



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of Anne Arundel County



VOTERS' GUIDE

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

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IN-PERSON VOTING



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EARLY VOTING

OCT 27 - NOV 3, 7AM-8PM

ELECTION DAY VOTING

NOV 8, 7AM-8 PM

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RETURN BY 8PM, NOV 8

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.

Candidates were notified of a print deadline. This publication contains submissions as of September 7, 2022. Additional information on the candidates, including updated submissions, photographs and links to social media, may be found at vote411.org.

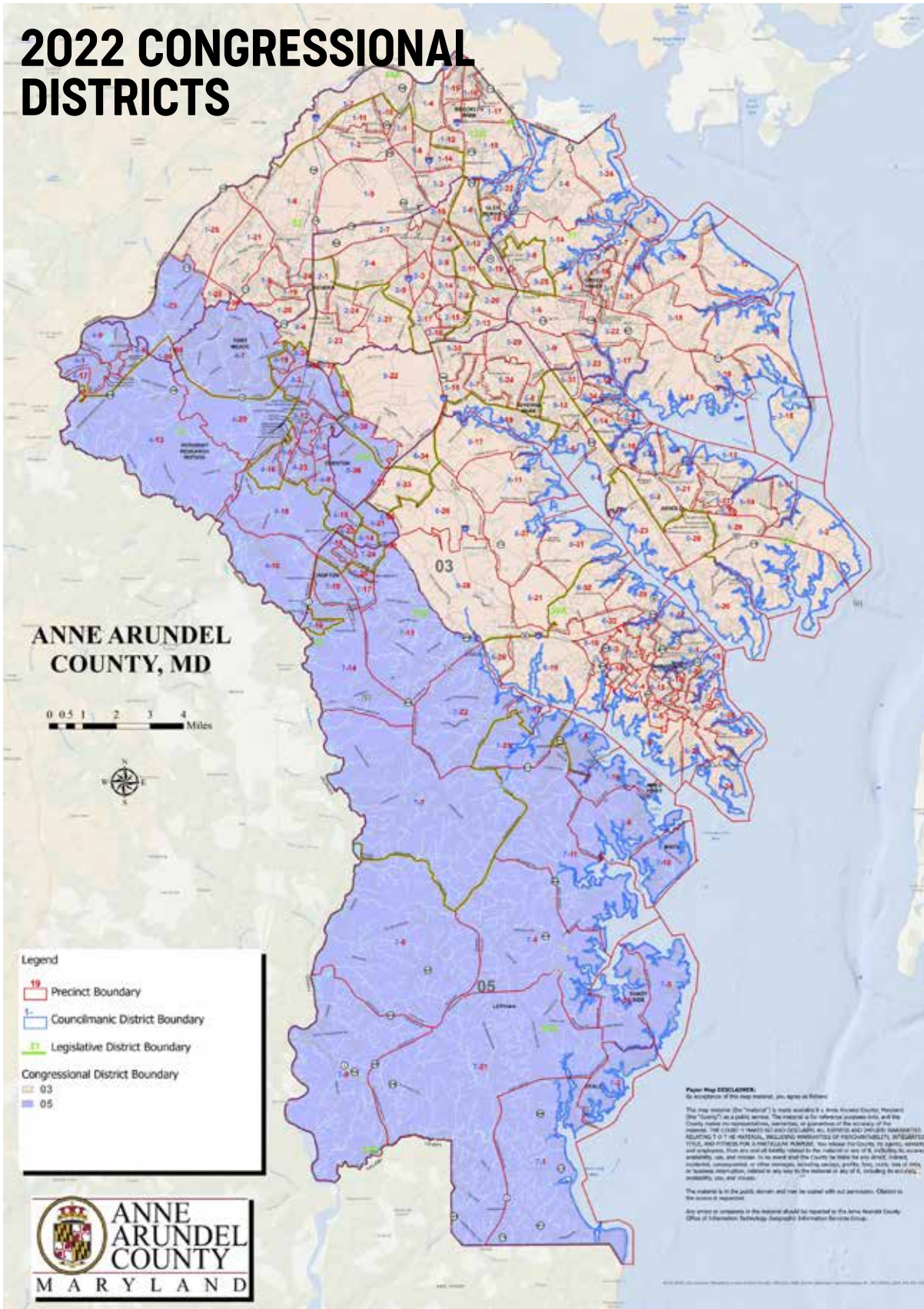


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POLLING PLACES AND VOTING DISTRICTS

District lines in Maryland have been revised as a result of the 2020 census. If you plan to vote in person on November 8, 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 <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch> or vote411.org.

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PROTECT YOUR VOTE

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 dropbox. You may also turn it in at a voting center or at the County Board of Elections office. Dropboxes will be available at voting centers from early October through Election Day. Lists of dropbox sites and early voting centers are in this Voters' Guide. Make sure your vote gets counted. Have it postmarked at the post office or drop it off yourself no later than 8 p.m. on November 8.

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, text VOTE to 77788, go to voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch, or call the Board of Elections at 410-222-6600.

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.

HOW AND WHEN CAN I REGISTER, CHANGE PARTY OR UPDATE MY ADDRESS?

For the November 8 general election, the deadline to register to vote or change your registration information online or by mail is Tuesday, October 18. Go to <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1> or text VOTE to 77788.

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.

OPTIONS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Voters with disabilities may vote in person or by mail. Voting centers have ballot marking devices for use by voters who would have difficulty reading and marking a paper ballot. Maryland also offers internet delivery of mail-in ballots and an online ballot marking tool that is compatible with adaptive technology. The voter must print the downloaded ballot and return it by USPS mail, in a ballot dropbox, or at an early voting center, polling place or the Board of Elections office. For more information, go to elections.maryland.gov/voting/accessibility.html.

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.

QUESTIONS?

Contact:
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410-222-6600
elections@aacounty.org
www.aacounty.org/boards-and-commissions/board-of-elections/



Candidates are listed in ballot order.

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR

Vote for 1 pair.

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

TERM: Four years. Limit of two consecutive terms.

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

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team.

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

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN

Dan Cox/Gordana Schifanelli
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.

DEMOCRATIC

Wes Moore/Aruna Miller
www.WesMoore.com

QUALIFICATIONS: State organizations and leaders—including Maryland's teachers, Speaker of the House Adriene Jones, and Senate President Bill Fergusson—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.

Ⓛ LIBERTARIAN

David Lashar/Christiana Logansmith
davidlashar.com

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

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Especially for disadvantaged communities, the state should expand opportunity for individuals and small businesses. School choice, affordable housing, and safe streets for

individuals and their loved ones, along with transportation assistance. Relief from taxes and regulations for small businesses, including a “concierge” service to help Marylanders obtain the state and local permits they need.

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: My priority is to restore civility and hope across Maryland. Which has almost nothing to do with policy positions... but has everything to do with possessing a character and advancing a philosophy devoted to respect for ALL

people regardless of race, gender, sexuality, or politics. Which is who I myself am and what libertarianism is, as you can confirm for yourself by following my campaign.

Ⓒ GREEN

Nancy Wallace/Patrick Elder
wallaceforgovernor.us

QUALIFICATIONS: I created and led national environmental strategies at the Sierra Club during 14 years full time legislative campaigns on environment, building coalitions across the political spectrum; studied science, solutions for climate change for 30 years. I'm a certified organizational maturity CMMI appraiser for government and private sector; worked 28 years in executive branch on billion-dollar programs.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state government should take the lead in redistributing wealth from the top one percent to those who created it by practical programs increasing home ownership such as all public housing becomes rent to own; free college and forgiveness of all public college student debt; free universal health care including elderly care that Social Security doesn't cover; and green jobs with training for all.

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

EDUCATION: Implement the Kirwan Commission on Education, and transition to Montessori proven technique for higher achievement and emotional healing in early years. Free public college so all students know they have path to good paying jobs. High school academies with apprenticeships for locally needed skills for local community, partnering with unions and local businesses. Air conditioning, heat guaranteed!

HEALTH CARE: Our children's health epidemic of neurological disease of 1 in 8 children, vast racial discrepancies in health care, racialized rates of poverty that are stressors taking years off life expectancy, onslaught of toxic chemicals such as PFAS forever chemicals from firefighting and military facilities, glyphosate from food, mercury from coal plants each need a targeted program for a clean healthy MD.

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

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

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

ⓂWORKING CLASS

David Harding/Cathy White

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

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

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

EDUCATION: Maryland public schools need enough well-qualified teachers, resources and books for all children, air conditioning and heating, for a start, and real job training for students who want it.

But our taxes are funneled to the wealthy. That won't change without an organized fight by the working class.

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

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

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

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

WRITE IN

Kyle Sefcik/Katie Lee

www.KyleSefcik.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have experience in the streets, not the office, through my businesses and non profit. I bring people together to make all lives better. I am a true fighter. I work hard and stay focused on the fights at hand, and I never give up. I have no political ties to anyone in office. I am a small business owner. I am a father of children ages 5 and 7. I follow Jesus Christ above all.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state needs to support the non-profits, businesses, and churches, as they are the ones who need to aid and care for the economically disadvantaged people. We must serve those in need and help these people find the means to a better life of family, work, and safety.

PUBLIC SAFETY: As an expert in safety and security, and someone who works with police everyday, I know many ways we can make sure our communities are safer, starting with giving the police more resources and respect. We need to have more training within the departments in deescalation situations so that wrongful deaths and arrests do not occur. Stricter laws for assaults, thefts, and violence.

EDUCATION: My best friend and brother are elementary school teachers here. I know the challenges in the classroom with admin, parents, and kids. I will work with teachers and parents to develop better atmospheres and curriculums for the public school system. I will also create a policy that allows parents to have School Choice. Public Schools are failing our children. We need to make big changes..

HEALTH CARE: We have a huge health problem in our state. Opioid addiction is one of the most significant healthcare threats in Maryland and across the country. This addiction is epidemic across the country and only gotten worse during the covid lockdowns. As a health expert, I can also say that we need to get back to basics. Healthy eating and drinking needs to be a focus.

NATURAL RESOURCES: DNR put watermen out of business by dumping stone on the bottom of our waterways which faults agriculture growth, our water treatments plants discharging human waste/unclean water into our waterways, pollution from PA ay the Conowingo Dam. I will end the dumping into the waterways and have waterman leading initiatives, not the government. Protecting our farming industry is the other priority.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I want to remind voters, that when it comes to this topic, it's your county, not the state, that has the final say on this. We need to make sure that counties are making smart decisions, like building up where the infrastructure is supported and ready. I will work to improve Maryland's highways to reduce traffic. We can all agree on working together to make sure we have the cleanest environment.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Visit [KyleSefcik.com](https://www.KyleSefcik.com) for more priorities!
[@KyleSefcikForGovernor](https://twitter.com/KyleSefcikForGovernor)

COMPTROLLER

Vote for 1

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

approve major contracts for the purchase of goods or service by any department of state government.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$150,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

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

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

® REPUBLICAN

Barry Glassman

www.barryglassman.com

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

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

REVENUE SYSTEM: 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

© DEMOCRATIC

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

www.brookelierman.com

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

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

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

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Vote for 1

DUTIES: The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, all state departments and boards, and most commissions. The Attorney General represents the state in all cases that relate to the Governor, the General Assembly and most state agencies. The office also has

responsibilities for consumer protection, civil rights, medical and investment fraud, and the juvenile justice system.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$150,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

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

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION: Describe your approach to consumer protection.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

® REPUBLICAN

Michael Anthony Peroutka

patriots4peroutka.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Anthony G. Brown
anthonybrown.com

QUALIFICATIONS: With three decades as a lawyer, in federal and state courts, Army JAG officer, and regulatory attorney, representing clients against big tobacco and pro bono clients, and with twenty-two years leading in the legislative and executive branches of government, I bring the breadth of experience needed to lead and manage the Attorney General's Office, the largest public interest law firm in Maryland.

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

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

PUBLIC HEALTH: These issues require greater public awareness and education on the risks and signs associated with them. Regarding domestic violence, I led the 2009

effort to authorize judges to order domestic abusers to surrender their firearms, eight months after my cousin was killed by her estranged boyfriend. I'll work, as I have in the past, with advocates to develop best practices to address these issues.

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

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

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

U.S. SENATOR

Vote for 1

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

TERM: Six years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

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

WEBSITE: senate.gov

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Chris Chaffee

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Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Chris Van Hollen
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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.

WRITE IN

Scottie Griffin

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

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

TERM: Two years.

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

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 DISTRICT 3

Vote for 1

® REPUBLICAN

Yuripzy Morgan

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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

DEMOCRATIC

John Sarbanes

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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 DISTRICT 5

Vote for 1

REPUBLICAN

Chris Palombi

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am proud to have served as a former U.S. Capitol Police Officer, taken pride in mentoring our youth as a coach and teacher, and led initiatives in building solutions as a self-taught web programmer. Having broad life experiences and first-hand knowledge of various industries is a benefit for anyone holding a position in public office. It would be an honor to serve and represent the constituents.

ELECTIONS: Free and fair elections are what make this country great. The federal government's involvement should be neutral and limited with respect to states' rights while maintaining elections are fair and secure, and without foreign interference. I'll propose legislation to require congressional districts to be drawn by non-partisan redistricting committees and support campaign finance reforms.

COURT SYSTEM: The US Federal Courts should maintain its impartiality as an independent branch to reassure proper checks and balances of our government. The court should only be there to enforce the legality of laws based on the Constitution, and not create laws.

HEALTH CARE: Since the passing of the Affordable Care Act, overregulation has led to skyrocketing costs and a lack of options for health insurance coverage. Consumers should have choices in health insurance. Mandates and impositions in the ACA caused 4.7 million to drop their coverage altogether. Transparency in health care costs will open a competitive market; increasing quality of care while lowering costs.

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

ENVIRONMENT: The Chesapeake Bay and local waterways are a economic and environmental benefit to our area that we need to ensure are protected. Much of the Bay's pollution comes from surrounding states which needs to be addressed at a federal level. We can reduce a third of all emissions by 2030 by promoting nature-based climate solutions. These easy and popular practices are cost-effective & easily actionable.

GUN SAFETY: Every American has the right to protect and defend themselves. Conversations need to be encouraged concerning the correlation between mental health, psychotropic drugs, and violence. With violent crimes rising, we also need to look at the penalties for strong-armed crimes to ensure we reduce recidivism.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The national debt is at more than \$30 trillion dollars and climbing. within five years, the country is projected to spend more annually on interest payments alone than on our whole national defense. I'll work to rein in out-of-control spending and printing, which has greatly contributed to inflation, and work to reduce the national debt by being more efficient with taxpayers money.



DEMOCRATIC

Steny Hoyer

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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.

STATE SENATOR

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$50,328.

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

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/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 DISTRICT 21

Vote for 1

REPUBLICAN

Lee Havis

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QUALIFICATIONS: A life-long resident of 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.

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Jim Rosapepe

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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 30

Vote for 1

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Stacie MacDonald

No response received by print deadline; check Vote411.org

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Sarah Elfreth
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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 tele-health. 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 DISTRICT 31

Vote for 1

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Bryan W. Simonaire

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Ⓢ LIBERTARIAN

Brian W. Kunkoski
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QUALIFICATIONS: From my experience working in commercial kitchens for over a decade, to my transition to aerospace welding; I have the ability to learn quickly and adapt to any situation that may come my way while in office. Serving as vice-chair and chair of the AACO Libertarians, has made my political fortitude prepared for working with both parties to pass the first tri-partisan bill in state history.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state should deregulate small businesses so they can become the driving force for economic equality. The federal government and their contractors should not be the main employer in the state. When small business can thrive, the community around it will thrive as well. Permits, licensure, and fees are a huge burden to any small business startup.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Maryland should be a Constitutional Carry state. For too long, violent criminals have preyed on folks who have no reasonable way to defend themselves. With a change in gun laws, will force a change on culture that everybody will have a level of respect knowing citizens can protect themselves and their loved ones. Ending Qualified Immunity would be a great start to hold police accountable.

EDUCATION: Maryland needs to lead the country in encouraging new startups to create brand new curriculums for our schools. Nationwide, monopolistic companies prey on the tax payer by forcing school systems to buy their sub-par curriculums and texts, only to be enforced by over-paid administrators. We need to give parents and teachers the ability to have their opinion on curriculum matters.

HEALTH: Drug overdoses are the most avoidable cause of death plaguing our state. The War on Drugs has failed. Drugs have won and continue to drive up the score. We need to stop throwing users in prison. Users need counseling. We need to stop propping up Big Pharma with subsidies, focus on mental health counseling, and hold China responsible for the deadly influx of fentanyl on our streets.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The greatest natural resource in our state is The Chesapeake Bay. The biggest polluter is Perdue chicken farms followed by Du Pont chemical company. We need to stop giving those companies tax payer dollars. We also need to encourage biodiversity of lawns and lands that are in proximity to the bay. Giving tax breaks to land and home owners that encourage natural growth would be a great start.

LOCAL PROJECTS: My main priority is to reduce the size and scope of Governmental infringement in residents lives. Reduce the amount and the price tag of licensure, registrations, permits, and fees. This will allow people to have more money in their pockets and allow people to reach their true potential.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We need to allow residents to choose where their money goes. We need to let them choose who picks up their trash, who maintains community properties, lower taxes on entertainment and "vices", such as alcohol and tobacco. We need to allow former criminals to regain their ability to purchase and possess firearms after they have served their sentence.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 32

Vote for 1

® REPUBLICAN

Kimberly Ann June

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Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Pamela Beidle

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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.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 33

Vote for 1

® REPUBLICAN

Sid Saab

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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

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Dawn D. Gile
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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 burnout 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 gasses 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 stormwater 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, I will protect a women's right to reproductive care, including access to safe abortion.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

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

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

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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 DISTRICT 12B

Vote for 1

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Ashley P. Arias
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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.

DEMOCRATIC

Gary Simmons
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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 DISTRICT 21

Vote for 3

DEMOCRATIC

Ben Barnes

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.

DEMOCRATIC

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DEMOCRATIC

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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 30A

Vote for 2

REPUBLICAN

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have dedicated my life to public service. For the last 16 years I have been a member of the Annapolis Fire Department and my current rank is Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic. I see firsthand the needs of my district. I respond to peoples homes and workplaces during the most stressful days of their life and with the help of my crew, we try to make their day better. I'm used to leading under pressure.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: People have hard times. The state needs to offer support whether it be food, finances, housing,

etc. The primary goal is to get these people out of financial struggles. We need to offer guidance and counseling for career paths and educational opportunities. Every person in our country deserves a chance to achieve the American dream.

PUBLIC SAFETY: When a crime is committed, laws are being broken. It is that simple. I'm not saying that some laws could be updated though. People who commit crimes need to be held accountable. Once they have paid their dues, there needs to be opportunities to re-introduce them into the workforce. Community policing needs to be put in place. Officers are members of our community serving the citizens.

EDUCATION: We need to keep kids in schools. The social skills that are learned in those environments can't be replaced. We need to get funding into the classrooms. Teachers should be provided all necessary materials. There also needs to be recruitment in secondary schools to help more become interested in a teaching career. Our schools need to be fully staffed. Every child deserves an education.

HEALTH: Mental health is a real problem that needs to be addressed. There are not enough providers, it's impossible to schedule appointments and people are having to struggle. We need more facilities for in and outpatient. Adolescent mental health needs to be addressed and managed to help children have a prosperous, fulfilling future.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We need to protect our bay and protect those who have a livelihood that depends on working the waters. We need to create permanent plans to help with coastal flooding. We need to preserve open, green spaces for our citizens to enjoy.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Reducing crime by encouraging community policing. Offering treatment for those addicted to substances. Providing adequate and enhanced mental health treatments. Reduction of retirement taxes to help keep our residents in state. These are just a few of the priority issues.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Keeping our state affordable to live in and offer pathways to success. We all need to work together and represent our district and state in its ENTIRETY, not just certain subsets or political parties.

Ⓜ REPUBLICAN

Rob Seyfferth

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a citizen first and foremost. That said my job in retail sales has given me an inside look at how government response affects businesses as we

saw during the initial wave of COVID-19. I listen to people, coworkers and customers alike discuss the challenges of their lives.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The best vehicle for advancing economic mobility and success is to foster a healthy environment for jobs to grow. We do this with limited taxation and necessary regulations along side safe streets and neighborhoods. In addition we need reform to our education systems that promote learning as well as trades to fill critical skilled jobs.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We need to foster an environment where not all the police are corrupt and not all citizens are up to no good. We need more programs that foster trust and cooperation with those in blue and average citizens.

EDUCATION: We first need to recognize that parents are the foundation of their children's education and deserve a say in what happens. Having said that, we need to boost access to alternative systems of teaching and access to the class room. We need to find ways to attract those into teaching and other support roles.

HEALTH: I don't have any solutions at of now, but the obvious is affects from COVID, but also potential mental health affects from the affects of the shutdowns especially in our children.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We need to form partnerships with business and communities to salvage and preserve our precious resources. As we grow I think a good place to begin is in focusing on redevelopment over new development.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Anything a constituent comes to me with is of concern. Right now my concern is education and public safety.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Government reform. Education and law enforcement.

Ⓜ DEMOCRATIC

Shaneka Henson

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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 continuing 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 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.

Ⓜ DEMOCRATIC

Dana Jones

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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 DISTRICT 30B

Vote for 1

® REPUBLICAN

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Courtney L. Buiniskis

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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 DISTRICT 31

Vote for 3

® REPUBLICAN

Brian A. Chisholm

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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.

® REPUBLICAN

Nicholaus R. Kipke

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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!

® REPUBLICAN

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Kevin Burke

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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 born 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.

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Milad Pooran

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 short comings. 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 costal regions in particular those on the Chesapeake Bay where land erosion will threaten homes and wildlife 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.

Ⓐ LIBERTARIAN

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've lived and worked here in Maryland for almost two decades, both in the US Air Force and as a contractor. I have talked to over 5,000 citizens so far this election cycle. I've come to know the local area quite well, and I believe that is of fundamental importance for proper representation. My experience dealing with government has also prepared me for many of the obstacles I expect in office.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Cut the taxes, fix the roads, we need the very basics of government. Over six hundred laws are passed every legislative session, and how many of those have directly made your life better? The fundamentals impact our lives more often and more directly than anything else. Finances, travel, educational opportunities, these are of primary importance to everyone, but the disadvantaged most of all.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Maryland Libertarians were heavily influential in the creation of the civilian oversight boards for police, and I support additional community involvement, as well as transparency measures such as bodycams. These policies not only protect the community, they protect the police from false accusations. Transparency helps us all.

EDUCATION: I'd like to focus on funding students, rather than systems. Maryland's school choice programs are among the weakest in the nation. States such as New Hampshire that embraced school choice

have the best educational results. This is also critical for teachers. We've been sold many budget increases on the basis of underpaid teachers, and yet teachers are still underpaid. They deserve choice too.

HEALTH: Ending the war on drugs is the greatest action we can take. Addiction and mental health issues eat into the state budget, and both problems remain underserved. We need to emphasize treatment rather than punishment. The punitive model has been tried for half a century and hasn't worked yet. Countries such as Portugal who focus on harm reduction see lower addiction rates and reduced spending.

NATURAL RESOURCES: 41% of all Maryland power production comes from nuclear, at our single site on Calvert Cliffs. This is the cleanest energy in Maryland, and if the additional reactor had been approved in 2011, we'd be at nearly 80%. We could have had cheaper nearly carbon free and pollutant free power for almost the entire state, but the legislature killed it with a \$880mil demand. I won't stop Maryland energy.

LOCAL PROJECTS: 1. Lower the Taxes. 2. End the mandates. 3. Fix the roads. These are our top issues locally. Beyond that, I will pursue my constituents priorities, not my own. Citizens have asked about inflation, unmaintained sidewalks, veteran care, children riding bikes on the roads, our local overdue library rebuild, and many other issues. All of these are valid concerns, and need remedy.

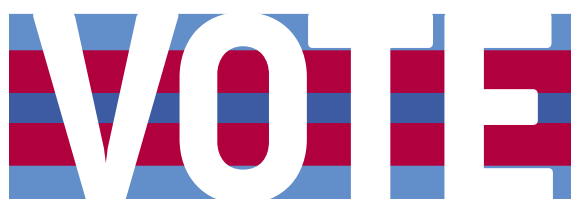
OTHER PRIORITIES: In every possible way, I aim to support individual freedom. I support your right to choose your own medical care without political intervention, your right to defend yourself and preserve your safety, your right to freedom of speech, religion, marriage, travel, to spend your money as you see fit. I'm not going to tell you how to live your life. The Constitution does not give me that authority.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 32

Vote for 3

Ⓐ REPUBLICAN

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Ⓐ REPUBLICAN

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Ⓓ DEMOCRATIC

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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 create 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.

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Mark S. Chang

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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.

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Mike Rogers

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QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 32 years in the military service my country across the country and around the globe. I also have served as on my HOA board, as a PTSA President and a youth football coach. I feel that this blend of experience has prepared me well.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state can play a role by creating policies that create opportunities for everyone while identifying specific tools to help economically disadvantaged communities.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We need to ensure public safety officers have the resources to do their job. At the same time, enactment police accountability boards as prescribed by laws enacted in a previous session reflect the communities they serve and are inclusive of all stakeholders.

EDUCATION: Passing the Blueprint for Maryland's future was a huge step. Now the implementation will be key. It's important to ensure resources reach targeted zip codes and very importantly that accountability is measured through the inspectors general process and implementation accountability boards

HEALTH: Affordability, access and equity. We need to bring stakeholders (patients, providers, insurance companies and hospitals) together to create effective processes, policies and solutions

NATURAL RESOURCES: The Chesapeake Bay and other Maryland waterways are critical natural resources and part of our vital infrastructure. We must continue keep them clean and protect them from climatic challenges. To do this we have to have pass and enforce environmental policies which do no harm

LOCAL PROJECTS: The completion of the Severn Intergenerational Center, the aquatics center for Severn as well as the smart development of the highway 198 Corridor is critical to the economic growth of my district. Additionally the "retrofit" of the Crownsville hospital and cemetery grounds will be a key driver to the County's growth.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Education (improving academic performance for everyone) Economy (support small business and create the conditions for success for small and large business; Community (ensure equitable funding of resources for all residents) Country (support efforts to improve education outcomes, while strengthening the economy and community helps our country. E2C2

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 33A

Vote for 1

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Kim Mills

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a Realtor, I have developed critical negotiation skills, working in the best interest of those I serve. I am a graduate of MD Realtors Leadership Academy & my time as the President of the AA CO Realtor Assoc has given me opportunity to lead & implement new programs. I worked 10 yrs in the booking room/AACOPD where I worked with people who were uncooperative & still fulfilled my duties.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I believe we need to address the socio-economic differences by meeting people where they are and knowing that 'one size fits all' is not the answer. I believe this is where we can have government, business & non-profits work together to create programs that address the needs of our citizens while allowing them to participate in the solutions. I believe in the strength of the family unit as well.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We need to provide our police the best training, pay & support. We need to do a better job in screening the new hires & hold the bad accountable. Community policing, bike patrols and SRO provide an opportunity for relationship

building in the community. There needs to be accountability for the people breaking the law as well. The lack of consequences is increasing the crime rate.

EDUCATION: I think teachers need more say and money in the classroom. We need to focus where our students are struggling and offer opportunity for them to catch up. Covid has taught us that socialization is important & the kids need to have time for that as well. I would like to see the parents more involved with the curriculum and volunteering in the classroom.

HEALTH: The rising cost of medications such as insulin, blood pressure meds etc. are effecting our households and seniors citizens more than ever before. The cost of healthcare rises every year and the coverage is less. We need to look into options of how to provide medications and better care to our citizens at lower cost. We need to pay attention to price gouging, both for prescriptions and care.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Maryland is one of the most beautiful areas in the country, we have farms, mountains and the bay. As a true Marylander I want to do all we can to protect these areas. However these are not a one size fits all. We need to listen and work with those who know the areas, to find the right way to utilize and protect our resources so we have them for the future generations.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Small businesses that have suffered during Covid & already bear the burden of over regulations & fees. Senior Citizens that can't afford to stay in Maryland because they live on a fixed income and can't afford the cost of living, taxes, medication and food. They don't want to leave their safety zone of family and medical care but can't afford to stay. Safety (see above).

OTHER PRIORITIES: Education is also a priority for me.

Ⓒ DEMOCRATIC

Andrew C. Pruski
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QUALIFICATIONS: As an Eagle Scout I learned the importance of service and giving back to my community. As a community association president, member of the board of education, and as a councilman I have worked hard to serve my community. I believe my experience in these positions has prepared me to serve in the House of Delegates.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: In our recent county budget we implemented an income tax cut for the first \$50,000 in income. As a member of the house of delegates I would

look at ways we can expand programs for the most economically disadvantaged members of our communities.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I am proud of my efforts to spearhead the county's body-worn camera program. The council also just passed the police accountability board into law. I believe we can do more to incentivize police officers to live in the communities they police and improve police-community relations.

EDUCATION: The Blueprint for Maryland's Future is an amazing first step and in the most recent county budget we fully funded our obligations under the Blueprint. We need more state funding to continue modernizing our schools, improving technology in our schools, and to make sure teachers and staff are paid the salaries they deserve.

HEALTH: We need to continue expanding health insurance access in Maryland. We have made great steps forward in this effort but we should look at expanding subsidies further to make health insurance more affordable for all Marylanders. We also need to look at continuing to expand tele-health as a way to bring health costs down and making it easier for people to get treatment.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Our natural environment is crucial to our quality of life in Anne Arundel County and across Maryland. I support efforts to make Maryland a net-zero emission state. We need to work on expanding alternative energy, building out electric car charging stations, and reducing our need for fossil fuels such as oil and coal.

LOCAL PROJECTS: One of the biggest issues in my district is improving Route 3. The current state of the road is unsafe, congested, and lowers our quality of life. I want to both improve Route 3 as well as improve transit options to remove the need for as many cars to be on our roads.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I want to see further smart development in the Odenton Town Center. Odenton is a hidden gem in Anne Arundel County and it has limitless potential to be a hub for economic development in our community.



LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 33B

Vote for 1

Ⓔ REPUBLICAN

Stuart Michael Schmidt, Jr.
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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.

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

John Wakefield

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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 DISTRICT 33C

Vote for 1

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Kerry A. Gillespie

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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.



Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Heather A. Bagnall

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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

Vote for 1

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?

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Jessica Haire

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a lawyer, civil engineer, and a mom. I'm also the current Councilwoman for District 7. In both my professional and personal life I'm faced with complex and sensitive problems, and I spend the majority of my days coming up with creative, common sense solutions. We need to stop reacting to crises in Anne Arundel County and start addressing issues proactively.

ELECTIONS: Our democratic process relies on the ability of voters to get accurate information about issues and candidates and cast their votes as securely as possible. As the County Executive, I will support reasonable measures to enhance our electoral system so that all citizens can exercise their constitutional rights.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Crime is a real issue in Anne Arundel County. Violent crime is up 5.1%, gun crime is up 45%, and gun homicides are up 42%. These are the facts that our citizens live with every day. We need more funding, training, and tools for our officers. Coupled with real judicial transparency, we can target repeat violent offenders and get them off our streets.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We are lucky to live in Anne Arundel and have over 500 miles of shoreline. In my time on the Council, I sponsored several pieces of legislation with bipartisan support to help prevent nitrogen pollution from entering the Bay. I will continue efforts like this and will finally address the millions of dollars in backlog repairs to our county parks for ADA compliance.

HOUSING: Over the last four years, the cost of living in our county has climbed and our residents are all seeing it at the grocery store, at the gas station, and in housing costs. I've repeatedly fought to give tax relief to our county's families on the Council. By getting our budget under control and eliminating wasteful spending, we can provide tax relief to families that need it in our county.

TRANSPORTATION: One of the biggest transportation challenges facing our county right now is the lack of reliable bus transportation for our schools. It's been ongoing for two years and it's

unacceptable. To solve this problem, we need to partner with the school system and look at all possible solutions including rolling outages, financial incentives for community carpoools, and modifications to state law.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Leadership starts at the top. Throughout my life and my time on the County Council I have worked to promote professional discourse even in the midst of a disagreement. As a leader, the County Executive has the opportunity to set an example in this regard. I plan to set a positive example for our County.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I am running for County Executive to bring common sense, innovation, and efficiency to our county government. Together we will lower the tax burden on our hard working families, increase the resources for our public safety officers to protect our communities, and modernize services at the county to work efficiently FOR you.

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Steuart Pittman
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QUALIFICATIONS: I began this job with 35 years experience running businesses and organizations, and eight generations of family here. I'm acutely aware of the impacts of the county's growth on our schools, traffic, and environment, and as County Executive have successfully addressed these issues while earning our first Moody's triple-A bond rating, and a bipartisan budget that lowers taxes and reduces borrowing.

ELECTIONS: We must work to reduce the influence of big money in our elections. When a landfill developer can circumvent the \$6,000 limit by bundling \$250k from family and employees, voters are being cheated. My Campaign Finance reform bill got only four of the five council votes needed to pass, but I'll bring it back in my second term.

PUBLIC SAFETY: In term one I added 100 sworn officers, raised officer pay, implemented body cameras, and grew the crisis response system. In term two I will reorganize our 911 call system and continue the interagency work that addresses mental health and community services. All categories of crime declined during my first four years, and that will continue.

NATURAL RESOURCES: I will implement our new Green Infrastructure Master Plan, Stormwater Strike Team, and Forest Conservation Act. I will continue to say

no to bad development and yes to redevelopment, particularly when it gets cars off roads by connecting with transit and trails.

HOUSING: Our small businesses, our families, and our communities need housing stock at all prices, but our greatest need is for households making under \$80k. We can make progress with a combination of tax, fee, and regulatory relief.

TRANSPORTATION: Our worst traffic is on state roads, so we offered joint funding that brought six of our projects into the state's top ten priorities, including Routes 2 and 3. Our new multi-modal transportation plan positions us for major federal and state support, and our partnerships with state and federal officials have never been stronger.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: I've organized over 100 town halls as county executive and attended at least that many community meetings, because I was a community organizer and I know it works. We engage our residents, regardless of political affiliation, in all major decisions, and people respond with civility and respect.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I offer a seasoned team of public servants, fiscal discipline, and strong local institutions in an uncertain time. My campaign is endorsed by the teachers, firefighters, police, and environmental advocates, and I hope to earn your support.

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?

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 1

Vote for 1

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Jeremy M. Shifflett

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Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Pete Smith
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QUALIFICATIONS: I previously served on the County Council from 2012 to 2018. I have direct knowledge of the processes and policies to benefit my district.

ELECTIONS: By ensuring voting is accessible for all.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I would like to increase the use of technology with policing as increasing positions and finding quality candidates is a much more long term solution.

NATURAL RESOURCES: I have previously supported measures to reduce pollution and stormwater runoff from entering our bay. I will sustain efforts to protect our environment through smart growth and focused infrastructure.

HOUSING: I currently serve on our with our housing authority. I believe workers should have the ability to find suitable affordable housing in our county.

TRANSPORTATION: This is a much more nuanced issues that requires stakeholders from across the state. I do believe we should support regional transportation hubs that will allow us to get workers to jobs throughout the county.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: By being an example. My behavior previously on the council highlighted that example.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Increasing education opportunities and community policing.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 2

Vote for 1

® REPUBLICAN

Noel J. Smith

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Allison Pickard

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QUALIFICATIONS: My first term as Council-member 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 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.

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David Sgambellone

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am not your typical political candidate, I am not a career politician or a lawyer, and that is my greatest asset. That is why I will do a better job of representing the people of this county. I am running because every year brings bigger government and less freedom. It's time to reverse the trend. It's time to give power back to the people to run their own lives they way that works best for them

ELECTIONS: It is important that voting be easy and accessible for everyone. Early voting and mail in voting can be done securely and measures should be taken to ensure it is. Another big way to improve our democratic process would be to introduce ranked choice voting, as this allows the voter much more flexibility in choosing candidates and will result in legislatures that better represent their districts

PUBLIC SAFETY: The fastest way to reduce crime is to eliminate victimless crimes such as drug use. All they do is turn millions of non-violent citizens into criminals. Legalizing drugs would free up our police force to focus on more important crimes. I testified in favor of the police accountability act. We need to restore accountability to the police, especially in an environment of qualified immunity.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Polluting is a violation of property rights and I will make sure those responsible are held accountable. When pollution occurs the responsible party must pay clean damages to the extent it can and modify practices to prevent it from happening again. Private property is always much better taken care of than public property. Many NGOs exist to preserve natural resources, and are more effective.

HOUSING: Housing is a problem, and the solution is loosening of zoning restrictions. If developers are allowed to build the high density units they desire, and if people can easily rent out rooms, the cost of housing will fall sharply. This is how we provide real relief to people struggling. Rent control has repeatedly been shown to only making housing problems worse. We need to enable self reliance.

TRANSPORTATION: First is to recognize that current programs don't work. The light rail is rarely used and doesn't come close to paying for itself. The buses often run empty. Private companies like Uber have done more for enabling transportation for people than any of these expensive programs. Innovations like these need to be encouraged by our government instead of blocked.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: This is where we need to lead by example. The best thing we can do as legislatures is for people to see us treating those with whom we disagree with respect. Not every problem requires the passing of a law. Laws forcing people to be nice to each other only cause resentment. Specific grievances people have could be addressed, but usually this is better done outside the scope of government.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The best thing we can do for the families of the county is to further school choice. The public school system is far less effective than the private sector. Education is the key to success, and the ability to choose the education that best meets your children's needs is the key to education. School choice will encourage innovations as successful schools will thrive and unsuccessful ones will fail.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 3

Vote for 1

® REPUBLICAN

Nathan Volke

www.nathanvolke.com

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WRITE IN

Michael Gendel

QUALIFICATIONS: Active in MD politics for decades. Key person to bring Charter Gov to PG County & elect 1st co exec. Served on PG Health Care Advisory Commission. Earned BS in Electrical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon, I was trained in analysis & problem solving by the best in the world. I will listen more & apply my negotiating, analytic & management skills to reach consensus. Truth & fact are coin of the realm.

ELECTIONS: Protect and enhance: 1) Registration, easy, quick, multiple venues. 2) No wholesale voter role purges 3) Voting venues must be ubiquitous & easy to access; 4) Registration & voting security. Machines must never connect to internet. Retain paper back up; 5) Confidence destroying attacks on vote process must halt. Support of Bd of Elections & its dedicated staff & volunteers ensures a free democracy.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Crime causes are complex, socio & economic. 50 words can't explain it. The new Police Accountability Board is a step in the correct direction & must be supported with appropriate legislation as it evolves. Transparency is critical. Training, training, training (budget issue) of these wonderful, brave officers, many our neighbors, is paramount. Better trained -> fewer Board meetings. That's a goal.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Maximize receipt of Fed, State funds. Each must do a small part protecting land, water, & living things. Support: open spaces; public awareness programs; school curricula teaching nature's critical & delicate balance; water quality measures like rain gardens, silt control, oyster beds; Enforcement!

HOUSING: We need it. Any solution is multifaceted, complex and interdependent. Those who support AA Co society's function should be able to live here. For County employees, teachers, 1st responders, admins, wages must be fair and competitive. On the supply side buying, selling,

development fees & costs, taxes are targets. Solutions ought to be fiscally prudent & may include subsidies.

TRANSPORTATION: Many parts to this. Council influences these issues in the county budget and legislation. D3 needs more safe bike lanes & sidewalks to overcome our recent rural past. Prioritize vehicle grid lock points. Rebuild intersections and add lanes. Apply phone and computer apps to an efficient public network for seniors, students, the disadvantaged and folks w/out transport. Use green electric vehicles.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Racist legislation has no place. Protect people, property, pocketbooks & provide equity & equality so D3 is the best place if you elect me w your WRITE-IN VOTE. A 2018 state police report anointed the D3 21122 zip as having the most racial incidents in MD. AAC is better than bigot-based bills.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Fiscal prudence protecting AA Co's AAA bond rating achieved by Exec Pittman. Quality of life for our aging and increasing senior population. Education: Critical thinking skills, class sizes, competitive remuneration. Modern methods 2 control development, sprawl, planning & growth. Make WRITE-IN voting a success. FOR D3 COUNCIL WRITE-IN MICHAEL GENDEL. The booth has a pen or ask a judge for help.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 4

Vote for 1

® REPUBLICAN

Cheryl Renshaw

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Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Julie Hummer

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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.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 5

Vote for 1

® REPUBLICAN

Amanda Fiedler

[www.vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org/candidates/amanda-fiedler)

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:

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Carl James Neimeyer

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QUALIFICATIONS: My entire professional career, both as a Naval contracting officer and engineer as well as 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 duplicitousness 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.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 6

Vote for 1

® REPUBLICAN

Mike Pantelides

[www.vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org/candidates/mike-pantelides)

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.

DEMOCRATIC

Lisa Brannigan Rodvien
lisarodvien.com

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 legislate 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.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 7

Vote for 1

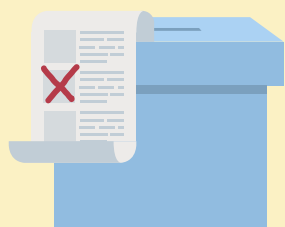
REPUBLICAN

Shannon Leadbetter
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.

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Shawn Livingston
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.

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CIRCUIT 5

Vote for 1

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.

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

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

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide. The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a person to fill the office from a list recommended by a judicial nominating commission. The nominating commission reviews each applicant's experience as an attorney before making recommendations to the Governor. Each newly appointed judge must stand for election at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. Sitting judges must also run for re-election after serving for 15 years. Attorneys who are members of the Maryland Bar may also run to challenge a newly appointed or sitting judge. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots.

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/31cc/html/ccf.html

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

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

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

Vote for 1

Michael Edward Malone

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.

JUDGE, COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

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

SALARY: \$183,633

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

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

QUESTIONS

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

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AT LARGE

Vote Yes or No for Continuance in Office

Stuart R. Berger

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Terrence M.R. Zic

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APPELLATE CIRCUIT 5

Vote Yes or No for Continuance in Office

Laura S. Ripken

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STATE'S ATTORNEY

Vote for 1

DUTIES: The State's Attorney's office serves as the county's chief law enforcement agency, prosecuting all criminal cases. 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?

Anne Colt Leites

AnneArundelAnne.com

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Vote for 1

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: \$146,500 (FY 2023).

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?

® REPUBLICAN

Terry R. Gilleland, Jr.

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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.



DEMOCRATIC**Scott Poyer**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: Efficiency: Ensuring court documents are processed quickly and accurately by implementing new technology and other operational improvements; Customer Service: Delivering outstanding customer service as the first and highest duty of public service; Access to Justice: Making our Clerk's Office accessible to all, regardless of background, means or limitations.

REGISTER OF WILLS

Vote for 1

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: \$146,500 (FY 2023).

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?

REPUBLICAN**Lauren M. Parker**www.laurenparker.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.

DEMOCRATIC**Erica Griswold**

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.

JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

Vote for 3

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.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

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

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

REPUBLICAN**Maureen Carr-York**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.

Ⓜ REPUBLICAN

Tony McConkey

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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.

Ⓜ REPUBLICAN

Nancy Phelps

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.

Ⓜ DEMOCRATIC

David Duba

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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.

Ⓜ DEMOCRATIC

Vickie Gipson

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!



Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Marc Knapp

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.

SHERIFF

Vote for 1

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?

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Jim Fredericks

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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.

Ⓢ DEMOCRATIC

Everett Sesker

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!



STATE OF MARYLAND BALLOT QUESTIONS

MARYLAND QUESTION 1

Constitutional Amendment (Ch 82 of the 2021 Legislative Session)

Court of Appeals and Special Appeals—Renaming

Changes the names of Maryland's appellate courts from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maryland and from the Court of Special Appeals to the

Appellate Court of Maryland. Under the new law, judges serving on the Court of Appeals will be justices of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals will be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland. (Amending Article II, Section 6, Article III, Sections 5, 30, and 52, Article IV, Sections 1, 3, 3A, 4B, 5A, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22 and 44E, Article V, Section 6, and Article XVII, Section 3 to the Maryland Constitution.)

Vote FOR or AGAINST the Constitutional amendment

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

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

ORIGIN OF THE BALLOT

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

ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

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

as referring to a decision of a mid-level appellate court, instead of the highest court.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

- ★ Legal research is a highly specialized field and lawyers reviewing decisions of courts in other states are presumed to understand which court is the highest court.
- ★ There would be administrative costs associated with changing the name of both courts, e.g., revising office letterhead, directory listings, etc.
- ☐ **A Vote FOR Question 1** means the Maryland Constitution will be amended to change the name of the highest court from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maryland and its judges will be called justices. The name of the Court of Special Appeals, the mid-level appellate court, will be changed to the Appellate Court of Maryland.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST Question 1** means that the Constitution will not be amended and the names of the courts will continue to be the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals.

MARYLAND QUESTION 2

Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 808 of 2021 Legislative Session)

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

Adds to the eligibility requirements to serve as a senator or a delegate to the Maryland General Assembly by requiring a person to have maintained a primary place of abode in the district that the person has been chosen to represent. (Amending Article III, Section 9 to the Maryland Constitution)

Vote FOR or AGAINST the Constitutional amendment

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

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

ORIGIN OF THE BALLOT QUESTION:

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

ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

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

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

The proposed change could lead to lawsuits over how frequently a person is actually living in a particular residence.

- ☐ **A Vote FOR Question 2** means members of the Maryland House of Delegates and Senate will be required to maintain and live the majority of the time in a primary residence within the districts they are representing.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST Question 2** means that the law will remain unchanged and a Delegate or Senator will be treated as residing within the district they represent so long as they own or rent a residence there and stay there at least occasionally.

MARYLAND QUESTION 3

Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 809 of the 2021 Legislative Session)

Civil Jury Trials

Authorizing the General Assembly to enact legislation that limits the right to a jury trial in a civil proceeding to those proceedings in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$25,000, excluding attorney's fees if attorney's fees are recoverable in the proceeding. (Amending Maryland Declaration of Rights-Articles 5(a) and 23)

Vote FOR or AGAINST the Constitutional amendment

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

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

ORIGIN OF THE BALLOT QUESTION:

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

ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

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

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

- ★ Limiting the right to a jury trial by raising the threshold to \$25,000 will be a disadvantage to defendants because more cases will be tried in the District Court, which has limited rights to discover evidence before trial.

- ★ The right to a jury trial is an important right that should not be limited more than necessary.
- ★ Concerns about the costs of discovery would be better addressed by reforming discovery rules rather than limiting the right to a jury trial.

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

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

MARYLAND QUESTION 4

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

Cannabis—Legalization of Adult Use and Possession

Do you favor the legalization of the use of cannabis by an individual who is at least 21 years of age on or after July 1, 2023, in the State of Maryland? (Adding Article XX, Section 1 to the Maryland Constitution)

Vote FOR or AGAINST the Constitutional amendment

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

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

ORIGIN OF THE BALLOT

QUESTION: The Legislature passed cannabis reform legislation (House Bill 837) in the 2022 legislative session. A few of the provisions related to studies, data collection, reports, and income tax subtraction modification have been enacted. Implementation of the more substantive

provisions was left up to the voters to decide by this ballot question. If Question 4 is approved, this cannabis reform legislation will take effect.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

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

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

- ★ The amounts authorized in this legislation are significantly lower than the amounts found in the Maryland medical marijuana law, potentially creating confusion for the public.
 - ★ The law does not eliminate the illegal buying and selling of cannabis products.
 - ★ It does not regulate the safety of cannabis products in the market.
 - ★ Use of high-potency concentrates of THC, the main active ingredient of cannabis, especially by those under the age of 21, has been linked to addiction, psychiatric disorders, and hospitalization.
- ☐ **A Vote FOR Question 4** means beginning July 1, 2023, possession of up to 1.5 ounces (42.52 grams) and use of cannabis by adults over the age of 21 will be legal in Maryland.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST Question 4** means possession of 10 grams (0.35 ounces) or more of cannabis will continue to be a misdemeanor crime punishable by up to six months in jail.

MARYLAND QUESTION 5

Constitutional Amendment (Ch 539 of the 2022 Legislative Session—House Bill 868)

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

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

Vote FOR or AGAINST the Constitutional amendment

CURRENT LAW: The Orphans' Court (similar to probate court in other states) supervises the property and finances of deceased residents. This includes the payment of debts, the distribution or transfer of property, and the guardianship of minor children and their property. It resolves disagreements and contested questions about an estate and also approves the payment of fees. Currently, the Maryland Constitution establishes an elected Orphans' Court of three judges in all counties, except in Harford and Montgomery counties, which chose to abolish their Orphans' Courts and have those cases heard in Circuit Court. Any citizen over the age of 18 who has lived in Howard County for at least one year may be elected a judge of the orphans' court. A dissatisfied party may appeal a decision of the orphans' court to the Circuit Court for Howard County.

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

ORIGIN OF THE BALLOT

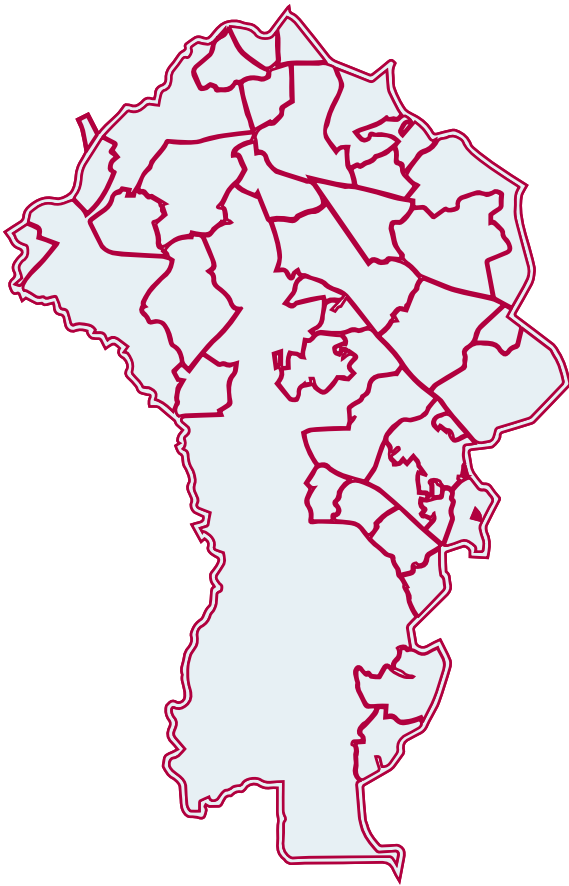
QUESTION: The Howard County Delegation requested the Amendment, which was then approved by the Maryland General Assembly as House Bill 868.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

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

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

- ★ Much of the work of the Orphans' Courts consists of approving a variety of orders dealing with the administration of estates that may not require the expertise of an attorney.
- ★ More sweeping changes may make this amendment unnecessary. A 2021 Task Force to Study the Maryland Orphans' Courts made recommendations that are currently awaiting action by the Maryland General Assembly, and which would also require an amendment to the Maryland Constitution.
- ☐ **A Vote FOR Question 5** means Circuit Court Judges will serve as the Orphans' Court in Howard County.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST Question 5** means the Howard County Orphans' Court will continue to operate as it has in the past, with elected lay judges serving on a part-time basis.



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BALLOT QUESTIONS

QUESTION A

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require the Anne Arundel County Veterans Affairs Commission.

ORIGIN: Introduced by Councilmember Pruski. Resolution No. 64-21 passed unanimously January 18, 2022.

PRESENT PRACTICE: The Anne Arundel County Veterans Affairs Commission was established in 2006 by County Council ordinance. Its purpose, composition, powers and duties are currently enshrined in County Code, but it could be disbanded by a future County Council with only a majority vote.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The Veterans Affairs Commission would become one of five standing Special Commissions, Boards and Committees required by the County Charter, and any decision to disband the Commission in the future would require passage of a charter amendment, which must be approved by voters. County Council will retain the ability to revise the Commission's structure, purpose and authority through legislation.

ARGUMENTS FOR:

Anne Arundel County has the 2nd largest veteran population in Maryland. Codifying the Veterans' Affairs Commission in the County Charter

demonstrates the County's commitment and support and leaves the decision to disband the Commission up to County voters.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

None identified.

- ☐ **A Vote FOR the charter amendment** would add a Charter requirement that the County have a Veterans Affairs Commission.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST the charter amendment** would mean that the Veterans Affairs Commission would not be required by the Charter.

QUESTION B

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to provide that no person elected or appointed to the office of County Councilmember may serve more than three full consecutive four-year terms.

ORIGIN: Submitted by the Anne Arundel County Charter Revision Commission. Resolution 18-22 introduced by Councilmember Volke passed July 5, 2022 by a vote of 6 in favor, 1 opposed.

PRESENT PRACTICE: County Councilmembers may serve a maximum of two consecutive four-year terms. The term limit was added to the County Charter in 1992.

PROPOSED CHANGE: County Councilmembers would be allowed to serve up to three full consecutive four-year terms.

ARGUMENTS FOR:

A limit of three full consecutive terms would be consistent with other jurisdictions. Of Maryland's Charter counties, Baltimore, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Talbot, and Wicomico have no term limits. Howard and Montgomery County have limits of three full terms or two full terms and part of a third term. Frederick County has a three-term limit. The only other Charter County with a two-term limit is Prince George's County. All terms for the Charter counties are four years.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

Increasing the term limit may impact the County pension system. Councilmembers participate in the County Employees' Retirement Plan, which requires ten years of service to be vested. Under the current two-term limit, a Councilmember would not become eligible for a pension benefit. If the term limit is increased, a Councilmember serving a third consecutive term would vest in the benefits of the retirement plan during their third term.

- ☐ **A Vote FOR the charter amendment** would allow a County Councilmember to serve three full consecutive four-year terms.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST the charter amendment** would retain the current provision that a County Councilmember may serve two full consecutive four-year terms.

QUESTION C

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require that the compensation paid to each member of the County Council be paid after consideration of recommendations of the Salary Standard Commission that are approved by ordinance of the County Council.

ORIGIN: Submitted by the Anne Arundel County Charter Revision Commission. Resolution No. 19-22 introduced by Councilmembers Pruski and Lacey passed unanimously July 5, 2022.

PRESENT PRACTICE: The County Charter references an annual salary of \$2,100 for Councilmembers, as originally adopted in 1964. Consistent with state law enacted after that date, the County established a Salary Standard Commission to recommend compensation and allowances for members of the County Council. The Council may pass legislation to accept, reject or reduce the commission’s recommendations for salaries and allowances, but it may not increase them.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The resolution would remove the reference to an outdated salary amount and replace it with language recognizing that the salary shall be set by County Council in accordance with recommendations of the Salary Standard Commission.

ARGUMENTS FOR:

This amendment would make the language in the County Charter consistent with present practice.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

None identified.

- ☐ **A Vote FOR the charter amendment** would remove the reference to an obsolete salary amount and would substitute a reference to the current procedure used by the County Council salaries to set salaries and allowances.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST the charter amendment** would retain the reference to the obsolete salary amount.

QUESTION D

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to remove the requirement that copies of bills and notices of public hearings be posted on a bulletin board and to require that electronic copies of bills and notice of any public hearing be published to the County Council website and that printed copies of bills be made available to the public and press and that bills receive required publication.

ORIGIN: Submitted by the Anne Arundel County Charter Revision Commission. Resolution No. 21-22, introduced by Councilmembers Pruski and Lacey passed unanimously July 5, 2022.

PRESENT PRACTICE: The County Charter requires that the public be notified of newly introduced bills and hearing dates via posting of copies on an official bulletin board in a public place. In addition, it specifies only passed legislation in referring to bills that require publication.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The amendment replaces the requirement for a physical location where copies are publicly posted and allows posting on the County website, with print copies available upon request. It also clarifies that bills will be published when required by law, eliminating the reference to passed legislation only.

ARGUMENTS FOR:

The amendment would expand public access to proposed bills and notices of public hearings, which would be available online 24/7, and could reduce printing and administrative costs.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

The change may adversely impact residents who are accustomed to the bulletin board and lack computer access or skills, particularly seniors.

- ☐ **A Vote FOR the charter amendment** would update requirements for public notice of bills and notices by removing the requirement that copies of bills and notices of public hearings be posted on a bulletin board, and would require them to be posted on the County Council website and that paper copies of bills be available for the public and the press. It would also clarify the requirement that all bills receive publication required by law, including before passage by the County Council.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST the charter amendment** would continue to only require that copies of bills and notices of public hearings be posted on a bulletin board, with additional copies available to the

public and the press. It would also continue to only reference other publication of bills after passage by the County Council.

QUESTION E

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to clarify the differences between the two types of emergency ordinances allowed under the Charter and the legislative procedure that applies to each.

ORIGIN: Submitted by the Anne Arundel County Charter Revision Commission. Resolution No. 22-22 introduced by Councilmembers Pruski and Lacey passed unanimously July 5, 2022.

PRESENT PRACTICE: Most ordinances passed by County Council take effect 45 days after they become law. The County Charter references two different types of emergency ordinances which take effect from the day they become law. One type is enacted at an emergency session of the Council; the other is regularly-introduced legislation that is declared by Council to be “an emergency ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare.” Because this has caused confusion in the past, both the Charter Revision Commission and the County Council identified a need to clarify the language in the Charter.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The amendment clearly defines the two types of emergency ordinances that take effect the day they become law.

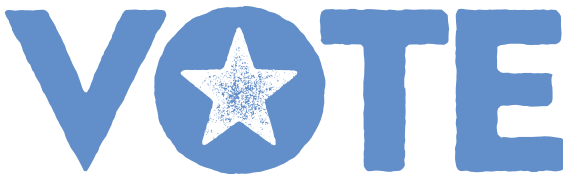
ARGUMENTS FOR:

The amendment will alleviate future confusion about the two types of emergency ordinances, and the legislative procedures that apply to them.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

None identified.

- ☐ **A Vote FOR the charter amendment** would clarify the language relating to the two types of emergency ordinances already described in the Charter and would clarify when the two types are declared to be emergency ordinances and when they are effective.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST the charter amendment** would retain the current language relating to the two types of emergency ordinances.





QUESTION F

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to allow the County Council to assign additional functions, duties, and personnel to the County Auditor that are related to the finances and financial affairs of the County.

ORIGIN: Submitted by the Anne Arundel County Charter Revision Commission. Resolution No. 23-22 introduced by Councilmembers Pruski and Lacey passed unanimously July 5, 2022.

PRESENT PRACTICE: The Charter authorizes County Council to assign additional functions, duties and personnel to the County Auditor as long as they are consistent with the duties of the office.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The amendment would require that any additional functions, duties and personnel assigned to the County Auditor be related directly to the finances and financial affairs of the County.

ARGUMENTS FOR:

The Charter requires that the County Auditor be a CPA with a knowledge of governmental accounting and five years of related experience. The amendment would align the responsibilities of the Auditor with their qualifications and ensure that the Auditor exclusively oversaw the finances and financial affairs of the County.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

The amendment would restrict a power granted to the Council by the Charter.

- ☐ **A Vote FOR the charter amendment** would approve amending language in the Charter to clarify that additional functions, duties, and personnel assigned to the County Auditor by the County Council must be related to finances and financial affairs of the County.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST the charter amendment** would retain the current language that states that the additional functions, duties, and personnel assigned to the County Auditor by the County Council must be consistent with the County Auditor's functions, duties, and personnel under the Charter.

QUESTION G

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to change the name of the Charter Revision Commission to the Redistricting and Charter Revision Commission and to amend the date by which a decennial Redistricting and Charter Revision Commission must be appointed by the County Council.

ORIGIN: Submitted by the Anne Arundel County Charter Revision Commission. Resolution 24-22 introduced by Councilmembers Pruski and Lacey passed unanimously June 5, 2022.

PRESENT PRACTICE: As stipulated in the Charter, County Council appoints a Charter Revision Commission every ten years. The purpose of the Commission is to conduct a comprehensive study of the Charter based on new U.S. census data, recommend changes, and ensure geographical equity in the County's councilmanic districts. The Charter currently states that Commissioners are to be appointed after publication of the U.S. decennial census. Because the release of the census data was delayed in 2020, the Commissioners were under time constraints to complete the redistricting process and had to extend their meeting schedule through May 2022.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The amendment changes the name to the Redistricting and Charter Revision Commission and revises the date of appointment to the first day of County Council's annual legislative session in the year of a U.S. census.

ARGUMENTS FOR:

Review of the Councilmanic districts is a major responsibility and the new name accurately reflects the full scope of the Commission's duties. Appointment of the Commissioners at the beginning of the annual legislative session will ensure the Commission has adequate time to hear from the public and complete their duties on schedule.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

None identified.

- ☐ **A Vote FOR the charter amendment** would change the name of the Charter Revision Commission to the Redistricting and Charter Revision Commission. It would also change the date of appointment of the Commission from at or before the first day of the annual legislative session of the County Council after publication of the data from the United States decennial census to the first day of

the annual legislation session of the County Council in the year of each United States decennial census.

- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST the charter amendment** would retain the name of the Charter Revision Commission and would retain the date of appointment of the Commission as at or before the first day of the annual legislative session of the County Council after publication of the data from the United States decennial census.

QUESTION H

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to be gender neutral consistent with changes recommended based on a review by the County Attorney.

ORIGIN: Submitted by the Anne Arundel Charter Revision Commission. Resolution No. 30-22 introduced by Councilmembers Pruski and Lacey passed unanimously on July 18, 2022.

PRESENT PRACTICE: Adopted in 1964, the County Charter is written according to the norms of its time and contains masculine or feminine references throughout.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The amendment would change singularly masculine or feminine references in the Charter to gender neutral in accordance with the recommendations of the County Attorney.

ARGUMENTS FOR:

This amendment would make the language of the Charter more inclusive and reflective of current practice.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

None identified.

- ☐ **A Vote FOR the amendment** would replace all singularly masculine or feminine references in the Charter to gender neutral references as recommended based on a review of the Charter by the County Attorney.
- ☐ **A Vote AGAINST the amendment** would retain all singularly masculine or feminine references in the Charter.



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.

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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

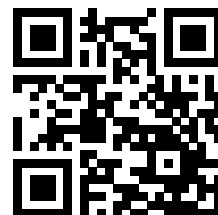
1140 Reece Road
Severn, MD 21144

Wiley H. Bates Middle School

701 Chase Street
Annapolis, MD 21401



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voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineMailinRequest/InstructionsStep1.

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EARLY VOTING CENTERS

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

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

Odenton Library 1325 Annapolis Road Odenton, MD 21113	Crofton Library 1681 Riedel Road Crofton, MD 21114
Gladys D. Greene Banquet Hall 898 Airport Park Road, Suite 207 Glen Burnie, MD 21061	Anne Arundel County Board of Elections 6740 Baymeadow Drive Glen Burnie, MD 21060
Severna Park Library 45 W McKinsey Road Severna Park, MD 21146	Laurel Race Track 198 Laurel Race Track Rd Laurel, MD 20725
Pip Moyer Recreation Center 273 Hilltop Lane Annapolis, MD 21403	Deale Elks Lodge 6022 Drum Point Rd, Deale, MD 20751
Edgewater Library 25 Stepneys Lane Edgewater, MD 21037	Election Day: November 8, 2022: Vote at your assigned polling place.

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