service have long been part of me, as an experienced business attorney, nonprofit leader, and military spouse. I have led well-respected organizations benefiting military families and veterans. As a university trustee, I am involved in strategic planning and financial oversight. I also have devoted significant time volunteering in my community and my daughters' school.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** There are multiple factors to consider in a comprehensive approach to assisting the economically disadvantaged, including, e.g., affordable housing and transportation, good jobs with a living wage and benefits, and educational and skilled labor training opportunities. It is also imperative to support families with paid family and medical leave and improved access to affordable, quality childcare.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** As a military spouse, I am acutely aware of the risks taken by those in uniform, and I do believe that the vast majority of police serve with integrity. However, I do believe that those officers who engage in misconduct

should be held accountable, including through police accountability boards. I also support comprehensive police training with equity and use-of-force as top issues to be addressed.

**EDUCATION:** We need to prioritize students' social and mental health, and I would support funding for mental health counselors in public schools. Additionally, addressing teacher burn-out and shortages is an important concern, and we need to implement measures to boost recruitment and retention such as better administrative support, smaller class sizes, and increased educator compensation.

**HEALTH:** First, I think we need to fix disparities in health care access to ensure that all Marylanders get the medical care they need. I support measures such as Medicaid expansion, improved access to healthcare in underserved communities, and investments in mental health services. We also need to control the costs of healthcare and prescription drug prices and address crippling medical debt.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I believe that climate change is an existential threat, and I support the recently passed Climate Solutions Now Act, which aims to reduce greenhouse gases by 60% by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2045. In addition, protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed is an important concern, and I support measures to stem harmful storm-water runoff and to hold polluters accountable.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Public safety is a top concern in my district, and I support measures to urgently address crime. In addition, investment in our public schools is a top issue, particularly in areas of the district that have seen significant population growth resulting in school overcrowding. Finally, there are multiple traffic corridors throughout the district with severe traffic congestion that need to be fixed.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Among my many reasons for running for office is my frustration with the impact that the pandemic had on working families and especially women leaving the workforce. I will work to continue to expand paid family and medical leave, recently passed this last session. In addition, as a military spouse, I care deeply about issues impacting military families and veterans, particularly veteran suicide.

## STATE DELEGATE

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## QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 12B

### ® REPUBLICANS

*Vote for no more than 1.*

**Ashley P. Arias (Republican)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Born as a second-generation Salvadoran immigrant in a working-class family, I learned at an early age the value of hard-work, family, and faith. These core values led me to a healthcare career anchored in the service of others. As a delegate, I would commit to the service of my constituents with that same passion and fervor.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Should it come to anyone's surprise that Brooklyn Park, one of the poorest areas in Anne Arundel County, also has the lowest life expectancy in the county? In a fiscally prudent and responsible manner, the state needs to recognize that direct correlation and act accordingly when discussing and directing targeted project/grant funding.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** According to Chief Amal Awad in speaking to the Anne Arundel County Council over police accountability reforms, last year saw the highest retirement rate with the smallest recruitment class in the Anne Arundel County Police Department history. It should be a priority for the state to support legislation and programs that promotes more members of our community to take the call of service.

**EDUCATION:** The mental health crisis in our classrooms should be on the thoughts and minds on anyone serious who is running for public office. As a Delegate, I would like to advocate for

additional state funding, and support legislation if needed, that seeks to provide more direct resources for mental health in our schools.

**HEALTH:** As we continue in the end stages of the Covid-19, it is time that we refocus our public health back on two health crises that have only deteriorated during this pandemic: the mental health crisis and the opioid epidemic. As a Delegate, I will advocate for community engaged and coordinated strategies that engage our local, state, federal, and private sectors.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Our Chesapeake Bay is the single greatest natural resource in Maryland. We, as a state, need to continuously find ways to responsibly improving the water quality both as a matter of public and environmental health. One way to address would be for advocating and promoting better wastewater management infrastructure across the state.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** The debate over how to best oversee the opioid epidemic rages on in the district. With the County Executive's recent acquisition of county-owned transitional housing close to District 12B, I believe discussions with community leaders needs to be had over how we would like to implement strategies for combatting this epidemic in our home district.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** While the state can be limited in what they can and cannot do regarding crime enforcement, I would advocate to improve state infrastructure in the district that could better deter crime and lead to crime prevention. Examples of this include improving state roads for better response times by our local first responders, and more funding for street lighting in areas of concern.

**David R. Buchanan (Republican)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Experience of working for 50 plus years; Managing a Transportation company.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** State should take more of a role than federal government

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Funding for more police  
Funding for neighborhood watch programs

**EDUCATION:** I have seen anne arundel county public schools at first hand and I believe they are doing a great job!

**HEALTH:** Health issues would still be covid and making sure all folks are vaccinations and need essentials when sick. More contact with the elderly

**NATURAL RESOURCES:**

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Crime.....it's bad and getting worse. Access to health care professionals; police need to patrol, etc

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Glen Burnie should become a city. And have its own police department

**Victor Henderson (Republican)**

*No response received by deadline.*



## Ronald A. Imbragulo, Sr. (Republican)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Throughout my years in public service career, my strong belief in family values and solid work ethics have enabled me to promote through the ranks. I have been able to assist in building a stronger community by using the experience that I have gained through public service.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Economic disparities and inflation must be dealt with on all government levels. I will strive to ensure economic concerns are at the forefront of the state. Bringing shop classes back to high school will assist with career opportunities.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Body cams can help to improve police accountability. Prosecuting to the fullest extent of the law to help reduce crimes.

**EDUCATION:** Re-evaluate past practices, solicit input from teachers, parents and students and develop a new plan.

**HEALTH:** I will work to improve staffing challenges by fighting to increase wages, promote safe staffing ratios, and provide a safe working environment for all healthcare workers. I will also fight for affordable health insurance.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I will continue to seek ways to reduce carbon emissions and develop renewable energy sources.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Public safety, public transportation, education, parks and recreation are all priorities for my district.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My priority is being a voice for the citizens within my district.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 12B

### @DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

## Jeff Garcia (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Having spent the last 8 years working for and with the federal government, I am deeply familiar with the internal processes of the government and what it takes to get things done. More than that, leading in the military taught me how to work with subject matter experts and broad coalitions to accomplish my mission no matter what was in the way. I plan to do the same for our district.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Democracy is not possible so long as there are people living in poverty through no fault of their own. We have both a responsibility and a vested interest in creating opportunity to uplift those that are trapped in poverty. By designing policies around giving everyone a fair shot, we create an economy built on the exceptionalism of our people, not on the exploitation of our most vulnerable.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Crime is an issue rooted in a lack of opportunity. People turn to crime when they believe there is no better way for

them to provide for themselves, or their families. Dealing with this at the root – by creating economic opportunity through education and community investment is the core of solving this problem in the long term.

**EDUCATION:** Our state should be the best in the country for education. Supporting the blueprint for education and fully funding our schools is a start. I also plan to work with public health experts and educators to build an education system more resilient to disruptions like future COVID surges.

**HEALTH:** We must address the failed idea of tying health insurance to employment which creates high health care costs for families being squeezed by health insurance companies, and high costs for small businesses that can't attract or retain talent without investing in expensive group plans. I plan to support a Kirwan style commission to create a roadmap to single payer healthcare to solve this.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Fighting the climate crisis, protecting the bay, justice for communities at risk, and economic opportunity are all connected. We need to seize the opportunity by investing in reaching 100% green energy by 2035, and carbon neutral by 2045. And we need to do it with a mind towards advancing labor opportunities and achieving justice for those that will suffer the worst effects of climate change.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** My biggest priority for my district specifically is creating the economic opportunity I've discussed in every other answer. Creating well paying, stable, and sustainable jobs that grow our neighborhoods and rebuild the middle class while investing in the next generation is at the core of what I aim to accomplish.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Protecting and reforming our democratic institutions is essential to me. The division in our country, and the chronic inability of the government to serve our citizens is rooted in the fact that our campaign finance and election laws don't allow us to hold elected officials accountable. We need to make politicians accountable to voters, not donors. Without that, no other progress is possible.

## Daniel J. McGinty (Democrat)

*No response received by deadline*

## Gary Simmons (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a community advocate, I work continuously to improve the recourses that need to be utilized. Like working with businesses and local governments to sustain overall growth. The tactics used by the US. Department of Justice/ Weed & Seed outline which i have work with previously.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** \*Provide more jobs with benefits & higher pay. \*Provide more public transportation. \*Free trade schools & Two-year college tuition,

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Community Oriented Policing Enforcement Accountability works well when Officer lives in the area for which they work. The blueprint by the office of the President at the University of Maryland, Task Force on Community Policing spells this out.

**EDUCATION:** Make shore that the Maryland State Blueprint for Education is funded and implemented properly.

**HEALTH:** Drug & Alcohol addiction, Community Poverty Levels, Covid-19 outbreak, Mental Health: Continue to work with state and local health departments to provide services,

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Protect the bay from wastewater runoff. more clean energy.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Housing and Schools.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Economic development

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 21

### @DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 3.**

## Ben Barnes (Democrat)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served for 16 years in the House in a myriad of positions including as a member of the Judiciary and Economic Matters Committee, more recently as Chair of the Pensions, Education and Capital Budget Subcommittee. I am currently serving as Chair of the Appropriations Committee. So I have been doing the job and would say have as much or more experience as any other candidates in the state.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We should play an extremely active role. We do so by increasing temporary cash assistance and rental assistance programs, by supporting programs that address food insecurity and in setting not just a minimum wage but a minimum living wage. We must also continue to keep the cost of college low and support a robust system of trade schools, apprenticeships and other alternatives to

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Please see my record on these matters.

**EDUCATION:** We need to see trough the full implementation of the Blueprint for Excellence in Education. This once in a generation opportunity not only will provide historic funding, but it does so with real substantive accountability measures which ensures the money drills down straight into the classroom where it is needed.

**HEALTH:** We need to make prescriptions more affordable, increase health care access across the spectrum and continue upon the work we started this year to make dental converge more accessible to working families.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** If we are being specific to Maryland (of course climate change is a global threat and our most pressing environmental issue) than we have to ensure we

continue to address run off into the Bay and continue upon the progress of the last 20 years to cleanup our Bay.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** We need to expand Marc service, complete the purple line project while also expanding and upgrading Rte 1.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We need to fund and fully implement paid family leave this term.

### Mary A. Lehman (Democrat)

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No response received by deadline.

### Joseline A. Peña-Melnik (Democrat)

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No response received by deadline.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 30A

### ® REPUBLICANS

Vote for no more than 2.

### Doug Rathell (Republican)

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No response received by deadline.

### Rob Seyfferth (Republican)

No response received by deadline.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 30A

### Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

Vote for no more than 2.

### Shaneka Henson (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience as a current member of the House of Delegates, former Alderman on the Annapolis City Council, and a practicing attorney, prepare me to continue serving in the House of Delegates as an effective legislator who's able to pass impactful legislation that is responsive to the needs of my constituents.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state should play a significant role in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland. During my time in office, we have taken some important steps in the rights direction. First, once fully implemented, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future has the potential to make advancements in K-12 education that will provide lasting benefits for a generation of Maryland learners...

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** In Maryland, the work of improving public safety and improving police accountability are parallel journeys. The policies that I favor to improve public safety are inclusive of the policies included in my response on Economic Inequalities. In addition to those policies, I support peer-support and social work interventions/preventions that work one-on-one or in small groups. I am also supportive...

**EDUCATION:** I supported the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, as well as the Blueprint 2.0, and the Blueprint implementation revisions in session 2022. Additionally, I am prepared to do what's necessary to the impact of COVID-19 on our education system, including increasing supports to close the gaps from learning loss, addressing social and emotional needs and teacher & staff retention. To help with...

**HEALTH:** The greatest increase in the FY23 budget is our increased funding for our health priorities, the Medicaid budget grew by \$300 million over the FY22 working appropriation and supplemental budgets. We were able to accomplish this through increased support from our federal partners and a determination to tackle some of our longstanding priorities. We made increases to behavioral health...

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** My greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources and environment is sustainability and our ability to coexist with its changes. Planning for resiliency has to be our top priority.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** My priority issues for my district are increasing affordable housing, planning for resiliency, increasing economic opportunities and providing greater access to healthcare.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The other issues will be dictated by our continued response to COVID-19 and other issues raised by my constituents.

### Dana Jones (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was appointed in 2020 & immediately began the hands-on work needed to help constituents get through the global pandemic. Over the past two years, I have worked with my colleagues to bring home nearly \$80 million for dozens of projects throughout the district. I've passed 12 bills through the House, eight of which have become law. I am an active community member, mother & volunteer.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** 2022 Session, Maryland had a \$7.5B budget surplus. With similar projects in 2023, I think it's the responsibility of legislators to use this surplus to support those in our state that were disproportionately & adversely affected by the pandemic. I worked with my colleagues to provide targeted tax relief, expand wrap-around services for Title I schools & over \$2.2B dedicated school construction.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I am heartbroken angry & devastated over the senseless gunfire that has shattered the lives of families in Annapolis recently. I was proud to support legislation to; keep guns out of the hands of criminals, ensure more accountability from our courts, keep repeat offenders off our streets, give police the data they need to investigate firearm crimes, & supported the Gov.s office of Crime Prevention

**EDUCATION:** The last two years, I have worked with local partners to ensure that every child, regardless of income, has access to the resources they need to succeed including food,

books, internet & after-school programming. I also supported HB 1372, which builds upon the original legislation to address pandemic-related learning loss. I will continue addressing the needs of all students.

**HEALTH:** I supported SB275, establishing a Family & Medical Leave Insurance Program, enabling workers to take up to 12 weeks of partially paid leave for family circumstances such as caring for sick relatives or having a baby. No one should have to choose between the job they need & the family they love & this bill will help make sure no one has to.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We are seeing the cost of climate change in Annapolis with tornadoes & regular flooding. HB386 now law expands the ability for Annapolis & AACo to distribute relief money to small businesses & nonprofits who are in need after a natural disaster. I also proudly supported SB528 Climate Solutions Now Act. I am endorsed by MD Sierra Club for my actions to support & protect our environment.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** As a Delegate for 30a I have worked with my colleagues to secure nearly \$80 million for dozens of projects throughout the district, including over \$10 million in state funds to support City Dock Stormwater & Flood Mitigation efforts.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Ensuring women have access to the healthcare they need is a top priority to me. Continuing on my record of expanding voter access, tax relief for Maryland families, supporting Education, finding solutions to the crime & fighting for Annapolis in the General Assembly.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 30B

### ® REPUBLICANS

Vote for no more than 1.

### Seth Howard (Republican)

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No response received by deadline.

### Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

Vote for no more than 1.

### Courtney L. Buiniskis (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a wife, a mother of over 20 years and as an educator, I see the needs in my local community, and I know that District 30B needs better representation. Growing up in South County, I understand my community and my neighbors. I have had the opportunity to support those in need in my community. As your future representative, I will return your call! When elected, an educator will represent you!





**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** By advocating for the economically disadvantaged in my community. Providing job training programs, transportation to these programs and incentives to become more self-sufficient.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** With the recent establishment of the recent police accountability boards, citizen's will be able to participate in the board for the actions of the police officer.

**EDUCATION:** To support the Maryland Blueprint Plan and determine how effective it will be in the future.

**HEALTH:** Access to primary care is the single largest issue in Maryland. By supporting the programs established to retain doctors in our needed areas.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Leaving a carbon footprint and protection of our shorelines to help fight climate change. I will address this by supporting legislation and bills that help to fight the effort in supporting our shorelines and the Chesapeake Bay. I would like to help curtail the runoff from the Susquehanna River.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** The preservation of our shorelines, local transportation, mental health and drug issue, crime, and constituent services while also supporting our small businesses. To keep South County, South County!

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Local issues like adequate athletic facilities for our youth, road maintenance and representing Southern Anne Arundel County.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 31

### Ⓜ REPUBLICANS

*Vote for no more than 3.*

#### Brian A. Chisholm (Republican)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have successfully served the last 4 years in the House of Delegates representing District 31B and will now represent District 31 if re-elected.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The State should encourage more career development programs that encourage individual flourishing and job creation.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Police Accountability measures were passed in 2021 so at this point we must protect the innocent citizens of Maryland through a strong law enforcement and fair judicial system.

**EDUCATION:** I believe we should be empowering parents and students by giving them more options to choose the educational institutions in which to enroll. I believe the tax payer dollars should follow the student and not the school. We must demand accountability and results from our public school systems.

**HEALTH:** The mental health crisis, teen suicide, drug addiction and unhealthy lifestyles are destroying the very fabric of our society and

Maryland communities. I will continue to push for resources that encourage individuals to seek help so they can live a free and productive life.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We should discourage over development with sound geographic planning without trampling on the rights of private property ownership.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** We are still in a major drug overdose and abuse pandemic here locally and I am working to help provide valuable resources.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:**

#### Nicholaus R. Kipke (Republican)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served in the House of Delegates, including in leadership, and have established relationships that benefit our community. During my time in the legislature I have gained the knowledge and experience to effectively influence policy and funding. For over twenty years I've worked in the private sector in an industry related to manufacturing which gives me insight into the real world economy.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The greatest challenge at the moment is the lack of safety for the those in communities with high percentages of poverty. Additionally, the long-standing and chronic needs related to education should be addressed through greater competition including expanded charter schools, voucher programs, and greater accountability.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** At the moment I believe the lack of effective prosecution is a great threat to the safety of the citizens in Baltimore City which spreads throughout the state, especially into my community in northern Anne Arundel.

**EDUCATION:** The State of Maryland is currently going through educational changes related to the passage of the Blueprint. While there are aspects of the Blueprint that I think are good, I am not confident that it will actually move the needle for students, especially those in chronically failing schools. I support greater choice like school vouchers and public charter schools. Competition!

**HEALTH:** Maryland like the rest of the nation faces challenges related to the exorbitant cost of healthcare, especially for cutting-edge pharmaceuticals. I support efforts to create an auction-like environment for the procurement of these treatments to create more competition.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** As Maryland moves away from coal to create electricity, I want to see a greater inclusion of safe and renewable nuclear production. We need consistent and reliable energy to guard against energy cost spikes and blackouts.

I also believe we need to do more to take over or partner with local governments to rebuild their sewage treatment plants.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Our community has done very well lately in the way of improvements to local parks, and additional improvements are being funded and moving forward.

At this time, I am working to continue to repave local roads as many need to be resurfaced.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The state should take action to end the pretrial release of violent criminals with prior violent convictions. Governor Hogan and the Republican caucuses in the House and Senate have offered legislation to advance this important effort to improve public safety and I'll continue to advocate for this as it is critically important to making life safer in Maryland. We also need to cut taxes!

#### Rachel Munoz (Republican)

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*No response received by deadline.*

#### LaToya Nkongo (Republican)

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*No response received by deadline.*

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 31

### Ⓜ DEMOCRATS

*Vote for no more than 3.*

#### Kevin Burke (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I served as a military officer and worked in Iraq on the staff of the Commanding General for United States Forces in Iraq. I also served as a Special United States Attorney where I prosecuted criminal offenses. I now advise on retirement, tax and estate planning matters. I would bring these perspectives as a leader in the public and private sector to the job of Delegate.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Maryland should endeavor to provide an environment of equal opportunity and economic fairness. All Marylanders should have the ability to participate in capitalism and the growth of the economy. We should invest in education and transportation and incentivize small businesses and employee ownership.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Providing for the public safety is job one of the government. As a former federal prosecutor I would work with the law enforcement community to tenaciously fight crime and in particular gang violence. We also need to provide nuanced long term solutions to fight crime including investing in education, communities and providing ladders of economic opportunity to all.

**EDUCATION:** Maryland schools have been historically underfunded. We need to appropriately fund education but also need oversight to prevent waste and abuse. I believe in the community school model to best support students. We also need to train Marylanders for the jobs of the future through internships. Maryland has also woefully neglected to appropriately fund needed special education programs.

**HEALTH:** The lack of access to affordable health care is a primary concern. We need to expand access to preventive medicine and healthy foods.

We also need to prevent medical bankruptcies for those accessing needed medical care and/or through surprise billing.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I have been troubled by the understaffing at the Maryland Department of the Environment and by a report from the EPA which calls into question the safety of our drinking water. I would monitor this situation like a hawk and correct it. We also need to move to a carbon neutral economy carefully but expeditiously and protect our waterways from pollution.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** My chief priority would be the quality of life of the residents of District 31. First and foremost this involves enabling their economic success and financial security. But it also includes protecting the environment, public safety, and stopping over development.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We need to help parents, small businesses, retirees and seniors. Parents have borne a greater burden than most during the pandemic and we need to support them. We also should cut taxes on retirees, small businesses and seniors so they don't have to move or risk their financial security. We must also not neglect the aging of our population and consider policies to benefit our seniors.

### Milad Pooran (Democrat)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As an entrepreneur and small business owner, a critical care physician, and a 24-year US Air Force veteran, I have the leadership skills and abilities to identify and solve problems through action. I am not stymied by ideological debates, rather focus on the issues and solutions that will truly help the citizens of Maryland.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state has a major role to play in addressing economic disadvantages. Issues of childhood poverty and food insecurity within Anne Arundel County will only get worse with current economic pressures. Downstream effects of failing to cure these social deficits will stress social safety nets and affect safety and welfare of all county residents.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Too much burden is placed on the police force to address public safety shortcomings. Mental health quick reaction teams trained to deal with acute psychiatric issues for example will be far more successful in deescalating a crisis than exacerbating it. We can keep police accountable when we are not asking them to tackle matters outside their scope of tools and training.

**EDUCATION:** Modernization of the school budget to ensure infrastructure spending and teacher salaries are above national averages. Wi-Fi access in and out of school needs to be compulsory and available to all school aged children. Increased focus on vocational education especially in high school to ensure that students are prepared for real world occupations and professions upon high school graduation

**HEALTH:** Access to timely and quality affordable healthcare remains the greatest challenge for most Maryland residents with respect to

healthcare. The Medicaid budget reflects nearly one quarter of the states annual spending and does not deliver the expected quality for dollars spent. Personalized health care plans and monitoring needs to be routine for all citizens and not a luxury afforded to some.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Climate change and the effects on the coastal regions in particular those on the Chesapeake Bay where land erosion will threaten homes and wild-life habitats. The worsening pollution and deterioration of the health of the bay will be a direct result of this continued loss of land to rising water levels.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Economic revitalization of the Baltimore/Annapolis Corridor.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Tax code modernization. Economic revitalization zones with grants for manufacturing and small business development and creation.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 32

### Ⓡ REPUBLICANS

*Vote for no more than 3.*

**Michael Jette (Republican)**

*No response received by deadline.*

**Monica L. W. Smearman (Republican)**

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*No response received by deadline.*

**Michele Speakman (Republican)**

*No response received by deadline.*

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 32

### Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

*Vote for no more than 3.*

**Dorcas Olanleke (Democrat)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Master of Social Work Degree Primary Concentration Clinical Mental Health; Secondary Concentration of Management and Community Organisation from University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore. My skill set and the experience of working with families dealing with diverse economical and social problems have prepared me for the duties of the House of Delegates making advocacy my priority

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state should embark on an inclusion program for male and female regardless of their race or the limitations so all can benefit from equal income and wealth distribution.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Gun control policy, crime prevention education and neighborhood watch.

**EDUCATION:** To provide more functioning devices for the students if there is a need for them to stay home again. Employ more in house

tutors to provide extra service for students in order to maintain their learning ability, pay teachers more and provide quarterly teachers relief programs.

**HEALTH:** Lack of equal access to medical, surgical and mental health systems by all citizens. I will address the problem by sponsoring a bill that caters to all citizens to having equal access to the same services in a timely manner.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I will support the preservation of all Maryland's natural areas and wildlife. I will support all natural resources policies, plans and programs. Continue to encourage citizens to enjoy their natural surroundings. However, issues of pollution and carbon emissions would be addressed duly.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Access to affordable housing, access to mental health services, access to capital for women's own businesses, and access to efficient transportation means

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Safety of all the citizens within my district and the entire Anne Arundel County. Police transparency and accountability.

### J. Sandy Bartlett (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** First, I was a campaign volunteer and community activist, then I became an elected official. My experience has always been issue based. I enjoy helping people to make their situation better. During my past 4 years in the House of Delegates, I have proudly supported important legislation. I have formed strong relationships and trust in the General Assembly to get things done.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state is a key component to the success of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland because of the vast resources the state manages. Some of the most economically disadvantaged people pay higher taxes per income to tax ratio. Yet, they do not have resources to progress from their economic base. Not only is this unfair, it also does not promote a sustainable economy.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Public safety must be balanced so that it works for both the community and the police. As it stands now, the balance has not been met. The General Assembly passed the Police Accountability Act in 2021. I supported the bill, but it has not been implemented throughout Maryland and will take some time to create the balance we need. I strongly favor resources for victims and returning citizens.

**EDUCATION:** I supported The Blueprint for Maryland's Future and I also support financing the Blueprint. I also supported videos in special needs classes, more resources for disabled students, mental health support and conflict resolution for students.

**HEALTH:** Maryland is facing a mental health and addiction crisis. There were some bills that I supported this session, and I will continue to support. We also need to continue to supplement prescriptions for elders and serious life threatening medicine.



**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I support zero emissions buses for the state's fleet. I also would like the same for county funded transportation systems. My greatest concern is greenhouse emissions.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** I am working on creating a new shuttle for our district to help reduce cars on the BW Parkway.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Reducing violent crime and supporting returning citizens who have served their sentences. Women's health and reproductive rights are important issues to me. Supporting domestic violence victims is a very important issue to me. Helping our senior citizens with a good quality of life is also important.

### Mark S. Chang (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Since 2015, it has been an honor to serve Maryland's 32nd Legislative District. During my tenure in the Maryland General Assembly, I had served as Vice Chair of Public Safety Subcommittee, Chair of Capital Budget, and Chair of Anne Arundel County Delegation. Currently, I serve as Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** In recent years, the Maryland General Assembly has made targeted investments in expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, enhancing temporary cash assistance, securing our social safety nets, and opening more doors for educational and vocational opportunities for our underserved communities. With the current structural surplus, Maryland can continue to invest historic amounts for disadvantaged.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The state aid to local governments for public safety are at record amounts. Millions of additional dollars have been appropriated to support communities that need additional resources and tools for public safety. As the local accountability boards are established and operating, the state has the responsibility to support the local jurisdictions both financially and with evolving policy measures.

**EDUCATION:** The Blueprint for Maryland's Future is a comprehensive landmark legislation that invests billions into our education system. Students who need additional wrap around services will be supported by this investment. The Education Trust Fund secures half a billion dollars of year from gaming that is solely dedicated to our students.

**HEALTH:** Access to quality and affordable healthcare remains a major issue for Marylanders. Through Medicaid and Medicare programs, individuals and families have been supported with access to quality healthcare. The Maryland General Assembly needs to continue its work on leveraging the federal programs to ensure that every Marylander has access to best quality care.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** A takeaway lesson from the pandemic is that Maryland had underinvested in our natural resources and parks. During this past legislative session, the

Maryland General Assembly approved tens of millions dollars to improve our parks. The local jurisdictions are also supported with millions of dollars to expand and improve the local community parks and playgrounds.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** New school construction and revitalized school facilities are priorities in local projects. With the state's budget surplus, robust capital investments can be made to provide our students with the best learning conditions.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** From lessons learned of the Great Recession, the state has vast opportunities for job creation and economic vibrancy by supporting infrastructure investments all across Maryland.

### Mike Rogers (Democrat)

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*No response received by deadline.*

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 33A

### ® REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

### Kim Mills (Republican)

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*No response received by deadline.*

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 33A

### © DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

### Marguerite R. Morris (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Steadfast-focused-determined. 25 plus yrs. responding to the diverse needs of Maryland residents by advocating for services/resources. I took the tragedy of my child's death, and turned it to triumph for Marylanders. After a 9 yr. odyssey, presented my case as a prose mom, and was the 1st in 18 yrs. to successfully win on appeal, setting the stage for HB934 which closed a decade's old loophole.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** In 1997, Priority Funding (PF) areas were mapped. Have a task force look more closely at the designations. Some were deliberately planned to bypass certain communities. The disparities may not show until entities move to develop those areas. Ex. PF maps drawn for 3 streets. Streets A, B, & C. B St. is in the middle of A & C. Poor live on B St. A & C zoned PF. B St. deliberately missed.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I favor policies that include communication and the treating of persons with dignity, regardless of their past. This may affect a planned future behavior. I favor the development of policies that address the mental and physical trauma suffered. Police accountability in communities is owning the past, in the present, so we can plan for the future.

**EDUCATION:** Listen more, to students, families & teachers. Respond with what best fits a particular community. All communities are not the same. During a pandemic, develop a community task force to ensure students not only have access to online learning but that they are utilizing it. Some homes may have disengaged caregivers, therefore create more incentives that engage the whole family in the process.

**HEALTH:** Pandemic recovery. Examine how impacted persons deal with the long term side-effects of COVID. Look at the insurance industry and their handling of related claims and or potential claims, to see if there was an unwatched move to dis-insure high risk persons. I'd review the ongoing and residual mental health effects of the pandemic. Others topping my list, cancer, mental health and RX cost.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Global warming/Greenhouse Gas Emissions. In 2021 MDE released a comprehensive plan that laid out the course the state should take "to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, while also growing jobs and the economy for Marylanders.." with a goal of achievability by 2030. I plan to support this initiative, and support and/or sponsor additional legislation.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Supporting, the Odenton Town Center Master Plan for parking at the Odenton MARC train station. The extension of local bus lines to include direct access to Annapolis. Currently a drive to Annapolis is 20 minutes, by bus the ride is more than 3 hours. Small business recovery and sustainability. The implementation of a Police Accountability Board from HB670. Equitable use of school resources.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** COMAR and 60 day time limit to appeal the manner of death for a loved one. Removing the time limit in certain types of cases and be retroactive. It's almost impossible to both know & have facts enough to support a successful appeal to a manner of death in 60 days, in the midst of being traumatized by grief. Maryland families are waiting on this change. Public Safety-Youth-SB Recovery-Families

### Andrew C. Pruski (Democrat)

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*No response received by deadline.*

### Michael J. Sopata (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My life experience combined with my education and professional qualifications make me the perfect candidate to be your delegate! I have worked in one way or another at nearly every level of government. I've seen firsthand what obstacles a delegate encounters. I will be wholly focused on YOU not wealthy, well-connected, individuals who for far too long maintained a stranglehold on Annapolis.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The government's role is to maintain and foster a economic environment which ensures everyone has a fair shot at success. For far too long you and your family's economic well-being has come second to the wealthy and well-connected's. As your delegate I will support policies that allow us to curb our State's growing economic inequality and foster a healthy, competitive economy, with compassion.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Personally, my father recently retired from a 30+ year career in law enforcement, for over 25 years he served on a Joint FBI Regional Drug Task Force focusing mainly on RICO/ CCE cases. It spanned multiple administrations and was highly successful, it thrived on community involvement and outreach. I support expanding this model coupling highly skilled law enforcement with community input and need

**EDUCATION:** COVID and the loss of in-school instruction was devastating and we will be playing "catch up," with a generation of students for years to come as a result. The lack of socialization has led to the highest rate of depression and anxiety in students ever recorded. Our schools must remain open to in-person instruction except in the most dire circumstances. I will support targeted funding with results.

**HEALTH:** COVID coupled with circumstances which existed before it have led to a mental health crisis unlike any we have faced in generations. Relatedly, the opioid epidemic has been somewhat forgotten due to Covid. I will support increasing access to mental health services for ALL Marylander's. Treatment that is targeted and actually works is a necessity. We must ensure access to healthcare for all.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** The Chesapeake Bay is a natural wonder and our stewardship of it at this critical juncture will effect it's future for decades to come. I will support policies that will reduce our reliance on ever-changing record high energy prices and reduce our carbon output at the same time. By modernizing our public transit, incl. roadways we will reduce traffic and pollution together ensuring the Bay's health

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** There is a large amount of commuters in my district, many utilize MARC. Our public transit System needs to be modernized. Current facilities often face delays, inadequate parking and antiquated technology. As your delegate I will support upgrades to our roadways and public transportation thereby reducing traffic and actually delivering results. We can no longer be mired in red tap, we must act.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** This election I think most people are concerned about the skyrocketing cost of living here in Maryland. Housing costs are off the chain and rising in some areas more than 40%. My partner and I, as renters are well aware of the challenges this current economy present. Inflation at a 40yr high coupled with record high gas prices will spell ruin for many of us. My first priority is to ease this pain.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 33B

### @REPUBLICANS

*Vote for no more than 1.*

**Tyler Bailey (Republican)**

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*No response received by deadline.*

**Stuart Michael Schmidt, Jr. (Republican)**

[www.vote4stu.com](https://www.vote4stu.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Earning a bachelor's degree from Salisbury University, led to a 10 year career in sales & marketing for a Fortune 500 company. I traveled the east coast meeting with large grocery store chains, small retailers. Now an M.B.A. owning multiple small business I have the experience to understand profit & loss, balance budgets. I am comfortable meeting in the board room or the local coffee shops.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Our community of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland deserve education & employment opportunities to reverse poverty & achieve wealth. We can do this through early education, identifying workforce opportunities, scholarships, growing trade school applicants & helping people understand what career is going to provide them with self-fulfillment.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I believe that crime reduction has many facets to consider. The preventative programs within in elementary & middle schools could help reverse the negativity of the police in our community. This also has to start with the police force being accountable to their job to protect & serve.

**EDUCATION:** I will take action to keep kids in the classroom. The long term social effects of keeping kids at home is a major concern for me. We need to keep challenging our youth to learn, grow & stay connected through interpersonal skills. Many studies show the increase of depression in the USA started in 2007 with the introduction of the iphone. We need to get back to real learning & real conversations.

**HEALTH:** As mentioned above, I believe the most significant health challenge is mental wellness & depression, mostly in our adolescence. We must address this through education, awareness & treatment. We must a lot funds for the long term effects from COVID19 & the lack of social interaction.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** As a native Marylander growing up near the water in Anne Arundel County, The Chesapeake Bay is our crown jewel, we must focus on pollution prevention & protecting our natural resources. I believe we ALL can do better with regards to recycling, lowering energy use & reducing waste. I will work with large companies to lower their carbon footprint while educating the public on it's importance.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Here in District 33B many of the people I am meeting with at their front doors or at community events are worried about three things: public safety, traffic/infrastructure & the economy & inflation. I will work to protect this district with smart development, reduce crime by understanding where it starts & lowering taxes for Marylanders.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Lowering government spending and cutting taxes for small business and families are a top priority.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 33B

### @DEMOCRATS

*Vote for no more than 1.*

**John Wakefield (Democrat)**

[www.wakefieldfor33.com](https://www.wakefieldfor33.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a Maryland native with twelve years of experience working for the federal government. I believe that when empowered by smart legislation, government can improve lives and provide necessary support for people and businesses. I also have experience serving on the Board of Directors for non-profit theaters, and have a deep appreciation for the value of arts in our communities.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** There is much that can and should be done, but one of the most straightforward and effective things the state can do is invest in robust public transit. The benefits of public transit are wide-ranging, and do not exclusively benefit economically disadvantaged people, but it is particularly helpful to those people and communities.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I believe that police accountability makes everyone safer, including law enforcement officers. This should be a unifying issue. Accountability encourages trust, reduce tensions, helps build stronger communities, and ensures that law enforcement is safer for all involved.

**EDUCATION:** As a product of Maryland public schools, I take pride in our public education system. There is always room for improvement, but I am strongly of the belief that the best thing to do is to listen to teachers. They are on the front lines, are the most knowledgeable about the challenges their students face, and we could not ask for better advocates for our kids. Engage with and listen to teachers.

**HEALTH:** We must support efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We still don't fully understand the long-term effects of Covid, and it's important to not treat Covid like it's "just a bad cold." We have a mental health crisis from living in this pandemic that must be addressed too. And women's bodily autonomy is under attack. We must enshrine reproductive health rights into our State Constitution.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Climate change is the single greatest threat not just to our environment, but also to the global economy, health, food supply, and security. We must do



everything we can, and then we must do more. It is the only responsible choice we can make. Locally, our district needs to continue to improve flood plain management, which will benefit local traffic and help reduce erosion and sediment pollution.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** My district is home to the Crownsville Hospital Center. It is an important historical site, and the site has potential to be an invaluable community resource and cultural center. We must not allow it to be sold off to developers who want to make a quick profit by building condominiums, which would further aggravate our already bad traffic congestion problems.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** It seems like such a basic thing, but it is important to me to have representation that actually responds to constituents. That has not always been the case in my district. Providing assistance and information to the people who make the effort to reach out to their elected officials is a basic, essential part of the job that I take very seriously.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 33C

### ® REPUBLICANS

*Vote for no more than 1.*

**Kerry A. Gillespie (Republican)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Advocating to the Board of Education, Maryland Senate, and on Capitol Hill has provided me with the experience needed to be a strong voice for District 33C.

As part of a military family, I've lived in communities around the country and gained an appreciation for diversity and understanding differences of opinion. I will utilize all of my experiences as your Representative in Annapolis.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We are fortunate in Maryland to have active nonprofits who can forecast the challenges in our communities and provide services for those most in need. State and local governments should support the missions of these groups and partner with them to provide necessary resources so they can serve our community.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Though the General Assembly has focused on reforming policing, crime has been steadily rising in Maryland. We must shift focus to legislation that holds criminals accountable and return to a "Tough on Crime" philosophy. We should also bring police leaders, citizens, and legislators together to discuss challenges and implement best practices in policing to benefit both law enforcement and citizens.

**EDUCATION:** Covid restrictions had a negative impact on kids in both mental health and loss of learning. On recent MCAP tests, only 15% of kids showed competency in math and 31% in English. Schools need to partner with parents and teachers to provide resources to help

children catch up. The focus on our schools also needs to be on teaching core subjects and challenging students to encourage academic growth.

**HEALTH:** Mental health is a significant health challenge for Marylanders, and leads to issues including drug and alcohol addictions, self-harm, eating disorders, and suicide. Mental health treatment needs to be easier to obtain, especially for youth, by encouraging more treatment providers to operate throughout Maryland and making treatment more affordable.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** As the wife of an environmental scientist who works to protect the natural resources in Maryland, I treasure the beauty and uniqueness of our state. Growth and development are valuable and necessary, but we must ensure it is not at the cost of our irreplaceable natural resources or overtaxing our existing roads, schools, and other infrastructures.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** A priority issue I have for my district is education, ensuring parental rights and involvement in schools, and helping children with learning losses they experienced due to school closures. Another vital concern is the proposed Bay Bridge extension and the cumbersome traffic within the Broadneck Peninsula caused by detours from the bridge.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Public safety and crime are an important issue, as we are beginning to see that no community is immune to the violence that is spreading into the suburbs. It is imperative we give our police the tools, resources, and support to combat violent offenders. Additionally, inflation and rising costs of necessities including food, gas, and taxes must be addressed to give Marylanders some relief.

## LEGISLATIVE DIST. 33C

### © DEMOCRATS

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**Heather A. Bagnall (Democrat)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have four years which I've used well to understand how to build consensus to move legislation. My 30 years in the arts and 20 years in arts education and admin has helped inform my ability to tackle big picture issues, to look for unintended consequences and impacts on a broad range of communities and to communicate complex issues & comprehensive policies in understandable, relatable ways.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** I believe in ensuring people have what they need when needed, but the pandemic has really demonstrated how quickly we falter without robust social safety nets. We've built an unsustainable gig economy significantly shrinking the middle class. With the pause it became clear that we couldn't fill low income positions if we didn't find ways to reduce cost of living and raise quality of life.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** We took a good first step with the Police Reform Package and with the increased security for gun dealers to reduce smash and grab crimes, but crime reduction is not the same as enforcement. Part of reducing crime is holding violent criminals accountable, but also ensuring that communities have access to educational resources, Substance Use and mental health treatment, transit, and jobs.

**EDUCATION:** One primary focus for me is transportation because if the kids can't get to school nothing else matters. Passing and funding the Blueprint was an essential first step however we're going to need to invest in training and retention of our teachers. We need an expansion in arts and alternate learning styles education, and a renewed focus on diversified curriculum which meets students where they are.

**HEALTH:** Behavioral health care remains the single most challenging health issue in Maryland. Carve outs which resulted in a lack of mental, dental, and vision preventative care, and a patchwork of service providers has made access to care feel at times insurmountable. I have made behavioral health access for adolescents a primary focus. Passing the Mental Health Access Initiative was just the first step.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Sea level rise is the single greatest threat to Maryland. Though there are many issues which need to be addressed I have been focused on an important but obscure part of the law called Riparian Rights dating back to British Common Law and referring to mean high water line in shared shoreline because it defines who has responsibility for maintaining shoreline and waterways.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Rt 2, Rt 50 and the Bay Bridge—I have worked with SHA and the Toll authority to make sure the Western Shore has a seat at the table but I want to ensure that as we look at a replacement span we establish the Broadneck Peninsula as an impact zone. Unlike the Eastern Shore who do have commuters, we derived no benefit from the bridge, only pain and it's long past time we used revenue to reinvest.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I continue to focus on expanding behavioral health services and providers, and on ensuring transit options in Anne Arundel County, and to work for solutions to the traffic issues in my district. My priorities are suicide prevention, child care, reducing maternal mortality rates, education, protecting the rights of LGBTQ youth and adults, & protecting the reproductive rights of all Marylanders.



## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**DUTIES:** As the chief executive officer of Anne Arundel County, the County Executive provides direction to all county departments, upholds county laws, and proposes plans, programs, budget, policies and legislation to the County Council.

**SALARY:** \$142,000 (FY 2021).

**TERM:** Four years; limited to two full consecutive terms.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

## QUESTIONS

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of County Executive?

**ELECTIONS:** What measures will you support to advance democratic processes in the county?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Anne Arundel County while improving police accountability?

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** How will you protect our county's natural resources?

**HOUSING:** What are your views on affordable housing in Anne Arundel County?

**TRANSPORTATION:** How will you address transportation issues in Anne Arundel County?

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** What will you do to promote mutual respect and civility among the residents of Anne Arundel County?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues will be priorities for you as County Executive?

## @REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Fernando Berra, III (Republican)**  
[www.FriendsoftheUSConstitution.com](http://www.FriendsoftheUSConstitution.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a bachelor's and master's degree in engineering and 27 years working, professionally, on multiple US Government agencies—including the Department of Defense. Some of my duties include: managing technically-complex/programmatic problems with the constraints of budget, schedule and technically-complex products; I have proven success—delivering quality products in time and within budget.

**ELECTIONS:** I will work with other elected officials to implement a photo ID requirement to vote and provide the necessary resources—for those individuals with physical/financial limitations—to obtain a REAL ID compliant photo ID to exercise this Constitutional Right. I will also extend voter registration campaigns to ensure that everyone who wants to vote can do so.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I will increase police recruitment and presence in our county and communities; I will provide those agencies with the necessary tools to do their job effectively with

a community-conscious engagement approach. I will work with the police commissioner and AACO Law department to revise policies and procedures to ensure that there is accountability, and traceability to every action taken by the count

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I will work with other elected officials to continue working on protecting our natural resources while observing and respecting citizen's Constitutional / property Rights. There needs to be a balance between conservation laws & property Rights; it does not have to be one of the other. I will create community working groups to address conservation needs while also meeting the needs of the community

**HOUSING:** There is very little affordable housing in our county; this is the product of overspending, wasteful spending and poor budgetary management. I will revamp all county agencies using engineering processes to make them more efficient and cost effective; reducing our county government will translate into lower taxes. I will work with other elected officials to investigate other solutions.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I will implement "work from home" policies for all county employees whenever possible, and I will encourage other companies in the county to implement the same; this will minimize overhead cost for companies and savings to citizens (e.g., gasoline). The pandemic showed us that this can be done with a positive outcome on citizens' expenses, traffic as well as the environment.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I will form many community working groups to address many of the issues that we face as a county, to implement and decide on policies. This is a government of the People, by the People for the People. There is no reason why only elected officials should decide on those issues. The working community groups will show that WE are not different from one another, and that we all strive for the same.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** As County Executive my priority is to uphold/defend the Anne Arundel citizens' Constitutional Rights above all else. These issues/proposed solutions are listed on my campaign website. I encourage you to visit it for further information. My administration will provide transparency and accountability—providing the reasoning as to how and why something was implemented—as we do in engineering

**John J. Grasso (Republican)**  
*No response received by deadline.*

**Jessica Haire (Republican)**  
*No response received by deadline.*

**Chris Jahn (Republican)**  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have almost 30 years of management experience, which makes me uniquely qualified to be County Executive. My

time as an area manager allowed me to work with multiple departments, as well as oversee multiple managers with varying personalities. My ability to train and develop others has served me well in the private sector and will serve me well as County Executive.

**ELECTIONS:** We must ensure that we protect as well as secure the democratic process. The right to vote must be safeguarded and we must ensure that every citizen legally allowed to vote is able to do so. Securing the vote is just as important. We must enact voter ID laws to ensure that only those legally allowed to vote are doing so. This may require financial assistance to those that cannot afford ID.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Reducing crime takes all 3 branches of government and the community working together. We must pass laws that work for everyone. Our police must have the ability to enforce those laws, knowing that the judicial system will work to hold people accountable. We must build trust between the police and the community. The police accountability board is a good start to building that bridge.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I will start by fighting to keep our county farmlands from becoming solar farms. While solar power is a great resource, using farmland for solar will do more harm than good. With over 533 miles of shoreline, we need to protect the bay. Providing education to homeowners as to the best pesticides and fertilizers for the environment will go a long way to protecting our bay.

**HOUSING:** Home ownership is the most sustainable way to ensure affordable housing. Home ownership will help an individual budget monthly without rent being increased. We need to work with our citizens to secure affordable mortgages. When the government provides affordable housing, we should look to spread that housing around the county or look to convert office space into livable apartments.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Expanding our bus routes and allowing for additional transfer stops will aid in reducing traffic. In addition, expanding Paratransit service will allow residents to move freely around the county. I will also look to ease congestion by widening existing roadways where practical and/or adding additional roadways as needed. New developments would require traffic studies prior to approval.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Civility starts from the top. As County Executive, I pledge to treat everyone with courtesy and respect. While we may not agree on issues, we all deserve to be treated with dignity. I will also challenge my team to call me out when I do not treat someone in such a manner. An organization takes on the personality of its leader. As County Executive, civility starts with you.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Working with the business community to help revitalize our local businesses is vital, especially for those companies that closed during the pandemic. 20% of companies fail in the first 2 years. I will work with start-up companies and companies



returning from COVID to reduce startup costs and to reduce their tax burden for the first 2 years. A healthy business community equals a healthier county.

### Herb McMillan (Republican)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a father of 4 and former Navy pilot, I know experience improves skills. 16 years of experience as a public servant & community activist made me an effective leader. I work with Republican & Democrat colleagues without compromising conservative values, initiate bold ideas, listen to community needs, & implement responsive measures.

**ELECTIONS:** The integrity of our election process is critical, and everyone needs to know his or her vote counts. To protect democracy and eliminate fraud, we must demand transparent processes, such as requiring a photo ID to allow for voting, similar to a Voter ID law I passed as a Councilman.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** We must increase funding and respect for law enforcement; they have our backs, we must have theirs. We must also reinstitute the 287g program to deport illegal immigrant felons who commit crimes here. Prohibiting the county from hiring police who have lost previous jobs due to misconduct would improve police accountability.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Having spent most of my life in Annapolis, the Bay has significant importance to me personally, but also to our beauty, environment, and economy. Let's not forget that President Richard Nixon started the EPA. Republicans can take back ownership of protecting natural resources while balancing it with business and community interests.

**HOUSING:** As our population and businesses expand, I will work hard to make Anne Arundel County a more affordable and pleasant place for our families to live. Through lower taxes and responsible growth, we can provide good schools, protect the character of our existing neighborhoods, ensure reliable infrastructure, and offer more affordable, middle-class homes.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I will prioritize our kids; they shouldn't miss school because we fail to provide transportation. To ensure daily, on-schedule transportation to and from school, we'll recruit more drivers, including veterans who have driven military vehicles, and supplement buses for the larger routes with smaller alternatives like county vans for the smaller routes.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** With increased transparency in government, people will get a stronger sense of equality & fairness. This, in turn, will create a stronger and more united community that drives mutual respect. I will also incorporate significant community involvement in government decision-making, for increased collaboration among and with local organizations and associations.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I plan to replicate similar successes I had as Councilman and Delegate, including cutting taxes and wasteful government spending, funding law enforcement, & creating quality jobs. I will keep CRT out of our schools and give parents more say in curriculum and education. People over politics, protecting Constitutional liberties, and promoting conservative values will be my priorities.

### DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

#### Steuart Pittman (Democrat)

*No response received by deadline.*

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COUNCIL

**DUTIES:** The County Council, the elected legislative body of the county, adopts ordinances and resolutions, and has all of the County's legislative powers.

**BASE SALARY:** \$42,161 (starting Dec. 2022) increasing 2.44% annually to \$45,402. Additional stipends for Chair and Vice Chair.

**TERM:** Four years; limited to two full consecutive terms.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected by the qualified voters of the councilmanic district in which the member resides, during the same election year as members of the General Assembly.

### QUESTIONS

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of the County Council?

**ELECTIONS:** What measures will you support to advance democratic processes in the county?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Anne Arundel County while improving police accountability?

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** How will you protect our county's natural resources?

**HOUSING:** What are your views on affordable housing in Anne Arundel County?

**TRANSPORTATION:** How will you address transportation issues in Anne Arundel County?

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** What will you do to promote mutual respect and civility among the residents of Anne Arundel County?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for your district?

## DISTRICT 1

### REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

#### Jeremy M. Shifflett (Republican)

*No response received by deadline.*

## DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

#### Pete Smith (Democrat)

*No response received by deadline.*

## DISTRICT 2

### REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

#### Noel J. Smith (Republican)

*No response received by deadline.*

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES

**Vote for no more than 1.**

#### Allison Pickard (Democrat)

[www.AllisonPickard.com](http://www.AllisonPickard.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My first term as Councilmember representing District 2 has prepared me to continue in this public service role. I have proven to be an engaged and responsive representative, successful legislator, & strong District 2 advocate who is tackling our toughest issues in Anne Arundel County. I will use the relationships I have built and knowledge gained to continue working to strengthen our community.

**ELECTIONS:** As Chair of the County Council, I worked with council staff to expand access for public testimony, crafted rules & procedures for virtual meetings & expanded access to Council Documents on our website. These modernization efforts have increased public participation. I have also supported our local Board of Elections through Budget allocations to expand access to the ballot box.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I have supported the 30% budget increases to public safety to ensure we can recruit and retain the best qualified officers, add additional officers for community policing and crisis response, and fund our new Body worn camera program & police accountability board. I have worked to build relationships between our neighborhoods and police to enhance trust and will continue this vital work.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** In my first term, I strengthened Forest Conservation laws, storm water management regulations, and investment in clean energy. I will continue to seek ways to preserve and protect our natural environment.

**HOUSING:** I have worked to increase the availability of affordable housing for young families, retirees, and our workforce. I supported the new Fair Housing law, bi-partisan legislation to ensure our zoning code allows for housing choice for all dwelling types and price points so Anne Arundel can keep pace with housing market trends and ensure we have quality housing supply for all of our residents.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I will continue to support expanded public transportation, improvement to our road and sidewalk networks, and continue to work with our State & Federal partners to increase funding to implement our multi-modal plan: Move Anne Arundel. We have seen record level investment in our roads and traffic mitigation. I am please to see those investments underway in District 2 and around the County.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I will seek out collaborative solutions to our toughest problems, ensure information about county policies & projects are communicated in a timely, professional, and accurate manner. In this era of divisive politics, we must work hard to ensure we are leading by example in our public discourse. As Councilwoman, I will continue to engage proactively & positively with constituents & colleagues.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I have been a champion for revitalization, investment in education and school construction, and much needed infrastructure improvements. We must continue to invest in our workforce to ensure we can recruit and retain quality employees to fulfill the basic functions of local government. I am committed to this work.

## DISTRICT 3

### Ⓜ REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Nathan Volke (Republican)**

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*No response received by deadline.*

## DISTRICT 4

### Ⓜ REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Cheryl Renshaw (Republican)**

*No response received by deadline.*

**Thomas Dale Wieland (Republican)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** elected Board member NCRC (North county Rep Club); elected Board member MPHA (Maryland Pharmacist Assoc). Attend many County Council meetings, testified before Maryland state legislature on Health issues. elected board member for initial set up of Courts of Four Seasons HOA (30 years ago). Cub Scout Leader, Boy Scout leader, coached Gorc Soccer and basketball teams.

**ELECTIONS:** support increased measures to increase voter registration, education, and confidence in voter integrity

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Increase number of police, increase training, increase pay to attract the best qualified candidates.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** carefully review the zoning and building everywhere in the county but especially near our waterways. there are many bills out now that will increase buildings in Dist 4 and it is essential that run off from new and existing areas are controlled

**HOUSING:** there is now lacking over 100,000 housing for Anne Arundel county, As these needs are being met, it is essential that there is made a wide variety of housing for all income levels.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I will promote building and improving roads prior to approving more developments rather than have the developments build and then trying to build the roads and means of transportation afterwards.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Make myself available to all residents of AAC. Increase awareness of the main issues such as crime, congestion, roads, and our natural resources.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Crime, including the ability to report any neighborhood crimes or concerns to police and get a quick response. More and more people are moving to dist 4 due to Fort Meade and roads will be a huge issue over the next 10 years. Education for all communities.

## Ⓜ DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**John C. Dove, Jr. (Democrat)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience in the military and corporate sector along with my volunteer work in my Church community have prepared me for the duties of the County Council. I was a logistics officer in the U.S. Marine Corps leading troops while executing plans and strategies. As a leader in the medical device sector, I have led organizations, prepared, and executed business plans, created and managed budgets.

**ELECTIONS:** I will work to protect the availability of options for voting in elections to include vote by mail, early and absentee voting. I will work with those responsible for elections to assist with ideas for recruitment of those who help make our elections run smoothly and efficiently. We need processes to encourage voters to participate in every election and not just Presidential elections.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Community policing requires that we recruit and retain our officers. We must ensure comparable pay and benefits with our surrounding counties. We must provide top level training and mental healthcare access. I support the creation of the Police Accountability Board. A strong, independent, effective, and fair PAB will bolster police stature in all communities but especially at-risk communities.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** As our population grows our infrastructure needs increase. As we tackle those needs, I will ensure that a focus is maintained on our environment as decisions are made on infrastructure projects. Working

with the Resilience Authority will be a part of that plan. We must preserve resources like the Patuxent Wildlife and Refuge Preserve.

**HOUSING:** We need much more affordable housing in the County for middle /lower income demographics to include First responders, Teachers, Allied Health Professionals, and military personnel. I would look to work with our council, county executive and local state delegation to work for policies that assist with improving the ecosystem for building and keeping homes affordable.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation is an equity issue that needs addressing in the County. I will work with County Transportation Officer and the County Council to improve transportation availability and options. I will work with both the County Transportation Officer and local state delegation on road improvements in the District/County.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I will make sure that I meet with every constituency in the District to look for ways to support, represent and promote the best of all resident communities.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Working with the County Executive and other Council members to ensure that we fully fund the Blueprint for Education. I will work to ensure that those tax dollars are used effectively with the goal of a world class education for all our students. I am committed to focusing on how we make our economy work for all in District 4 as well as the County.

**James R. Estep (Democrat)**

[www.jamesestep.com](http://www.jamesestep.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have spent the last two decades bringing together elected, civic, business and faith leaders to foster partnerships and innovative solutions to community challenges. Coupled with my service on the County Library Board of Trustees, and the Democratic Central Committee, I will hit the ground running for District Four residents.

**ELECTIONS:** Access is the key. We have to provide everyone the opportunity to vote in whatever manner we can make available, mail-in, in-person, early voting, while working with those who desire to participate, but need assistance. We must also encourage our partners statewide to do the same.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** It is our responsibility to foster healthy relationships between law enforcement and those communities most impacted by crime. There is no one size fits all solution. Only by working together, and listening to one another, will a compromise be forged that reduces crime and increases accountability.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** The current County Council has done an exceptional job working with the County Executive to protect our environment. I will follow-up on their legislation on forest conservation while encouraging



using existing development for redevelopment, as we've seen in the quest to add affordable housing to the community.

**HOUSING:** The Blue Oaks at Odenton project is the prime example of how we can address affordable housing in the county, repurposing abandoned commercial space and turning it into useful affordable housing. This same transformative model can be repeated throughout the county with community partners and dedicated developers.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We must improve access to and availability of public transportation. We must add sidewalks to provide walkability to our stations and stops, and we must increase the frequency of trips while keeping costs affordable. Partnering with the state on major roadways is a must to decrease automobile traffic and increase safety.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** How we communicate with people matters. We must, in all manner of communication, treat others with respect and encourage that behavior in those around us. There will be no acceptance of racism or intolerance in my office, and I will hold others to that standard.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Education is at the top of most people's minds, from overcrowding of our schools to ensuring that every child is given an equal opportunity to succeed. We will work together with the school board and administration to satisfy our families through innovation and external partnerships to accomplish this essential mission.

## Julie Hummer (Democrat)

[www.juliehummer.com](http://www.juliehummer.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a former president of the Board of Education and Legislative Chair for the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, I have extensive experience in analyzing and developing budgets, drafting and enacting policy, and testifying and advocating for legislation on the state and local level. I am prepared to hit the ground running with legislation and budget priorities.

**ELECTIONS:** I support robust funding for our Board of Elections so that appropriate recruitment and training can be offered to ensure our elections are free and fair. I support voter registration drives in venues across the county, including libraries, schools, and community events.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** To reduce crime we must care for our communities through good paying jobs, affordable housing, and enrichment opportunities for children and youth. More opportunities=less crime. Police must have continuous training in de-escalation techniques and in relationship building through community policing, and the Police Accountability Board must be fully staffed and supported.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I fully support the county's Green Infrastructure Plan to increase the amount of protected green space. I plan to pursue a ban on plastic bags, and I will promote

frequent community cleanup and litter reduction efforts. I will continue to review our planning and zoning procedures to improve our conservation efforts in the building process.

**HOUSING:** Anne Arundel County has over 25,000 on the wait list for affordable housing. With housing costs increasing, this is a crisis for our most vulnerable residents. We must modernize our permitting and zoning regulations to remove barriers to affordable housing developments and offer incentives to builders who will pursue innovative and creative affordable projects.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Like with affordable housing, our county needs to pursue more creative and innovative transportation options. Expanded bus service is needed, but so are smaller shuttle options between communities and high job density areas such as hospital centers, BWI, Fort Meade, and Maryland Live. Walking and biking accessibility to the MARC trains needs to be improved as well.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I believe that all progress is made through relationships. As a former school teacher, I knew I would be most successful in reaching my students if they trusted me to treat them with care and respect. Whenever possible, I meet with people in person and listen. I will continue that practice in office, modeling the same civility and respect I wish to receive from others.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My district neighbors are concerned about traffic, especially in the Route 3 corridor. I will fight for Anne Arundel to receive federal infrastructure dollars to tackle our traffic issues. Residents also want modernized schools and lower class sizes. I will advocate for the budget to include the funds to compensate our school staff, lower class sizes, and upgrade our buildings.

## Ash Khan (Democrat)

[WWW.ASHKHAN.ORG](http://WWW.ASHKHAN.ORG)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served in the leadership role for the PG Democratic Central Committee. Additionally, I am a community leader and had various roles for non-profit and Rotary. Currently, I am the Chair for Rotary Youth Leadership Academy. This experience has taught me the importance of serving our community.

**ELECTIONS:** Serving in the Democratic Central Committee has taught me the importance of process. I will ensure every person has the right to vote, freedom of speech, the right to their rights, and a voice. This means regular free and fair elections, participation of all members, and checks and balances.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I favor a police community council to help reduce crime. It is essential that citizens and community law enforcement for a common goal. It is necessary to know why crimes occur and how to stay ahead. I believe police officers should continue to wear body cams to ensure transparency.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We must continue to protect our Bay from pollution and work to preserve our natural resources. I will support policies that control runoff pollution that contaminates the Bay. I will support ways to invest in renewable energy to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

**HOUSING:** This county has grown and will continue to grow. We mustn't lose out on good people coming to our county because they cannot afford to live here. Our neighboring counties have expanded their affordable housing and serve as a model. We must not lose teachers, firefighters, or first responders to other counties because they cannot afford to live here.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation spending should be focused on maintaining and fixing existing roads, bridges, and transit. We should look for ways to ensure our citizens can safely and economically commute in and around our county.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Unity is important. I like to focus on the first three letters of "unity"—"U-N-I." As our community is growing, there are people here with all types of backgrounds. I would like to see communities interact with each other and get to know each other. There should be a way for everyone to gather respectfully.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Other priorities want to focus on education, our budget, and smart development. I want to ensure we are not increasing taxes and ensure we are spending time with our constituents.

## DISTRICT 5

### ® REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

## Amanda Fiedler (Republican)

[www.vote4fiedler.com](http://www.vote4fiedler.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** In my first term I have held up the commitments I made to be responsible with taxpayer dollars, support open space, green space and work to improve our economy. Some of my legislation has cut red tape for local businesses to allow for job expansion and job growth. I've also worked for increased oversight in the development process. There is no substitute for experience serving a first term.

**ELECTIONS:** I believe in a fair democratic process that is free of intimidation or discord. I will continue to work with constituents on the matters that concern their family and their business through strong constituent services and legislation through the democratic process.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Giving our police department the resources they need to engage and build relationships within the community allows law enforcement officers to know the people they serve and protect. A strong relationship builds mutual trust and respect. I support a

crisis response team that gets those struggling with addiction or mental health challenges, the resources they need instead of time served.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I will continue to work for a transparent development process that includes the involvement of the community. I supported increased protections to our forest conservation laws as well as resource conservation areas. I have passed legislation that helps our farmers diversify their farm operations which encourages their investment in their land, instead of selling to development.

**HOUSING:** I recognize that we have a need for affordable housing in the midst of a housing crisis for all home buying options. There is a careful balance of creating flexibility in our zoning code while not overburdening our infrastructure, including roads and schools.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation has been a high area of concern for the 5th district, especially with our proximity to the Bay Bridge. I will continue to push the state for solutions to state road congestion that impacts our local roadways. I have testified at the general assembly on legislation that would restore the \$370 million our county has lost since the recession. I will continue these efforts.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I believe these essential values begin in the home. I also believe as an elected official I have a responsibility to lead by example. Despite incredibly sensitive topics, emotional debates and heated discussions, I have and will continue to lead with respect for my constituents and the residents of the county.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:**

## © DEMOCRATS

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**Carl James Neimeyer**  
(Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My entire professional career, both as a Naval contracting officer and engineer and a business owner and employer, has prepared me to manage budgets, facilities, and staffing issues on council. From building roads and improving buildings to navigating a small business through a pandemic and staffing challenges, I can offer experience and a “can do” attitude to get it done.

**ELECTIONS:** The democratic process empowers people to shape our collective futures. Participation is crucial for safe and free society. Council should address any voting or communication barriers that reduce participation. Leaders must promote open and civil discourse to encourage informed opinions and understanding. I oppose any initiative that adds partisan voting hurdles or reduces transparency.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** You cannot “Back the Blue” with anemic budgets and pay that won’t retain officers. I will fund our police properly, meet the county’s needs and better compete with other

counties. Our officers must also be accountable in respecting citizens’ rights. I will support any adjustments to the Police Accountability Board to ensure both fairness to officers and meaningful redress for community members.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Protection of our county’s waterways and energy efficiency are my environmental priorities. It is not only right to steward creation, but there are quality of life and economic benefits for our district. Energy investments save taxpayers money over the long-term, and recreation and business thrive with a healthy bay. I will engage the private and public sector to find science-minded solutions.

**HOUSING:** Anne Arundel County certainly lacks affordable housing, especially for teachers, first responders, and the low-to-middle income workers who drive our economy and should be able to live where they work. We need to incentivize mixed-use redevelopment of existing structures. Any new development should set aside and prioritize affordability over “luxury”/inefficient uses of real estate.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Traffic build up from the Bay Bridge is a serious issue for District 5. I am uniquely suited with my professional experience to work closely with the various public works authorities and advocate for the best solutions. I have competencies not just to want a solution but technical competencies to evaluate and actively engage in finding solutions.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Doing right by people is the core of my personal integrity. I will always listen and debate in good faith. I won’t engage in partisan tactics that prey on fear and tribalism to “energize” voters. Political games that viciously pit neighbor against neighbor have no place in my conduct. More leaders need to love community and democracy more than fundraising and their personal advancement.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I will end the partisanship that has defined District 5 since 2014. I will end the dupliciousness of “supporting” first responders, teachers, and government services with words, but demanding their budgets be slashed and voting against funding them when they were not. I want to focus on issues that matter to all of us—public safety, roads, education—not waste time with partisan grandstanding.

## DISTRICT 6

### ® REPUBLICANS

*Vote for no more than 1.*

**Mike Pantelides** (Republican)  
[www.mikeforcountycouncil.com/](https://www.mikeforcountycouncil.com/)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As the former Mayor of Annapolis I have gained a lot of experience managing 600 employees with a 100 million dollar budget. I have a deep understanding of local government and have successfully passed many laws to benefit the community. I am a lifelong county resident and have a deep connection and understanding of the issues facing our community.

**ELECTIONS:** I would like to start a petition process where citizens can petition the government to put an issue on the ballot. When I was Mayor we partnered with the county to run our elections. It not only saved the city money but allowed us to have better elections with less problems than we had in the past. It was so successful the current administration continued the partnership.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Community policing is the model for the future and I embraced it as Mayor with good results. We had officers walking the community and interacting with residents which built trust. I implemented the city’s first body camera program which insured accountability and built additional trust.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I built the Annapolis Renewable Energy Park an award-winning solar energy park on the city’s closed landfill with 54,000 solar panels; it created green jobs and will produce \$4 million for the city over 20 years with no cost to the taxpayers. I plan to build more in the county. Also we need to do more to stop stormwater runoff and hold people accountable when they break the law.

**HOUSING:** Anne Arundel county is an expensive place to live. We should work towards creating affordable housing. In Annapolis we had rules that developers had to build a percentage of units affordable. However, I am against allowing massive developments to lower the cost of housing.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The city and county must work better to make transportation more affordable and convenient. I would use technology to make transposition more reliable, having a GPS tracker like Uber to allow people to know when a bus is coming. I would advocate for different forms of transportation. As Mayor I rebuilt all the bus shelters that were torn down.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I will always work to bring people together. I hired the city’s first African and Hispanic Liaisons. I ended the city’s last legal form of racial discrimination, when I demanded the city inspect public housing units. Everyone deserves to be treated the same. After my election the inspections stopped and the city lost 1 million for discrimination against African Americans.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I continue to believe that the Opioid Crisis is one of our major health and social challenges as it wreaks havoc on patients, families and our economy. Also we need to support more mental health services, more after school programs, work with the business community to help create more jobs and stop over-development.





## Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

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### Lisa Brannigan Rodvien (Democrat)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served on the County Council since 2018 and I am currently Chair. In Nov. 2022, I will not be a novice to county government. Also, as I will be starting my 13th year teaching in AACPS, I am very familiar with the challenges faced by our schools, our students, and families of our county. Finally, my experience as an attorney helps me craft legislation that holds up to legal scrutiny.

**ELECTIONS:** This past winter, I supported a bill that would allow candidates to opt for public campaign finance support. While it did not pass the council, there is a petition drive that could put it on the November ballot. This legislation would make it easier for non-wealthy candidates to run for office and ultimately create a more diverse council. It would also help restrain the influence of big money.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Prevention is the best way to reduce crime. This comes in several forms: ensuring that schools provide young people with the skills they need to find good paying jobs. We also need to ensure past offenders have pathways to jobs and independence. Recently, when the council created the county's police accountability system, I worked for transparency and diversity on the board.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I worked with my colleagues to pass one of the strongest forest conservation bills in the state. I also worked to pass another bill that will hold developers accountable for taking down large trees. In our recent Green Infrastructure Plan, I supported a goal of 30% of the county's land held in conservation, to be free from development.

**HOUSING:** Our county has a shortage of affordable housing. At the same time, we have conservation needs. The best way to balance these two is to encourage higher density and lower cost housing near transit hubs, sometimes called transit oriented development. This can help provide new housing while at the same time minimizing new traffic and providing access to the transit needed to reach employment.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I am thrilled to have worked with the county executive to bring a transit center to Annapolis mall and to make our county buses fare-free. I have also encouraged the Annapolis Mayor to go fare-free. Transit users tend to be our most economically disadvantaged residents. Removing fares removes an obstacle to employment. By encouraging transit use, we can also lessen our carbon footprint.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I believe the best path to mutual respect and civility is talking with each other face to face. It is much harder to disregard the viewpoint of someone else when you know them and understand how

the world looks from where they stand. I suspect the contentious topics we've had to address in the past few years—masks and re-openings for example—could be resolved more easily in person.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Increasing water access, ending discrimination, improving mental health especially for youth, planning for the future of Crownsville Hospital grounds with all stakeholders, & ensuring full economic recovery for our business are my priorities. One special priority however, will be using the council's role in the budget process to continue to strengthen our schools, libraries, & community college.

## DISTRICT 7

## Ⓡ REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

### Shannon Leadbetter (Republican)

[www.shannonleadbetter.com](https://www.shannonleadbetter.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a mother, Veteran USMC Spouse, and self employed sales person who studied Political Science at Bucknell University. I lead marines, families and spouses through 5 deployments, 2 of which were in combat. I built a sales business that reached the top 1% in my industry. And most recently, I lead a parent collation that successfully fought to reopen Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

**ELECTIONS:** I will fight for a more limited government that stays out of the business of telling citizens how to live their lives, raise their families and run their businesses. At the same time I recognize there is a unique space where government has a responsibility to be involved and respond to citizens concerns. I will fight to increase government responsiveness and accountability in those areas.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The County must support police policies that aide our Public Safety Departments in recruiting & retaining qualified officers by fostering an environment where officers are supported, protected and valued. Our law enforcement policies must recognize that criminals are criminals and our police officers are the good guys working and sacrificing to protect the rule of law and the safety of our citizen

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** From our waterways, to our open spaces, to our farmlands – our county's natural resources are a vital part of our economy, supporting thousands of small businesses and providing recreation and enjoyment to our citizens. We must partner with businesses and communities to protect our resources in practical common sense ways.

**HOUSING:** Anne Arundel County, like the rest of our nation, is experiencing a rapid rise in housing costs. Coupled with our high property taxes, it is becoming increasingly difficult for our seniors to afford to remain in their homes or finding housing to downsize into in their

communities that they can afford. We must work to find creative solutions to this problem and fight for our seniors.

**TRANSPORTATION:** support working to ensure our infrastructure supports our growth. There are many areas of Anne Arundel County where adequate public facilities have not kept up with the growth and development in the area. The county needs to ensure road improvements are done using professional traffic studies not squeaky wheel policies.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** All county residents deserve to be treated with equal respect, care and dignity regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or religion and I will lead by example in the way I promote mutual respect and civility in the execution of the duties of my office, and in how I live my life.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Protecting the rural small town culture and way of life of South County.

### Cailey Locklair (Republican)

[www.caileylocklair.com](https://www.caileylocklair.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the only candidate that has 16 years of legislative experience. I worked as a staffer in the Maryland House of Delegates, then for a non-profit on many community based programs. The last seven years I've worked as the Executive Director of the State's largest association of retail businesses successfully passing pro-jobs and pro-business legislation at the State and County levels.

**ELECTIONS:** I support election integrity, which includes fair, free and transparent elections. I support voter ID laws and early voting. At this time, I do not support internet voting as there is not, to date, a way to internet vote that is above reproach. In order for all voters to have faith in the voting system, election rules cannot favor one party over another.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I support reversing Steuart Pittman's war on law enforcement. I would immediately fund at least 100 additional officers, indemnify officers for legal actions taken in the course of their job, and support all aspects of police cameras. The more transparent law enforcement is, the more the public as well as the police are protected. I strongly support the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I have four major concerns when it comes to our natural resources: the air that we breathe, the water we drink, our agricultural land and 500 plus miles of shoreline. All four of these resources are under attack! I will be a strong voice on the Council to ensure we do not lose ground on these issues by actually improving our drinking water and air quality, protect the bay and agricultural land.

**HOUSING:** Our County is very fortunate in that we have a wide diversity of homes and various prices throughout the County—from starter homes and rental property, to established neighborhoods. We have an incredibly diverse County that very much resembles the melting

pot of America. There is affordable housing for people from every economic background and I support the natural market for housing.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I support a safer Route 2 through South County, including a median as well as a safer Rte 450 as it goes from Rte 3 to Annapolis. We have had too many accidents and too many lost lives. However, I do not support re-zoning South County, Edgewater or Crofton for additional growth. We must protect the rural and agricultural legacy of South County and the open space we have left.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** As a long time volunteer in Anne Arundel County I am very proud of the respect our communities have for one another. This is because we work together, side by side, to solve problems and to support one another in times of need. And, when a problem arises, I will ensure we come together to solve these issues in a constructive way that does not tear our county down, but builds it up.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our County has done a lousy job with expanding Broadband access for every resident and every business. It is holding us all back and it is discriminatory. Our children need internet to succeed in school, our citizens to work from home and our businesses to run efficiently. Additionally, stormwater management must be taken seriously and I'll fight to address the flooding plaguing us.

### Dawn Pulliam (Republican)

No response received by deadline.

## DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

### Shawn Livingston (Democrat)

[www.shawnfor7th.com](https://www.shawnfor7th.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My mom taught me to ask how I can help, roll up my sleeves and get to work. This has shaped how I approach life. It's why I have pastored at a church, worked for the family business and work at a school. It's why I married a woman with similar interests as a nurse. It's why I have spent countless hours volunteering at various organizations with my family. Building up my community is what I do.

**ELECTIONS:** The bedrock of our democracy is the ability of people to vote. We need to do everything we can to remove barriers to the ballot box. I have been a vocal advocate for vote-by-mail and will actively support initiatives that help register voters and provide a way—whether by mail or via transportation—to vote. I have also been an active participant in advocating for a public financing fund.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** We need to continue to: 1. Fund the force so that wages and benefits are competitive so that we can attract and hire more officers. 2. increase funds for a more rigorous hiring process and extensive training. 3. Fund and support changes coming to operations. 4. Make sure new laws and policies are clear. 5. Make it transparent. In order for the force to reduce crime, it needs more funding.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** The environment is of utmost importance in D7. With so much water frontage and so many farms, we are experiencing the effects of a warming climate. We need to continue to 1. Conserve more forests and land. 2. Mitigate erosion and invest in natural sea barriers. 3. Enforce policies on the books. 4. Educate the public about how they can better conserve and protect. 5. Deal with the plastic problem.

**HOUSING:** The current Administration and the HCAAC commission have done a lot of great work to address affordable housing in our communities. In a holistic way, we need to continue supporting this work to increase safe decent housing that provides economic vitality and promotes self-sufficiency. Affordable housing in SoCo is minimal and transportation is a problem. To expand, we must increase public transit

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation in Anne Arundel County is good, but depending on where you are, it's not great. We need to continue investing in the infrastructure for public transit and walking and bike paths. We need to expand the routes and hours that public transportation is available and we need to make sure that the public is properly educated as to where, how and why they should be using it.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I think the primary way we bring people together on the local level is by centering the conversations around local issues. Everyone can agree that teachers, police, and fire fighters need to be paid a fair wage. We all know what roads and sidewalks need to be replaced and we are all dealing the the impact of a warming climate. These are issues we can work on together and we can do it now.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** As I have been meeting more people in District 7, a few issues come up repeatedly. 1. The health of our environment matters. 2. Infrastructure and development need to be happening in the right places. 3. Our school system needs our support. 4. Our first responders and workers need to be supported and protected. 5. Our next Council Person needs to be able to listen, then get things done.

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CIRCUIT 5

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

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

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide. The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a

person to fill the office from a list recommended by a judicial nominating commission. The nominating commission reviews each applicant's experience as an attorney before making recommendations to the Governor. Each newly appointed judge must stand for election at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. Sitting judges must also run for re-election after serving for 15 years. Attorneys who are members of the Maryland Bar may also run to challenge a newly appointed or sitting judge. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots.

**WEBSITE:** [msa.maryland.gov/msa/md-manual/31cc/html/ccf.html](https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/md-manual/31cc/html/ccf.html)

## QUESTIONS

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

**PRIORITIES:** What are your priorities for this office?

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

**MOTIVATION:** What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** What is your judicial philosophy?

## CANDIDATES

**Vote to confirm or not confirm.**

### Michael Edward Malone

[maloneforjudge@gmail.com](mailto:maloneforjudge@gmail.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Thirty years of legal experience in Anne Arundel County has provided me a solid background to hear the cases in the Circuit Court that are so important to all involved in cases.

**PRIORITIES:** To provide all with cases in the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County a fair and just result.

**COURT SYSTEM:** Catching up on the case backlog created by COVID with hard work.

**MOTIVATION:** The satisfaction of hearing a case and providing a decision.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** To be sure to listen to all who appear before me and to apply the law.

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY

**DUTIES:** The State's Attorney prosecutes and defends, on the part of the State, all criminal cases in Anne Arundel County in which the State may be interested. The State's Attorney heads a team of prosecutors, victim advocates, case managers, investigators and other administrative staff. In addition to seeking justice in criminal cases, the State's Attorney's office provides training to lawyers, promotes fairness and



ensures access to the criminal justice system, fosters professional relations with judges and attorneys, educates the public about criminal justice issues, and seeks to further the efficient use of criminal justice resources.

**SALARY:** \$216,007 (starting Jan. 2023).

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

## QUESTIONS

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of State's Attorney?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What federal, state and county legislation would you endorse to promote public safety in Anne Arundel County?

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** What is your approach to juvenile justice?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues will be your priorities during your term of office?

## Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Anne Colt Leites (Democrat)**

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No response due to LWVAAC error.

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

**DUTIES:** The Clerk of the Circuit Court issues certain licenses and performs various court duties, including filing, docketing, and maintaining legal records; recording documents that involve title to real estate; and collecting related fees, commissions, and taxes. In this process, the Clerk's Office collects and distributes funds on behalf of the State, and Anne Arundel County and its municipalities.

Under the Clerk are the Courtroom Clerks and six departments: Civil and Family Law; Criminal; Juvenile; Land Records; Licensing; and Trust, Adoption and Appeals.

**SALARY:** \$125,000 (FY 2021).

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

## QUESTIONS

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

**PRIORITIES:** What will be your goals and priorities during your term of office?



## Ⓡ REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Terry R. Gilleland, Jr. (Republican)**

[www.terrygilleland.com](http://www.terrygilleland.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My public and private sector experiences provide me an understanding of state and local government with the innovation and ingenuity necessary for business success. In addition to serving as a state delegate and school board member, I spent nearly 5 years serving in the Hogan Administration as the State Director of Adult Education and transformed that office to better serve constituents.

**PRIORITIES:** Now more than ever, the citizens of Anne Arundel County expect and demand more from their government. I will improve both constituent service and employee satisfaction while safeguarding fiscal resources for the taxpayers. I will continue to modernize and transform the office to improve access to services while protecting the privacy of constituents and ensuring full compliance with the law.

## Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Scott Poyer (Democrat)**

[www.poyerforclerk.com](http://www.poyerforclerk.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court in 2018, bringing over 30 years of government experience to the position. As the current Clerk, I manage one of the busiest clerk's offices in the state of Maryland. I oversee 128 staff who collect over \$50 million and process over a quarter million documents a year. I also serve on several technical committees that develop state-wide Judicial policies.

**PRIORITIES:** My top three priorities: 1) Efficiency—Ensuring court documents are processed quickly and accurately by implementing new technology and other operational improvements. 2) Customer Service—Delivering outstanding customer service as the first and highest duty of public service. 3) Access to Justice—Making our Clerk's Office accessible to all, regardless of background, means or limitations.

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS

**DUTIES:** The Register of Wills appoints personal representatives to administer decedents' estates and oversees the proper and timely administration of these proceedings. Additional duties include serving as clerk to the Orphans' Court; assisting the public with administrative processes concerning estates of deceased persons; collecting Maryland inheritance tax on

estates and probate fees; maintaining all records of wills and estates of deceased persons, and safeguards wills of living persons.

**SALARY:** \$125,000 (FY 2021).

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide at the time of the gubernatorial election.

## QUESTIONS

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

**PRIORITIES:** What will be your goals and priorities during your term of office?

## Ⓡ REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Lauren M. Parker (Republican)**

[www.laurenarker.org](http://www.laurenarker.org)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Drafted Wills & Trusts for 25 yrs as atty—no job training was needed. 16 yrs exp. as Register—Achieved all perfect State Legis. Audits—Staff & I work together to exceed public expectations. Created website for public for Case info & Online order system available 24/7. Outreach programs created to inform clubs & civic groups regarding estates. Outstanding public and attorney satisfaction ratings.

**PRIORITIES:** Maintenance of a well trained, knowledgeable, compassionate, computer savvy staff guaranteeing you efficiency, virtually no waiting time for phone or office access. Implementing final plan for making all ROW services Cloud based and available to public. Opening of New Office with on-site, free public parking and ADA access. Continuing excellence thru caring public service & experience.

## Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Erica Griswold (Democrat)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Born and raised in Anne Arundel with deep rooted history and connections in communities across the county. A fierce leader that practices doing the right things for the right reasons. As a medical professional and community resource coordinator, I have experience directing teams and making improvements to programmatic goals. A doer, who is professional and capable of delivering the necessary work.

**PRIORITIES:** The Register of Wills office is a mystery to most voters. I pledge to conduct an audit of the office and establish a program that will engage and educate residents about the importance of life and afterlife planning. I will commit to working with legislation to lower probate and transfer fees that are regressive and disproportionately impacting low income residents. I plan to even the field.

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

**DUTIES:** The Orphans' Court supervises the administration of estates and shares jurisdiction with the Circuit Court over guardianships of minors. Orphans' Court judges conduct hearings that involve probate and guardianship disputes, review and act upon administration accounts, and request payments from estates or guardianships. Three judges comprise the Anne Arundel County Orphans' Court.

**SALARY:** \$39,000 (FY20)

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

### QUESTIONS

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

**PRIORITIES:** What are your priorities for this office?

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

**MOTIVATION:** What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** What is your judicial philosophy?

### ® REPUBLICANS

**Vote for up to 3.**

#### Tom Angelis (Republican)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a former college instructor, high school English/government teacher, Anne Arundel County Director of Recreation and Parks, licensed real estate agent, sales representative, U.S. Senate legislative aide, and sergeant, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C. I hold a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in government.

**PRIORITIES:** My priorities would be to act as an effective, unbiased, and prudent judge. I have been a personal representative or executor handling the probate estates of several family members. As a result of this involvement, I would use my judgment to apply correctly the probate process in accordance with Maryland law.

**COURT SYSTEM:** I believe all decisions should be based in accordance with Maryland law and administered without bias. This can be addressed by having judges on the court adhere to this principle.

**MOTIVATION:** I am motivated to provide my unbiased judgment with regard to Maryland law. My professionalism, education, and maturity make me well qualified to assume this judgeship.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** My judicial philosophy is simply to serve the citizenry of Maryland equitably and without bias for those impacted by the decisions of the Orphans' Court.

#### Maureen Carr-York (Republican)

[www.MaureenCarr-York.com](https://www.MaureenCarr-York.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an attorney with 40 years as a member of the Maryland Bar, the only candidate with that experience, and have served as Judge since 2016. I am a nurse, with experience working with individuals and families dealing with loss and stress. I know how to communicate clearly with the many visitors to our court who appear without an attorney, explaining the process and making sure they are heard.

**PRIORITIES:** My highest priority is service to the citizens of this county. This job is about them, not about any individual who wishes to "be a judge" or "run for office." Integrity, efficiency, consistency, reliability and correctness in applying the law are what we owe to our citizens. We should not engage in political debate or claim to represent any one group over another.

**COURT SYSTEM:** There are many challenges facing the court system right now, for example accessibility for all, including those without familiarity with the court or funds. Language barriers sometimes need to be overcome, and some folks are just afraid to appear in court. I try to make everyone feel comfortable and that their concerns have been fully heard. I also help them to understand the applicable law.

**MOTIVATION:** I have been fortunate enough to learn and serve in many roles in law and health care. I have also volunteered in our county schools, from classroom volunteer to member of the Board of Education. This work, as a judge of the Orphans' Court, allows me to bring all my experiences to bear in meeting a need most of us will share, to resolve the issues involved in managing an estate.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** Judicial Restraint. Ours is a court of limited jurisdiction, and our decisions should follow closely the established law. Basically, we are called upon to determine the facts of the case and then apply the law, which is primarily codified and simple to determine. Changes to that law are considered by the legislature, where I have been asked to contribute as a leader in judicial organizations.

#### Tony McConkey (Republican)

[www.McConkeyForJudge.com](https://www.McConkeyForJudge.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I represented Anne Arundel County for 16 years as a Delegate in the Maryland General Assembly. During that time I worked on many court issues, not only those of the Orphans' Court, but also issues of the civil and criminal courts, law enforcement, victims' rights, elder abuse, as well as issues of administration and budget.

**PRIORITIES:** My priorities are 1) easier public access through modernization and reform, 2) greater judicial transparency, so voters can compare judge performance, and 3) election integrity, requiring the enforcement of existing election laws.

**COURT SYSTEM:** The biggest challenge is a lack of public confidence that the system is fair and unbiased. This negative perception would be reduced if the public had more information about, and a way of comparing, the actions of their judges.

**MOTIVATION:** I very much want to continue to serve Anne Arundel County after my retirement as a legislator. My work on judicial policy and operations has given me a great interest in our courts, and I am eager to serve.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** I don't believe judges should pick and choose which laws to enforce, but should apply all of the laws consistently and fairly to all parties.

#### Nancy Phelps (Republican)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I had the pleasure of serving the Orphans' Court for the past 24 years both in the capacity as an Associate Judge and Chief Judge. My excellent reputation, demeanor, and my highest standards for ethics and knowledge of probate law uniquely qualified me for this judgeship. I am very respectful to the parties before me and remain completely neutral and fair throughout proceedings.

**PRIORITIES:** The Orphans' Court shall continue to demonstrate those qualities of judicial temperament, commitment to the rule of law, and work ethic that qualifies them to discharge the important responsibilities as a Judges.

The Orphans' Court shall continue to hold formal hearings while applying appropriate Maryland Estate laws in order to resolve various disputes.

**COURT SYSTEM:** Some challenges include persistently high levels of estate cases, and the fluctuations of Maryland estate law.

To address some of the court's challenges, the judges should continue to adapt to new laws as well as participate as members of the Conference of the Orphans Court Judges.

**MOTIVATION:** Family is most important to me. The Orphans' Court symbolizes "family legacy". In law, a legacy is something that someone gets by inheritance, or by a will. The Orphans' Court Judges are dedicated to the court to assure that the probate matters are dealt with expeditiously, fairly and effectively.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** For the Orphans' Court Judges to continue to hold unbiased formal hearings for family disputes, remains very respectful to the parties before them and remain completely neutral and fair throughout proceedings. All Judges are skilled in dealing with the emotions of grieving families. The Court will take the duties and responsibilities seriously and have the best interest for the citizens.

#### Alan Rzepkowski (Republican)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** While serving as a Judge of the Orphans' Court from 2014 to 2018, I used my business and community service experiences to ensure my decisions were made with thoughtfulness and common sense, while adhering to



Estates and Trust law. If elected to this office for another term, I will use that judicial experience to adjudicate cases efficiently and fairly for all involved parties.

**PRIORITIES:** My priorities as a Judge of the Orphans' Court will be fairness and common sense when adjudicating cases and administering estates. Continuing to expand available technology in completing the work of the Court is also a priority.

**COURT SYSTEM:** Within the specific jurisdiction of Estates and Trusts for this judicial office, the challenges of this court system center around making this process efficient and timely for those impacted by the passing of a loved one. This includes working hand-in-hand with the Register of Wills to process paperwork and schedule cases in a timely and efficient manner.

**MOTIVATION:** Public service and community service have been a hallmark of my life. My inspiration came from my parents and family, as well as an influential high school teacher and a college professor that instilled in me leadership skills and a sense of service to others.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** Each judge is influenced by their ideas and beliefs and how this may shape their views and rulings on cases. Even so, the need for impartiality and fairness in adjudicating cases is essential to those in a judicial role. My philosophy when I served in this office from 2014 to 2018, and if elected to serve again, will be to listen carefully and adjudicate rulings fairly.

## Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

**Vote for up to 3.**

### David Duba (Democrat)

[www.davidduba3.wixsite.com/my-site](http://www.davidduba3.wixsite.com/my-site)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a teacher and public servant hoping to serve the people of Anne Arundel County as a Judge on the Orphans' Court. I am a high school teacher at Bowie High School, teaching government, history, criminal justice, and sociology. I work to ensure that all students are prepared to be well-educated citizens upon graduation. In addition to working as a teacher, I serve as an advocate and organizer.

**PRIORITIES:** My goal, if elected, is to make the court accessible to all. I hope to collaborate with the other Judges on the court to offer additional times and a virtual option for court sessions to make it more accessible for working people. People are often coming to the court after the loss of a loved one and I will work to ensure the court is a place where all people are heard and respected.

**COURT SYSTEM:** As a Judge on the Orphans' Court, I wouldn't have the ability to influence the overall Judicial system. However, I am concerned that, in general, the court system is not consistently accessible and demands a great deal from those needing to participate in it. I want to expand the court's availability and ensure that all know they are welcomed.

**MOTIVATION:** I understand the importance of our government institutions and the need to make them effective and accessible. I know that our society only functions when citizens serve the needs of the community. I saw a need for someone to run for this office and I felt it was important for me to step up to serve.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** As a Judge of the Orphans' Court, I wouldn't be interpreting many sections of the law that Maryland's District or Circuit Judges interpret. However, my philosophy will involve ensuring that all voices are heard and respected in the court, a cooperative relationship with my fellow judges, and an appreciation for the effects and consequences of our interpretations on families.

### Vickie Gipson (Democrat)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an incumbent judge with 3 years of experience as a judge of the Orphans' Court for Anne Arundel County.

**PRIORITIES:** My priorities are to support efforts to modernize the Court by developing a process for video and/or teleconferenced hearings as well as developing an active and engaging mediation program to help families retain generational wealth by facilitating the effective and expeditious resolution of disputes.

**COURT SYSTEM:** In my opinion and limiting my comments to Orphans' Court, the greatest challenge facing Orphans' Court is that each Orphans' Court jurisdiction is treated as an individual silo with no overarching guidance specifically directed to Orphans' Court. This left many Orphans' Courts with unanswered questions during the pandemic as Orphans' Court was sometimes overlooked or left hanging on their own.

**MOTIVATION:** Going through a probate dispute can be very upsetting for the parties, especially where there is division in families. I am motivated by my desire to help guide parties through Orphans' Court litigation in a way that is healing and helps everyone retain their dignity and economic resources.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** My judicial philosophy is to make no assumptions, hear everyone out, encourage resolution among the Parties and to be fair!

### Marc Knapp (Democrat)

Email: [citizensformarcknapp@gmail.com](mailto:citizensformarcknapp@gmail.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Member of the Maryland Bar; 40+ year career in finance

**PRIORITIES:** To ensure that everyone who appears before the Orphans' Court, whether or not represented by counsel, is treated fairly and equitably.

**COURT SYSTEM:** The salaries of the Orphans' Court judges are woeful, less than that of court clerks. This means you get judges who often hold other jobs, jobs where there is conflict of interest between their rulings and the goals of

their side (or main) gigs. I'm comfortably retired so this isn't an issue for me. But it is for the integrity of the Court.

**MOTIVATION:** Desire to serve the community

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** Treat everyone who comes before the court equitably and fairly.

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SHERIFF

**DUTIES:** The County Sheriff's office is responsible for enforcing writs of the court, maintaining county warrants, extraditing prisoners from foreign jurisdictions, transporting prisoners between holding facilities and the courts, and maintaining courtroom decorum. The Sheriff's Office also assists other law enforcement agencies as needed.

**SALARY:** \$133,000 (FY 2021).

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide. To be eligible for the office of Sheriff, a person must be at least twenty-five years of age and must have been a County resident for at least five years immediately preceding election.

## QUESTIONS

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

**PRIORITIES:** What will be your goals and priorities during your term of office?

## Ⓢ REPUBLICANS

**Vote for no more than 1.**

### Joe Delimater (Republican)

*No response received by deadline.*

### Jim Fredericks (Republican)

[www.JimFredericksforSheriff.com](http://www.JimFredericksforSheriff.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I had a 26 year career with the Anne Arundel County police department, with 20 years spent in supervision & management. I had an array of leadership assignments that prepared me to run a law enforcement agency. Since elected as sheriff in 2018, I have modernized the agency, improved warrant service and enhanced courthouse security. I'm the only candidate whose entire career was spent in AA County.

**PRIORITIES:** I will continue to increase efficiency of service through assessment of best practices. I will continue to improve community engagement & outreach through current programs like the online warrant database, Safe Surrender, and the sheriff's mobile application. I will continue to enhance the sheriff's office to provide the safest environment for employees and the citizens of Anne Arundel County.



**James H. McNeill (Republican)**  
[www.mcneill4sheriff.com](https://www.mcneill4sheriff.com)  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Please go to [www.mcneill4sheriff.com](https://www.mcneill4sheriff.com)  
**PRIORITIES:** Please go to [www.mcneill4shriff.com](https://www.mcneill4shriff.com)

**Warren Darlington Porter, Jr. (Republican)**  
*No response received by deadline.*  
**DEMOCRATS**  
**Vote for no more than 1.**

**Everett Sesker (Democrat)**  
[www.SeskerforSheriff.com](https://www.SeskerforSheriff.com)  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Being raised in Edgewater and with nearly 30 years in or working with law enforcement, I am the only candidate for Sheriff that brings historical knowledge of Anne Arundel County with a high level of executive law enforcement experience to the position. I have been in command of over 300 personnel, managed \$300K budgets and worked with all levels of government.  
**PRIORITIES:** My priority will be to reduce crime in Anne Arundel County! I will work to reduce opioid addiction by connecting those who are under our care and control to the right resources to help them. I will reduce domestic violence by continuing aid to victims throughout the complaint process. I will increase efficiency in the warrant process to reduce the backlog of warrants. I will be proactive!

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.

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
**DUTIES:** The Republican Central Committee is responsible for leading and organizing the day-to-day operations of the local Republican Party. The Committee recommends candidates to the Governor to fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office. County Central Committees work with the State Central Committee, which in turn works with the national party.  
**SALARY:** None.

**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.  
**HOW ELECTED:** Republican Central Committee members are elected by registered party members. One seat is filled at large. Two members are elected from each councilmanic district.  
[Website and/or Facebook address appears below if provided by candidate. For complete responses, go to [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org).]

CANDIDATES

**Vote for no more than 2 per District plus 1 at large.**

- Robert Andre Borochock**  
(DISTRICT 1)
- Zachary Michael Jacobs**  
(DISTRICT 1)
- Aysia Rodriguez**  
(DISTRICT 1)
- Mary Phelps**  
(DISTRICT 2)
- Vince Skretch**  
(DISTRICT 2)
- Brian Griffiths**  
(DISTRICT 3)  
[www.briangriffiths.com](https://www.briangriffiths.com)
- Susannah F. W. Kipke**  
(DISTRICT 3)
- Faith Loudon**  
(DISTRICT 3)  
[www.faithloudon.com](https://www.faithloudon.com)
- Jon B. McCruden**  
(DISTRICT 3)
- William Smith**  
(DISTRICT 3)

- Jeremy C. Washington**  
(DISTRICT 3)
- Tracy Daniel Mathews**  
(DISTRICT 4)
- George Mathews**  
(DISTRICT 4)
- Anna Poulin**  
(DISTRICT 4)
- Bill Love**  
(DISTRICT 5)
- Susan McConkey**  
(DISTRICT 5)
- Andy Owen**  
(DISTRICT 5)
- Anne E. Rutherford**  
(DISTRICT 5)  
**Facebook:** [Anne Rutherford District 33 Central Committee Member](#)
- Daniel C. Smith**  
(DISTRICT 5)
- Peggy Williams**  
(DISTRICT 5)
- James Appel**  
(DISTRICT 6)
- Matthew B. Pipkin, Jr.**  
(DISTRICT 6)
- Dana L. Schulze**  
(DISTRICT 6)  
**Facebook:** [Dana Schulze](#)
- Michael Vernon**  
(DISTRICT 6)
- Tom Angelis**  
(DISTRICT 7)
- Frank DiTraglia**  
(DISTRICT 7)
- Kate Lyng**  
(DISTRICT 7)
- Mark McCleskey**  
(DISTRICT 7)
- David Wayne Morsberger**  
(DISTRICT 7)  
[www.vote\\_david.morsberger.com](https://www.vote_david.morsberger.com)



**Jason Trott**  
(DISTRICT 7)  
[www.trottforclerk.com](http://www.trottforclerk.com)

**Nathan Volke**  
(AT LARGE)  
[www.votevolke.com](http://www.votevolke.com)

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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

**SALARY:** None.

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

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

**WEBSITE:** Maryland Democratic Party

[Website and/or Facebook address appears below if provided by candidate. For complete responses, go to [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org).]

## CANDIDATES

**Vote for no more than 4 in Districts 30-33 or 2 in Districts 12 and 21.**

**Anderson Jean (male)**  
(DISTRICT 12)  
**Facebook:** [AndersonJeanforchange2022](https://www.facebook.com/AndersonJeanforchange2022)

**Joseph Nagro (male)**  
(DISTRICT 21)

**Dylan Behler (male)**  
(DISTRICT 30)

**Scott W. MacMullan (male)**  
(DISTRICT 30)

**Conor Curran (male)** (DISTRICT 31)  
**Facebook:** [Curran4AAO](https://www.facebook.com/Curran4AAO)

**Dan Glennon (male)**  
(DISTRICT 31)  
**Facebook:** [ziggystarscream](https://www.facebook.com/ziggystarscream)

**Enie Nwankwo (male)**  
(DISTRICT 31)

**Yemi Adetola (male)**  
(DISTRICT 32)  
**Facebook:** [yemiolamideadetola](https://www.facebook.com/yemiolamideadetola)

**Jenese Jones Oden (female)**  
(DISTRICT 32)

**Adam Spangler (male)**  
(DISTRICT 32)

**Chuck Cook (male)**  
(DISTRICT 33)  
[www.chuckcookforannearundel](http://www.chuckcookforannearundel)

**M. James Faison (male)**  
(DISTRICT 33)

**Joe Franco (male)**  
(DISTRICT 33)

**Priscilla Monroe (female)**  
(DISTRICT 33)  
[www.PriscillaMonroe.com](http://www.PriscillaMonroe.com)

**Samantha Zwerling (female)**  
(DISTRICT 33)

## 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. Advocates should work with correctional supervisors to provide the eligible voter with applications for both voter registration and a mail-in ballot.



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# Maryland Ballot Drop Off Locations

## About ballot drop off locations

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

## Ballot drop off boxes are secure

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

## Before you return your ballot

Make sure that the return envelope for your ballot is sealed and that the oath is signed before returning it. Find your nearest drop off location below. This list may be updated to include new drop off locations as they become available. For location updates, visit [elections.maryland.gov/2022](https://elections.maryland.gov/2022)

## Anne Arundel County ballot drop off locations

### Annapolis High School

2700 Riva Road  
Annapolis, MD 21401

### Anne Arundel County Board of Elections

6740 Baymeadow Drive  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

### Arnold Elementary School

95 E Joyce Lane  
Arnold, MD 21012

### Arundel High School

1001 Annapolis Road  
Gambrills, MD 21054

### Broadneck High School

1265 Green Holly Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21409

### Brock Bridge Elementary School

405 Brock Bridge Road  
Laurel, MD 20724

### Brooklyn Park Middle School

200 Hammonds Lane  
Baltimore, MD 21225

### Chesapeake High School

4798 Mountain Road  
Pasadena, MD 21122

### Corkran Middle School

7600 Quarterfield Road  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

### Crofton Elementary School

1405 Duke of Kent Drive  
Crofton, MD 21114

### Crofton High School

2291 Davidsonville Road  
Gambrills, MD 21054

### Glen Burnie High School

7550 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

### Hebron-Harman Elementary School

7660 Ridge Chapel Road  
Hanover, MD 21076

### Laurel Park Race Track

198 Laurel Race Track Road  
Laurel, MD 20725

### Lindale Middle School

415 Andover Road  
Linthicum, MD 21090

### Marley Middle School

10 Davis Court  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

### Meade Middle School

1103 26th Street  
Fort Meade, MD 20755

### Millersville Elementary School

1601 Millersville Road  
Millersville, MD 21108

### North County High School

10 E 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

### Pasadena Elementary School

401 Pasadena Road  
Pasadena, MD 21122

### Ridgeway Elementary School

1440 Evergreen Road  
Severn, MD 21144

### Roger “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

### Shipleys Choice Elementary School

310 Governor Stone Parkway  
Millersville, MD 21108

### 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

### Wiley H. Bates Middle School

701 Chase Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401



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