

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY VOTERS' GUIDE FOR THE 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

KEY DATES:

DEADLINE TO REGISTER ONLINE OR BY MAIL

For first-time voters and for registered voters to change name, address or party affiliation
JUNE 2 BY 5 PM

IN PERSON EARLY VOTING AT ANY ANNE ARUNDEL EARLY VOTING CENTER

JUNE 11 - 18, 7 AM - 8 PM

IN PERSON ELECTION DAY VOTING AT DESIGNATED POLLING PLACE

JUNE 23, 7 AM - 8 PM

MAIL-IN BALLOT VOTING

MAY 10 - JUNE 23

Return marked ballot, signed oath and sealed envelope as soon as complete

MAIL-IN BALLOT DEADLINE

JUNE 23 BY 8 PM

By hand or deposited in a secure ballot dropbox

By mail with an official USPS postmark on or before June 23, 2026

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VOTING INFORMATION

OFFICE DESCRIPTIONS

CANDIDATE RESPONSES



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NOTE: Candidates were advised that references to other candidates or current officeholders would not be published. Where candidates did not respond to requests to remove those references, the reference has been deleted and replaced with ellipses [...].

Candidates were given a deadline of March 31 to be included in this print version of the voters' guide for Anne Arundel County. Responses submitted after the print deadline, as well as photos and additional candidate information, are accessible online 24/7 via the LWV voters' guide website, VOTE411.org.

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Voting in the 2026 Primary Election

DATES & TIMES

- **EARLY VOTING**
Thursday, June 11 to June 18
7:00 am to 8:00 pm
- **ELECTION DAY**
Tuesday, June 23
7:00 am to 8:00 pm

THREE WAYS TO VOTE

- **VOTE EARLY IN PERSON.** Registered voters may vote in person at any Anne Arundel County early voting center (see list below).
- **VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT.** Apply at elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html by Tuesday, June 16 to receive a mail-in ballot by regular mail, or by Friday, June 19 to download and print a mail-in ballot. Return your completed ballot in person at an early voting center or polling place, deposit it in a ballot dropbox (see locations on back cover) or mail it via US Postal Service. **Ballots must be returned by 8 pm on June 23. Mailed ballots must have a USPS postmark of June 23 or before.** The USPS recommends that anyone who votes by mail send their ballots at least one week before election day. Voters who want to ensure that their mail-in ballot is postmarked on the date it is received by USPS may go to any post office or other USPS retail location and request a manual postmark free of charge.
- **VOTE IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY.** Go to your assigned polling place to vote in person on June 23. To confirm your polling place, check the sample ballot sent by the Board of Elections, go to voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch or contact the Board of Elections at 410-222-6600.
- **CHOOSE YOUR VOTING METHOD AND VOTE ONCE.** If you vote during early voting, you cannot vote by mail-in ballot or on election day. If you request a mail-in ballot and decide to vote in person, you will vote on a provisional ballot that will be counted only if the Board of Elections does not receive your mail-in ballot.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EARLY VOTING CENTERS

ANNAPOLIS

Broadneck Library, 1275 Green Holly Drive 21409
Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center, 273 Hilltop Lane 21403

CROFTON

Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Road 21114

DEALE

Deale Library, 5940 Deale-Churchton Road 20751

EDGEWATER

South County Senior Activity Center, 27 Stepneys Lane 21037

GLEN BURNIE

Anne Arundel County Board of Elections, 6740 Baymeadow Drive 21060

ODENTON

Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, 1425 Annapolis Road 21113

PASADENA

Riviera Beach Library, 1130 Duvall Highway 21122

SEVERN

Severn Center, 1160 Reece Road 21144

SEVERNA PARK

Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company #12, 161 Ritchie Highway 21146

VOTER REGISTRATION FAQs

Am I registered to vote?

In Maryland, registration is permanent as long as you live in the state and keep your address current. To check your registration status, party affiliation and address, go to voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch, or contact the Board of Elections (see back cover).

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

Am I eligible to register to vote?

To register, you must be at least 16 years old, a U.S. citizen and a Maryland resident. You must not be under court-ordered ineligibility to vote. 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.

How and when can I register, change my party affiliation or update my address?

For instructions and forms, go to elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html.

The deadline to register to vote, change your party affiliation or update your registration online or by mail is **Tuesday, June 2**.

If you are eligible to vote, you may register in person and update your address 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 that verifies your name and address. Maryland does not allow registered voters to change party affiliation at early voting or polling centers.

What address do I use to register if I'm a college student?

The residential address used to register is the one you consider home, usually the one used for tax returns, government and bank records, etc. It can be a home or campus address. Voters using a campus address must list dormitory and room number. A P.O. box is not a valid residential address.

Governor / Lt. Governor

DUTIES: The Governor is chief executive officer of the state and commander-in-chief of the Maryland National Guard. The Governor appoints state judges and heads of statewide departments, proposes the annual state budget to the Maryland General Assembly and may veto legislation passed by it. The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor, carries out specific duties assigned, and fills the office of Governor if the incumbent dies, resigns, or is incapacitated.

TERM: Four years. Limit of two consecutive terms.

SALARIES: Governor \$195,000, Lieutenant Governor \$175,000

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team.

WEBSITE: governor.maryland.gov

QUESTIONS

AFFORDABILITY: Many Marylanders are struggling to afford basic expenses such as housing, groceries, childcare, and healthcare. What will you do to make living in Maryland more affordable?

VOTING: What strategies will you use to encourage all eligible voters to vote in every election?

HEALTHCARE: What will you do to make sure people in Maryland have prompt and timely access to needed healthcare across Maryland, including rural and inner-city communities?

ECONOMY: In light of economic uncertainties, declining federal dollars, and loss of federal jobs, what will you do to promote economic and job growth?

IMMIGRATION: Federal agents have been stopping and detaining residents in Maryland and across the nation, often using aggressive tactics. What is your position on this?

BACKGROUND: What else do you want voters to know about you?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Eric S. Felber/LaTrece Hawkins Lytes

Campaign Website: felberforgovernor.org

AFFORDABILITY: Maryland has one of the highest cost of living and utility expenses in the US. Our campaign's priority is to fix that by capping utility fees, increase safe and affordable housing, provide affordable childcare and fix a broken medical system which allows insurance companies and private equity to charge exorbitant prices for care. We want to increase minimum wage to \$30/hr by 2030 to make a living wage compatible with living expenses.

VOTING: We strongly encourage everyone to vote in this upcoming election. We need to vote to keep ICE and its facilities out of Maryland, recover lost jobs and businesses, and to decrease crime in the streets of our cities and suburbs. It is crucial to vote on these matters to fix them. We will campaign throughout the state posting signs and banners and educating anyone on the crucial process of voting.

HEALTHCARE: I am a physician and my lieutenant is a diabetes educator and organ transplant advocate. Our backgrounds are decades

of experience in community medicine. We understand the hardships of medical care and its finances intricately. Timely access is crucial to obtain healthcare across Maryland, including rural and inner-city communities. We will put Maryland first, and do everything we can do to help people feel better and get the medical care they need.

ECONOMY: Thousands have lost their jobs and businesses. This is a top priority of our campaign. Economic and job growth is critical to a Maryland economy which has stalled for the past 10 years. We must act now to turn the economy around and restore lost jobs. Federal workers, researchers, farmers, and many others have experienced a decline in jobs. We must work together and help each other regain jobs and businesses in light of declining federal dollars and economic uncertainties.

IMMIGRATION: Our position is clear to remove ICE from Maryland. Our top priority is to stand behind every single person in Maryland, every immigrant, and every citizen to prevent ICE from acting on our residents. Our diversity in Maryland is what makes us great and we will not allow in any circumstances for ICE to change that. Stopping and detaining residents using aggressive tactics will not be allowed. Due process is a critical part of our Constitution and must be followed.

BACKGROUND: We will fight for abortion rights and reproductive freedom, LGBTQ+ rights, environmental safeguards, justice reform, decrease in crime, affordable housing, increase the minimum wage, lower utility costs, free public transportation and education, and fight to remove ICE.

Wes Moore/Aruna Miller

Campaign Website: WesMoore.com

AFFORDABILITY: We must protect our people, drive down costs, and strengthen our state's economic competitiveness. It is our responsibility to build an economy that makes sure more Marylanders can afford to live here, buy a home, create wealth, and live a secure middle-class life. That's why we're creating jobs, building more affordable housing, and introducing legislation to combat price gouging.

VOTING: Democracy works best when everyone is involved—it doesn't matter what political party you belong to, where you live, or how you worship, we have a duty to make our voices heard. That's why we've passed legislation to protect election workers and keep ensuring Maryland's elections remain free and fair.

HEALTHCARE: Affordable, accessible, and equitable health care is the foundation on which we build everything else—from safer neighborhoods to more vibrant communities. Your zip code shouldn't determine your level of care, or if you can access it. That's why we've fought to fund rural hospitals and create quality and accessible healthcare across the state.

ECONOMY: After years of economic stagnation, we are jumpstarting Maryland's economy. In just three years, Maryland has added nearly 100,000 jobs and created over 35,000 new places of business. We will continue to pass legislation and take actions that have created jobs and helped Maryland create about 45% more new establishments each month than in 2019.

IMMIGRATION: In Maryland, we defend Constitutional rights and Constitutional policing—we will not allow untrained, unqualified, and

unaccountable ICE agents to deputize our law enforcement officers. We will continue to work with federal partners to hold violent offenders accountable—while refusing to blur the lines between state and federal authority in ways that undermine the trust between law enforcement and our communities.

BACKGROUND: It is the honor of my life to serve Maryland. From creating 100,000 jobs to bringing down violent crime to record lows, we've made great progress, but the job isn't finished. I'm asking for your support to continue our mission to ensure more Marylanders can afford to live here, buy a home, create wealth, and live a secure middle-class life.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Carl A. Brunner, Jr./Kevin L. Rhodes, Sr.

No response received by deadline.

L. D. Burkindine/Jeremy M. Shifflett

Campaign Website: www.ldburkindineforgovernor.com

AFFORDABILITY: As Governor I will Establish a grant program for housing where the grant is for purchasing of housing the grant will give a person the down payment and settlement fees. Establish A CO/OP program for Farmers markets . Farmers to sell directly to the public-consumers. Childcare Facilities will be added to all Schools , parents will have freedom of choice . Establish new programs . Healthcare connection to be advanced to allow all Marylanders choice. Details provided upon written request.

VOTING: Bring truth to election process. Assuring Voters that their votes count. Voter ID is a must to insure against voter fraud.

HEALTHCARE: As Governor oversight and transparency will be on the top of the list. Healthcare connection will become the go to provider. State departments will be held accountable for non-compliance to execute claims in an... urgent manner. Day one of my administration I will declare poor healthcare a state of emergency. Providing Executive order fixing the problem. First

ECONOMY: First of all, the federal government is not our enemy. As Governor I will establish a working relationship with all federal agencies. Bring back manufacturing cut regulations to allow companies to grow. Manufacturing provides living wages. Power plants are a must. Building - Manufacturing, Power plants lead to work better paying jobs (living wages) Details upon written. request

IMMIGRATION: I support all law enforcement. Maryland is one state part of The United States of America. As Governor I will reverse the newly enacted law - Bill 245/House Bill 444. Giving People drivers License's does not make them a legal citizen. Maryland cannot be a safe haven for criminals or illegal aliens. My administration will be tough on crime. Protecting and serving the people of our great state is the most important job and I am looking forward to doing just that.

BACKGROUND: I have been Businessman for over 40 years. Working harder than anyone around me, providing solutions, fixing repairing bringing people together is in my DNA. Hands on approach, Finish the job. As governor I will Be working for the people, and I will have an open-door policy.

Dan Cox/Rob Krop

No response received by deadline.

Ed Hale/Tyrone Keys, Jr.

Campaign Website: haleforgov.com

AFFORDABILITY: Maryland families are being squeezed by rising costs. I will focus on lowering energy prices by expanding reliable in state power generation, reducing regulations that drive up housing and food costs, and bringing discipline to government and public spending. Maryland should once again be a state where working families, young people, and retirees can afford to live and build a future.

VOTING: Voting should be convenient, secure, and trusted. I support early voting, clear voter information, accurate voter rolls, and strong civic education so every eligible voter knows how and when to participate. Confidence in elections and broad participation are both essential to a healthy democracy.

HEALTHCARE: Every Marylander should be able to access care when they need it. I will expand the healthcare workforce, support rural and community health centers, reduce unnecessary regulations that limit providers, and expand telemedicine. Our goal should be practical solutions that shorten wait times and bring quality healthcare closer to every community.

ECONOMY: Maryland must compete again for jobs and investment. I will reduce unnecessary regulations, support small businesses and entrepreneurs, invest in infrastructure and reliable energy, and promote industries such as technology, manufacturing, agriculture, and maritime trades. A strong economy begins with making Maryland a predictable and welcoming place to invest and work.

IMMIGRATION: Public safety must come first. Maryland should cooperate with federal authorities when dealing with individuals who are committing crimes and jeopardizing public safety. At the same time, enforcement must respect constitutional rights and due process. Cooperation focused on removing dangerous offenders helps keep communities safe while maintaining respect for the rule of law.

BACKGROUND: I am not, nor do I ever want to be a career politician. I am a longtime business leader who believes in the strength of the Maryland family and the resources and people in our state that make Maryland great. My background is rooted in the belief that our government should be small, efficient, and accountable to the taxpayers who pay for it. I am running for governor to restore opportunity, strengthen our economy, and keep Maryland a place where hard work leads to success. Help is on the Way

Douglas Larcomb/Martina D. Duncan

AFFORDABILITY: My administration's policy will support the current safety net policy with funding for Child Care Scholarship program, Housing Choice Voucher program. Maryland's Renters Tax Credit will continue. My administration brings forth a plan for State Owned Non Profit Energy for an electrical grid that will significantly reduce cost of electricity in the State through deregulation of grid operators and eminent domain. Maryland will fund a gentrification program to increase inventory in available housing

VOTING: My administration will bring about excitement through

engagement including awareness advertising with regard to how important each voice is. The issues at Stake now have arrived at critical mass. I encourage all eligible voters to register daily while I engage with the Public wherever I go. Judicial Reform will bring Unity within the Inner City initiatives of Baltimore and beyond. We all have a voice with regard to key issues such as Affordability, Public Safety & now more than ever Self Defense

HEALTHCARE: The Maryland Children's Health Program which supports children and pregnant mothers will continue to be funded. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Seniors will continue to be funded. Medicaid for low income residents shall continue to be funded. Fund Adults and Children with Disabilities which is cut. Budget will be revisited. Money from all of the Ambitious Unsustainable spending leading to insolvency on Green Energy initiatives will be Suspended with my first Executive Order.

ECONOMY: Maryland ranks 46 in the Nation in competition with all other States for the purpose of attracting New Corporate Business. Can you believe the idiocy? There is no business acumen in this State! The State boasts a whopping 8.25% Corporate Tax Rate because of your greed via leadership who push a false narrative on a Green Energy plan. Incentivized policy of Tax Abatement on Corporate Tax for 10 years with a 2.5% Corporate Tax rate promise after will bring New Industrial and AdvancedTechnology.

IMMIGRATION: There are approx 230,000 undoc immigrants in Maryland or 2.6% of the popul. It is mathematically impossible to deport 11 Mil. people so it was always a lie. Deporting 7,000/wk in the US equals approx 375,000 a year. The birth rate of 11 Mil. is higher than that therefore a zero sum task. My admin will create our own State registry to doc the undoc Immig. through the Gov. Office of Immig. Affairs. The St. will complete its own background checks while allowing temp in state wk permits. Not Citizen

BACKGROUND: Judicial Reform: There are NO self defense laws leaving unnecessary unprecedented power in the hands of prosecutors and judges. Reasonable Legalese Reform relieves injustice in the court. Self Defense Laws such as Reasonable Restraint, Castle Doctrine and Stand Your Ground will be enacted while placed into Maryland Code. Judicial reform will bring Unity in what is supposed to be a free state. 1.12% of Marylanders are incarcerated or on some kind of supervision. That is an oddly high number.

John A. Myrick/Brenda J. Thiam

Campaign Website: johnmyrickformdgovernor.org

AFFORDABILITY: By reducing State spending, and making government more efficient, we will reduce taxes and fees for Marylanders. We will cut energy costs by 50% within 4 years by re-opening plants and moving toward new nuclear technologies. This will drive down prices across the board. We will lower insurance costs, including medical malpractice insurance, which will reduce healthcare costs. We will look at ways to increase access to childcare. We will reduce regulations that drive up the cost of housing.

VOTING: Voting is the most important thing we do. We support efforts to ensure that voter rolls are current, and that all eligible voters have the chance to cast their ballots. We will work to increase the number of polling places across the State.

HEALTHCARE: By reducing malpractice insurance costs, we will drive down healthcare costs. We will seek to eliminate Plan Benefit Managers (PMBs) that inflate costs for healthcare. We will increase access to healthcare in our rural and urban communities through Public-Private Partnerships, and through working with our federal partners. We will restore the prescription drug coverage plan for State Retirees. We will negotiate with drug companies to reduce costs that the State (Medicaid) pays for medications.

ECONOMY: We will lower the Corporate Tax Rate from 8.5% to 5.0% to attract businesses to Maryland and to help those already here. We will work with the federal government to stop the hemorrhaging of federal jobs from Maryland. We will repeal the 3% Tech Tax. We will reduce burdensome regulations that stifle business development. We will attract new, good paying jobs to Maryland and provide economic opportunities for Marylanders. We will restore vocational & computer certification training to our schools

IMMIGRATION: I support cooperation with ICE. Participation in the DHS 287(g) program is vital to protecting Marylanders from criminal Unlawful Aliens and I will seek legislation making this the standard. If Maryland participates with our federal partners, not only do we enhance safety for our residents, but we eliminate the need for mass ICE deployments to find these criminal Unlawful Aliens. I also support "Plan Dignity," the most comprehensive federal immigration bill in the past 40 years.

BACKGROUND: We are Public Servants, seeking to improve the lives of EVERY Marylander. Using a common-sense approach to governing, fiscal restraint, and logic, we will restore prosperity to Maryland. We will bring accountability to Annapolis. We will reduce taxes and fees, cut energy costs, provide economic opportunity, improve our failed schools, and restore public safety for ALL Marylanders. We will never forget that we work for YOU!

Michael Oakes/Ronald W. Abend

AFFORDABILITY: Change 99%of the policies instituted in the last 4 yrs

VOTING: Already have instituted the coalition of RID. Stands for republican independent democrat. All are welcome to vote for me to change Md for the better

HEALTHCARE: There are many plans and programs already in place. No one should be denied. If they are then they're not taking advantage of the complex systems the current government has in place.

ECONOMY: Get rid of all the ridiculous paperwork and regulations that hinder small business creation.

IMMIGRATION: The previous US administration allowed millions to enter our country illegally. If they're here illegally they need to be arrested and sent back to their home country by what ever means necessary. If they are US citizen with proper id there should not be a problem

BACKGROUND: I want to have equal representation for all. Unlike the current system where one party outnumbers all others, knows nothing about candidates, votes because there's an R I or D after the name and really doesn't care about Md. I don't accept campaign contributions because it leads to corruption. I also will not be accepting a salary. My primary goal will be electric rates reduction and a change in the property tax system

Nancy Jane Taylor/Rachel Hannah "Mohawk" Swift

AFFORDABILITY: WELL I HAVE AN AMAZING RESPONSES BUT I apolo. nGize, SAMSUNG I SAID APOLOGIZE. I don't know if it's my horrible cheap Samsung or this website, but it does not copy and paste what so ever. I'm sorry. I cannot be more thorough with my responses. AS I INTENDED ORIGINALLY NOTHING whatsoever, because it will not remain on the screen. WE'RE TURNING BACK TO EMPTY FIELDS IT deletes ALL TEX as I click off this page EACH TIME you'll have to catch me on the flip side TRUST ME! U WILL HEAR OUR VOICES

VOTING: I am the best campaign strategist ever!! IT IS NOT MY FAULT THAT TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT WORK PROPERLY y DO YOU THINK I'M RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT AGAIN 2024 2026* 2028 2032AD *STATEWIDE. i received 1% of the vote in West Virginia 2326 votes! Looking at 2020 results IF CAN BE BEAT, yes SO CAN i Google REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS WV 2024 NOW MY MOTHER'S GOVERNOR TAYLOR AT THE TOP OF THE TICKET AS THE CANDIDATE. I'M JUST LIEU. SWIFT it's all about beating 2028

HEALTHCARE: Promote healthier lifestyles more socialization promote blood & living kidney donations i'm doing everything in my power 2 keep my mom out of hospital hospitalizations is not acceptable. You are NOT coming out that hospital any better than you went in this corrupt pharma health care system you are better off praying to any deity you can think of for a cure Don't give me started on how it cost if they transp u wrong! AN EXTRA \$10,000 MORE IF U HAPPENED TO GO to Carroll co hospital<NW HOSP=POISION

ECONOMY: WOW AS A RINO, the description of question indicates policy is shady at best. Wow! I do believe some people (R) missing the 2020 ECONOMY RIGHT ABOUT NOW! correct DOES NOT HAVE GOOD IDEA agree BUT BANKRUPTCY !! We WOULD NEVER HAVE never GONE INTO t CURRENT SEVERE GREAT DEPRESSION W IN THE OVAL OFFICE SO I CANNOT RETYPE UP MY GOOD RESPONSES look is MESSING UP! NO JUSTIFICATIONS, OK FOR A CHANGE, LET'S HAVE NO EGOW ♡PERSONAL GREED

IMMIGRATION: UNDER AGE CHILDREN MINORS 4-YEAR-OLDS, 8-YEAR-OLDS, 15-YEAR-OLDS BUT NOT LIMITED TO, KIDDO (R) IN CAGES LET'S SEE YOUR CHILD IN ONE THOSE U WOULD BE SCREAMING! THE KIDS COMMITTED NO CRIMES. THEY ARE UNDER EIGHTEEN. THAT IS NOT A GREEN LIGHT! For you to drop your pants again & again Sorry I do not have enough space to write again +1,200X PLEASE CALM DOWN YOUR SINFUL LUST UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES WITH JUVENILES FOR THOSE LITTLE KITTYS

BACKGROUND: Taylor gone to church all of her life SHE READS HER BIBLE EVEN AT 3AM! SHE UNDERSTANDS THE CAMEL CANNOT GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE. U DON'T NEED A SIXTY DOLLAR \$60 "CHINA BIBLE" TO TELL U THAT. FYI CORRECT She has not had any sexual activities with anyone under 18yo She ONLY HAD SEXUAL ACTIVITY w ONLY 2 MEN [NOT +1200little teen kitty] gave live births indicating birthdays included to13children SHE WILL WIN THIS ELECTION! Lieu/DAUGHTER R.SWIFT2024# is THE BEST CAMPAIGN STRATEGIST EVER

Shannon Wright/Reba A. Hawkins

Campaign Website: Wright4Maryland.com

AFFORDABILITY: As Governor Fast-track housing for all Stabilize property taxes Expand workplace-based childcare options Strengthen Maryland's food supply chain Expand agriculture partnerships Increase access to home-based chronic-care support Fix a broken education system Cut waste, fraud, and mismanagement Support small businesses Invest in job training and apprenticeships I'll do this without raising taxes Maryland should be a place you can life, not just survive it.

VOTING: As Governor We will have year-round civic education Work with community organizations, faith leaders, and institutions Meet voters where they are Support early voting, and secure mail-in options Clear information about when and how to vote Run registration drives in underserved areas Use technology to provide reminders Strengthen trust by ensuring elections are transparent "A healthy democracy depends on participation"

HEALTHCARE: As Governor, we will Ensure every Marylander gets prompt, reliable healthcare Expand community clinics, urgent-care , and mobile health units Increase access to home-based care Strengthen partnerships with hospitals and local providers Keep essential services in underserved areas Hold insurers accountable for delays, denials, and hidden fees "When care is local, transparent, and responsive, Marylanders get help when they need it—not weeks later."

ECONOMY: As Governor We will grow our tax base Redirect resources into economic engines Cut waste, fraud, and mismanagement Strengthen small businesses with targeted investments Reduced regulatory barriers Invest in job training, apprenticeships Connect Marylanders to high-demand careers Create workforce pipelines Support rural and urban economic corridors Attract new industries "With declining federal dollars, and the loss of federal jobs, Maryland needs a Governor who will build a strong economy."

IMMIGRATION: As Governor, I will not allow Marylanders to be unprotected. I will require federal agencies to coordinate with state and local authorities before operations take place. I will demand clear protocols, clear identification, and accountability so Marylanders know their rights and know who is acting in their communities. We can support lawful enforcement without allowing intimidation or overreach. Public safety requires order and we will protect both safety and civil liberties with equal force.

BACKGROUND: I am a faith-driven leader, and strategist dedicated to strengthening Maryland's families and rebuilding trust in public institutions Known for my work at the intersection of policy, service, and empowerment. I has spent years working with parents, educators, small businesses, and local organizations to address challenges in education, healthcare access, economic mobility, and public safety. I am a wife, pastor, author, and policy advocate who authored 2 bills this session, HB1626 and HB1632

Comptroller

DUTIES: The Comptroller collects, manages, and plans for state revenues. This includes Maryland taxes on income (personal and corporate), retail sales, motor vehicle fuel, tobacco, alcohol, and estates. The Comptroller, Governor, and state Treasurer serve on the Board of Public Works, which approves major contracts for the purchase of goods and services by the state government.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$175,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: marylandcomptroller.gov

QUESTIONS

CONTRACTS: What factors will you use, in addition to cost, to evaluate major state contracts?

TAX POLICY: Please explain what legislation affecting tax policies you will actively support for consideration in the legislature.

CHALLENGES: What are the major financial stressors that the state of Maryland will face in the coming term?

REVENUE: The Comptroller's Office issues revenue projections annually that are used to develop the budget. How do economic uncertainties affect your ability to ensure these projections are accurate?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Campaign Website: brookelierman.com

CONTRACTS: On the Board of Public Works, I ensure Maryland receives the best value - not just the lowest price - from every contract dollar. Beyond cost, I evaluate vendor track records, commitment to MBE goals, labor standards, local economic impact, and accountability mechanisms. I've also modernized contract spending reporting so Marylanders can see exactly how their money is being spent. Smart procurement means stronger communities and a more equitable Maryland economy.

TAX POLICY: As Comptroller, I do not set tax policy - I administer tax laws equitably and make government work better for every Marylander. I've expanded branch offices, boosted call center staff, and launched new tools to ease filing. I've championed access to Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, supported small businesses, and returned a record \$121 million in unclaimed property in FY25. I'll keep fighting for free federal tax filing so every Marylander can access the money they've earned.

CHALLENGES: Maryland faces two major financial stressors: a rising cost of living pushing residents out of state, and the unprecedented threat to federal funding - including the loss of thousands of federal jobs, cuts to grants and contracts, and reduced Medicaid, SNAP, and disaster relief. My office now publishes state-of-the-economy reports to keep policymakers and the public informed. We must be clear-eyed about

what reduced federal investment means so we can build a strong financial future together.

REVENUE: Economic uncertainty is the defining challenge of revenue forecasting and today's environment is among the most volatile we've seen. Tariffs, federal cuts, inflation, and market instability all hit Maryland revenues in unpredictable ways. As Chair of the Board of Revenue Estimates, I ensured we proactively adjusted projections in December 2024 leading to a year of stable finances, and our new tax system gives us real-time visibility to better understand our financial situation.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Sonya Dunn

Campaign Website: www.VoteSonyaDunn.com

CONTRACTS: Primary factor: Is the company a Maryland-based firm? If not, what state resources or taxpayer support will it require to establish and maintain a presence in Maryland? Capacity building within Maryland is critical to strengthening and growing our procurement economy. State procurement dollars should support and circulate within Maryland whenever possible. Other factors include local workforce impact, compliance history, accountability, efficiency, risk management, and community engagement.

TAX POLICY: FOR: HB 392 & HB 1554 - Short term revenue loss but helps retain manufacturing jobs and reduce food deserts in Maryland. FOR: HB 1422 & SB0858 - Adds teeth to compliance unit to address repeated failed audits by state agencies. Strengthen financial management oversight of budgets and contracts. AGAINST: 2025 BRFA (Tax Changes) - 2% capital gains tax on high earners and 3% tax on IT/data services discourages investment, limits capacity building, and accelerates wealth migration from Maryland.

CHALLENGES: Budget & Revenue Shortfalls: structural deficit, slow revenue growth, federal job losses, and high-income out-migration. Economic Competitiveness: business out-migration, affordability, taxes, and inflation. Public Spending Cost: education costs, Medicaid, state pensions, and rural hospitals. Infrastructure Risks: transportation trust fund shortfalls, aging infrastructure (state buildings, water, sewer), energy transition costs, healthcare workforce, cybersecurity, and IT modernization.

REVENUE: I would be straightforward and transparent with taxpayers: Maryland is in a structural deficit. Rose-colored revenue projections create public distrust and lead to spending cuts to public and social programs. Maryland families, businesses, and communities deserve better. I plan to use conservative forecasting practices with a spectrum of investment risk profiles. Build a team of reliable economists and financial analysts who evaluate risks like the migration of businesses and taxpayers.

Attorney General

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$175,000 .

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: oag.maryland.gov

QUESTIONS

CIVIL RIGHTS: What do you see as the greatest threat to Marylanders' civil rights, and what will you do to protect them?

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Do you support initiatives, such as restorative justice practices, to reduce incarcerations and create better outcomes in the juvenile justice system?

PRIORITIES: As Attorney General, what will be your top priority areas, and how will you implement those priorities?

DISINFORMATION: Will you use the Attorney General's office to protect consumers from disinformation and fraud, including false advertising and scams? If so, how? If not, why not?

ADVOCACY: On what issues, if any, will you support bringing actions against the federal government on behalf of Marylanders?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Anthony G. Brown

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

James B. Rutledge, III

Campaign Website: www.electjim.com

CIVIL RIGHTS: The greatest threat to Marylanders' civil rights is the erosion of equal protection under the law — when government plays favorites, enforces laws selectively, or uses legal power as a political weapon. I will enforce civil rights protections evenhandedly, without ideology. Every Marylander, regardless of background, politics, or zip code, deserves equal justice. I am committed to uphold the MD Constitution and apply the law without partiality or prejudice as the AG's oath of office requires.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: As AG, I will focus on victim-centered justice and public safety. I support approaches that hold young offenders accountable, change the direction of their lives, protect victims, and reduce recidivism. Restorative justice can complement — but not

replace — accountability. I will work with prosecutors, juvenile case workers, and community leaders to identify solutions that can actually reduce juvenile crime and create hope for our young people, who are often victims of abuse themselves.

PRIORITIES: 1) Fighting crime by supporting our State's Attorneys and law enforcement and by putting the rule of law ahead of partisan politics; 2) Thwart cyber predators by pushing cyber-crime investigations to the next level, and 3) Protect clean water and our Chesapeake Bay by investigating and prosecuting environmental crimes that harm them. I will promote the Maryland Constitution without partiality or prejudice to build confidence in our institution of law for all Marylanders, not just a favored few.

DISINFORMATION: Absolutely. Protecting Marylanders from consumer fraud, scams, and deceptive business practices is a core responsibility of the AG. I will aggressively seek to hold these predators accountable. What I will not do is use the office to punish political speech or label a political viewpoint as 'disinformation' — that path leads to censorship, which I condemn. The AG does not have the power to declare whose political opinions are acceptable. That decision is made by the voters of Maryland.

ADVOCACY: The AG should defend the people of MD when the federal government exceeds the authority granted to it by the US Constitution. The MD Constitution declares that federal laws are the Supreme Law of the State and "all the People of this State, are, and shall be bound thereby." It is a grave matter for MD to resist federal authority and sue to nullify federal law. I will make my decisions based on the facts and the law, and my allegiance to the MD Constitution, not to partisan politics.

Representative in Congress

DUTIES: U.S. Representatives make laws, oversee the operations of all federal government departments and investigate issues of national importance. Laws that impose taxes always begin in the House of Representatives. Through impeachment, the House of Representatives can recommend that the Senate remove from office a public official accused of a crime.

TERM: Two years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland is represented by eight of the 435 Representatives,

WEBSITE: www.house.gov

QUESTIONS

ELECTIONS: What laws will you support to protect election integrity and secure accurate vote counts?

IMMIGRATION: Do you support current approaches to enforcing federal immigration laws? Why or why not?

AFFORDABILITY: Many Marylanders are struggling to afford basic expenses such as housing, groceries, childcare, and healthcare. What will you do to make living in the United States more affordable?

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: What do you see as the United States' role on the world stage?

SAFETY NET: How will you safeguard social safety net programs for the most vulnerable Marylanders?

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Jennifer Cross

Campaign Website: jencrossforcongress.com

ELECTIONS: I will introduce legislation that requires voter identification with free state issued identification, paper ballot backups, routine audits, transparent chain of custody standards, and regularly updated voter rolls. These reforms will protect every lawful vote, ensure accurate counts, and strengthen public confidence through clear and uniform rules nationwide.

IMMIGRATION: I support those who were brought in under Biden. Because they were allowed in I think they have the right to be here. I will introduce legislation that secures the border, accelerates asylum decisions, and strengthens enforcement of federal immigration law. I will also propose a fast track legal status process for individuals admitted under recent policies so they can resolve their status lawfully, work legally, and contribute without fear of removal.

AFFORDABILITY: I will introduce legislation that expands domestic energy production, reduces unnecessary federal regulation, and increases housing supply through incentives for zoning reform and new construction. I will support tax relief for working families, expanded childcare options, healthcare price transparency, and housing down payment assistance programs that do not require repayment.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: I will support policies that maintain a strong national defense, strengthen strategic alliances, and expand trade partnerships that benefit American workers. The United States should lead through principled diplomacy and deterrence while respecting national sovereignty. I will prioritize stability, conflict prevention, and engagement that advances our interests without unnecessary intervention in other nations internal affairs.

SAFETY NET: I will introduce legislation that protects Social Security and Medicare while strengthening long term stability and accountability. I will propose reforms that allow citizens limited and structured access to the Social Security funds they have paid into, similar to a retirement account, in defined circumstances such as the death of a spouse or verified financial hardship, while preserving program solvency and fairness.

Austin Dyches

Campaign Website: www.austinformaryland.com

ELECTIONS: I support automatic and same-day voter registration, making Election Day a federal holiday, expanding early voting and vote by mail, and restoring the full Voting Rights Act. I also support D.C. and Puerto Rico statehood.

IMMIGRATION: No. Our current immigration system is unjust and cruel. ICE operates as a rogue agency with virtually no accountability. I support abolishing ICE, and reforming our current immigration system to ensure people can get documents quickly. We welcome immigrants in America, and I want to reform our system to reflect that.

AFFORDABILITY: I'm fighting for a \$25 minimum wage and Medicare for All. We need to eliminate premiums and copays, universal childcare, and housing as a human right through massive investment in public housing and national rent control. We need to cancel student debt, make public college tuition-free, and guarantee universal free school meals.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The U.S. should lead through diplomacy, not endless war. We must stop enabling war and genocide, and instead invest in humanitarian aid, climate cooperation, and human rights. Our foreign policy should reflect our values, not the interests of defense contractors and lobbying groups like AIPAC.

SAFETY NET: I will never allow cuts to Social Security or Medicare. I support expanding both by raising the cap on Social Security taxes so the wealthy pay their fair share. I'm fighting for Medicare for All, universal housing, and guaranteed paid family leave. Every person deserves healthcare, food, and housing. I'll oppose any attempt to means-test or privatize these programs and will fund them through progressive taxation on billionaires and corporations.

Sarah Elfreth

Campaign Website: elfrethformaryland.com

ELECTIONS: I remain deeply committed to ensuring free and fair elections, especially amid the President's threat to disenfranchise voters and the Supreme Court's unfounded review of the Voting Rights Act. I voted no twice on the SAVE Act and will oppose any effort to restrict ballot access. I co-sponsored the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and believe in eliminating racial discrimination, restoring federal protections, and safeguarding our democracy.

IMMIGRATION: When ICE sends under-trained agents into our communities with guns, masks, and no regard for due process, the public trust is eroded. I voted no on funding for ICE and DHS, fought to halt a detention center in Elkridge, signed onto impeachment articles for Secretary Noem, and called for an independent investigation and accountability in Minneapolis. I believe we need commonsense, bipartisan reforms to our immigration system that make our neighbors safer.

AFFORDABILITY: From BGE bills to grocery store prices, hardworking families across Maryland are feeling the pinch. As a founding member of the Lowering Cost Caucus, I co-sponsored the Access to Homeownership Act to strengthen renters' credit, the Stop Price Gouging in Grocery Stores Act, and the No Tariffs on Groceries Act. I've opposed the President's illegal price-rising tariffs. I've convened Childcare Roundtables with local leaders, worked on strengthening childcare centers for military families, and more.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Like many in my generation, I hold deep reservations regarding the President's reckless attacks abroad and the potential of another forever war in the Middle East, which would have a serious cost for servicemembers and American families. As a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I believe the U.S. must be steadfast in supporting Ukraine, strengthening our democratic alliances, and advancing diplomacy that protects our American values.

SAFETY NET: I voted no twice on the Big Beautiful Bill and its cruel Medicaid and SNAP cuts. As a co-sponsor of Medicare for All, I believe Americans deserve affordable, accessible health care and retirement security they've paid into their whole lives. Reckless firings at Social Security and other agencies by this Administration created de facto cuts to earned benefits and delayed services that seniors and families rely on. I will oppose efforts to privatize or weaken these lifelines for Marylanders.

Sean Hammond

No response received by deadline.

Robert Gerald Morrison

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

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Ray Bly

No response received by deadline.

Berney Flowers

Campaign Website: flowersformaryland.com

ELECTIONS: "Every voter deserves confidence that elections are fair and accurate. I support voter ID, regular maintenance of voter rolls, secure chain-of-custody for ballots, and transparent post-election audits. Safeguards like signature verification for mail ballots help ensure every legal vote counts. The goal is simple: make it easy to vote and hard to cheat, so Americans trust the results."

IMMIGRATION: "I support enforcing our immigration laws, but the current system isn't working well. We need a secure border, consistent enforcement, and faster processing so people who want to immigrate legally can do so. America is a nation of immigrants and a nation of laws — our policies must respect both while creating an orderly, fair system."

AFFORDABILITY: "Maryland families need relief from rising costs. I'll fight for fiscal discipline to control inflation, expand American energy production to lower fuel and utility costs, reduce federal barriers that make housing more expensive, and increase competition and transparency in healthcare. Government should remove obstacles so businesses can grow and families can keep more of what they earn."

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: "The U.S. must lead with strength, defend our allies, and deter adversaries. We preserve peace through strong alliances, a capable military, and smart diplomacy. Leadership means using our power wisely — balancing defense, economic influence, and diplomacy — to keep Americans and our allies safe while promoting global stability."

SAFETY NET: "I will protect programs for those who truly need them—seniors, people with disabilities, and struggling families—by ensuring they are financially sustainable, reducing waste, and improving oversight. Programs like Social Security Administration and Medicare must remain reliable so Maryland's most vulnerable can count on support when they need it most."

Felix M. Seier

Campaign Website: www.felixseier.com

ELECTIONS: I support modernizing Maryland's elections with secure online voting options, starting with verified pilots for overseas voters and voters with disabilities. I back strong cybersecurity standards, transparent ballot handling, bipartisan oversight, and routine audits to ensure every lawful vote is counted accurately.

IMMIGRATION: I do not support the current approach to enforcing federal immigration laws because it too often lacks transparency, due-process protections, and meaningful oversight. I support reforms that ensure enforcement is lawful, humane, and accountable — with clear limits, independent review, and a focus on protecting families, workers, and constitutional rights.

AFFORDABILITY: Living costs stay high because huge tax-exempt institutions—mega-churches, elite universities, and large nonprofits—hold vast land and wealth while contributing little to public needs. I support ending exemptions for large institutions so we can fund affordable housing, childcare, healthcare, and especially public education for every child.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The U.S. should lead by strengthening global stability, scientific cooperation, and shared prosperity. Our role is to reduce tensions, avoid zero-sum conflict, and work with other nations on climate, technology, and public health. America is strongest when it builds alliances and partnerships that make the world safer and more prosperous.

SAFETY NET: Maryland's safety net is strained because huge tax-exempt institutions—mega-churches, elite universities, and large nonprofits—hold vast land and wealth while contributing little to public needs. I support ending exemptions for large institutions so we can fund housing, healthcare, food assistance, disability services, and strong public education for vulnerable Marylanders.

John White

No response received by deadline.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

DUTIES: U.S. Representatives make laws, oversee the operations of all federal government departments and investigate issues of national importance. Laws that impose taxes always begin in the House of Representatives. Through impeachment, the House of Representatives can recommend that the Senate remove from office a public official accused of a crime.

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IMMIGRATION: Do you support current approaches to enforcing federal immigration laws? Why or why not?

AFFORDABILITY: Many Marylanders are struggling to afford basic expenses such as housing, groceries, childcare, and healthcare. What will you do to make living in the United States more affordable?

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: What do you see as the United States' role on the world stage?

SAFETY NET: How will you safeguard social safety net programs for the most vulnerable Marylanders?

NOTE: Candidates were advised that references to other candidates or current officeholders would not be published. Where candidates did not respond to requests to remove those references, the reference has been deleted and replaced with ellipses [...].

Democratic Candidates

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Mark Arness

Campaign Website: arnessforcongress.com

ELECTIONS: Maryland state laws and regulations insure fair and accurate voting process. Vote NO to poll taxes, voter ID and racial profiling!

IMMIGRATION: NO; vote to defund ICE, uphold and restore our Bill of Rights; no searches without warrants! Vote NO to profiling and selectively targeting immigrants!

AFFORDABILITY: Vote NO to more tariffs and taxes, we pay too much already; inflation controls are effectively reducing prices, vote YES to keep the Federal Reserve independent and free of political bias.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: For years we were the Good Guys, now we've become feared and reviled worldwide for recklessly meddling in foreign affairs. We need a more cooperative and diplomatic approach—Vote NO to Iran invasion!

SAFETY NET: Vote YES to fund Medicare/Medicaid and education, drug use reduction programs and essential services.

Rushern L. Baker, III

Campaign Website: rushernbaker.com

ELECTIONS: Free and fair elections are the foundation of our democracy. I support protecting early voting and vote-by-mail, strengthening election cybersecurity, and ensuring adequate funding for election administration. I will support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore protections against voter suppression and ensure every eligible American can cast a ballot and have it counted accurately. We must also defend election workers from threats and intimidation.

IMMIGRATION: Our immigration system needs comprehensive reform. While we must maintain secure borders and enforce the law, enforcement alone cannot solve the problem. We need a balanced approach that fixes the asylum system, provides stability for Dreamers, and creates lawful pathways that support our economy. We must also ensure accountability for agencies like ICE and treat every person with dignity and respect under the law.

AFFORDABILITY: Too many families are struggling with rising costs. In Congress, I will focus on lowering prescription drug prices, expanding affordable housing, supporting childcare and early education, and strengthening workforce development and small businesses. We must ensure that working families have the economic stability and opportunity they need to build a secure future. We must also support small businesses, and invest in infrastructure and economic development that creates good-paying jobs.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: As a veteran, I understand the importance of strong American leadership. The United States must work with our democratic allies to defend democracy, promote human rights, and strengthen global stability. Through diplomacy, economic partnerships, and responsible security cooperation, we can address shared challenges like security threats, global health, and climate change while keeping America safe.

SAFETY NET: Programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and nutrition assistance are lifelines for seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and working families. I will work to protect and strengthen these programs, defend them from cuts, and ensure they remain sustainable and accessible so that every American can live with dignity and security.

Quincy Bareebe

Campaign Website: www.quincyforcongress.com

ELECTIONS: I'll back laws that make voting secure, accurate, and convenient—like automatic voter registration, expanded early voting and vote by mail, and universal paper ballots with robust post election audits. We must protect election workers, ban foreign interference, and modernize systems so every eligible voter can participate and every ballot is counted.

IMMIGRATION: I oppose turning local police into federal immigration agents and support humane, constitutional enforcement that prioritizes serious crime, not families seeking a better life. I'll fight for a pathway to citizenship, protections for Dreamers, fair asylum processes, and an end to inhumane detention conditions that shame our values.

AFFORDABILITY: I'll push to lower everyday costs by expanding affordable housing, capping drug prices, moving toward universal, affordable health care, and making childcare more available and affordable. That means building more homes near transit, investing in care workers, expanding tax credits for working families, and ensuring corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: America should lead with our values — democracy, human rights, and shared prosperity—rather than endless wars. I support strong alliances, smart diplomacy, and targeted support for allies fighting aggression, alongside serious investments in climate action, global health, and development so we prevent crises instead of just reacting to them.

SAFETY NET: I'll oppose any cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, or disability benefits and work to strengthen them so no Marylander falls through the cracks. That includes protecting Medicare's new power to negotiate drug prices, expanding nutrition and housing assistance, and modernizing benefits so they're easier to access and harder to steal.

Wala Blegay

Campaign Website: www.walablegay.com

ELECTIONS: I support strong voting rights protections, including restoring the Voting Rights Act, expanding early and mail voting,

protecting election workers, and ensuring secure paper ballot backups and audits. Our democracy works best when every eligible voter can vote easily and confidently, and when election systems are transparent, accurate, and protected from interference.

IMMIGRATION: As the daughter of immigrants, I understand the sacrifices immigrant families make. As an attorney, I have worked on TPS advocacy and supported those with temporary status, and I know how hard it is for families to secure stability while raising children. I oppose harmful ICE raids that create fear in our communities. We need humane immigration reform that protects families and provides a clear pathway to citizenship for those who have long lived and worked in this country.

AFFORDABILITY: Marylanders are struggling with housing, healthcare, childcare, food, and rising utility costs. I will fight to lower prescription drug prices, expand affordable housing, support unions and fair wages, invest in childcare, and strengthen competition laws to address corporate price gouging. We must also support small businesses and build an economy where wages keep up with the cost of living and families can thrive.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The United States should lead through diplomacy, human rights, and strong partnerships with democratic allies. Our leadership should prioritize peace and support nations committed to democratic values and stability. We must work to prevent conflicts and avoid wars that harm innocent children and families, while investing in development, global cooperation, and policies that promote lasting peace and security.

SAFETY NET: Programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP are lifelines for seniors, families, children, and people with disabilities. I will oppose efforts to cut or privatize these programs and instead work to strengthen and expand them. We must protect earned benefits, lower healthcare costs, expand access to nutrition and housing support, and ensure our most vulnerable neighbors have the stability and dignity they deserve.

Adrian Boafo

Campaign Website: adrianboafo.com

ELECTIONS: Right now we are at a dangerous moment in our country's history, with an administration set on undermining election integrity. When elected, I will support The Freedom to Vote Act, The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and The DISCLOSE Act. Furthermore, I'd support providing the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) with full funding authorized under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to help states meet election administration standards.

IMMIGRATION: Our current approaches to enforcing federal immigration laws have been cruel and calloused. Federal officers operating in communities should be clearly identifiable, accountable, and operating under consistent standards that build trust while upholding the law. Immigration enforcement resources should prioritize violent offenders, traffickers, cartel networks, and those who endanger public safety — not law-abiding families contributing to our economy. In its current form, ICE must be abolished.

AFFORDABILITY: This administration is directly responsible for rising costs impacting everyday Marylanders. My agenda is focused on addressing the root causes of each issue around affordability. With housing, I introduced legislation this session to ban hedge funds from buying up single-family homes, and would bring that energy to Congress. For healthcare, I'd support Medicare for All with a private option. I'd support universal childcare and raising the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15/hour tied to CPI.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: I believe that the United States can & should be a beacon of hope for democracy, freedom & leadership across the globe. We can return to a country that leads with diplomacy & development, not military intervention. Unfortunately, this administration has strained relationships with our allies, disrupting the rules based international order. We are now viewed as a hostile state actor, & we must do everything we can to repair the relationships we've frayed with our allies.

SAFETY NET: It's critically important that we safeguard Social Security and defend the benefits seniors earned and rely on. Additionally, we must expand and protect the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit to put real money back into the pockets of families. This also includes restoring cuts to SNAP, WIC, and other programs that provide tangible support and dignity to Maryland's most vulnerable.

Reuben B. Collins, II

Campaign Website: votereubencollins.com

ELECTIONS: Laws that preserve the right to vote for all eligible voters. A valid drivers license should be sufficient to ensure voter integrity

IMMIGRATION: I do not support the current heavy handed approach that has placed law abiding citizens in harms way, separated families and has violated basic constitutional rights upholding due process. I support an approach that addresses the issue of ensuring that individuals are not in the country illegally by providing them with the right to petition and follow basic immigration law and procedure.

AFFORDABILITY: I would support any laws that penalize merchants for deliberate price gouging. I would reestablish funding for federal programs such as SNAP. I would explore legislation that would establish a living wage for all citizens. I would advocate for universal healthcare for all.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The role of the United States is and should be to promote democracy and utilize the wealth that exist in this nation to address fundamental world issues such as the lack of adequate healthcare in developing nations.

SAFETY NET: Expand funding for SNAP, healthcare and reestablish full funding for the Department of Education

Ellis D. Colvin

No response received by deadline.

Harry Anthony Dunn

Campaign Website: harrydunnformd.com

ELECTIONS: I will fight to support laws that prevent our vulnerable citizens from being disenfranchised based on unconstitutional, targeted criteria, as seen with [...] SAVE Act. I will fight to support laws increasing voting accessibility for working families, easing the burden on those who struggle to be civically engaged when swamped with duties at home. I will also support efforts to invest in and reinforce our testing and certification of voting machines to ensure accurate and fair elections.

IMMIGRATION: Nothing reminds me more of January 6 insurrectionists than the display shown by ICE agents today. As a public servant who has dedicated his entire career to law enforcement, I do not support the unprofessional and extremely violent approach currently used by our administration to enforce federal immigration laws. While there are immigration laws that must be followed, there is nothing dutiful or honorable about using masked mobs to profile, kidnap, and beat neighbors in our streets.

AFFORDABILITY: I will fight to lower the taxes on our working and middle class families, while raising the minimum wage federally to reflect our state's model. I also believe in decreasing the miscellaneous costs people have to pay for their children's public education, and that would free up more of their budget. I will also invest in creating more low-income housing and protecting tenants' rents. I also believe in universal Medicare, pushing for lower healthcare costs without risking the quality of care.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The United States has, and should, stand as a symbol of authority and democracy to nations throughout the world. Recent times have clearly shown us falling from that position with the way our current administration treats, not only our own people, but also other nations on the world stage. I believe the United States, as a superpower and leader, has a responsibility on the world stage to provide aid and advocate for those facing injustices abroad, but that work starts here at home.

SAFETY NET: I have always supported protecting, if not expanding, our social safety net programs like Medicaid, EID, and SNAP. We must protect our most vulnerable Marylanders by providing them substantial enough support to live, not just survive. Additionally, I will work to expand accessibility to these programs so no Marylander goes overlooked.

Arthur Ellis

Campaign Website: arthurellisforcongress.com

ELECTIONS: My belief is that all citizens should have the right to vote. We must reinstate the Voting Rights Act to ensure that underserved communities maintain their voting power. I am in strong support of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and will continue to push other states to reaffirm voting rights in their state, as we have done in Maryland. We also must protect the Help America Vote Act of 2002, to safeguard the sacred process of voting and to ensure that all votes are accurately counted

IMMIGRATION: Not only do I oppose enforcement-only immigration policies that instill fear in our workplaces and communities, I also support community trust policies that maintain a separation between local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement. Additionally, I support policies providing status protections to immigrant workers enforcing labor laws. Immigrants have a right to be here as much as anyone else, and this country would not function without immigrants.

AFFORDABILITY: Affordability is absolutely an issue in Maryland, as is around the country. We have to remove the wage gap by forcing these corporations and billionaires to pay their fair share. I will ensure that block grants are provided to states to offset the cost of childcare, support housing tax credits to make housing more affordable, and enhance the protections of Medicaid and SNAP programs that support our most vulnerable families and seniors.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The United States role in international affairs is to support our allies, but not at the expense of our citizens. The United States has worked for decades to develop, solidify, and maintain our allyship while prioritizing the rights and liberties of American citizens.

SAFETY NET: We must pour more funding into our safety net programs like SNAP, Medicaid, social security, and TANF. By reducing funds for unserious costs like ballrooms and congressionally unapproved wars, Marylanders can be provided with accessible support that will improve their quality of life, keeping them off the fringes of society.

Elldwnia English

Campaign Website: elldwniaforcongress.org

ELECTIONS: I support paper ballot backups, nonpartisan audits, and stronger cybersecurity for all voting systems. I oppose voter suppression, illegal purges, and gerrymandering. Every eligible vote must be counted accurately and transparently. Apoyo respaldos en papel, auditorías imparciales y mayor ciberseguridad electoral. Me opongo a la supresión del voto, purgas ilegales y manipulación de distritos. Cada voto elegible debe contarse con precisión y transparencia.

IMMIGRATION: No. Current enforcement is cruel and inhumane. I support abolishing ICE, ending mass deportations, and replacing fear-based policies with humane, compassionate immigration reform that keeps families together and respects human dignity. No. La aplicación actual es cruel e inhumana. Apoyo abolir el ICE, terminar las deportaciones masivas y reemplazar políticas de miedo con una reforma migratoria compasiva que mantenga a las familias unidas.

AFFORDABILITY: I will fight for universal healthcare, affordable housing, free childcare, and grocery price caps on essentials. Maryland's 5th District families deserve economic relief now. No more choosing between rent and food. Lucharé por atención médica universal, vivienda asequible, cuidado infantil gratuito y límites de precios en productos esenciales. Las familias del 5to Distrito de Maryland merecen alivio económico ahora. No más elegir entre renta y comida.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: America must stop policing the world while ignoring its own people. I support diplomacy over military intervention, ending foreign aid that funds oppression, and investing those resources into struggling American communities first. América debe dejar de ser el policía del mundo mientras ignora a su propia gente. Apoyo la diplomacia sobre la intervención militar, terminar la ayuda extranjera que financia la opresión e invertir esos recursos en comunidades americanas necesitadas.

SAFETY NET: I will protect and expand Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP. I oppose any cuts to programs that vulnerable families depend on. Maryland's most vulnerable deserve dignity, not budget negotiations used against them. Protegeré y expandiré el Seguro Social, Medicare, Medicaid y SNAP. Me opongo a cualquier recorte a programas que las familias vulnerables necesitan. Los más vulnerables de Maryland merecen dignidad, no ser usados en negociaciones presupuestarias.

Terry Antonio Jackson, 2nd

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ELECTIONS: Free and fair elections depend on transparency and trust. I support federal standards requiring paper ballots, risk limiting audits, strong cybersecurity, and modernized election infrastructure. I support early voting and secure mail voting so eligible voters can participate. Electronic systems should produce a voter verified paper record for auditing. I support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. We can legally strengthen voting security without requiring new citizenship documents.

IMMIGRATION: Congress must finally fix our broken immigration system. I support stronger border technology, more asylum and immigration judges to reduce backlogs, and modernized legal immigration pathways for workers and families. Enforcement should focus on serious threats, not mass detention, while ensuring due process for everyone. We also need bipartisan legislation that improves case processing, strengthens border security, and restores order to the system.

AFFORDABILITY: Congress must tackle the real drivers of rising costs through strong antitrust enforcement. I support legislation to increase housing supply by tying federal funds to zoning laws, allow Medicare to negotiate more drug prices, expand childcare tax credits, and strengthen antitrust enforcement to stop price manipulation. We also need policies that support domestic energy production and infrastructure so families are not crushed by housing, healthcare, and everyday expenses.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The United States should lead through alliances, diplomacy, and responsible use of power. Americans are tired of "forever" wars based on corporate greed and the elitist agenda. Congress must reclaim its constitutional authority over war and military force through stronger War Powers enforcement and oversight. Our foreign policy should prioritize protecting American security, supporting democratic allies, preventing conflict when possible, and ensuring military action is a last resort.

SAFETY NET: Programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, and veterans benefits must remain strong and reliable. I support legislation that protects these programs from cuts and ensures long-term solvency, including lifting the payroll tax cap for Social Security so all earners pay taxes on their full salary and reducing healthcare costs by removing administrative fees. These programs are lifelines and, in many cases, earned benefits Americans paid into for decades.

Harry Jarin

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ELECTIONS: There is no law that guarantees fair elections if the President is willing to violate the Constitution. We already saw a coup attempted after the 2020 election. Of course I oppose voter suppression laws like the SAVE Act, and I support restoring and expanding the Voting Rights Act. But ultimately, protecting democracy also requires holding leaders who attempt to subvert elections accountable under the law. Our elections will not be safe until the criminals from this administration are in prison.

IMMIGRATION: I do not support current immigration enforcement practices. ICE has repeatedly operated without adequate accountability, resulting in wrongful detentions, family separations, and abuses of power, and that agency must be abolished. We need comprehensive immigration reform, including a pathway to permanent residency or citizenship for immigrants who contribute to our communities (especially for DACA recipients) while ensuring humane enforcement that respects civil liberties and the rule of law.

AFFORDABILITY: We must address the biggest drivers of cost: housing, healthcare, and childcare. I support a national transit-oriented development policy to build more housing near transit and incentivize more starter homes while minimizing impacts on existing communities. I support universal healthcare and ending medical bankruptcy. Congress must also reclaim tariff authority to prevent price spikes from trade wars. Finally, we should expand the Child Tax Credit and increase childcare options to help families.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Our foreign policy must reflect our values, not what's best for weapons manufacturers and insiders. The US should lead by defending democracy and strengthening alliances like NATO, not starting unnecessary wars, trashing relationships with our allies, and cozying up to dictators like Vladimir Putin. Congress, not the President, must decide when the nation goes to war. I support continued support for Ukraine against Russian aggression and stronger Congressional oversight of weapons sales.

SAFETY NET: The truth is that the American social safety net has never been sufficient. Millions of Americans are one missed paycheck away from crisis. As AI and automation reshape the economy, millions more will face rapid economic disruption. We must strengthen Social Security, Medicaid, SNAP, and ACA coverage while rejecting ineffective work requirements. I will fight to expand healthcare coverage, reverse SNAP cuts, and modernize the safety net so Americans have stability during major economic changes.

Walter Kirkland

Campaign Website: Walterkirklandforcongress.com

ELECTIONS: All eligible voters should be able to vote and have faith that their vote is being recorded correctly. I believe in voter-verifiable paper ballots, robust post-election audits, and transparent processes. We must have secure elections and ensure that voters have access to the ballot box. Election security and voter engagement go hand in hand, with every vote being counted and every voter having a say.

IMMIGRATION: I am in favor of the enforcement of immigration laws that are firm, fair, and consistent with our values. We must secure our borders, stop the illegal trafficking of people, and make sure that the law is followed. At the same time, we must make some sensible reforms that are efficient, enhance legal immigration, and treat people with dignity. A good system will protect our communities and our economy.

AFFORDABILITY: Too many families are working hard but falling behind in their costs for housing, groceries, childcare, and healthcare. We need to address these costs by increasing affordable housing, reducing prescription drug prices, making it easier for working families to find childcare, and increasing competition to prevent price gouging. We can create more good jobs by increasing job growth and investing in workforce development.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The United States must lead from strength, diplomacy, and cooperation. Our role in the world is to protect democratic ideals, support our allies, promote economic stability, and prevent conflicts when possible. We must build strong alliances, practice good diplomacy, and protect national security, but also address the world's problems such as climate change, humanitarian issues, and economic development.

SAFETY NET: Programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP play a vital role in supporting our seniors, those with disabilities, children, and families in need. I will continue to ensure these programs are well-funded, accessible to those who need these services most, and protected against fraud and abuse. The safety net is a strong foundation for families, helping to prevent poverty and create opportunities for long-term economic well-being.

Jerry Lightfoot

Campaign Website: Jerryforuscongress.com

ELECTIONS: I will support paper ballots for verification. Post election audits, logic and accuracy testing for voting machines. Chain of custody for ballots, mail ballot security, cyber security protection, and bipartisan oversight.

IMMIGRATION: I do not support ICE and the manner in which they conduct themselves. They should always have to display their credentials as well as show their face. As a combat veteran and a being military police man for twenty years. There is a certain level of merit and humility that should be displayed.

AFFORDABILITY: I am going to push to pass legislation to raise minimum wage. Try to lower mortgage home interest rates and make more grants available for first time home buyers. I'm a father of four and

I definitely will work on making childcare more affordable in Maryland. To seek lower groceries bills we need to support American farms to cut down on import cost.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The United States role should clearly be humanitarian and aide when needed. We should work to establish better relationships with funding countries.

SAFETY NET: I will start by opposing federal cuts to these programs. Foster bipartisan relationships in Congress to increase funding for these programs. We can work on automatic enrollments for Marylanders who are already qualified for the programs.

Heather Luper

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ELECTIONS: I support every Constitutional amendment that prevents protects the rights of Americans to vote and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. I support Federal and State-proposed laws to expand access to voting for all eligible voters.

IMMIGRATION: The current approach to immigration enforcement is failing its mission to preserve national security and public safety. Instead, they are wreaking havoc in businesses and communities they are meant to protect, encouraging lawless and disruptive behavior of ICE agents, and trampling human rights. We need a common sense, organized system of immigration enforcement that is implemented with integrity, justice, and transparency.

AFFORDABILITY: I support federal investment into affordable housing construction and local zoning to incentivize housing options. Expand child tax credits and ACA tax credits, cap medication costs, support infrastructure and transportation improvements, and support collective bargaining rights and protections for workers and their unions.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: US should be leaders on the world stage. US should spearhead human rights. US should develop and maintain strong partnerships and alliances that will strengthen and protect US interests, economy, and security. US needs to prioritize diplomacy and international cooperation, while maintaining military might to maintain our national security.

SAFETY NET: As a social worker, I understand the importance of safeguarding social safety net programs for the people of Maryland. I oppose any attempts to reduce, block, or weaken programs like SNAP, ACA, social security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

James Anderson Makle, Jr.

ELECTIONS: As a proud veteran and champion of civil rights, I want everyone to participate in this great exercise of democracy. First by providing legal ID such as drivers license, State ID or Passport. Realtime monitoring of voter machines before and during elections for accuracy, place voter machines under lock and key before elections. Provide electronic voting measures for disabled and elderly voters, who are unable to vote in person. Provide electronic ballots to our veterans serving abroad.

IMMIGRATION: No, I have many family members that have immigrated to the United States in the past 50 years. We all must participate in making enforcing federal immigration laws safe and respectful for everyone involved. I will have a round table of our undocumented community, Immigrant community, White community and Black community; to have real talks about what each group needs from the 5th congressional seat. I believe each of these groups, needs and concerns have not ever been addressed by anyone.

AFFORDABILITY: Began by electing politicians that actually care about the people and not themselves. Energy cost are unbelievable, I would hold state and federal subsidies from publicly traded utilities (Exolon: which owns BG&E, Pepco, Washington Gas). Reduce government spending, drive down interest rates on short-term lending. Reform the tax code and expand healthcare affordability, by capping corporate margins and tax-payer subsidies. Hold our politicians accountably, that take corporate funding.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: I, believe the United States role on the world stage will diminish drastically within the next 15 years. Nations within the United Nations are beginning to rely less on the United States with each passing day. I see the United States focusing more on domestic concerns than global issues. The world is slowly moving on from the influence of the United States.

SAFETY NET: I am a retired PG County Firefighter, Marine and proud parent of a Child with Autism (level 3). I have been raising money for Maryland Special Olympics, Pathfinders For Autism and Maryland Autism Society since 2006 along with my uncle Captain Dee Fense (Ravens fame) I have created a new Maryland License Plate design, to raise permeant funding for these organizations along with funding for childcare for first responders with children with Autism. I will fight for the Autism community.

Leigha Messick

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ELECTIONS: There are multiple laws on the books, and many Constitutional Amendments purely to protect elections. These were fought for with blood and tears and lives, and we cannot allow those sacrifices to be in vain. I will fight to prevent anything less than free and fair elections. This includes fighting to prevent federal agents from being sent to polling centers to intimidate voters. Elections are core to the survival of our country, and I'll never stand by and let them take that from us.

IMMIGRATION: Absolutely not. We must abolish ICE, and prosecute everyone involved. Federal Agents have taken over our streets, ripping away due process rights, as they assault/kill and kidnap anyone who fits their racist description of who shouldn't be here. The people they decide (for reasons unknown) to not hold in American concentration camps, are trafficked to third countries, maybe. Thousands of people are missing. In Charles Co and see ICE? Text our Rapid Response Team 301*861*6806

AFFORDABILITY: Reagan followed the Heritage Foundation Mandate (1980). Now we're watching it happen again, with the 2025 version. Both

economic policies benefit those at the top, not us. For 46 years, we've given tax cuts to the ultra wealthy and corporations, pretending wealth would trickle down—it never did. We must raise taxes on the ultra wealthy, take back funds given to ICE (\$80B), and invest that money in services that will close those gaps. We can do that AND lower taxes for the average American.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: We need to repair the alliances this regime has fractured, and grow the rest. Support of Israel's wars must end. We must also end this admin's tariffs, and hold on to our lead as a global economic superpower. More focus on humanitarian relief, and less on military actions in, and on, other countries. We can't keep being the world's colonizers, harming others and stealing their resources. A country as powerful as the U.S. can negotiate supplies and resources, AND be the world's protector.

SAFETY NET: The money given to ICE last July must be taken, and placed back into the safety net budgets it was stolen from. How? The same way they stole it from us; we stop playing by rules long thrown away, and we just DO IT. (Dems must stop allowing suffering to try to maintain business as usual. It's a failing effort to be the good guy.) Then, we must grow those programs from there—they can't be left as they were. We all deserve healthcare (by any name you want to call it), food, housing, and dignity.

Keith Salkowski

Campaign Website: www.Keith4Congress.org

ELECTIONS: I will fight for the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, to protect voters from race-based discrimination and sets minimum standards to enable all voters to experience free and fair elections. It requires jurisdictions with a long history of voting discrimination to "pre-clear" future changes to their voting rules. It's same-day registration and automatic registration rules will help reduce voting disparities by race, age and other factors. I'll oppose all Republican voter suppression efforts.

IMMIGRATION: [...] "mass deportation" campaign is a lawless disgrace. We've all seen the brutality and violence visited upon our neighbors by roving bands of masked, unidentified "federal agents." Our current immigration system is broken and in dire need of fundamental reform. That means a humane system that secures our borders, sets reasonable limits for the many types of visas, and provides a pathway to legal status for the millions of law-abiding undocumented immigrants living and working in America.

AFFORDABILITY: I support making child-care affordable for all working Americans. We need universal, free pre-K. We desperately need Medicare-for-all to rein in skyrocketing healthcare costs. The Social Security Expansion Act will raise benefits, make cost of living adjustments reflect actual consumer spending, and ensure S.S.'s solvency through the 21st century. We must restore the child tax credit to levels set by the American Rescue Plan. Strong labor unions help all working Americans attain a living wage.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: [...] nihilistic, transactional "foreign policy" has been a disaster for America, raising prices and making us less safe.

His undeclared, lawless wars have killed thousands, including American soldiers and innocent civilians. He is selling out America's interests for his personal enrichment. America must return to being an example to all people and governments aspiring to democratic self-governance guided by the rule of law. We must support Ukraine's fight against Putin's criminal aggression.

SAFETY NET: I will fight to strengthen Social Security. I will push for universal, free pre-K, and a robust child tax credit. I will advocate for reforms to divert those dealing with substance abuse and mental health challenges out of the criminal justice system and into proven programs to address their needs, and get them on their feet and contributing to their communities. I will fight to strengthen school lunch and after school programs for those in need.

Kenneth Simons

No response received by deadline.

Alexis S. Solis

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ELECTIONS: As a Democrat, I would support laws that protect both election security and voter access. This includes requiring voter verified paper ballots and audits, funding cybersecurity protections for election systems, and safeguarding against interference. I would also support legislation like the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the For the People Act, which aim to protect voting rights, ensure fair election administration, and maintain accurate vote counts.

IMMIGRATION: As a progressive Democrat and two-term appointed member of the Latino Advisory Board advocating for immigrants, I believe the current immigration system is broken and needs bold reform to be truly humane and just. I support secure borders, fair enforcement, expanded asylum protections, modernized immigration courts, and keeping communities informed. I also back the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021, which creates legal pathways, a path to citizenship, and ensures dignity for all immigrants.

AFFORDABILITY: As someone who lost a parent to a broken healthcare system, I'm committed to making care more affordable and accessible. As a Democrat, I support lowering everyday costs for families by strengthening the Affordable Care Act, reducing prescription drug prices through the Inflation Reduction Act, expanding affordable housing, and increasing childcare assistance and tax credits to help families afford groceries, housing, and other essentials.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Having worked with international businesses, I believe the United States should lead in promoting global stability, democracy, and cooperation with allies. This means strengthening alliances like NATO, supporting diplomacy to resolve conflicts, and partnering with nations on climate change, global health, and economic development. The U.S. should lead through diplomacy, economic partnerships, and responsible defense cooperation to build a safer, more stable world.

SAFETY NET: As the daughter of a single parent that was on disability after 25 years of federal government service, I know firsthand how vital social safety nets are. I will protect and strengthen programs like

Medicaid, SNAP, and Social Security to ensure they reach vulnerable Marylanders. I support expanding access, funding critical services, and modernizing delivery to reduce barriers, helping seniors, children, and low-income families get the support they need.

Tracy Starr

Campaign Website: www.friendsoftracy.com

ELECTIONS: I will support laws that protect election integrity while ensuring every eligible American can vote. This includes safeguarding voters from intimidation, expanding secure mail-in and early voting—including for military personnel—and modernizing election systems with real-time data to improve accuracy, transparency, and trust in vote counts.

IMMIGRATION: I do not support immigration enforcement that removes people without fair due process. I will support policies that uphold the rule of law while ensuring every person is treated with dignity and human rights. Immigration enforcement must be lawful, humane, and consistent with the constitutional right to due process.

AFFORDABILITY: I will advance policies that make living affordable: establish a true living wage, strengthen labor unions and worker protections, and expand access to universal healthcare and free childcare. I will work to lower grocery costs by addressing price manipulation and supporting farmers, and increase affordable housing through rent stabilization, redevelopment of vacant properties, and incentives for builders.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The United States should lead through partnership and example—not as the world's police. By strengthening diplomacy and restoring development tools like USAID, we can advance stability, support local communities, and build goodwill. Smart investments in diplomacy, development and cooperation strengthen global security while reflecting our values and protecting long-term U.S. interests.

SAFETY NET: I will protect and strengthen Maryland's safety net by expanding access to mental health care through universal coverage, fully funding SNAP for families facing rising costs, and investing in housing and support services that help people experiencing homelessness regain stability and independence. No Marylander should be left without basic support in times of need.

Dave Sundberg

No response received by deadline.

Harold Tolbert

ELECTIONS: The US have sufficient laws in place to ensure fair elections. Our laws only came into serious attack due to [...] not accepting loss in 2020. Continue to enforce current laws

IMMIGRATION: Congress has the sole authority to make, fund, and exercise oversight on Immigration Laws. The Executive Branch carry's out those laws. I Donot support current approach as roles are not clear

AFFORDABILITY: I would rally all stakeholders (Government at all

levels, Corporations, Communities and such like) and task to identify clear affordability goals; then setup leadership groups to implement

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The US must be an active part of the International Leadership Groups (UN, NATO, etc) in place for peace and protection. The US must protect other Countries right to exist

SAFETY NET: Maryland's Social Safety Net Programs are designed to sustain people until they can sustain themselves. These programs only account for under 8% of total State Annual Budget; I would advocate to keep these programs and support efforts to help restore Marylanders to self sufficiency.

Nicole A. Williams

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ELECTIONS: I will support any law that maintains the independence of election integrity boards and does not conflate partisan politics with election integrity. This includes supporting bills that increase the number of days to request an absentee ballot, the number of days and locations for early voting, and the number of dropbox and mobile voting center locations. Voting should be easier and more accessible for the American electorate, not more difficult.

IMMIGRATION: No, I do not support the current approaches to enforcing federal immigration laws. ICE is not law enforcement. They do not receive the same level of training as our local and federal law enforcement officers. While we need to work to make our legal immigration process more streamlined and accessible, the current approach to immigration enforcement, regardless of the challenges, is simply inhumane.

AFFORDABILITY: Our cost-of-living crisis is a crisis of corporate greed. Wall Street continues to buy single-family homes. While corporations receive huge tax breaks, Maryland families are having to make difficult budget decisions. Access to Medicaid continues to become harder for lower and working-class families. I support higher marginal tax rates on America's highest earners and corporations to fund our needed social safety net, and I support homebuyer assistance for first-time buyers.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: The United States' role on the world stage is to be a leader in protecting and promoting democracy and human rights. The United States should never hesitate to intervene militarily when there is a true threat to the freedom or security of ourselves or any of our allies. However, the United States' role in the world is to use its economic, military, and ideological might for protection and liberation, not to conquer for its own sake.

SAFETY NET: In the same way I have championed social safety net programs for Marylanders in the General Assembly, I will champion them in Congress. I will utilize my position in Congress to stand up to the atrocities being committed by the current presidential administration. If and when necessary, I will take positions that may not be politically popular if I know doing so can safeguard someone's access to healthcare, their ability to afford rent, or save their job from disappearing because of A.I.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Chris Chaffee

Campaign Website: www.ChaffeeAmericaFirst.com

ELECTIONS: America has witnessed both sides calling foul play. When it comes to election integrity, we need a new election voting process. We need ID for banks, airports, doctors, fishing and hunting licenses, dozen of other transactions. We should have a ID for voting. We all have one driver's license proving you are a legal citizen, which is a great start social security card would be another ID allowed.

IMMIGRATION: Keeping our borders closed is the best way to move forward. Until Congress and the Senate step in and do their job. I would like to see churches, businesses, and individuals sponsor a family. They would be sent home and get vetted. This would be a step for them to get in line first to come back. To obtain work permits, these groups would take full responsibility for managing their work status and legal appearances. The legal way is the best and only way.

AFFORDABILITY: Begin with electricity prices, move to re-open all coal plants shut down by Annapolis. Upgrade these generator plants to be clean coal. Push the data center city development to give electric relief to Marylanders in exchange for state and county tax breaks. Encourage local governments to make it easier to build homes. Train our younger generation for AI. Increase the childcare tax credit to 100 percent. Food is 1/4 of Americans' paychecks. We must make it cheaper and healthier.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: America has made itself the leader on the world stage. We have to work on our manners and lead by strength. When working with our partners around the world, we need to listen. See how we can assist them now and in the future. We need to put America first, support our military and their families. War should be the last resort. Once the first shot has been fired, it is hard to stop. I hope this war with Iran ends with Iran allowing inspectors in and ending uranium enrichment.

SAFETY NET: Prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse, using regulatory oversight conducted by outside accountants.

Bryan DuVal

ELECTIONS: Any and all, every American has a driver's license to drive a car or Walker's ID if they don't drive so that when confronted by law enforcement they can identify themselves or the same IDs are used to get on planes trains buses go to liquor stores medical marijuana outlets require ID there's so many different places that require you to show an ID to prove who you are, Banks require IDs to get into your own account even if they know you

IMMIGRATION: Any and all persons illegally in the United States regardless of whether they entered illegally were they overstayed their visa has to be removed and sent home because the people who are supposed to get priority for any jobs that exist in the United States would be people who have a legal right to work such as US citizens naturalized

US citizens resident aliens who have green cards. This is to protect American citizens and keep wages higher so that a person can afford the American dream

AFFORDABILITY: I agree with you, the issue the cost of groceries is tied to fuel prices moves downward, I believe healthcare would become a lot more affordable and easy to be able to cover those in our society who are less fortunate once we forcibly remove anyone and everyone that is not legally here in this country and has no right to those benefits only naturalized citizens and permanent resident aliens and US citizens should be able to use Medicare Medicaid lowering healthcare costs across the board

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: I want to to be exactly what the majority of Americans want us to be partners with our allies partners with non allies working to make the world a better place and free of tyranny and dictatorship, I do agree that if you're going to have such a large power from the military flexing it and showing it to other countries as a form of coercion is a good idea to avoid having to actually use it on the ground putting American in danger, and using economic coercion to achieve politically outcomes

SAFETY NET: The best way is to make sure that only US citizens, naturalized citizens and permanent resident aliens who are allowed to use these programs should be the only ones using it, removing all individuals who are illegally here or undocumented who are not supposed to be using these programs to remove them from those programs and those roles, legitimate legal US citizens are the only people that we should be attempting to protect and help, making sure that people using it or actually alive

Michelle Talkington

No response received by deadline.

State Senator

DUTIES: Maryland State Senators enact laws, raise revenue through taxes and fees, and approve the spending of money by state agencies in an annual budget. They may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters and oversee the operation of all state government departments. The Senate confirms the Governor's appointment of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

TERM: Four years, no term limit

SALARY: \$56,636

HOW ELECTED: Senators are elected district wide. The state has 47 election districts. Each district is represented by one senator.

WEBSITE: mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Members/District

QUESTIONS

DATA CENTERS: Data centers can bring some important economic benefits, but also have a negative impact on the power grid, water supply, and land use. Do you support the establishment of additional data centers in Maryland? Why or why not?

UTILITY COSTS: What do you see as the factors contributing to escalating utility costs in Maryland? How will you address them?

TRANSPORTATION: Should the availability of public transportation be improved across the state? Why or why not?

BUDGET: Maryland is required to balance the budget every year. What will be your three top budget priorities, and what programs will you fight for?

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are an important part of our community and make significant contributions, including to Maryland's economy. What will you do to support immigrant communities in Maryland?

DISTRICT 12

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Clarence Lam

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

No Republican candidates filed for this office.

DISTRICT 21

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Jim Rosapepe

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Lee Havis

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DATA CENTERS: support data centers if they provide their own energy generation so they don't draw excessive energy from grid. They will add productive value to the local economy, provided they meet local zoning standards and adequate parking space.

UTILITY COSTS: High utility costs are due to the Maryland General Assembly "green" energy policy that discourages cheap, efficient, and reliable fossil fuel energy generation - under the false premise that global warming is a threat to humanity that government can fix by penalizing carbon-based energy generation and usage. Assembly should repeal the "Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative" (RGGI) which forces mandates on carbon emissions, that discourage clean, efficient, low-cost, fossil fuel generation.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. But effort should be limited to upkeep and improvement of present system; better bus routing to serve more common regular customers on major roads. New development only where justified to be self-sustaining without financing through government subsidies.

BUDGET: Budget priority to reduce taxes by spending less on public education, cost-effective contracting on merit, and independent audit and accountability to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. And remove state funding for non-emergency support to illegal alien population in the state.

IMMIGRATION: Remove "sanctuary" status for illegal aliens. Local police cooperation with federal authority to reduce the crime, drugs and cartel influence that otherwise especially prey on the foreign-born communities, especially as to illegal competition for low-wage employment.

DISTRICT 30

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Shaneka T. Henson

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DATA CENTERS: I'm cautious about expanding data centers. They are critical to the information economy. Global demand is projected to more than double by 2030. I've supported efforts in the Senate to study their impacts and require operators to pay for grid upgrades, protect ratepayers from higher bills, and address water use, land use, and environmental safeguards before additional facilities are approved.

UTILITY COSTS: Key factors driving rising utility costs include limited in-state energy generation, high transmission costs, and rising PJM prices. In response, we passed SB1 (Energy Resource Adequacy & Planning Act) and SB474 (Next Generation Energy Act) to strengthen planning for new generation, improve oversight, and protect ratepayers. We need to

continue improving regional market rules, expanding reliable renewable energy supply, and ensuring large energy users cover their fair share.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Improving public transportation strengthens economic mobility, reduces congestion, and lowers emissions. About 30% of Maryland workers live in households with one or no vehicles, making reliable transit essential for access to jobs, school, and healthcare. Strategic investments in transit, bus reliability, and regional connections can expand opportunity while supporting economic growth across the state.

BUDGET: My top priority is protecting healthcare and essential benefits for working families, especially as federal cuts threaten programs Marylanders rely on. Second, I'll reduce costs and administrative burdens on families and small businesses, building on my legislation HB268, which eliminated personal property taxes for 14,000 small businesses. Third, I'll prioritize affordability for essentials like housing, childcare, and groceries by supporting smart state spending that expands access.

IMMIGRATION: I support policies that protect due process, strengthen worker protections, and ensure immigrants who live and work in Maryland can contribute safely to our economy and communities.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jessica Haire

Campaign Website: www.JessicaHaire.com

DATA CENTERS: Data centers strengthen the state's technology expertise and support economic growth in the state's digital economy; however, the detrimental impact on the electrical grid and water supply cannot be ignored, particularly as communities are facing astronomical electric bills, and aquifer depletion concerns mount. Thoughtful planning, requirements for independent energy supplies, and appropriate zoning are necessary before additional data centers are built.

UTILITY COSTS: Crippling energy bills have caused many Marylanders to struggle financially. Record demand from data centers coupled with actions by the State Legislature for (1) new fees, which pass on the cost of electrical infrastructure upgrades to residents; and (2) requirements that force importing roughly 40% of Maryland's energy from outside the state are responsible. Expediting infrastructure for renewable energy in Maryland and requiring self-production of energy by data centers are critical.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation projects must be considered on a case-by-case basis; no single solution makes sense for the entire state given the differences in population density and community needs. Moreover, as we've seen with past projects, costs and timeframes often overrun substantially. Our first focus ought to be on optimizing current routes and modernizing outdated infrastructure.

BUDGET: We must lessen the tax burden on our residents who are moving out of state due to rising taxes/fees. Funding priorities include: (1) Restoring funding for Developmental Disabilities, which was cut in this year's budget. (2) Public safety - investing in police, fire, safe

communities. (3) Infrastructure - upgrades and investment in failing roadways, sanitary sewer systems, storm water systems, and energy sources as well as improving storm resiliency by burying power lines in communities.

IMMIGRATION: Our country's story is told through immigration and opportunity, and our community has many immigrants who have started thriving businesses that enrich our state and support our local economy. I support programs that help navigate citizenship paperwork, business growth, job coaching, mentorship etc.

DISTRICT 31

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Brent Mulrooney

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DATA CENTERS: I do not support the establishment of additional data centers. Data centers bring very little economic benefit. As a person who works and understands IT, I know that data centers provide very few jobs after construction is complete. That argument is null while the negatives are clear. Data centers are unfairly sucking energy from an already stressed grid. We need to increase energy production prior to allowing more data centers.

UTILITY COSTS: The primary cause of the increased cost is the lack of production and increased demand. We need to focus on increasing our energy production throughout the entire PJM interconnect. Our legislators need to look to grant programs from the federal government and streamline/prioritize energy production projects to be prioritized for permit processing. I am interested in providing low-interest loans for energy projects in the state and implement solar panel tax deductions for homes.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transit is very important for many reasons. It will lower emissions with fewer cars on the road, provide a cheaper means for people to get to their various destinations, and reduce traffic. Therefore, public transportation should always be planned for any developments and city planning.

BUDGET: Education is the top priority by far. I want to ensure that our students coming out of Maryland will be not just competitive for college but also the job market to create success for our future. I will also always fight for healthcare. I want to ensure all Marylanders have access to affordable healthcare. Lastly, I want to invest in the people who serve this state and ensure the state lives up to promises made.

IMMIGRATION: I believe it is important to create a safe environment where people can live, build families, and have a government they can trust. This belief extends to our immigrant community who are living their lives the same way the American citizens are. We need our fellow human-beings, who may have not been lucky enough to be born in the United States, have the ability to live the American dream that we all have an opportunity to live with safety and security.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Nicholaus Kipke

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DATA CENTERS: Data centers must be responsibly built to be self sustaining from an energy and conservation point of view.

UTILITY COSTS: Maryland needs to produce more affordable energy in this state to reduce the amount of electricity being imported from other states. Over the last decade 7 power plants have closed with another closing soon, reducing our power generation during a time that electricity use has surged. We also need to eliminate unnecessary hidden government charges on utility bills which account for nearly 25-30% of utility bills.

TRANSPORTATION: Before we expand any more money on new mass transit, I believe we need to make deep investments in our roads and bridges. Roads and bridges have been short changed for too long and need repair, expansion, and improvements.

BUDGET: In recent years the growth of the state budget has grown faster than the economy can support causing record tax and fee increases, draining the \$5.5 billion budget surplus left when Governor Hogan left office, and using budget gimmicks. What I'll be fighting for is the taxpayers who are among the highest taxed people in America. Marylanders are fleeing this state at an alarming pace, especially young people and retirees.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration is an important part of the story of America, and continues to be an important part of our story. To protect law and order, we need to continue to enforce Immigration law welcoming legal immigration while protecting our borders.

DISTRICT 32

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Mark S. Chang

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DATA CENTERS: With environmentally responsible guardrails, data centers can bring much vitality to our state's economy and produce high paying jobs well into the future. Data centers also consume much energy and place much pressure on energy grids. If new data centers would be socio-environmentally & economically responsible and accountable for electricity grid impacts, I would support additional data centers in the creation of in-demand jobs for the digital economy.

UTILITY COSTS: Ever rapid rising demands, delays in bringing online new power supplies and excessive profits of utility companies contribute to the escalating utility costs in our state. During the 2026 Legislative Session, I voted to make monthly electric bills more affordable, to strengthen oversight of utility companies, and to hold large energy users responsible for infrastructure needed to support increased demand. In addition, I am strongly committed for our state to be a leader in clean energy.

TRANSPORTATION: Throughout my public service, I have been a strong advocate in policies and fiscal investments in public transportation. With a more vibrant public transportation system, Marylanders will have better access to get to their housing & jobs, spend less time in congestion and have more time to be with their loved ones enjoying life. During the 2026 Legislative Session, I voted for safety improvements, modernization, and acceleration of critical public transportation investments across the state.

BUDGET: Since 2015 and from 2021 to 2025, it's been a great honor to serve as a Member and Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Committee overseeing a \$70 billion operating budget and \$6 billion capital budget. With the state's budget being a reflection of our values, I will continue to prioritize affordability & cost-of-living, education and infrastructure investments. As a proud lifelong Marylander, I will fight to make life more affordable, invest in education and ensuring a robust economy.

IMMIGRATION: As a son of immigrants, advocating for our marginalized communities has a tender place in my heart. Sadly, even my own lived experience as an elected representative, I know firsthand the devastating effects of being left behind and not having a voice as a member of the immigrant community. From funding in our state's budget to having our voices heard at the ballot boxes, I will fight for immigrants to be respected and have a safe haven from current federal actions adversely harming immigrants.

Stephen A. Tillett

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DATA CENTERS: Public policy is a choice. It is often not a question of can or can't, but a matter of will or won't. Policy makers must find a balance between environmental impacts vs. the economic benefits Data Centers can provide. However, inasmuch as there is no "Planet B," our first priority always needs to be protecting the unrenewable resource -- the Earth.

UTILITY COSTS: First, there should be limits on the percentage residential energy rates can increase in a calendar year. Second, absent a crisis, they should not be allowed to raise prices in consecutive years. Finally, the new data centers should have to pay utility bills commensurate with the use (and strain) they create for the grid. No "ordinary" homeowner should see increases in their utility bills due to the "power demands of new data centers."

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is essential for two reasons. First, the less combustion engine vehicles on the roads, the better for the environment. Second, everyone is not a driver and/or cannot afford a car. Public transportation is essential for many to take their children to school, get to work, go to stores, etc. Whether the improvements come via expanded bus routes, light rail or subway access, we need to make public transportation more accessible.

BUDGET: The Blueprint for Maryland's Future (BMF) has been established as a legislative and governing priority. We must ensure that BMF is not encroached upon or diminished. Housing affordability -- we must invest in the building of Cottage ("Tiny") homes at the local level, with state support, to create an affordable pathway for aspiring

homeowners to get into the housing market. Additional reforms are also needed in the criminal legal system with focus on rehabilitation, reentry services, and juveniles

IMMIGRATION: I oppose having Maryland's local law enforcement partnering with ICE. We must embody our "Free State" ethos. Cooperation with policy wickedness does not do that. 2025 crime statistics in Maryland and around the nation, indicated that crime was decreasing and most crime was not attributable to our immigrant population. The current ICE-based federal approach is a "solution looking for a problem." Facts matter, and this is not facts-based governance. Immigration reforms -- Welcome not persecute!

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Justin Gallucci

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DATA CENTERS: Yes, but only with strict conditions. Data centers can add jobs and tax revenue, but they also strain the power grid, water supply, and land use. Maryland should require developers to cover infrastructure costs, protect ratepayers, avoid prime farmland and sensitive areas, and prove grid and water capacity first. Growth is important at the dawn of AI, but families should not subsidize it or bear the consequences of poor planning.

UTILITY COSTS: Escalating utility costs are driven by rising PJM capacity and transmission charges, tighter power supply, grid congestion, costly mandates, and large new demand from data centers that too often shifts costs to families. I would push for more in-state reliable generation, tougher oversight of PJM and utilities, faster grid upgrades, and a rule that major new users pay their own infrastructure costs instead of passing them to ratepayers.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes, where it is practical and tied to real demand. Better public transportation can improve access to jobs, school, health care, and economic opportunity, while reducing traffic pressure in key corridors. But expansion must be disciplined, cost-effective, and matched to how people actually live and travel. The goal should be reliable service and smarter connections, not expensive projects that look good on paper but fail the public.

BUDGET: My top budget priorities are public safety, education with accountability, and affordability infrastructure such as energy reliability and core transportation. I will fight for programs that produce measurable results, not bloated bureaucracy. I want more dollars reaching classrooms, communities, and essential services, while cutting waste, duplicative spending, and policies that drive higher costs onto working families and small businesses.

IMMIGRATION: I support safe, lawful, and fair policies that recognize the contributions immigrants make to Maryland's economy and communities. That includes good schools, public safety, workforce opportunity, and clear access to services. I also support integration, legal compliance, and dignity under the law, while rejecting fear, exploitation, and political gamesmanship.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Dawn D. Gile

Campaign Website: dawnfile.com/

DATA CENTERS: Data centers are essential infrastructure, powering healthcare, finance, the broader digital economy, and more. Rapid growth, however, strains the power grid, increases costs for ratepayers, and can hinder progress toward clean energy goals. They also have significant environmental impacts, including high water use. I support additional development only with strong guardrails that protect residents, ensure responsible energy use, and deliver meaningful community benefits.

UTILITY COSTS: Utility costs are rising due to PJM market volatility, costly transmission upgrades, and limited in-state generation. I'm working to accelerate Maryland-made energy, strengthen oversight, rein in unnecessary utility spending, address excessive executive compensation, and improve the retail energy market to ensure real competition and protect consumers.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Expanding reliable, affordable public transportation is essential to reducing congestion, lowering household costs, supporting economic growth, and connecting people to jobs, schools, and healthcare. We should modernize transit, improve frequency and reliability, expand service where needed, and promote transit-oriented development so housing and jobs are better connected to transit.

BUDGET: My top priorities are affordability, protecting our most vulnerable - especially seniors, individuals with disabilities, and children - and strengthening our economy. I have fought to lower costs for families, including energy and healthcare, while safeguarding investments in education, public safety, and critical support services. I also support strategic investments in infrastructure and workforce development, paired with strong oversight to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are vital to Maryland's communities and economy. I support a balanced approach that protects public safety and constitutional rights. We are seeing federal tactics that create fear and erode trust, which is why I've supported measures to strengthen transparency, limit 287(g) agreements, and ensure accountability. We can uphold the rule of law while protecting due process, dignity, and strong, safe communities.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Amy Leahy

No response received by deadline.

State Delegate

DUTIES: Maryland State Delegates enact laws, raise revenue through taxes and fees, and approve the spending of money by state agencies in an annual budget. They may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters and oversee the operation of all state government departments.

TERM: Four years, no term limit

SALARY: \$55,636

HOW ELECTED: Elected by residents of each of Maryland's 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by three delegates.

WEBSITE: mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Website/Members/District

QUESTIONS

DATA CENTERS: Data centers can bring some economic benefit, but also have a negative impact on the power grid, water supply, and land use. Do you support the establishment of additional data centers in Maryland? Why or why not?

UTILITY COSTS: What do you see as the factors contributing to escalating utility costs in Maryland? How will you address them?

TRANSPORTATION: Should the availability of public transportation be improved across the state? Why or why not?

BUDGET: Maryland is required to balance the budget every year. What will be your three top budget priorities, and what programs will you fight for?

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are an important part of our community and make significant contributions, including to Maryland's economy. What will you do to support immigrant communities in Maryland?

DISTRICT 12B

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Gary Simmons

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DATA CENTERS: I do not support the establishment of additional data centers in Maryland. I believe that it would be destabilizing to our communities and pose unknown health risks in areas that may have already experienced health disparities due to negative environmental impacts. Furthermore, due to Maryland's inability to produce its own energy, it would pose an even greater burden on our electrical grid.

UTILITY COSTS: The fact that we import our power from outside the state, instead of producing our own electricity, directly contributes to higher utility rates and unaffordable energy demands on the electrical grid. I plan to address this by supporting legislation that will positively contribute to the development of sustainable options, using sources such as wind, solar, and nuclear energy.

TRANSPORTATION: Absolutely! The availability of public transportation should be improved across the state to provide residents with the ability to move throughout the state using various modes of public transportation, which would be more environmentally friendly.

BUDGET: My top three budget priorities are the Blueprint for Education, Healthcare reform, and Public Safety. The programs I will fight for are the Blueprint for Education, by ensuring that we continue to fund public education and tuition assistance, by ensuring that college education is affordable and accessible to Maryland residents.

IMMIGRATION: To support immigrant communities in Maryland, I currently work on policies to ensure equal and fair treatment through safeguarding access to labor, education, financial stability, affordable healthcare, and reasonable accommodations. I will continue these efforts to support immigrant community members and all the Marylanders within my district. I agree that they make significant contributions to the state and its economy.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Blair L. Brannock

No response received by deadline.

DISTRICT 21

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Ben Barnes

No response received by deadline.

Mary A. Lehman

No response received by deadline.

Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk

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DATA CENTERS: To protect ratepayers, large energy users like data centers should pay their fair share of the costs they impose on our power grid. If they do, they should not be blocked from locating in Maryland.

UTILITY COSTS: Utility costs have risen due to inflation in fuel, labor, and equipment costs. But they're also higher because we haven't invested enough over the years to keep our energy infrastructure modern. Finally, big energy users impose large loads which have stressed the power grid's ability to serve all consumers. Those users need to pay their fair share of the costs to upgrade the grid to ensure that our power supplies are adequate for reliable service.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is important and should be improved. It is essential for many in our community to get to work, school, and elsewhere. It helps us to grow without increasing congestion - a benefit for those with and without private automobiles. I am happy to see that construction of Maryland's Purple Line continues to progress and that it is projected to be finished in 2027.

BUDGET: My priority is to protect essential government services without raising taxes. This is important especially at a time when family budgets are stressed with higher prices for food, utilities, housing and other essentials. We must continue to support education in our state because that is the path to opportunity and growth. And we need to support public safety, environmental protection, and infrastructure improvements because these contribute to a good quality of life in our state.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrant families are families like yours and mine. They want what all families want. A secure, safe place to live and work, and a chance to contribute and see their children thrive. We shouldn't tolerate hate and the destruction of our immigrant communities. The destruction of immigrant families - when parents are separated from their children - will hurt us all in the long run. We need to do everything possible at the state level to defend against the abuses committed by federal authorities.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

No Republican candidates filed for this office.

DISTRICT 30A

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 2.

Dylan Behler

Campaign Website: dylanbehler.com

DATA CENTERS: Data center growth presents both economic opportunity and real challenges for Maryland, particularly around energy and water use. We need a balanced approach. I was proud to vote to override the Governor's veto of the Data Center Study so we can fully understand the impacts and address them. I also supported measures this session to set guardrails around future data center development and ensure data centers pay their fair share for the strain they place on our grid.

UTILITY COSTS: It is my top priority as a Delegate to bring down costs, and energy bills are unaffordable for far too many Marylanders, including me. There are several drivers of rising rates, including growing demand from data centers, the need for more generation, and corporate utilities prioritizing profits. As a member of the Environment and Transportation Committee, I was proud to help pass the Utility Relief Act to reduce costs, and I will continue fighting to lower energy bills.

TRANSPORTATION: Every Marylander deserves access to a reliable public transportation system. It provides access to good-paying jobs, educational opportunities, and healthcare resources, and it helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As a member of the Environment and Transportation Committee, I have fought and will continue to fight tirelessly to improve public transportation infrastructure across the state, particularly in Anne Arundel County, where options are currently limited.

BUDGET: I am grateful that the General Assembly is not Congress for a variety of reasons, one of which is that we are required to have a balanced budget. A budget is a reflection of our values, and I will fight

every day to ensure ours reflects who we are as a community and as a state. That means protecting our most vulnerable, investing in a world class education, and funding critical environmental and clean energy programs, among other essential priorities.

IMMIGRATION: We are a nation of immigrants, and I am proud of that. I strongly oppose the federal government's targeted attacks on immigrant communities across our state and country. As your Delegate, I have supported key measures, including banning 287(g) programs, prohibiting law enforcement face coverings, and advancing the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act. If re-elected, I will continue standing up for our immigrant neighbors every day.

Dana Jones

Campaign Website: www.DanaJones30A.com

DATA CENTERS: I do not support the expansion of data centers in Maryland. Although there are some economic benefits associated with their development, I believe that the long term and severe electric grid load and environmental impacts outweigh these short term economic benefits.

UTILITY COSTS: The biggest issues contributing to escalating utility costs are a lack of generation capacity and increased load on the PJM grid. I have been proud to work with my colleagues in the House to encourage green energy capacity build out, and defend Maryland from rapid data center build outs that tax capacity. There is not an easy or simple fix to these issues, but protecting ratepayers from large load customers and increasing generation capacity are key parts of the solution.

TRANSPORTATION: Absolutely yes. Thousands of Marylanders rely on public transportation everyday to get to work, the doctor's office, or to visit their favorite restaurants. By expanding public transportation, we are making our state more accessible to more people. This expands the possible talent pool for hiring businesses, and increases equity in access. This is good for business, the environment, and public safety. Most importantly, it is good for Marylanders.

BUDGET: My top priority in Maryland's budget is protecting Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, and the critical programs within them that support Marylanders. Federal shutdowns, DOGE firings, and budget cuts, have left tens of thousands of Marylanders without jobs, and they have put these programs at serious risk. I am committed to doing everything Maryland can to protect these programs. I am also focused on bringing millions home to District 30a for capital projects, \$200 million in the last 4 years.

IMMIGRATION: I will continue to support immigrant communities as I have done every day since I entered office. Immigrants are integral and essential parts of our communities. They are business owners, cherished employees, mothers, fathers, mentors, and public servants. I am proud of the votes I've taken in both the 2025 and 2026 sessions to protect immigrants in Maryland from the plainly unconstitutional actions from our federal government we have seen in Maryland and across the country.

Bradley K. O'Neal

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DATA CENTERS: Data centers can play a role in Maryland's economic growth, but that growth must be responsible. I would support additional projects only when they create real jobs, strengthen our economy, and do not burden residents through higher utility costs or poor land use decisions. Strong standards for energy demand, water usage, environmental impact, and community input should guide every proposal.

UTILITY COSTS: Utility costs are rising because of higher transmission and distribution costs, aging infrastructure, growing demand, and regional market pressures. Maryland families should not carry that burden alone. I support stronger oversight, greater transparency, consumer protection, responsible long-term energy planning, and practical investments that improve reliability while protecting residents from unnecessary rate increases.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Public transportation should be improved across Maryland because access to work, school, health care, and daily life should not depend on whether someone can afford a car. We need more reliable service, safer connections, and better coordination between systems so urban, suburban, and rural communities have greater access to opportunity and stability. Strong transit also supports seniors, working families, and economic growth, which strengthens Maryland as a whole.

BUDGET: My top budget priorities are affordability, infrastructure, and youth opportunity. I will prioritize programs that help seniors and working families remain in Maryland, strengthen transportation and resiliency infrastructure, and expand education, workforce development, and career pathways for young people. Those are practical, responsible long-term investments in a stronger Maryland.

IMMIGRATION: I have seen this issue personally through a lifelong friend whose family has faced deportation-related hardship. That experience strengthened my commitment to protecting access to education, legal resources, language access, and workforce opportunity so immigrant families in Maryland can live with dignity, stability, and a fair chance to contribute to our communities.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 2.

No Republican candidates filed for this office.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Matt Johnston

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DATA CENTERS: We must halt the expansion of data centers until we have the necessary rules in place to prevent big data from impacting our communities, farms, and utility customers. Data centers require an enormous amount of land, water, and electricity, and cause noise and

stormwater pollution. Data centers are a new type of industrial facility and should be regulated as such and built far from communities and prime agricultural lands.

UTILITY COSTS: The expansion of data centers across our entire region has significantly increased the cost of electricity for residents. Our utility grid operators estimate that data centers across our region will require 30 million megawatts of peak power by 2030, enough to power 20 million households. Maryland only has 2.4 million households. We must reign in data centers. Beyond data centers, we must expand regional generation capacity by permitting more and cleaner energy facilities.

TRANSPORTATION: As Maryland focuses efforts to build more affordable housing in walkable communities near transit hubs, we must continue to upgrade transit options to connect these communities with nearby jobs and education. Public transportation efforts in more rural areas, like southern Anne Arundel County, should focus on providing low-cost call-and-ride services to those who cannot drive themselves, especially our seniors and our disabled.

BUDGET: We must prioritize funding for our youngest, our most vulnerable, and for our public safety providers. Maryland's future depends on how we educate our next generation today. That's why my number one funding priority will always be our public schools. All great societies provide for the most vulnerable, such as the sick, the elderly and the disabled. We must do the same. Finally, a government's top priority must always be the safety of its residents and our state budget must reflect that.

IMMIGRATION: All of us are the children of immigrants. Yet, all of us have been given the opportunity to build a life in Maryland and to pass along a better opportunity to our children. Our modern day immigrant community deserves the same opportunity. And the US Constitution guarantees all Marylanders the same due process and equal protection. That's why I will always demand law enforcement follow the US Constitution, and I will always vote to keep ICE out of our schools, libraries, and other safe spaces.

Blake Wintermute

Campaign Website: votewintermute.org

DATA CENTERS: Large data centers are an eye sore and a particularly economically inefficient use of land near people. If there is economic demand for the services that data centers provide, then we must make space for them, but they should be pushed to the least valuable land, as far away from normal life as possible. Given Maryland is a quite densely populated state, I see no reason data centers shouldn't be built more in empty regions along the Mississippi or similar, not in Maryland.

UTILITY COSTS: Electricity costs are going up because about a year ago, Trump changed how the permitting process for solar installations would function across the country. As with data centers, Maryland is not the optimal place to use lots of land that doesn't engage citizens directly. Like data, electricity can be transported easily. I think we should build a massive solar installation in the deserts of the south west and use HVDC lines to supply different parts of the country, but that's not an MD solution.

DISTRICT 30B

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Car focused transportation doesn't scale well and is overly dangerous, especially for children. The best way to solve the housing crisis and decrease the death rate for children, is to build new train lines and build new towns along them that can make use of those lines. The only big way to decrease the rate of automobile crashes is to decrease the number of miles driven

BUDGET: On the spending side, I would fight for better funding towards our public transit infrastructure and development funds to build new towns with housing and commercial use. The other two things I would fight for principally are elements of tax reform. I want to decrease taxes that are inefficient and cause waste in our economy and increase efficient taxes, like those on pollution and land speculation.

IMMIGRATION: The legal status of a no citizen is a Federal issue, but I believe strongly that should ICE break laws on Maryland soil, we should arrest and prosecute them to the highest extent possible. Certainly, we should not assist ICE in any of their targeting. Should I be seeking office at the federal level, we'd be having different discussion concerning immigration reform.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Seth Howard

No response received by deadline.

DISTRICT 31

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Joan Barone Cole

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DATA CENTERS: I support data centers, but only with strict guardrails. While they provide vital tax revenue to fund our schools and infrastructure, they cannot come at the expense of our residents' utility bills or water security. I advocate for a "smart growth" approach: prioritizing brownfield redevelopment over green space, requiring on-site renewable energy, and ensuring noise mitigation for neighbors. We need progress that pays its way without compromising Maryland's rural character.

UTILITY COSTS: I see three main culprits: skyrocketing capacity costs, aging infrastructure, and the massive energy demand from new data centers. Currently, everyday Marylanders are unfairly subsidizing the grid upgrades needed for these large corporations. My plan? First, a "User Pays" policy so data centers cover 100% of the infrastructure they trigger. Second, I'll fight to end "guaranteed utility profits" and pass direct bill credits to give families immediate relief. No more blank checks.

TRANSPORTATION: I support improving public transportation, but we must be smart and fiscally responsible. Expanding transit isn't just about buses and trains; it's about economic access. Better transit connects our workforce to high-paying jobs and reduces the soul-crushing traffic that we all experience. However, we must prioritize Transit-Oriented

Development, building housing and shops near stations so the system pays for itself through a stronger tax base. We need reliability, not just ribbons to cut.

BUDGET: Facing a \$1.4 billion deficit, we must stop budgeting by wishful thinking. My three priorities are: Economic Growth: I'll fight for the ENOUGH Initiative to lift families out of poverty, it's cheaper to invest in people now than pay for social failure later. Education: I support the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, but only with strict local oversight to ensure money reaches classrooms, not bureaucracy. Public Safety: We must maintain record funding for public safety.

IMMIGRATION: I believe Maryland's strength is our diversity. To support our immigrant neighbors, I prioritize three areas: Safety: I support the Community Trust Act to ensure local police focus on public safety, not federal immigration enforcement, so everyone feels safe calling 911. Healthcare: I advocate for expanding the Maryland Access to Care Act so all residents can buy health insurance. Workforce: I'll fight to remove licensing barriers for foreign-trained professionals.

Heidi Buchanan Schmidt

Campaign Website: www.voteheidischmidt.com

DATA CENTERS: Data centers represent an opportunity for economic development both in the form of job growth and expansion of the tax base, but their potential negative impacts must be addressed by smart growth initiatives. For example, data centers should pay their own costs with regard to power generation and overall impact on public utilities. Additionally, these developments must have community support in order to proceed.

UTILITY COSTS: There are several factors contributing to Marylanders bearing higher energy costs: increased PJM Interconnection costs; rising demand; the need for increased local generation; and the impact of BGE's acquisition by Exelon. Maryland needs an all-of-the-above approach, engaging both local and regional stakeholders to tackle this issue by increasing and diversifying our energy generation, coordinating with neighboring states to reduce costs, and ensuring utility profits are reinvested locally.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Access to reliable transportation is a key requirement for economic growth. Workers need to get to jobs and residents need to access healthcare and other essentials. Regional transportation connects the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area to the Mid-Atlantic and the wider Northeast Corridor. Public transit reduces congestion on our roads and highways, while opening up countless opportunities for all Marylanders.

BUDGET: My budget priorities include: funding critical education programs to protect our most vulnerable learners; ensuring all Marylanders have affordable access to healthcare; and providing the necessary infrastructure investments to unlock our economic potential.

IMMIGRATION: Roughly 1 in 6 Marylanders are immigrants, serving as a key component of our workforce, particularly in STEM and healthcare. Maryland would be poorer - both culturally and economically - were it not for the contributions of our immigrant communities. Unfortunately, today

many of our neighbors in these communities are living in fear. We have a duty to ensure that all Marylanders are treated with dignity and that their Constitutional rights are protected, regardless of their country of origin.

Ryan Kelly Shaban

Campaign Website: RYANSHABAN.COM

DATA CENTERS: Data centers represent real economic opportunity, but that opportunity has to be weighed against real costs to the grid, water supply, and land. My answer is conditional: yes, with binding requirements that internalize those costs rather than passing them to residents or the environment. Facilities that draw heavily on the grid during peak demand should pay a consumption fee that funds grid resilience and demand-side management programs: operating here shouldn't come subsidized by residents.

UTILITY COSTS: Aging infrastructure, grid strain from data centers, and continued investment in fossil generation when solar is now cheaper to build and faster to deploy. The fix is accelerating renewable buildout, particularly on state-owned properties, so Maryland stops paying the fossil premium. Ratepayers shouldn't subsidize yesterday's energy choices. Every dollar we delay costs them more and solar and wind provide a far cheaper leveled cost of electricity (LCOE).

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Maryland's population is growing and road capacity isn't. Without meaningful investment in public transit, congestion gets worse, commute times climb, and vehicle emissions follow. Expanding access, especially in underserved suburban and rural corridors, reduces cars on the road, cuts transportation emissions, and connects workers to jobs. Congestion is also an economic drag. Transit investment pays for itself in productivity and air quality alone.

BUDGET: My top three: the Legislature Public Accountability Act, the Maryland Energy Independence Corporation, and workforce reentry. LPAA restructures legislative compensation and oversight to control runaway managerial growth that costs taxpayers more than the reform itself. MEIC puts solar on state-owned properties, cutting energy costs without raising rates. Workforce reentry turns a recurring cost center into a net fiscal positive through trades training. Spend smart now, save more later.

IMMIGRATION: Maryland residents are Maryland residents. Full stop. Where you were born doesn't change your right to safe housing, access to services, or equal treatment under state law. My job as a delegate is to represent the people of this state, and that means all of them. I'll oppose any effort to use state resources to enforce federal policy against Maryland residents in line with the Constitutional Anti-Commandeering Doctrine, and I'll support equal access to state programs regardless of origin.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

LaToya Marie Caldwell-Nkongolo

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DATA CENTERS: I support the growth of data centers, recognizing their importance, especially as Northern Virginia leads the world in this industry. However, we must consider the impact on the communities where they are built. Data centers should be responsible for securing and sustaining their own power supply, rather than placing additional strain on local infrastructure and residents.

UTILITY COSTS: Our energy bills have skyrocketed, with a large portion going toward delivery charges, program fees, taxes, and other add-ons, not just actual usage. One practical way to lower costs is for Maryland to reopen power plants, allowing us to produce more of our own energy and reduce reliance on expensive external sources.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland is diverse, and transportation needs vary widely from urban, suburban to rural communities. A one size fits all approach doesn't work. I support improving public transportation where it makes sense and is cost-effective, but we must also invest in roads and infrastructure. Local communities should have flexibility to decide what solutions best meet their specific needs.

BUDGET: In 2026, Maryland saw record tax and fee increases, including steep car registration hikes, even as the state faces a record fiscal year 2027 budget. My priorities are growing revenue by making Maryland more business friendly and conducting thorough audits to root out fraud, waste, and abuse. I will also continue to fight to protect the Developmental Disabilities Administration, serving our most vulnerable citizens.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants contribute to Maryland's economy and communities, and they deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. I support policies that promote legal immigration, workforce participation, and small business growth. At the same time, we must uphold the rule of law, secure our borders, and ensure taxpayer funded services are prioritized for citizens and those here legally.

Brian A. Chisholm

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DATA CENTERS: I'm pro-growth, but I'm not going to let Maryland families subsidize massive energy users. Data centers don't just "plug in", they can consume as much power as entire towns. At a time when we're already shutting down in-state generation and importing energy, adding that kind of demand without a plan is a recipe for higher bills and greater grid risk. So my position is simple: No new data centers unless we can prove the grid can handle it and that ratepayers won't foot the bill.

UTILITY COSTS: Utility costs are rising due to state energy mandates, plant closures, and reliance on imported power, along with surging demand from electrification and data centers. I'll address this by restoring in-state generation, increasing competition, rolling back costly

mandates, and requiring reliability studies so policies don't drive up prices or risk outages.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes, but it must be targeted and cost-effective. We should expand transit where demand is strong and it reduces congestion, while prioritizing maintenance of existing systems. Maryland isn't one-size-fits-all, so we must also support roads and local flexibility. The goal is better mobility without wasting taxpayer dollars or ignoring how most residents actually travel.

BUDGET: My top priorities are lowering costs, restoring fiscal discipline, and protecting core services. I will fight to rein in energy mandates and reduce utility costs, audit wasteful spending, especially in underperforming programs, and prioritize funding for public safety, infrastructure, and education. Government should live within its means while delivering results for taxpayers.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are an important part of our communities and economy. I support policies that promote opportunity, legal pathways to work, and access to education and essential services. At the same time, we must uphold the rule of law and ensure resources are used responsibly. My focus is on safe communities, economic growth, and fairness for all Marylanders.

Mike Jacobs

Campaign Website: Electmikejacobs.com

DATA CENTERS: I am troubled with the amount of electricity these data centers will demand. Which will ultimately raise the utility bills on its current customers. I believe the data centers should be required to produce their own electric needs.

UTILITY COSTS: The premature shutting down of power plants with little to no alternatives in place. They were closed due to poorly thought out bills passed in Annapolis.

TRANSPORTATION: The state excessively funds public transportation at the expense of failing infrastructures.

BUDGET: Maryland has one of the most expensive budgets in the country. My goals are to reduce the burdens placed on tax payers and give relief where possible.

IMMIGRATION: I am for immigration as long as it is done legally and well vetted.

DISTRICT 32

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

J. Sandy Bartlett

Campaign Website: sandybartlett.com

DATA CENTERS: We have to carefully plan for expansion with redundancies. We tend to be reactionary and not predictive. The need for additional data centers is inevitable and should be addressed carefully as we are using and advancing technology. But our actions cannot be at the risk of jobs, strain on the power grid, etc. People are struggling financially and we do not need to add more burden to them.

UTILITY COSTS: Energy supply is increasing slower than the demand. Given the advances in technology, and personal uses, growths in populations and business, we must recognize and utilize renewal energy resources.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes!! I think it's shameful that we have so many single drivers in cars going in the same direction to the same places. Good, reliable, clean public transportation is a smart way to help relieve drivers of fuel costs, and it improves mental health. Driving in traffic is a known stressor. In addition, we should utilize public zero emissions buses or other such means of public transportation.

BUDGET: My budget priorities are assistance for victims, vulnerable individuals including people who are disabled, children and seniors. My third budget priority is the infrastructure for safe roads, bridges, buildings, public transportation. We have many programs in place that fund these priorities and I will continue to fight for them, i.e. crime victim funding, food and housing for families and seniors, disability programs and mass transit programs.

IMMIGRATION: In my committee, we passed the ban on the 287(g) program, as well as the right of an individual to sue for law enforcement infringement of a constitutional right, etc. I will continue to fight for legislation that will help immigrant communities. In my district, I have a high population of immigrants from Central and South America as well as the African Diaspora. I fight for equality and fair treatment and inclusion of our immigrant community. I also fight for safe living in Maryland.

Spencer F. Dixon

Campaign Website: DixonForMD.com

DATA CENTERS: As a state lawmaker, I will neither oppose the establishment of additional data centers in our state nor will I support costly tax breaks to large corporations who promise to build them here. Data centers are needed for current and future computing needs, especially with the proliferation of artificial intelligence. Their construction also frequently supports family-supporting jobs. However, they are straining our electricity grid and often face opposition from communities where they are built.

UTILITY COSTS: Electricity supply isn't keeping up with demand. Until recently, there was a conflict between building cheaper energy and investing in green energy. That is no longer true. The cheapest and fastest to deploy forms of energy are solar, battery storage, and onshore wind—and that was before the beginning of the war in Iran that caused oil prices to spike. Now is the time to double down on green investments rather than turn towards dirtier, more expensive energy sources that take longer to deploy.

TRANSPORTATION: Where there is population density for it to be cost-effective, the state should be doing more to provide faster and more reliable public transportation. For example, I live on the Anne Arundel side of Laurel, near Marc's Campden line. The local bus system, the Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland, does not connect to the Laurel Marc station despite making stops within 1 mile of the station. This is just one example of how our current system isn't as integrated as it could be.

BUDGET: My first budget priority is ensuring the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is fully funded for the remaining years of its implementation. Second, I would oppose any new taxes and fees on Maryland's working and middle class. Third, I would support initiatives like the Fair Share Maryland plan, which would close loopholes for the wealthiest individuals and large corporations, bringing in needed revenue to continue investing in a brighter future for our state.

IMMIGRATION: Over the last two years, I'm proud that Maryland has responded to some of the worst of the federal immigration policies. In 2025, the MGA passed legislation protecting sensitive locations, like schools and libraries, from ICE agent abuses. I was also glad to see the bill eliminating 287(g) agreements signed into law last month. When elected, I'll speak out in support of similar efforts.

Mike Rogers

Campaign Website: www.voteMikeRogers.com

DATA CENTERS: Yes, I am optimistic about data centers. They represent an opportunity to expand innovation and our economy with good paying jobs, but this should not be on the backs of ratepayers. As we bring on additional data centers, we should ensure the companies benefiting from their use pay for them instead of ratepayers.

UTILITY COSTS: Factors contributing to escalating utility cost include limited in state generation and rising PJM charges. We need to build capacity while maximizing renewable sources like nuclear, geothermal, hydro, solar and wind. I will continue to support and offer policies that address power generation, distribution costs and capacity considerations to lower utility costs.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes. Transit oriented development coupled with improving transportation infrastructure and public transportation increases economic opportunity for everyone

BUDGET: Affordability, accountability and opportunity is the lens through which budget priorities should be set. My top priorities are protecting healthcare, education, and essential benefits for working families. I would balance these priorities by reducing wasteful spending and administrative costs that are a part of many programs.

IMMIGRATION: I have supported, advocated, and most importantly voted for legislation that protects worker protections and due process rights to ensure immigrant rights are protected in Maryland so that they can continue to make significant contributions to our communities.

Steven Thomas

Campaign Website: www.steventhomasd32.com

DATA CENTERS: A challenge facing data center development is the previous underinvestment in supporting infrastructure. Looking ahead, it's important that we make thoughtful, strategic investments that foster success. Data centers offer opportunity for smart growth; bring strong economic benefits and creating high-paying jobs that make a meaningful difference in our community. In creating data centers there must be transparency and accountability to ensure appropriate location while preserving communities.

UTILITY COSTS: Energy costs are influenced by national and global factors, however, we must remain focused on what we can manage, including strategic infrastructure investment. It is essential to implement appropriate regulations to ensure utility providers operate fairly and do not impose excessive costs, protecting our community from undue financial burden.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation plays a vital role in helping our community, especially for those who depend on it every day. It connects people to jobs, healthcare, and mental health services, while also supporting a healthier environment. By investing in reliable transit, we can better support our neighbors and improve quality of life for everyone in our community.

BUDGET: My top budget priorities focus on strengthening our community: 1) Healthcare, including mental health and behavioral health diversion programs to reduce criminality and strain on emergency services, 2) Education, ensuring quality learning opportunities for all, and 3) Environmental protections, safe guarding our natural resources and promoting sustainable growth for future generations.

IMMIGRATION: Supporting all community members is essential. As a community police officer and CIT Coordinator, I have a record of putting the community first and being a visible, trusted neighbor. At both local and state levels, immigrant communities deserve the same protections, opportunities, and benefits as every other member of our community, ensuring fairness, inclusion, and shared well-being.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

Colin McEvers

No response received by deadline.

Mary Phelps

No response received by deadline.

Marcus Damon Snipes, Jr.

No response received by deadline.

DISTRICT 33A

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Andrew C. Pruski

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DATA CENTERS: There is a strong concern over data centers in Maryland communities. These concerns include environmental and physical impact on our electric grid. We need to study the full impact of data centers, before we add additional centers.

UTILITY COSTS: Yes, there is valid concern that our electric grid is being challenged by data centers and increased use in electricity. We need to study the impact. We also need to create greater renewable energy in Maryland. Lastly, we need to create guardrails to ensure that utility companies are acting in good faith to their consumers and engaging in fair pricing practices.

TRANSPORTATION: Yes, we need to invest in public transportation for a variety of reasons. The current traffic in many areas is unsustainable and multi-modal options should be used to reduce traffic on major roads. Investment in public transportation should aim to ensure that these services are accessible to people who currently lack access to public transportation. Lastly, we also need to ensure that we are investing in sustainable and efficient projects to mitigate potential harm to our environment.

BUDGET: My top priority will be investments in lowering costs to increase affordability with priority given to the costs of childcare and energy in our state. Next, protecting education funding will be a priority to ensure that Maryland children leave school with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful. Lastly, I would prioritize investments in public safety by ensuring that districts have access to the funds they need to hire, train and retain police and fire across the state.

IMMIGRATION: I stand strong with our immigrant communities who feel threatened by our current federal government policies. Currently there is fear and uneasiness among our immigrant population. We need to protect rights and abide by our constitution. I have assisted families with support and guidance in this turbulent time. I support passing legislation to ensure that the human rights of all Maryland residents are protected and respected.

Connor P. Roche

No response received by deadline.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

No Republican candidates filed for this office.

DISTRICT 33B

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Chuck Cook

Campaign Website: cookfordelegate.com

DATA CENTERS: Data centers *can* be a tremendous benefit to Maryland's economy, but only if we demand it. Owners need pay for all of the ancillary costs and infrastructure, and they need to mitigate the water usage. Those who own and develop data centers need to cover the costs of the additional infrastructure and power generation, not the ratepayers. And, we need to utilize closed-loop water-cooling systems, to keep our watersheds protected.

UTILITY COSTS: The greed of large utility corporations, combined with the expectation of greater usage because of data centers. We, the ratepayers, are covering the costs of capital build-out of infrastructure to accommodate future data centers, but that cost should be borne by folks who are building them, instead.

TRANSPORTATION: Absolutely. The only way to clear up the congestion on our roads is by making public transportation more widely available. Every car that isn't driving on our roads saves all of us time,

money, and excess carbon emissions. We can save money in our wallets and the future for our children if more public transportation was available for everyone.

BUDGET: Education, Public Safety, Transportation. Our state is nothing if we aren't safe, our children aren't educated properly, our roads are in disrepair, and our trains, and buses aren't running smoothly.

IMMIGRATION: I'll do everything within my power to protect the people of Maryland, regardless of their immigration status.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Stuart M. Schmidt, Jr.

Campaign Website: www.vote4stu.com

DATA CENTERS: I understand and possess a forward-thinking approach to data centers that have clean energy sources first and foremost, provide 100% of their own energy, and supply their own water for cooling. This means that their growth is also dependent upon service and supply to our current grid, making sure the surrounding areas are not affected including the environment, local infrastructure and neighboring communities. The rapid rise in AI requirements means that Maryland must keep up with other States.

UTILITY COSTS: I know and believe that escalating utility costs comes from poor legislation passed by this administration and previous administrations. The Maryland General Assembly has driven out competition, forced the closure of power plants and joining RGGI has not been beneficial to the environment or Maryland taxpayers. We should depart RGGI asap, work with the big companies to bring back competition and encourage the companies to partner on infrastructure investments based on supplier growth is a must.

TRANSPORTATION: I generally like the premise behind public transportation and support it, however, Americans and Marylanders do not use it at high enough rates to make it effective, efficient or affordable. I think my concerns are more around timing, safety and availability. We need to find a way to get more cars off the road in high demand areas, however, we need to develop private/public partnerships to grow this sector. Right now I don't believe we are there yet.

BUDGET: After fully funding the Blueprint; 1. Grow the housing supply by utilizing current infrastructure & not developing any more farmland. We should invest in cities that have commercial buildings & focus on re-zoning for more modern & reasonably priced homes & live where you work 2. Pay & fully staff our heroes: Fire & Police Departments, Hospitals, Elder-Care & Military 3. Economy is stagnant in Maryland; we must bring in private businesses that want to invest, educate apprentices & earn a profit

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants should have a clear legal path to citizenship, I support their right to live safely, have a world class education and be treated with respect. We should embrace our immigrants that want to become Americans.

DISTRICT 33C

BUDGET: Top three - Health, education, and transportation. As previous Chair of Public Health & Minority Health Disparities, now as Chair of the Health Committee, I am fighting for funding for the DDA, Behavioral Health, Maternal Health, SUD programs, Community Health Workers, Mobile Crisis, Assisted Outpatient Treatment, and our Federally Qualified Health Centers. Additionally I have prioritized reform of our oversight for Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities and Residential Recovery Facilities.

IMMIGRATION: In the health space I continue to push policies which ensure culturally competent access to care regardless of ethnicity or immigration status. Additionally we are creating pathways for internationally training health professionals to achieve licensure in Maryland. Beyond my committee work I support policies which support our immigrant communities preventing harassment and harm due to racial profiling as well as anti-bias training and standards for our health and public safety professionals.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Kristin M. Norris

No response received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Heather A. Bagnall

Campaign Website: www.heatherbagnall.com

DATA CENTERS: I support the establishment of additional data centers in Maryland only if they are regulated and monitored and if they pay for their own power usage and usage of additional resources. We must also make sure that we are not losing job opportunities to artificial intelligence (AI) or other non-human resources.

UTILITY COSTS: Utility companies have been abusing the system and third party companies did not want to be told they couldn't, all while the federal government undermines our efforts to build capacity and invest in the energy of the future. We have worked on comprehensive policies to prohibit CEOs from charging rate payers to benefit their shareholders, to build capacity in existing technology while still retaining our green initiatives, and stopping utilities for charging MD for delivery to other states.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is a lifeline for many Marylanders and as such we must invest in strategic initiatives such as public transit centered housing and multi-model transit. Additionally, the patterns of how people are living, working, and thriving are changing and we need to keep up with those changes by recognizing jobs are not always in the same place as housing. Finally we have a thriving east coast business and arts sector and have to invest to stay competitive.



County Executive

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

SALARY: \$180,000 beginning Dec. 2026; increases \$3,000/year.

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

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

QUESTIONS

Qualifications: Why are you running for County Executive and what professional background or experiences prepare you to serve in this role?

Governance: What actions will you take to maximize efficiency in County government and public benefit from tax revenues?

Budget: What are your top fiscal priorities for the County?

Economy: What steps will you take to increase employment opportunities and improve the standard of living of County residents?

Housing: What actions will you take to address the County's housing shortage?

Challenges: What do you consider the greatest challenge facing Anne Arundel County and what steps will you take to address it?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

James Kitchin

Campaign Website: www.JamesKitchin.com

Qualifications: I want Anne Arundel to be a place where both current residents and future generations can thrive. This starts with increasing the role of community voices in policies and processes, and getting big money out of politics. After starting my career as a high school history and government teacher, I earned a PhD in public policy. I have worked for more than 7 years on the senior management team of the Pittman Administration. I have real, executive branch experience and will be ready on day one.

Governance: Our county government is already very efficient and your tax dollars go further here than any other jurisdiction in the state - we have an amazing workforce. But we can do even more by identifying how departments can work collaboratively to reduce duplication. For example, if a road is being repaved, and there is a plan to put a bike lane on that road, we should coordinate so that the bike lane is added during the repaving instead of coming back later and having to restripe the road twice.

Budget: My top priority will be filling vacancies and addressing understaffing among teachers, educational support specialists, librarians, public safety workers, and more - so that our staff have the

resources and support they need to do their jobs. I will also increase our investments in land conservation, renewable energy generation, and in public transportation and bike/pedestrian infrastructure so that our residents don't have to get in a car every time they leave their homes.

Economy: My administration will focus on supporting small, local businesses and investing in the recruitment pipeline in our schools and communities for good-paying local jobs. We will help up- and re-skill for an evolving economy to fill gaps, increase investments in public transportation, bike/pedestrian infrastructure, and workforce and affordable housing, making it easier for families to live in and move around Anne Arundel County and increasing access to local jobs.

Housing: We don't just have a housing shortage - we specifically have an affordable housing shortage. We can't just build our way out of this crisis (trickle down economics has never worked for working people). We must be willing to use policy tools to demand that what gets built actually works for our residents. This is why I'm running my campaign using public financing - so that I will be financially independent from the development community and can make policy decisions that work for our residents.

Challenges: Protecting our communities from the chaos coming from Washington is our greatest challenge. At a time when the feds are pulling back on education funding and environmental regulations, it is imperative that local government prioritizes these areas and supports our immigrant communities and others who are being targeted. My administration will prioritize education funding, land preservation, and other environmental initiatives, and will work to protect the rights of every single county resident.

Kyle A. Nembhard

Qualifications: I am running for County Executive because I have come to the realization that the citizens of AA County do not have an equal seat at the table, and I want to change that. I am a professional City and Regional planner and have been in the profession for nearly 20 years working with local, state, and Federal Government stakeholders.

Governance: I will move the county toward a performance-based budgeting model. Instead of simply renewing last year's department totals, every agency must demonstrate how their requested funding directly achieves specific, public-facing goals—such as reducing emergency response times, increasing school resource availability, or accelerating road repairs.

Budget: I will enforce strict infrastructure concurrency standards. We cannot afford the long-term "hidden tax" of failing roads and overcrowded schools caused by unchecked development. I would also My goal is to create a unified digital portal for all county services. Streamlining how citizens interact with the government—from paying taxes to applying for permits—reduces administrative bloat and allows us to do more with less.

Economy: will expand partnerships between our public schools, community colleges, and local industries to create robust vocational "fast-tracks." My administration will prioritize Workforce Housing initiatives, ensuring that our teachers, first responders, and service workers can afford to live near their jobs and transportation options. I will work to attract and retain businesses in the green energy, bio-tech, and

logistics sectors through targeted incentives that are tied to local hiring benchmarks

Housing: I would work to incentivize additional housing along transportation corridors with alternative transportation options. Additionally I would work to streamline the process for permits consistent with "Smart Growth" principles. I will also look to target areas with vacant commercial spaces and leverage those sites for rezoning as mixed use creating opportunities for sustainable development.

Challenges: The greatest challenge facing our County is the unsustainable pressure on our infrastructure and public services caused by decades of reactive, rather than proactive, growth management. We must stop approving large-scale developments that our current infrastructure cannot support. I will implement a strict concurrency policy: no new major residential project will be green-lit unless the surrounding schools and roads are already equipped to handle the increased capacity.

Allison M. Pickard

Campaign Website: www.allisonpickard.com

Qualifications: In uncertain times, strong leadership matters. I began my public service as an inaugural AmeriCorps member and went on to serve as a PTA leader, Board of Education member, and two-term County Council leader. My nonprofit career reflects executive leadership—managing teams, overseeing budgets, and delivering results. I'm running to continue the progress made over the last 8 years with a platform that will tackle affordability, strengthen schools, and build an economy that works for everyone.

Governance: I will work everyday to improve transparency, accountability, efficiency, and fiscal responsibility in county government—ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, fairly, and in alignment with community priorities. That means enhancing constituent services, cutting red tape, eliminating waste, practicing responsible governance and increasing public engagement on how our tax funds are spent. We must also grow our economy to support future investments without burdening our current residents.

Budget: My top fiscal priorities are fully funding our education, investing in our workforce, and ensuring safe staffing for our trusted first responders. Given the state's fiscal challenges, our county must be prepared to stand on its own. This is a difficult environment that requires disciplined budgeting and tough decisions. I bring proven leadership and management experience to protect essential services and our workforce while keeping our county financially strong.

Economy: I believe we need to create a local economy that works for everyone. I will work every day to support our local businesses and recruit new enterprises in leading industries to create family-supporting careers. We have the opportunity to expand workforce development and job training programs, working with our schools and unions, to create apprenticeship opportunities as part of our Blueprint initiatives so that our young adults are both college and career ready.

Housing: People are being priced out of our communities and the American Dream of homeownership is becoming out of reach for our

young adults. Older adults have fewer affordable options to downsize and age in place. I will create housing opportunities that meet our needs: starter homes for first-time buyers, accessible options for older adults, and real transit-oriented development. All of this work requires utilizing smart growth principles, environmental protections, and meaningful community input.

Challenges: I believe the greatest challenge ahead is tackling the affordability crisis facing so many of our residents. We have to do everything we can to ease the rising cost of living by expanding affordable housing options, lowering utility bills, increasing accessible childcare and eldercare, and ensuring our workers get paid a livable wage. With a stagnant economy, we need a leader that can build a coalition with our state and federal partners to bring home resources and get real results.

Pete Smith

Campaign Website: votepetesmith.com

Qualifications: I am running to provide the leadership our county needs as we face pressing challenges in education, environmental protection and public safety, along with a reckless federal administration. I've made tough and thoughtful decisions as a County Council member for 11 years, and I know the investments and innovation we need. As a Marine with experience in intelligence operations after rising from a childhood of poverty, I am committed to public service and know what success looks like.

Governance: My administration will unlock Anne Arundel County's full potential and change the predominant regulatory attitude from 'no' to 'yes.' We will streamline a cumbersome permitting process faced by residents and businesses. We will promote businesses in high-growth sectors to invest and create jobs, unlocking potential and generating new revenue for public needs. We will push for multi-year budgeting and contracts, because predictability and planning will drive the outcomes we desire.

Budget: We must invest more in education, public safety, protecting the environment, promoting healthy living and providing resources for aging residents. My economic plan will generate resources to make sure our educators can serve our communities and our children. We also need additional public safety funding to bring our fire and EMS staffing to the levels we need. I will prioritize safe streets, mentorship and training for young people, and health care and transportation for older residents.

Economy: Anne Arundel's strong economy can get better. We have identified key growth sectors: aerospace, cybersecurity, life sciences and logistics. We must focus support on these sectors, through land-use decisions and investment incentives. We must ensure that agencies have the resources to prepare students and transitioning workers for the jobs in growth industries and small businesses. I will support AACC and trade unions on career-path opportunities for all who need them.

Housing: My plan is built on three pillars: Identifying and promoting the right locations for housing; streamlining the local approval process; and leveraging partnerships with the state and non-profits. We will conduct a targeted review of zoning to make sure current designations make sense; identify surplus property that could be used for housing; and

develop legislative solutions that fill gaps, like my cottage home plan. We will remove unnecessary roadblocks and expedited approvals. Challenges: We face competing challenges: growing our economy; providing jobs; adding housing and pushing back against chaos from the administration in Washington. Many of our friends, neighbors and business owners are struggling, and others are afraid. I hear them. As a councilman, Marine and intelligence specialist, I have the skills and background to address these issues. I know how to provide full funding for schools, build a culture of excellence that serves residents and the business community.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Dave Crawford

Campaign Website: Crawford4exec.com

Qualifications: I am running because families are paying more and getting less, and I'm not willing to sit back and watch our county drift. I bring 40+ years in business and over 35 years as a volunteer firefighter and chief, managing multimillion-dollar budgets, securing grants, and leading teams in real emergencies. I'll bring that same calm, hands-on, common-sense leadership to make county government work for everyday families.

Governance: I'll run county government like a family budget: no waste, clear priorities, honest numbers. That means putting school safety, senior services, and public safety at the top of the list, reviewing departments regularly, cutting what doesn't work, and posting simple and concise updates so every taxpayer can see where their money goes and how it protects their family.

Budget: My top priorities are protecting families from runaway tax bills, fully funding core services, and squeezing waste out of the system. I'll hold the property tax rate down, fulfill my Promise to Seniors with targeted relief for seniors, veterans, and volunteers, and use savings and grant dollars to strengthen school safety, roads, and public safety so every family feels secure.

Economy: When local businesses thrive, families do better. I'll cut business taxes to keep jobs here, go after corporations to relocate here, slash red tape so employers can open and hire faster. Work aggressively to go after state and federal grants. I'll also expand job training and apprenticeship programs so our residents, including young people and seniors who want to keep working—can learn new skills, earn better wages, and support their families.

Housing: I will focus on helping regular families, not big insiders. While my opponents talk about affordability and deliver more red tape and sprawl, I'll cut delays, encourage developers to turn vacant homes into livable homes, and build workforce housing so teachers, nurses, police, fire and young families can live near work—without raising your property taxes. While continuing the mission of safe, stable neighborhoods for seniors and children.

Challenges: Our greatest challenge is keeping families safe and secure—protecting children in their schools, seniors on fixed incomes, and neighborhoods facing rising costs. I'll launch a Safeguard Our Children

School Safety Program and Promise to Seniors Initiative, with real tax relief and services, and treat every budget like a family budget: cut waste, lower pressure on taxes, and make sure people can afford to live and feel safe here.

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: \$45,402. Additional stipends for Chair and Vice Chair.

TERM: Four years; limited to three 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: Why are you running for County Council and what professional background and experiences prepare you to serve in this role?

Governance: How will you balance the good of the County with the interests of specific constituencies within your district?

Land Use: What criteria will you use to evaluate new land use legislation? Will you seek input from district residents and, if so, how?

Economy: What measures will you support to increase employment opportunities and improve the standard of living of County residents?

Housing: What types of initiatives will you advance to address the County's housing shortage?

Challenges: What do you consider the greatest challenge facing Anne Arundel County and what steps will you take to address it?

DISTRICT 1

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Robert Kinney

No response received by deadline.

Geonta L. Simmons

Campaign Website: www.geontasimmons.com

Qualifications: I'm running for County Council because too many working-class families feel left behind. Many lower-income communities still lack the investment and opportunities they deserve, and I want to help change that. Serving on the Anne Arundel County Democratic Central Committee for the past four years, I've worked to organize voters, elect Democrats, and engage residents across our county. I'm ready to bring that same energy and commitment to the County Council to fight for stronger communities.

Governance: I will balance countywide priorities with district needs by ensuring transparency and strong community engagement. I plan to hold regular office hours and community town halls so residents can share concerns and stay informed about county decisions. Listening directly to constituents will help ensure policies benefit both our district and the entire county.

Land Use: When evaluating land use legislation, I will consider the community benefit, environmental impact, and long-term effects on surrounding neighborhoods. Input from district residents is essential. I will host community information sessions and encourage public feedback so residents stay informed and can share their perspectives before major zoning or development decisions are made.

Economy: To expand employment opportunities, I support strengthening county department budgets to hire additional staff and increasing COLA adjustments to retain public employees. Improving residents quality of life is also a priority. I support expanding affordable housing, redeveloping underserved or abandoned areas, reducing traffic congestion, and increasing green space to create healthier, more livable communities.

Housing: I support expanding mixed-use and transit-oriented development to increase housing supply. The County should use its zoning and permitting authority to streamline approvals for higher density housing where appropriate. I also support reducing excessive parking requirements so more land can be used for housing and equitable development instead of large parking lots.

Challenges: One of the greatest challenges facing Anne Arundel County is persistent budget shortfalls. While historically low taxes have benefits, they have also limited our ability to fully fund essential services. I support exploring targeted revenue solutions, including asking higher-income earners to contribute more and evaluating a public safety tax to ensure first responders and critical county services are properly funded and staffed

Kelly M. Smith

Campaign Website: KellySmithKares.com

Qualifications: I am running for County Council to bring experienced, service-driven leadership to our community. As an Army veteran, retired federal intelligence analyst pursuing my PhD, I offer strong strategic and analytical skills. My decade as a Girl Scout leader and over 20 years as a Community Advocate reflect my commitment to service, collaboration, and delivering results for residents.

Governance: Balancing countywide priorities with district needs starts with listening and transparency. I will engage residents, businesses, and stakeholders to understand diverse perspectives, then use data and collaboration to guide decisions. My approach is to advocate for District 1 while supporting policies that promote equity, fiscal responsibility, and long-term benefits for the entire County, ensuring no community is left behind.

Land Use: I will evaluate land use legislation based on alignment with the county's development comprehensive plan, infrastructure capacity, environmental impact, and the needs of our communities. I will seek

resident input by sharing information widely and hosting both virtual and in-person meetings, including participation from Planning and Zoning staff to answer questions and provide clarity.

Economy: I will support workforce development programs, apprenticeships, and partnerships with local businesses to create job pathways. Expanding access to education and job training, supporting small businesses, and attracting targeted industries will strengthen our economy. I support creating economic growth that directly benefits District 1 families. I also support policies that increase affordable housing, fair wages, and access to transportation and childcare to improve the overall quality of life.

Housing: District 1's limited available land space means we must focus on strategic growth rather than just expansion. I will prioritize redevelopment and adaptive reuse of underutilized properties, encourage mixed-use and transit-oriented development, and support "missing middle" housing where appropriate. Preserving existing affordable housing, preventing displacement, and investing in infrastructure will ensure we meet housing needs while protecting the character of our communities.

Challenges: The greatest challenge in my opinion is managing growth without losing what makes District 1 a great place to live. Rising housing costs, limited space, and strained infrastructure impact families. I will support smart redevelopment, invest in infrastructure and transit, expand workforce housing, and invest in youth through education, mentorship, and job training to ensure sustainable, equitable growth.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Justin Sherlock

Campaign Website: SherlockforDistrict1.com

Qualifications: Born and raised in Anne Arundel County, I come from a family dedicated to public safety, with a father who served in the fire department. I am running to bring practical, community focused leadership. My background includes work as a teacher, soccer coach, mortgage professional, board member and school volunteer. These experiences have prepared me to collaborate, deliver results and understand housing, the local economy and everyday kitchen table issues facing our community.

Governance: I will balance District 1 priorities with Countywide needs by focusing on shared goals like strong schools, safe communities, and responsible growth. Good policy should serve both the County and local communities. That means listening to residents, applying policies consistently and making decisions that benefit the broader County while ensuring District 1 has a strong voice and real investment. Transparency, data, and open communication will guide fair, balanced and sustainable decisions.

Land Use: I'll evaluate land use based on infrastructure capacity, environmental impact, traffic, schools and community character. Resident input is essential and will be sought through town halls, surveys, and direct outreach—so decisions reflect both data and the

lived experience of our communities. The goal is growth that adds real economic value, respects residents and protects taxpayers.

Economy: I support policies that attract and retain businesses, cut unnecessary red tape and invest in workforce development. This includes expanding skilled trades pathways for young people, upskilling current workers for an AI driven economy that will affect many and strengthening partnerships with local employers to create good paying jobs and raise the standard of living.

Housing: District 1 is a great place to live. We need smart, balanced housing growth that aligns with infrastructure. I support increasing supply through responsible development, streamlined approvals and a wider range of housing options. This includes promoting home ownership through first time homebuyer programs and incentives for owner occupancy, along with options like townhomes, multi-unit homes and targeted redevelopment where it fits the community. Strengthen communities, avoid overburdening!

Challenges: Anne Arundel County's biggest challenge is managing growth responsibly. We need to balance housing demand, infrastructure capacity and preserving the character of our communities. I'll focus on disciplined planning, investing in roads, schools, public safety and protecting critical assets like the Chesapeake Bay.

DISTRICT 2

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Catelyn Middlebrooks

Qualifications: I'm running for County Council to ensure Anne Arundel County is affordable and equitable for all. Growing up here and attending Glen Burnie High, I saw disparities in investment. Professionally, I've worked in policy at the Maryland General Assembly and AARP, analyzing legislation and developing solutions on healthcare, aging, and livable communities, which has prepared me to deliver informed, results-driven leadership.

Governance: I will balance County-wide priorities with district needs through transparency, data, and strong community engagement. Listening to residents, workers, and stakeholders is key. My decisions will focus on long-term benefits while ensuring district voices are heard, with an emphasis on fairness, equity, and policies that strengthen the entire County.

Land Use: I will evaluate land use based on affordability, infrastructure capacity, environmental impact, and community benefit. Growth must align with transportation, schools, and services. I will actively seek resident input through town halls, surveys, and community partnerships to ensure development reflects the needs and priorities of those who live there.

Economy: I support workforce development, small business growth, and infrastructure investment to expand economic opportunity. This includes job training, supporting key industries, and improving transportation access. When residents can live closer to where they work, it strengthens local businesses, reduces costs, and improves overall quality of life.

Housing: I will focus on expanding housing options at all income levels, including workforce and affordable housing, by supporting smart, transit-oriented development and removing barriers to responsible growth. Development must align with infrastructure like schools and transportation. I also support efforts to reduce housing cost burdens, along with first-time homebuyer programs and caregiver support, to help residents, especially older adults, remain in their homes.

Challenges: Anne Arundel County faces interconnected challenges: affordability, infrastructure, and aging in place. Rising housing and living costs are pushing families out, while development often outpaces schools, transportation, and services. At the same time, older adults need support to remain in their homes. I will focus on expanding affordable housing, aligning growth with infrastructure, and supporting caregivers while helping reduce cost burdens for older adults.

Will Shorter

Campaign Website: shorterwill.com

Qualifications: I am running for the Anne Arundel County Council to give back to the community that raised me. Having served as Chair of the Anne Arundel County Public Library Board of Trustees, as well as a member of the Glen Burnie Revitalization Implementation Task Force and the Plan 2040 General Development Citizen Advisory Committee, I believe serving on the County Council will give me the opportunity to continue building a stronger community and a better future for all.

Governance: I will lead with my values of collaboration, listening carefully, and striving to meet diverse interests by tailoring policy solutions to the unique needs of our communities. As Chair of the Anne Arundel County Library Board of Trustees, I helped lead the strategic direction and vision of a system that serves our residents by bringing different perspectives together to achieve a common mission and deliver services that meet the needs of our communities.

Land Use: As a former member of the Plan 2040 Citizen Advisory Committee, I understand the importance of resident involvement in shaping land use policies that affect our communities. Because of this, I will continue to empower planning advisory commissions, rely on data (such as school capacity and traffic flow) to guide decisions, and actively seek input from district residents through community engagement events.

Economy: Both employment opportunities and the standard of living can be improved with transit-oriented development, as it promotes attainable housing and attracts businesses to grow in well-planned, concentrated areas.

Housing: I believe we should be intentional about transit-oriented development. Transforming 7409 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard into the Villages at Sawmill Creek is an example of the type of project we should promote to expand housing options.

Challenges: Fully meeting budget needs in the face of federal and state constraints will require Anne Arundel County to think creatively about how to grow its economic base so that we can fully fund public education and the services residents rely on in their daily lives. I will support strategies that expand revenue opportunities while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Cory Malinowski

Campaign Website: corymalinowski.com

Qualifications: I am a Navy veteran, attorney, and small business owner who has lived in District 2 for nearly a decade. Every week, I volunteer to provide free legal help to people who cannot afford a lawyer. My career in national security taught me to break down hard problems and find real solutions. District 2 needs a council member who puts residents first, not party politics, and that is why I am running.

Governance: Good governance starts with listening. I will hold regular town halls and make myself available to every resident in the district. When county needs and district interests conflict, I will be honest about the trade-offs and explain my reasoning. My loyalty is to the people of District 2, not to any party or special interest, and every vote I take will be based on what is practical, fair, and affordable.

Land Use: New development should not be approved until we know our roads, schools, water, sewer, and emergency services can handle it. At the same time, I will push to upgrade infrastructure so we can say yes to growth in the right places. Before voting on major zoning or land use changes, I will hold town halls and reach out to residents directly. New growth should pay for itself, not burden the people already living here.

Economy: I will cut red tape for small businesses and speed up permitting. I will back workforce programs that help residents find good jobs in fields growing near District 2, like defense, cybersecurity, and healthcare. A strong local economy means making it easier to open and run a business here, not handing out tax breaks to big developers at the expense of the people who live here.

Housing: I support zoning reform that allows more types of housing where our roads, schools, and services can support it. I will work to cut permitting costs and delays so homes can be built faster and at lower cost. Where infrastructure falls short, I will push to upgrade it so we can grow. Working families, first responders, and teachers should be able to live in the communities they serve without mandates that drive up costs for everyone else.

Challenges: The biggest challenge in Anne Arundel County is managing growth without losing what makes this a great place to live, all while keeping it affordable. In parts of District 2, our roads, schools, and public safety resources are already stretched thin. I will push for impact studies before new development is approved, full funding for police and fire, and honest accountability for how we spend education dollars. Growth should lift our communities, not overwhelm them.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Rebecca Baucom

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Qualifications: I'm running for County Council because I believe local government should listen to people and respond when something isn't working. As a special education teacher, I work inside complex systems every day, advocating for students and families, solving problems, and pushing systems to do what they're supposed to do. I've also volunteered in the community and served on the Central Committee, which has given me a deeper understanding of local issues and the responsibility of public service.

Governance: I'll listen closely to the people in District 3 and make sure their concerns are heard, but I also understand that decisions have to work for the whole county. Good leadership means weighing both. My goal is to advocate for my community while supporting policies that are fair and responsible for everyone.

Land Use: I'll look at whether new land use proposals make sense for our roads, schools, environment, and existing neighborhoods. Growth should honor the communities and green spaces that are already there. I will absolutely seek input from District 3 residents through community meetings, individual conversations, and clear communication so people understand what's being proposed and have a real chance to weigh in.

Economy: I support policies that help create good, stable jobs and make it possible for people to afford to live where they work. That means investing in infrastructure, supporting job training and apprenticeship programs, and making sure development actually benefits the community, not just outside interests.

Housing: I support building housing so people who work in our county can afford to live here. That includes townhomes, smaller starter homes, and workforce housing so teachers, firefighters, and other essential workers can live in the communities they serve. New development should be planned alongside roads, schools, and services so growth doesn't overwhelm existing neighborhoods.

Challenges: One of the biggest challenges in the county is traffic and infrastructure not keeping up with growth, especially on roads like Mountain Road. We need better planning so new development includes road improvements and infrastructure keeps up, instead of putting more strain on communities that are already dealing with congestion.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Nathan Volke

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Qualifications: It has been a privilege to serve on the County Council representing District 3 since 2018. That experience, coupled with my legal background as a litigation attorney, allows me to effectively and

zealously advocate for my constituents and their priorities within our county government.

Governance: Balance is gained by listening to all sides, gathering all possible information, and anticipating as many potential outcomes as possible. That is how I've worked to balance these interests in my time on the County Council representing my constituents.

Land Use: Anticipating how land use changes will impact the fabric of our community has been, and will continue to be, the number one criteria in my assessment of new legislation. That includes seeking constituent input, as I did when blocking any development of the Mountain Road Golf Center, and pushing the developer to build only where roads could handle it at Spencer Glen. Development should only happen where it makes sense and the infrastructure can handle it.

Economy: Fortunately, Anne Arundel County has some of the most important economic drivers in the state already - NSA, BWI, and Arundel Mills. Unfortunately, we also have some of the highest costs of living in the entire country. My focus has been and will continue to be on how to make Anne Arundel County more affordable for the people who live and work here.

Housing: The biggest problem with adding more houses is ensuring the infrastructure can handle it. Over the last eight years, the County Executive and the majority of the County Council have passed initiatives that do not adequately take that into account, despite opposition from myself and the rest of the Council. The burden of those decisions unfairly falls on those of us already here. I will continue to push for development only where the infrastructure exist to support it.

Challenges: Our County faces many competing priorities and demands for services. But most people who live here chose this county because of its unique character. We do not want to be Montgomery County, Prince George's County, or Baltimore City. The biggest challenge we face is retaining our unique Anne Arundel identity. As a lifelong resident of our County, I will continue to fight to protect the only home I've ever known.

DISTRICT 4

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Julie Hummer

Campaign Website: juliehummer.com

Qualifications: I am running for County Council to work to make life better for the residents of District 4 and the entire county. From my time as a special education teacher to my service on the Board of Education to my current position on the Council, I have worked my entire life to serve children and families, especially the most vulnerable. I have voted and passed legislation to strengthen public safety, increase housing attainability, and invest in our schools. I want to continue that work.

Governance: I believe in listening to all constituencies and weighing the benefits and challenges of every policy. Often when we listen with an ear for solutions, we can find a compromise that can benefit the whole

while addressing specific concerns. Finding that sweet spot is not always possible, but commitment to listening and studying issues from all perspectives leads to better legislation.

Land Use: Listening to all constituencies and carefully studying possible impacts of legislation is particularly important around land use. I will continue to weigh housing needs, economic development, environmental protections, and traffic and infrastructure concerns for any potential legislation. My outreach for input will continue to include newsletters, social media, town halls, and community meetings.

Economy: Our economic development office has a full array of offerings for new and existing businesses to assist in startups and expansion. I will continue to fund those programs to expand our small businesses and employment opportunities. I also support our local labor unions in providing training and long term, well paying job opportunities.

Housing: As a Council member, I have co-sponsored legislation to increase housing attainability for all income levels, from requiring moderately priced housing units in new developments to allowing auxiliary dwelling units (ADUs) to expanding our workforce housing incentives. In the next term, I plan to work on legislation for missing middle housing and increasing our programs for affordable housing for our lowest income residents.

Challenges: The greatest challenge facing Anne Arundel County is uncertainty of the current national outlook. Our county residents have been hit hard by the federal downsizing and the unpredictable edicts coming out of Washington. Soaring gas, housing, and food costs are leaving people feeling anxious and uncertain about the future. I am committed to being a good steward of every county dollar and service so that our residents can trust in our county even when the national picture is unsettling.

Josh D. Peters

Campaign Website: www.friendsofjoshuapeters.com

Qualifications: I'm running for County council because of the urgency of the situation. I've always believed that democracy is a contact sport that requires active participation. I was a public school teacher for over 13 years, teaching kindergarten through 5th grade. I was also a teacher in a mental health facility for 5 and 1/2 years teaching children with severe trauma ages 13 to 20. I am a small business owner having run a successful martial art school for over 18 years

Governance: I first and foremost must be accountable to my own constituents however we do not operate in a bubble. Through careful consideration of all measures suggested and collaborating with all members of the county council we will be able to come up with equitable solutions. Compromise is important while still maintaining your core values.

Land Use: My general consideration is always the utility of the good versus the gravity of the harm. Land use legislation we'll have some of the most direct impact on my constituents. I will encourage public, active participation from my constituents. This will be done via direct public outreach by holding Town Hall style meetings, digital outreach letting know constituents can leave comments on legislation and times of meetings. I will also personally read all emails and respond.

Economy: I believe that business permit reform is one of the largest roadblocks towards improving economic opportunities. There should be a clear path towards opening a business that can be tracked easily. People issuing permits need to be held accountable as well and have clear standards. I will also work to develop grants and tax breaks for first time business owners in order to make opening a business in Anne Arundel more appealing.

Housing: I believe legislation such as the cottage home legislation introduced this year is a great step forward. I will help develop, support and pass legislation for higher density housing such as townhomes and condominiums. I will also encourage and development of affordable apartment buildings.

Challenges: One of the most pressing issues are the lack of firefighters and EMS workers. As we develop more housing and also have an older population, we need to have the infrastructure to support them. By developing housing so these workers can afford to live where they work we will be able to attract firefighters and EMS workers. I will also propose grants to Help ease the burden of first-time home ownership.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Thomas Dale Wieland

Campaign Website: wielandforcouncil.com

Qualifications: Anne Arundel County residents are one of the most highly paid in the state there by the state/county collects should have enough taxes to provide for sidewalks for kids to walk to school, improved roads to avoid traffic congestion and class room sizes within reason, but instead we are a mess. We are hundreds of police and fireman short of the nation average, our roads are parking lots, and schools are overwhelmed. I run my own successful business, and am the treasurer for 3 organizations.

Governance: Improvements for all constituents start with a budget that answers the needs of the constituents. Wasteful spending on studies, trips abroad, reduced commercial property taxes for billion \$ companies, increased salaries for elected officials like the 27% increase in salary for the county executive ... does not serve any of the current residents of Dist. 4

Land Use: I would put forth legislation that no more housing units can be put in a school zone where the school is already 90% full. No zoning for commercial uses in areas zoned as residential. No more zoning for commercial properties on roads already overwhelmed with traffic. Any zoning to be done will be subject to meeting with the residents in that area.

Economy: According to Google "small businesses are the major employers in Maryland, constituting over 99% of all state businesses and employing roughly half of the private workforce. With over 600,000 small businesses, they provide more than 1 million jobs and are key drivers of employment in sectors like healthcare, professional services, and hospitality. Office of Advocacy (.gov)". Not billion \$ corporations. Grants and start up tax breaks for small businesses.

Housing: Instead of "giving" vacant properties to billion dollar

corporations for building huge corporate buildings via tax breaks. Allow builders to use it for affordable housing without overwhelming the present schools or roads and reduce to cost of regulations that account for 25% of the cost of housing in AAC.

Challenges: The greatest issue in AAC is the cost of living. All parties agree on this, Question is, who can make a pathway to affordable living. So many things can be done. Lower the property taxes that go up due to increase property value. Decrease property taxes for our older retired citizens. Work with Md. State Government to decrease silly fees and fight to stop any attempt to increase sales tax. Push AAC and State officials to promote gas powered energy plants here in Md instead of importing it from Pa

DISTRICT 5

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Natalie Ogilvie

Qualifications: I'm running for County Council to strengthen our community through smart growth, strong schools, and support for local families and first responders. As a small business owner, and manager. I've managed budgets, led teams, and solved real problems. My work with civic, environmental, arts, and education groups gives me the experience to deliver practical, community-driven solutions.

Governance: I'll strive to balance district priorities with the County's long-term good by listening to residents, small businesses, first responders, organizations, and unions, grounding decisions in data, transparency, and equity. I will advocate for my district while supporting solutions that strengthen the whole County—ensuring fairness, fiscal responsibility, and that no community is left behind.

Land Use: I plan to evaluate land use based on smart growth, environmental protection, infrastructure capacity, housing affordability, and community impact. I will actively offer district input through town halls, surveys, and meetings with residents, civic groups, small businesses, and first responders to ensure decisions reflect local needs and County-wide priorities.

Economy: I will advocate for good-paying jobs by supporting small business growth, workforce training programs, and partnerships with local industries, schools, and unions. I will also back investments in infrastructure, affordable housing, and childcare to reduce barriers to work. By strengthening our local economy and ensuring residents have the tools and resources they need, we can raise wages and improve quality of life across the County.

Housing: I would like to advance smart growth policies to expand affordable and workforce housing, including mixed-use development, and incentives for redevelopment. I'll work with residents and stakeholders to ensure policies are effective and equitable, while supporting efficient permitting, infrastructure investment, and environmental protection.

Challenges: I believe Anne Arundel County's greatest challenge is balancing growth with quality of life—traffic, housing affordability, and environmental sustainability all intersect. I will prioritize smart land use

policies, invest in transportation infrastructure, support diverse housing options, and work with community stakeholders to ensure development strengthens our neighborhoods.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Amanda Fiedler

No response received by deadline.

DISTRICT 6

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Gavin Buckley

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Qualifications: As Mayor of Annapolis, I worked for a more vibrant, resilient local economy, environment, and community and delivered significant, tangible results: the City Dock Resilience Project to protect downtown from flooding; saving the last parcel of Carrs Beach; a new swimming pool, parks and trails; new events, parades and festivals to support our local economy; new and stronger protections for waterways and green spaces. I'm running for District 6 to bring the same passion and results to our County.

Governance: My first priority will always be to advance the needs of constituents. My record as Mayor demonstrates my ability to do so in line with broader economic, environmental and resilience goals. That record includes major infrastructure investment in local neighborhoods, new resident services and programs, and collaboration and partnership across all levels of government so communities are empowered to create local solutions in line with broader goals - because we all do better when we ALL do better.

Land Use: The County has a strong General Development Plan (Plan 2040). I'll honor that framework while working to advance conservation, smart development, alternative transportation, and connected transit corridors. I'm meeting regularly with residents across the district throughout my campaign to hear their views and concerns on these issues and I'll continue to do so if elected. My goal is to always be responsive to constituents and to ensure special interests do not dictate larger land use policy.

Economy: As a business leader and Mayor, I forged partnerships to deliver local economic investment, small business growth, and public infrastructure, in order to drive employment, opportunity and community vibrancy. The transformation of West St in Annapolis into the economic, arts and community hub it is today shows what can be achieved when residents, business and government work together. If elected I will also fight for our schools. Good schools bring good jobs and are vital to our economic success.

Housing: Housing solutions require us to balance smart development with community and environmental goals so our kids can enjoy and afford life here, as we have. While I was Mayor, Annapolis increased the proportion of Moderately Priced Dwelling Units in new developments, a

standard the County has only recently adopted. We need to pursue these kinds of policies, along with mixed use development where appropriate, while supporting good jobs and living wages so that housing remains an achievable goal

Challenges: I want our County to be a national leader in building resiliency across all areas of life. The City/County Resilience Authority, created while I was Mayor, is nationally recognized for innovation in addressing climate change impacts – a great example of what we can achieve by working together creatively. I believe we can deliver similar innovation and resiliency for our economy, neighborhoods and communities, with opportunity and access for all. That's the vibrant future I'll be working for.

Katie McDermott

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Qualifications: My government and health law experiences support an understanding of public safety and public health challenges, especially in expanding mental health resources in schools and communities. I have been a civic activist for neighborhoods, including challenging private investors commercializing neighborhoods with short term rentals. I want to be a strong advocate for the needs of all District 6 neighborhoods and improve public confidence that our local government is a force of good for all.

Governance: I recognize that other County communities may have different needs than District 6 and believe we can thrive together with shared values that protect our environment, advance affordability and economic opportunities, and assure that our public safety and public health needs are prioritized. Balancing good is done with objective data-driven assessments that leave room for common sense, empathy and compassion.

Land Use: I oppose State density mandates and believe decisions about our communities should be made locally, not by developers or bureaucrats in the State House. I do support moratoria measures when critical infrastructure or school capacities are exceeded. I will actively seek input from residents through the Region 6 Stakeholder Advisory Committee, town halls and digital media. I support improving transparency and avoiding slick procedural moves that obstruct citizen involvement.

Economy: I support expanding partnerships with our nationally recognized Anne Arundel Community College, academic centers and the private sector to diversify economic opportunities for family-sustaining careers, growing our biotech and healthcare sectors as well as our vocational trades, and using tax credits and incentives to sustain key workforces in public safety, education and health. Managing density and mass tourism better are quality of life issues that also impact economic vitality.

Housing: Objective and precise micro-data should drive housing needs, so luxury and private investor homes are not prioritized over affordable housing. How does the expected boomer generation housing inventory count locally in forecasting need? Public and lower income housing should be a priority. I also prefer incentives for home rental assistance

or ownership over trickle down development impact fee waiver strategies. I do not believe in building more just for tax revenue, that is an outdated vision.

Challenges: Public trust is under assault today in unprecedented ways. We cannot tackle big challenges and thrive if our citizens do not believe government is a force of good for all. Locally, improving communication, accountability, transparency and building on a culture of excellence can improve public confidence. Updating County ethics standards and adopting an independent Inspector General function is a good start for modernizing governance and closing the say-do gap that undermines trust.

Dominik Prokop

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Qualifications: I'm running as something District 6 has never had: a working executive, not a career politician. As a 20-year Anne Arundel County resident, local business owner, and Economics graduate who has managed 500+ employees and multi-million dollar budgets, I know what real accountability looks like - not in promises, but in outcomes. I founded the RealVote app to help constituents directly shape how I vote. No interest groups. Just results. Government works for you, not the other way around.

Governance: My goal is true representation: the people of District 6 will decide how I vote through direct polling. I will work collaboratively with other Council members, regardless of party affiliation, to find solutions that benefit both our district and the entire County. I am strictly beholden to my constituents, not interest groups. By bringing common-sense executive leadership to the table, I ensure that the wellbeing of District 6 remains the priority while we build a stronger Anne Arundel together.

Land Use: I've seen firsthand what happens when land use decisions are made without genuine community input - residents blindsided, property values threatened, trust broken. That stops with me. Before any new development or legislation, I will require direct input through RealVote and Town Halls. Every proposal will be evaluated through the lens of community consent, long-term sustainability, and the actual needs of the people who live here.

Economy: A strong economy must work for everyone. I will increase employment by supporting small businesses and pushing big corporations in our district to pay competitive wages - investing in our community rather than just extracting profit. Economic stability requires balancing income with costs; my top priorities are real affordable housing solutions and capping predatory energy hikes. With an executive mindset, I'll ensure our district is a place where residents can afford to live, work, and thrive.

Housing: I will require comprehensive studies and direct community feedback before any new development is permitted. Developers must disclose target demographics and sales prices early to prevent \$1.5M+ "surprises." I'll advocate for incentives for first-time buyers and essential workers (teachers, police, firefighters). By limiting speculative and institutional purchases that artificially inflate prices, I will ensure District 6 growth serves the actual needs of our people.

Challenges: Our greatest challenges - housing affordability and schools - share a common root: government that manages reactively instead of strategically. I will work to restore the prestige of teaching to attract top talent. I'll launch a pilot program in a public school to audit every dollar - ensuring funds are spent effectively and grants are fully utilized. I'll also pilot an organic school meals program at no additional cost. Our kids deserve better; smart, executive management can deliver results.

Joe Toolan

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Qualifications: I have decided to run because the needs of everyday people have often been overlooked. I have watched as federal decisions continue to affect those with marginalized backgrounds, and it is time for us to stand up. My background is working in the environmental movement, now managing millions of dollars in federal, state, and local funding in my career. I have a background advocating for all communities as the former Chair of Annapolis Pride and State of Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs.

Governance: It is important to work directly in the community, a pillar of my campaign is listening to people, and responding to needs, but that also means looking holistically at the county dynamics. District 6 is complex with the City of Annapolis and the surrounding county. It is the role to represent our district and work closely with all of the council members to learn what their constituents need. Together as a Council, we must collaborate for a shared vision of our collective future.

Land Use: I will talk to the residents first before any new decisions are made about land use. As an environmental candidate, I recognize the importance of environmental protection, but I also recognize the need for increased housing so that all can afford local housing. These two items will be at the forefront of my decision making process. Housing and the environment do not need to work as separate priorities, and we can develop smart strategies that meet the needs and wants of our residents.

Economy: I would work to reduce red tape at the government level for small businesses and entrepreneurs in the County. Investing in the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corp. has proved a valuable investment for so many in the county, and I would ensure their programs continue to expand resources. I would also work on smart growth and development so local businesses and companies remain competitive locally. Finally, investing in education and vocational training to ensure innovation remains possible.

Housing: I will work to balance the varied priorities for communities; and to ensure developers must provide affordable housing, we must also balance environmental protections. This means re-development in parts of the county ready to be new hubs and focusing on transit oriented development so residents are not as reliant on cars as the only form of transportation. This also means getting creative about mixed-use land use in some areas of the county, while preserving our history and environment.

Challenges: Affordability is a major challenge in our County, which is near the nation's capital but we remain less developed compared to

neighboring counties. We must build more affordable housing and improve public transit with new strategies including more reliable transit frequency and hubs. I will also prioritize incentives for local childcare to lower costs for families, and focus on energy reform to expand clean energy, reduce fossil fuel reliance, and create good union jobs and affordable solutions.

Sean David White

Qualifications: I spent my life here. I've been a carpenter. I know this county. This is my home. These are my people. I know the problems. I know the strengths. I'm not a career politician. I study history, philosophy and international studies.

Governance: I'm oriented to study topics and issues. I will not vote en masse. I voted against eminent domain in our state. The rights of property owners are important. I disagree with the vote that made it illegal to sleep in your car. Some designated area for overnight parking!? The county exists for the residents. The county should have a balanced budget. County officers need personal safety and must also have respect for it's residents.

Land Use: I don't like tax breaks for developers as a primary answer. I prefer tax breaks to individuals purchasing homes. District residents are my priority. I seek all input from residents. That is the most important thing. All complaints and requests to county agencies need to be forwarded to council members. We should be continually receiving request and complaints from residents. I want to see powers of interaction with county property for adjacent property owners.

Economy: Air b and bs are a business. I believe the modern era requires home owners to use there home as a source for their own business. This topic needs discussion. Homeowners need all the freedom, yet the safety of residents is paramount in single family zoning. We can't wait for insurance companies to regulate the market based on tragic accidents in residential neighborhoods!

Housing: Zoning changes for small home construction. Permitting for single family residents to finish garages and out property. Tax breaks for single family primary residents. Education and assistance for home buyers. Why are interest rates higher for people than developers? There needs to be a conversation about air b and bs. They are in essence a business not single family zoning! It should be legal to sleep in your car.

Challenges: Security of residence. Most of the people I know are a couple paychecks from homelessness. Zoning regulations need modern changes for small home construction are a possible answer. Single family zoning needs permitting for in-law suites. We should be able to have extra capacity for family or others. I think extra housing could come from homeowners before permits are given to large developers.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

George Gallagher

No response received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Spencer Jones

Campaign Website: votespencerjones.com

Qualifications: The county is facing real challenges in affordability and public safety, we need common sense leaders with a fresh perspective to tackle them. I have spent the last five years owning and operating restaurants, Chick & Ruth's Delly and several Five Guys franchises. When my dad passed suddenly in 2021, I had to take over and navigate the pandemic with no prior restaurant experience. Now the businesses are thriving. That experience prepared me to take on tough challenges and deliver results.

Governance: In many cases, county and local needs align. When our farmers and watermen do better, we all do better. Everyone wants strong schools, safe neighborhoods, and a healthy economy, and we can achieve that while protecting our environment. District 7 has unique rural and coastal needs, so one size fits all solutions will not work. As councilman, I will advance policies that benefit the entire county while always putting our district first.

Land Use: Any land use legislation should put people first. I will weigh economic benefits alongside impacts on traffic, the environment, and infrastructure. The residents closest to an issue often have the best insight, so I will actively seek their input. I will publish regular updates to keep the community informed and gather feedback, and I will meet with affected residents to hear their concerns before decisions are made.

Economy: Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. Right now, the county makes it too difficult to open and operate with long processes and unnecessary red tape. By streamlining regulations and approvals, we can help small businesses grow and succeed. That will create good paying jobs, strengthen our local economy, and keep more money in the community. College isn't the right path for everyone, we need to invest in tech ed and trade apprenticeships so there are good paying jobs for all.

Housing: The county's \$500,000 median home price is unsustainable. I support ADUs and the new tiny homes law, but we must ensure the process is simple enough to actually get them built. It is not enough to legalize options if they are too difficult to use. We should focus housing on re-developing old buildings and properties and on areas near public transit. This will increase housing affordability while minimizing additional traffic and preserving green space.

Challenges: The rising cost of living is the county's greatest challenge. I outlined steps to address this in my economy and housing responses. I will also review the budget line by line to find efficiencies, as I do in my businesses, to ensure we fund education and public safety while keeping taxes low. I will work to make it easier for small childcare providers to open and streamline rooftop solar approvals to help lower energy costs.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Dillon Aldrich

Campaign Website: aldrichfor7.com

Qualifications: As a concerned resident, I am committed to reversing the damage caused by career politicians and insiders in our County. Families deserve leaders who listen and deliver real results on affordability and infrastructure. With over a decade of experience in construction, development, and environmental remediation, I have led large-scale housing, restoration, stormwater, and utility projects across the DMV and beyond. This background equips me to balance progress while protecting our heritage.

Governance: Balancing the county's needs begins with listening to residents rather than political insiders and ensuring everyone can safely voice their opinions on county issues without judgement. Good governance requires respecting voter choices and allowing residents' voices to guide decision-making on county issues.

Land Use: When evaluating new land use legislation, I will ask three questions: Does it protect our farmland, environment, and schools? Does it provide adequate affordable housing, infrastructure, utilities, and stormwater management? Does it simplify zoning and permitting so local farmers and small businesses can thrive? When new legislation arises, I will seek input from residents through town halls, community meetings, and website surveys so their voices help shape decisions before any vote is taken.

Economy: I will support policies that grow small businesses and attract responsible investments that create local jobs. This means reducing unnecessary regulations, supporting entrepreneurs, and ensuring development fits our community's character. A strong economy should lower the cost of living while raising residents' standard of living and preserving our county's identity.

Housing: Drawing from my construction experience, I will prioritize zoning reforms that support workforce and starter homes while preserving our rural character. Development must include adequate infrastructure from the start. I will streamline permitting for responsible projects and promote apprenticeship and vocational programs with schools, unions, and businesses to strengthen our workforce and support long-term growth of the county.

Challenges: Improving affordability is one of Anne Arundel County's greatest challenges. I will balance responsible growth with protecting our farming community, fight for lower BGE rates before the Maryland Public Service Commission, and secure funding for roads, housing, schools, and environmental protection. I will simplify zoning, oppose unnecessary subsidies that raise energy costs, and restore trust through transparency and accountability.

Dawn Pulliam

Campaign Website: votedawnpulliam.com

Qualifications: Running to advocate for D7 constituents facing rising costs, responsible development, and community preservation—from SoCo's rural charm to Crofton's small-town feel. With 25+ years in academia, industry, and govt., plus finance/marketing degrees from UMD, I've delivered results in budgets, workforce development, and govt. efficiency. As VP of the AACO Board of Education, I vote on the budget and make tough decisions daily. I'll cut red tape for small businesses and strengthen safety/education.

Governance: I'll balance County needs with D7's diversity—farmers in South County, families in Crofton, residents in Edgewater—through data-driven, fiscally responsible decisions. I'm transparent, listening to all voices, and avoiding one-size-fits-all policies. I will advocate to strengthen economic health while protecting SoCo's rural character, push back against over-development, and ensure tax dollars deliver real value through transparent, efficient government that leaves no community behind.

Land Use: I'll assess fiscal impact, infrastructure readiness, environmental and rural preservation, quality of life (manage traffic and avoid overdevelopment), economic balance, and business barriers. Constituents/Stakeholders will always have a seat at the table. I'll hold town halls in Crofton, Davidsonville, and South County, and ensure transparent public comment periods. As a 15+ year D7 resident, I'm committed to being accessible & responsive to everyone I serve.

Economy: I'll promote responsible economic growth by: * Advocating for streamlining permitting and reducing unnecessary regulations; * Cutting red tape for small businesses and local agriculture; * Focusing on infrastructure improvements; * Advocating for tax and fee relief where possible to ease the burden on families and small businesses; and *Fostering public-private partnerships that create high-quality jobs and raise living standards without wasteful spending.

Housing: To address the County's housing shortage, I'll advance pragmatic initiatives that increase supply responsibly while protecting neighborhoods and affordability for working families. Advocating to streamline approvals for shovel-ready projects to cut delays and costs — without sacrificing environmental and traffic — and prioritizing preservation and rehabilitation of existing housing alongside new construction. The goal: more attainable housing options without compromising quality of life.

Challenges: The rising cost of living—driven by housing prices, taxes, fees, and unmanaged development—is the County's greatest challenge, straining families and threatening affordability. I'll champion fiscally disciplined budgets, smart infrastructure-supported development, and workforce initiatives that grow local jobs. I'll listen directly to D7 residents, preserve South County's rural character, and manage growth in Crofton and Edgewater with practical, results-oriented solutions.

Judge of the Circuit Court-Circuit 5

DUTIES: Circuit Court Judges preside over jury and bench trials in the Circuit Court, which hears major criminal trials with the right to a jury, and civil cases involving more than \$30,000. They also handle family law matters like divorce and custody, and decide appeals from lower courts.

TERM: Four years, no term limit

SALARY: \$214,433

HOW ELECTED: Circuit Court Judges are elected county-wide. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a person to fill the office from a list recommended by a judicial nominating commission, which reviews each applicant's qualifications and experience. Each newly appointed judge will appear on the ballot in the first election occurring after at least one year after the vacancy. Attorneys who are members of the Maryland Bar may also run to challenge a newly appointed or sitting judge. Candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots, but not the nonpartisan ballot given to unaffiliated voters.

WEBSITE: <https://www.courts.state.md.us/circuit>

THE ISSUES

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this judgeship?

CHALLENGES: What are the greatest challenges facing the Maryland court system and how should they be addressed?

Candidates

Democrats and Republicans may vote for up to 2.

Elizabeth Adams

Campaign Website: www.Adams4Judge.com

EXPERIENCE: I am a lifelong Anne Arundel County resident. I began my legal career in our Circuit Court at age 22. Over the past 26 years, I have proudly served as an Anne Arundel County Assistant Prosecutor and Assistant County Attorney. I have handled thousands of cases in our County and across Maryland, whether simple to complex, criminal or civil cases.

PRIORITIES: My priority is serving my community. To me, in no specific order, being a judge who serves means: 1) being thoroughly prepared, experienced, and knowledgeable; 2) having the courage to make hard decisions and tough calls; 3) treating every person with dignity and respect; and 4) fairly, impartially, and accurately applying the rule of law.

CHALLENGES: The greatest challenge facing the Maryland court system is the overwhelming volume of filings relative to its limited resources. Circuit Court cases demand more time and resources than the system can effectively handle. In 2025, statewide, the Maryland court system received 1,301,937 filings. Our Circuit Court received 233,595 filings, but has only thirteen (13) judges. A plausible solution includes increased funding and improved technology.

Sidney A. Butcher

Campaign Website: www.electsittingjudgesaacounty.com/

EXPERIENCE: With over seven years as a district court judge and circuit court judge I am uniquely qualified to handle range of diverse matters. As a former prosecutor, assistant attorney general and defense attorney I have years of experience knowing advocating for the interest of people and businesses. I want my courtroom to be comfortable for all parties involved. As an adjunct professor, I have enjoyed engaging with future lawyers. My record for community service has also benefited me as a judge.

PRIORITIES: As a current Circuit Court Judge, my priorities include (1) ensuring that lawyers and litigants who appear before me are always treated fairly with respect and dignity; (2) rendering impartial, thoughtful decisions that apply the law to the facts and circumstances of each case; (3) continuing my community involvement and outreach to students from elementary school to law school; (4) continue to be an active and engaged member of my community through bar associations and other non partisan groups.

CHALLENGES: We have challenges with mental health within our community and ensuring equal access to justice and the courts for all citizens, including diverse communities, is an ongoing challenge that must be met. The Courts continue to address language and other access barriers, including use of remote access for many types of hearings and self-help centers in courthouses. We can do better on getting litigants and portions of our populations connected with resources within our communities.

Ginina A. Jackson-Stevenson

Campaign Website: www.electsittingjudgesaacounty.com

EXPERIENCE: My experience spans the judiciary, private practice and public service. From 2023 serving as a Circuit Court Judge and the previous three years as a Family Law Magistrate prepared me to preside over diverse dockets and decide cases fairly, applying the law. Ten years as a general practitioner provided experience in diverse areas of law and insight in running a business. Seven years as an Assistant Public Defender grounded me in trial practice, zealous advocacy and courtroom procedure.

PRIORITIES: As a current Circuit Court Judge, my priorities are to ensure fair, impartial and timely resolution of cases while maintaining a courtroom that is respectful and professional. I focus on consistent application of the law, thoughtful case management and clear communication with all litigants, counsel and court staff. I am committed to treating all parties with dignity and reinforcing public confidence in integrity and effectiveness of the judiciary.

CHALLENGES: The greatest challenges include increasing caseloads, limited resources and delays that could hinder access to justice. These challenges are addressed through efficient case management, effective use of technology and clear communication with litigants and counsel. Courts must balance timely resolution with thoughtful decision-making while remaining fair, consistent and respectful to everyone. Preserving professionalism and transparency is essential to maintain public confidence.

Rowena N. Nelson

Campaign Website: www.electrowenanelson.com

EXPERIENCE: My experience as a Litigation and Appellate attorney has required careful analysis of statutes, precedent, and evidence while advocating within the rules of the court. This work has strengthened my commitment to fairness, due process, and judicial ethics. It has prepared me to evaluate complex legal issues, manage courtroom proceedings, and apply the law impartially.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are fairness, efficiency, and public confidence in the courts. I would work to ensure that every litigant is treated with respect, that cases are handled promptly and thoughtfully, and that decisions are grounded in the law and the evidence. Maintaining professionalism, transparency, and procedural fairness is essential to a strong judiciary.

CHALLENGES: Maryland courts face challenges including case backlogs, a high number of self-represented litigants who cannot afford an attorney, limited judicial resources, and ongoing juvenile justice reform. Addressing these issues requires efficient case management, expanded access to legal resources and self-help services for self-represented litigants, responsible use of courtroom technology, and a continued commitment to fairness and impartiality for the courts to remain accessible and trusted.

State's Attorney

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: \$243,118 (starting Jan. 2027); increases 3% each year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

QUESTIONS

Qualifications: Why are you running for State's Attorney and what professional background and experience prepare you for this role?

Administration: What are your goals and priorities for the State's Attorney's Office?

Criminal Justice Policy: What is your position on restorative justice practices and alternatives to prosecution and why?

Civil Liberties: What steps will you take to ensure consistent protection of constitutional rights, due process, and fairness in the application of justice in the County?

Other: What else would you like voters to know about you?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Carolynn Grammas

Campaign Website: votegrammas.com

Qualifications: For 25 years, I've served as an Anne Arundel County prosecutor. I decided to run for State's Attorney after a judge asked me to step into a murder case to address unethical conduct. I'm running to restore ethical, fair prosecutions, professionalism, and morale. I have prosecuted some of the county's most noteworthy violent crime cases and auto manslaughter cases, served as Deputy Chief of District Court, mentored dozens of young lawyers, and worked as a Federal Law Clerk.

Administration: I have 4 priorities: (1) restore the integrity of the State's Attorney Office and rebuild credibility with the community and the Court through fair and just prosecutions; (2) boost the morale of attorneys and staff in an office devastated by the departure of more than 80 prosecutors just over recent years; (3) provide training and mentoring while setting an example of success with integrity; and (4) ensure that victims' voices are heard and valued, and that they are treated with compassion.

Criminal Justice Policy: I strongly support restorative justice and alternatives to prosecution initiatives like mental health, drug, & veterans courts which are instrumental in addressing root causes of criminal behavior for non-violent offenders. I will develop a pre-charge diversion program by working with AA County's Crisis Response Team and community leaders to redirect appropriate cases before they enter the courtroom. Prosecutors should be focused on the violent, repeat offenders who victimize our community.

Civil Liberties: I will institute a policy of properly disclosing evidence to defense counsel. I will end the practices that lead to discovery violations and ethical misconduct. In recent years the State's Attorney's Office has consistently failed to turn over evidence in its possession resulting in dismissals, acquittals, sanctions, and mistrials. In my office, every prosecutor's advocacy will be matched by an unwavering commitment to fairness and integrity.

Other: We need ethical leadership that supports prosecutors who are doing the right thing, at the right time, no matter who is watching. We need leadership that ends practices that undermine cases before they ever reach a jury. And we need leadership committed to delivering justice that is fair, lawful, and able to withstand scrutiny on appeal. To learn more about Carolynn Grammas go to votegrammas.com.

Anne Colt Leitess

Campaign Website: AnneArundelAnne.com

Qualifications: For 37 years, I've prosecuted rapists, murderers, and child abusers — championing those who cannot speak for themselves. Leading this 155-person \$18 million office for a decade, I've delivered results: in budget every year, expanding victim services, and building a diverse, highly trained team committed to seeking justice, prosecuting offenders vigorously and fairly, and upholding the law. I have never shied away from tough cases when seeking justice for victims of crime.

Administration: My priority is expanding victim services and crime prevention programs. In our community outreach presentations, we teach Teens and Seniors how to avoid exploitation. I've won \$5 million in grants, funding innovative programs like the Child Survivors Justice Program, a Gun Violence Prosecutor, and bilingual advocates. I've hired a social worker who partners with schools to intervene early with at-risk youth — keeping kids out of the criminal justice system.

Criminal Justice Policy: I strongly support restorative justice. I provide staff for specialty courts for drug treatment, mental health, and Veterans. I provide a mediation center for resolution of disputes and various diversion programs to keep low-level offenders out of jail and free of criminal records. We prioritize treatment and restitution for non-violent offenders, support Teen Court where peers hold students accountable, and use electronic monitoring as a jail alternative when appropriate.

Civil Liberties: I am the only candidate speaking out against ICE activity threatening due process for immigrants and citizens alike. My team reviews all felony arrests and body-worn camera footage which verifies lawful police conduct. All complaints are screened for legal soundness before proceeding. Prosecutors are ministers of justice, obligated to pursue only cases that are fair and just. My statement on public safety, accountability, and the rule of law regarding immigration enforcement: aaccounty.org/sao

Other: I am a lifelong Democrat committed to protecting the rights of everyone who lives, works, or visits our county — regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or immigration status. In these chaotic times, we need leadership unafraid to speak up and hold accountable those who threaten our safety and violate our rights. I am trusted and endorsed by a dozen local and state leaders. As your State's Attorney for nearly ten years, I have led the office with integrity and commitment to our community.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

No Republican candidates filed for this office.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court issues certain licenses and performs various court duties, including filing, docketing, and maintaining legal records; recording documents that involve title to real estate; and collecting related fees, commissions, and taxes. In this process, the Clerk's Office collects and distributes funds on behalf of the State, and Anne Arundel County and its municipalities.

Under the Clerk are the Courtroom Clerks and six departments: Civil and Family Law; Criminal; Juvenile; Land Records; Licensing; and Trust, Adoption and Appeals.

SALARY: up to \$146,500 (FY 2023).

TERM: Four years; no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

QUESTIONS

Qualifications: Why are you running for Clerk of the Circuit Court and what professional background and experiences prepare you to serve in this role?

Administration: What steps will you take to improve customer service and/or increase efficient operation of the Clerk's Office?

Priorities: What issues will be priorities during your term of office?

Other: What else would you like voters to know about you?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

MK Fowler

Campaign Website: FowlerForClerk.com

Qualifications: I am running for the Clerk of Court for Anne Arundel County because I want to continue to deliver to the community the world class customer service that you have come to expect when you conduct business at the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Clerk's Office. I have been your Chief Deputy Clerk (second only to the Clerk of Court) for the past 7 years. Prior to that, I was a Lawyer with over 20 years of experience and I know how important a well run Clerk's office is to the community.

Administration: We work consistently with our Clerks to help them give excellent customer service by ensuring that they have sufficient supervisory support, training and resources to assist you when interacting with the Clerk's Office. We monitor the workflow of our Clerks to ensure that we are close to one day processing for incoming work. We track accuracy in our work to ensure that your documents are accurately recorded and moved along in the Judicial process.

Priorities: As Clerk, I will work to improve efficiencies and outreach to the community. We have reduced our processing time and I will work to continue that success. We are working to advance the use of computer-assisted processing to make improvements in training and accuracy for our Clerks. In addition, for the past 2 years, we piloted remote weddings in the Library on Valentine's Day. Our next strategic goal is to offer other services in the community which to make access to the Clerk's Office easier.

Other: It has been my pleasure to be your Chief Deputy Clerk for the past seven years and I will be honored for you to select me as your next Clerk of Court for Anne Arundel County Circuit Court. I have the experience, leadership capabilities and qualifications to continue the excellent work for you at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Douglas Finbar Graham

Qualifications: I bring the perspective of the citizen to this job. During my short period as a realtor, I was aware of the importance of the court's job of maintaining records, including property deeds. As a reporter in Texas, my beat in Orange Texas was the local courthouse, so I developed an

interest in the role the court plays in both the administration of local justice, and in the life of the community, through maintaining property, marriage, wills, and other records that matter in an individual's life.

Administration: I want to improve courthouse operations, to make them faster and more user friendly. We don't need to hire expensive consultants to do this. By maintaining closer contact with both the professional courthouse community and with the average citizens, we can see where we need to change and improve our operations to reduce costs, speed up operations, and make things easier to do, and more transparent to the general public.

Priorities: Make our operations more user friendly, and to reduce costs wherever possible. To the Anne Arundel resident, I want to make the courthouse, YOUR house.

Other: I will work hard to ensure that the courthouse is YOUR house. I have a broad background which will help me serve all Anne Arundel's many different residents. I hitchhiked across America as a youth, served as an artillery officer in the National Guard, was a reporter in Texas and the Middle East, worked in Washington as a speechwriter, appointee and contractor, and have patented two inventions and written two books. I will put all this experience to work for you.

Register of Wills

Duties: The Register of Wills appoints personal representatives to administer decedents' estates and oversees the proper and timely administration of these proceedings. Additional duties include serving as clerk to the Orphans' Court; assisting the public with administrative processes concerning estates of deceased persons; collecting Maryland inheritance tax on estates and probate fees; maintaining all records of wills and estates of deceased persons, and safeguards wills of living persons.

Salary: up to \$146,500 (FY 2023).

Term: Four years; no term limit.

How Elected: Elected countywide at the time of the gubernatorial election.

QUESTIONS

Qualifications: Why are you running for Register of Wills and what professional background and experiences prepare you to serve in this role?

Administration: What steps will you take to ensure respectful, helpful, and timely customer service?

Priorities: What issues will be priorities during your term of office?

Other: What else would you like voters to know about you?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Courtney L. Buiniskis

Campaign Website: courtneybuiniskis.com

Qualifications: I am running for Register of Wills to modernize and strengthen this vital office. As a public servant and educator, I help make government accessible to residents. I serve on several boards and work with attorneys, department heads, and elected officials. Having experienced personal loss, I understand the probate process and will help ensure it is transparent and compassionate. I will also proactively educate the community about this office's important role for residents in our county.

Administration: I will implement a multi-step approach grounded in Maryland and probate law with best practices for a Register of Wills office: streamlined processes, clear communication, and staff training. I will ensure all staff are well-trained in probate law, customer service, and sensitivity to families experiencing loss, so interactions are professional and compassionate. I will set clear service standards, defining expectations for response times (calls, emails, filings), professionalism, and follow-up.

Priorities: Accessibility & Inclusivity Make the office welcoming and approachable for all residents, including those with limited experience with probate or legal matters. I will be proactive in educating the community about the importance of this office and the services it provides, as many residents are unaware of its role until they need it. I will prioritize outreach, public education, and transparency so individuals and families can better prepare and understand their options. Knowing the law!

Other: I am a wife, mother, educator, and community advocate dedicated to serving others. I have built strong partnerships with attorneys, judges, elected officials, and community organizations to expand access and improve services. With over 17 endorsements, I bring trusted leadership and a proven record of delivering responsive, effective government services for residents across our county and state. My leadership style is collaborative, solutions-focused, and grounded in real-world experience.

Jasmine M. Jackson

Campaign Website: jasminemjackson.com

Qualifications: I'm running for Register of Wills because, in my 17 years with the office, I've seen how vital it is to have leadership grounded in real, hands-on experience. I bring a strong background in legal, administrative, and public service, with deep knowledge of probate law. My work has focused on accuracy, compliance, efficiency, and helping families navigate complex processes with clarity and care.

Administration: I will continue to ensure respectful, helpful, and timely service by strengthening staff training, improving communication, and streamlining office processes. My experience allows me to identify delays and implement practical solutions that make the estate process easier. I promote accountability and treat every family with dignity, while expanding resources and support so residents can navigate probate with clarity and confidence.

Priorities: My priorities will be to expand the assistance our office provides to families navigating probate, while ensuring we offer guidance without crossing into legal advice. The probate process can be daunting, but with the right experience, we can help make it more

understandable. I will focus on clear communication, accessible resources, and consistent support so every individual receives reliable, practical guidance, regardless of their situation.

Other: I have dedicated my 17-year career to this work because it is truly my passion. When I was appointed in 2024, I stepped in to help restore trust in the office after a difficult period of instability. I am running because I care deeply about this role and the people it serves. I remain committed to providing experienced, compassionate, and reliable service to every family during some of life's most difficult moments. I respectfully ask for your support and hope to earn your vote.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jason D. Lambert

No response received by deadline.

Judge of the Orphans' Court

DUTIES: The Orphans' Court supervises the administration of estates and shares jurisdiction with the Circuit Court over guardianships of minors. Orphans' Court judges conduct hearings that involve probate and guardianship disputes, review and act upon administration accounts, and request payments from estates or guardianships. Three judges comprise the Anne Arundel County Orphans' Court.

SALARY: \$60,250; additional stipend for Chief Judge.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

QUESTIONS

Qualifications: Why are you running for Judge of the Orphans' Court and what professional or legal experience do you have with estates, guardianships, and trusts that prepare you to serve in this role?

Administration: What standards will you implement to build public trust in the Orphans' Court?

Values: What core values will you apply when resolving family conflicts that arise in the Court?

Ethics: What steps will you take to ensure fairness and impartiality, including in cases involving influential parties or conflicts of interest?

Other: What else would you like voters to know about you?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Marc Knapp

Campaign Website: reelectmarcknapp.com

Qualifications: I'm running because I want to keep serving my community. My qualifications: BA – Brown University. MBA - Columbia University. I retired after a long career in banking, finance and

consulting, and then enrolled in the University of Baltimore School of Law where I took every trust and estates course they offered. I took them because they were personally relevant at that time. I was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 2015 and elected to the Orphans' Court in 2022.

Administration: Strive to conduct hearings professionally and provide written decisions to explain the Court's reasoning. This means starting hearings on time, keeping them on track and explaining the law to pro se litigants. It means more hearings per workday to shorten the time between when petitions are filed and when they're heard. Written decisions (and dissents) are needed to explain the Court's thinking not only to those individuals who attended a hearing, but also to those interested persons who didn't.

Values: These disputes pit one group of family members against another. To keep them from devolving into Jerry Springer-like insult fests, it's necessary to firmly, but politely, control the courtroom. It means keeping comments directed to the Court, outlining the limits of the Court's jurisdiction, explaining the rules of evidence, and summarizing the law that mandates what the Court must do and limits what it can do. Not letting expectations run amok is the best way to manage family conflict.

Ethics: I have no interest in higher office and so don't need to curry favor from anyone who might help me get there. I don't know enough people in the county (I'm a transplant) for conflict of interest to be a concern. When it comes to litigants, I see neither Black nor White, male nor female, straight nor gay, well-spoken nor those who aren't. I do see pro se litigants and those represented by counsel, and I do whatever I lawfully can to see that the unrepresented aren't steamrolled by attorneys.

Other: Notwithstanding what you may have read or heard about the tumult in the Court this past term, I state emphatically that the Court's functioning was never in jeopardy, and that the Court today is a much-improved entity than it was when I started as a result.

Loni Moyer

Campaign Website: Moyer4judge.com

Qualifications: I am running for Judge of the Orphans Court because I believe in representative government and public service. The Orphans' Court relies on elected judges. Anne Arundel County families entangled in probate need those judges to conduct the business of the court with compassion, respect, professionalism, and the dignity the position deserves. I look forward to being a judge for the people.

Administration: The best way to build public trust is to act in ways that earn it. This starts by treating our fellow judges, the families who appear before us, and the court itself with courtesy, respect, and professionalism. With that simple standard for professional behavior set, we can move on to standards of transparency, efficiency, and service that will foster public faith in the Orphans' Court.

Values: Families appearing before the Orphans' Court do so under confusing and emotional circumstances. They deserve courtesy, fairness, and respect, and these are the core values I will bring to the bench. By acting accordingly, the judges will create a calm courtroom

and model the thoughtful decision making needed to achieve conflict resolution.

Ethics: Steps to ensure fairness may include: 1. Focus on the law. What does it say and where does it guide us? 2. Recusal from any case involving conflicts of interest. 3. Pursuit of ongoing education to stay informed of legal standards and to avoid unconscious bias. 4. Establish respectful, professional relationships with fellow judges so that we can communicate openly and trust each other's opinions. 5. Listen equitably to each person appearing before the court.

Other: I am a 4th generation AACo native who grew up in a family dedicated to public service. I am a small business owner, an aunt, a godmother, a traveler, a gardener, and an adult who has lost loved ones. I have watched the administration of estates and seen how their resolution, or lack thereof, impacts families. The Orphans' Court matters. The law matters. Elections matter. Most of all, the people of AACo matter. I ask for your vote so that I may represent them on the Orphans' Court.

Matt O'Connell

Campaign Website: www.vote4oconnell.com

Qualifications: I'm running to maintain integrity on the bench and to bring real world experience to the Orphans' Court. Having built a successful law practice, with overlap in estate matters, it not only brought me into contact with many different members of our community, but it also professionally prepared me to serve as a judge.

Administration: The standards I will use to build public trust are cooperation and accountability. That means my rulings will be fair and impartial. I'll stand shoulder to shoulder with the Register of Wills to ensure the public is served in an open, efficient and caring manner. To increase on-going dialogue and community understanding of the court, I'll participate in the work of Maryland Courts' Equal Justice Committee. Values: I come from a family of six kids, and we O'Connells, were raised to treat everyone with respect and compassion, to find the goodness in others. I'll bring those values to the bench along with civility, empathy, and patience.

Ethics: A judge must be fair and impartial and do justice in every case. I will be open-minded and not prejudge outcomes based on the parties or issues involved. There is no place for favoritism or conflicts of interest in the judiciary. The court must guard against even the appearance of perceived bias.

Other: In the O'Connell campaign, we're working hard every day to earn your vote. Stand with us. Stand for justice. Vote O'Connell on June 23rd.

Stacey Scott

Qualifications: I am running for Judge of the Orphans' Court because families deserve a court that listens, applies the law fairly, and treats every person with dignity. With twenty years of legal experience including work as an E Discovery Attorney in Antitrust law and service as an Attorney Advisor for the U.S. Small Business Administration during the COVID 19 pandemic-I bring the skills and compassion this work requires. In 2025 I was appointed by Gov. Wes Moore as an Anne Arundel Co. Orphans' Court Judge.

Administration: To build public trust in the Orphans' Court, I focus on three core standards: transparency, fairness, and accessibility. Families deserve clear explanations of the process, consistent and impartial application of the law, and a courtroom where every person is treated with dignity. I maintain high ethical and professional standards, ensure timely and well-reasoned decisions, and create an environment where people feel heard and respected. Trust grows when the court is steady and clear.

Values: When resolving family conflicts, I rely on core values that keep the process fair and grounded. I lead with impartiality, applying the law consistently and without assumptions. I treat every person with respect and dignity, ensuring they feel heard. I bring compassion, recognizing the emotional weight families carry, and I prioritize clarity, explaining the process and decisions in plain language. Above all, I act with integrity, making thoughtful, well-reasoned decisions that honor the law.

Ethics: To ensure fairness and impartiality, I apply the law consistently, treat every person with respect, and maintain strict boundaries with influential parties. I avoid any appearance of favoritism and base every decision solely on the facts and the law. When a conflict of interest arises—or even appears to arise—I have no hesitation in recusing (removing) myself. Upholding integrity, transparency, and equal treatment is essential to maintaining public trust in the Orphans' Court.

Other: I want voters to know that my commitment to this work is deeply personal. I grew up in Anne Arundel County and continue to live here, and this community has shaped my values, my sense of service, and my belief in fairness. I was inspired at a young age by the legacy of Thurgood Marshall, and that early spark led me to a career rooted in justice, integrity, and public service. I bring 20 years of legal experience as an Attorney, but I also bring something just as essential: the ability to listen.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

Maureen Carr-York

Campaign Website: MaureenCarr-York.com

Qualifications: I have been an attorney in good standing with the Maryland Bar for 45 years. I also served with distinction as a member of this court for seven years, from April, 2016 through November, 2022. I was appointed and re-appointed multiple times to the Maryland Conference of Orphans' Court Judges by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. I was voted Chair of the Conference of Orphans' Court Judges by my peers on the Conference and earned the respect of judges throughout the state.

Administration: Any candidate for judicial office should be experienced in all relevant areas of the law and possess the right temperament for the job. It is no secret that over the last three plus years we have been embarrassed by the behavior of the three candidates who took those seats in 2022. It is time for a return to decorum and expertise and an efficient management of the docket so that the citizens of Anne Arundel can know that their families' needs will be met in their time of loss and worry.

Values: The most important values are integrity and respect for the individual, the family and the law. A willingness to listen, to take the time to hear out each of the parties and to explain clearly the findings of fact and the rules of law to be applied are critical to working through the conflicts that sometimes arise in handling estates and guardianships of the property of minors.

Ethics: The courtroom is the place where judges of the Orphans' Court interact with interested parties to the case and attorneys representing those parties. It is important that proper courtroom decorum be maintained in this setting and that the established rules of evidence and procedure be clearly stated and followed. Sometimes, family members appear before the court without counsel, either because they can't afford an attorney or do not understand and their interests must be protected as well.

Other: I am a nurse as well as an attorney and lost my beloved father at thirteen. I have great sensitivity to the pain and disorientation that families may feel after the loss of a loved one and work very hard to be sure that the court hears the concerns of all interested parties to a case and decides matters concerning the estate with judicious care.

Tony McConkey

Campaign Website: McConkeyForJudge.com

Qualifications: Tony McConkey believes he can do a better job "Keeping Families Together" by using technology to reform and speed up the probate process begun through state legislation passed in 2021. Tony wants to make the system of probate more efficient and consumer friendly to the families that are often torn apart during the unnecessarily long and confusing process of dividing property after the death of a loved one. He is best qualified to bring reform because of his experience in the General Assembly.

Administration: Tony will build trust by making the Orphans' Court more transparent, efficient and responsive to the families that use the court. Families should have the ability to be heard by the court and to fully share their views. The court should then be transparent and fully explain its decision, so the public can trust in the Orphans' Court even if they disagree with a particular ruling.

Values: The conflicts are worse when the parties feel they are not being heard or the system is unfair. The most important value is allowing every interested party to have their say, and to provide a thorough opinion on why a particular decision was made.

Ethics: Tony is a proven public servant. Anne Arundel County has trusted him for 16 years through 4 elections to represent them in public decision making. Tony has shown independence and willingness to stand up and do what is right even if that decision is unpopular. McConkey was involved, up close, with the court system, the Orphans' Court, and issues of the civil and criminal courts, law enforcement, victim rights and elder abuse.

Other: Tony McConkey is a life-long Marylander, and has lived in Severna Park since 2001. He is 62 years old, married and the father of three children. He has worked for 42 years in the real estate business as

broker, owner, investor and property manager. The disposition of real estate after death is an important part of the work of the court and Tony is very well qualified.

Alan Rzepkowski

Qualifications: I served as a Judge of the Orphans' Court from 2014 to 2018, and will bring to the Bench that past experience and knowledge of Estates and Trust Law, with re-election for this term. As I did then, I will bring fairness and strong ethics from my strong family background, service to the community as a 15-year Board member of a business student group; 8 years of service to my county political party; 2 years as a member of the Board of Elections; & more than 35 years of small-business experience.

Administration: Public trust in any elected office is important, and it is very important when families are facing the death of a loved one, and navigating the estate process. Public trust includes strong ethics, a broad view of fairness, and a sense of understanding and compassion for those who come before the Court. I live these values in my everyday life, and will put them into practice as a Judge of the Orphans' Court.

Values: Most estate cases are easily navigated with help from the Office of the Register of Wills, however, some estates need assistance from the Court to fairly and legally resolve conflicts among family members, those named in a Will, and others who may have a claim in an estate. My core values include strong ethics, fairness, impartiality, faith, and compassion, while I also understand the legal nature of Estates and Trust law, and that it must be applied fairly and within the bounds of the law.

Ethics: All individuals are equal under the law, and this obviously also applies to Estates and Trusts when Judges are faced with making fair and unbiased decisions for families based on the facts as provided, and within the law. Judges are an impartial party in court proceedings, and I adhere to that policy as a part of being a Judge. During my previous term as a Judge, there were no conflicts of interest with estates that I adjudicated, and if a conflict arises, I would seek judicial advice.

Other: I've held this office previously, and therefore have a unique qualification and level of experience as a past Judge of the Orphans' Court. I am a life-long resident of Anne Arundel County with a Bachelor of Science Degree and have served honorably on a number of Boards and other groups over the past several years. These professional experiences, along with organizational skills and my small-business background make me a highly-qualified candidate for Judge, and I ask for your vote.

Sheriff

Duties: The County Sheriff's office is responsible for enforcing writs of the court, maintaining county warrants, extraditing prisoners from foreign jurisdictions, transporting prisoners between holding facilities and the courts, and maintaining courtroom decorum. The Sheriff's Office also assists other law enforcement agencies as needed.

Salary: Equal to an Anne Arundel County Police Captain at Step 20 of salary scale (\$167,383 in 2025)

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: Why are you running for Sheriff and what experiences or training prepare you to serve in this role?

Challenges: What is the biggest challenge you expect to face as Sheriff, and how will you address it?

Outreach: What steps will you take to build and maintain a positive relationship with the community?

Priorities: What other issues will be priorities during your term of office?

Other: What else would you like voters to know about you?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Everett Sesker

Campaign Website: SeskerforSheriff@gmail.com

Qualifications: I am running for re-election as Sheriff of Anne Arundel Co. to build upon our progress. During my first term we eliminated a vacancy rate exceeding 20 percent, expanded community engagement, training, equipment, and advancement opportunities. My law enforcement career includes, but is not limited to, rising to the rank of Major in the Prince George's Co. Police Dept. and the appointment by Governor Larry Hogan to serve as the Executive Dir. of the Md. Police Training and Standards Commission.

Challenges: My biggest challenge is securing a budget that reflects the needs of our community. While I appreciate the support received thus far, the Sheriff's Office has been under-resourced for decades. Despite an increasing workload our staff has barely grown in over 20 years. We currently have 86 sworn officers, but a complement of 180 is necessary to properly serve our county. I will continue to advocate for the resources required to ensure our staff can meet the community needs safely and efficiently.

Outreach: Since taking office, I have instituted a robust community outreach initiative. I personally participate in forums regarding gun violence, addiction, and re-entry programs to ensure citizens receive

direct answers from agency leadership. We also engage in local parades, job fairs, and school career days. This community engagement has helped us reduce our vacancy rate to zero and bridge the divide between law enforcement and the residents we serve.

Priorities: My top priority is the safety of our citizens. I am committed to addressing both the causes and symptoms of crime. I will continue to request necessary resources in a fiscally responsible manner to avoid placing an undue burden on taxpayers. Additionally, I will work closely with state Senators and Delegates to support legislation that protects law-abiding citizens and deters criminal activity.

Other: I am a humble servant to the people of Anne Arundel County. Serving as your 121st Sheriff has been my greatest professional honor, and I am deeply grateful for your support you showed me in 2022. Our work is not done, I look forward to continuing this journey with you in 2026.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jim Fredericks

Campaign Website: www.jimfredericksforsheriff.com

Qualifications: I served in law enforcement in AA County for 30 years including 4 years as the elected Sheriff from 2018 to 2022. Since 2023, I have been a private security contract manager within the DC federal judiciary. My continuous 33 years of service in both the public and private sectors has given me an unmatched skillset for 2026. I have managed large budgets, large-scale projects, and personnel processes throughout my career and now bring new ideas in public-private partnerships to the office.

Challenges: AA County has a large police department, and a much smaller Sheriff's office that receives limited county resources. The challenge is in managing those resources to provide a high-integrity, responsive, and effective Sheriff's office that exceeds expectations, while attracting new deputies to join the ranks. This process began during my last term in office by securing a large, well-equipped, new operations facility, expanding staffing, and adding essential technology upgrades to the agency.

Outreach: In 2019 I started a 1st-in-Maryland Safe Surrender program to reduce negative interactions between wanted subjects and deputies. This program led to increased self turn-ins and a reduction of outstanding warrants. I will continue to promote accountability and transparency through online access and direct contact with community organizations. I was the first AA County Sheriff to introduce mobile app technology and body-worn cameras, and I will continue to innovate to promote community relations.

Priorities: I will seek public-private partnerships to increase availability of deputies for law enforcement duties and provide new technologies for courthouse security. Sheriff's deputies are currently paid significantly less than their counterparts in the police department and I will work to close that pay gap. I will seek to advance training opportunities for deputies to reduce their risks in the performance of their duties. I will continue to reduce the backlog of warrants for a safer AA county.

Other: I am a life-long county resident and the only Sheriff candidate with a 30-yr career of service to the safety of our AA county communities. My desire to return to the Sheriff's Office is to continue the great work and programs I started between 2018 and 2022 to make our courts, and this county as safe as possible. I will bring even newer ideas and perspective from my latest experience in federal judicial security. AA county deserves a modern, educated, experienced leader and that is what I am.

James H. McNeill

Campaign Website: www.mcneill4sheriff.com

Qualifications: I'm James McNeill — experienced Maryland law-enforcement leader and small-business owner committed to transparency, fair policing, stronger partnerships, and expanded youth and community outreach. My law enforcement background includes frontline patrol, detective work, crime-lab and technical assistance responsibilities. I've also volunteered with the Baltimore County Auxiliary Police and assisted the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office with prisoner holding and juvenile finger print/ID program

Challenges: All issues or challenges will be addressed head on. I don't see a challenge that can't be resolved, We have a plan going into this and will stay focused. we will adjust as need.

Outreach: Bi weekly meetings with community leaders through out Anne Arundel County , host 4 Town Halls per year or more as needed. Work closely with Anne Arundel County Police and attend PCRC monthly meetings , attend Annapolis City Police, Crofton Police Community Meeting and other Law enforcement agencies meetings in and around Anne Arundel County to stay in touch with our community. Attend community events through out Anne Arundel County.

Priorities: Day one we will be off and running, I will adjust for any issues as we go forward . I will assemble a committed team to make sure you the Citizens of Anne Arundel County know who your Elected Sheriff is.

Other: I am committed to all of the Citizens of Anne Arundel County Maryland. I need your vote to win this election 2026 Thank You Anne Arundel County and I look forward to Serving All of you here in my county that I know and love here in Anne Arundel County Maryland. Get involved in your community, make a difference.

Democratic Central Committee

DUTIES: The Democratic Central Committee is responsible for leading and organizing the day-to-day operations of the local Democratic Party. The Committee recommends candidates to the Governor to fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office. County Central Committees work with the State Central Committee, which in turn works with the national party.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

SALARY: None.

HOW ELECTED: Democratic Central Committee members are elected by registered party members. The elections in Anne Arundel County are by legislative district. Candidates are listed on the ballot with their preferred gender identity (male, female or non-binary). Voters vote for the candidates of their choice. The Committee's election process takes into account both vote total and gender representation. No more than half of the county's Democratic Central Committee will be represented by one of the three (3) gender categories; however, no gender is guaranteed a slot.

WEBSITE: <https://www.annearundeldems.com>

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Democratic Central Committee Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 2 in Districts 12 and 21, and no more than 4 in Districts 30-33. No more than half of Democratic Central Committee members can be elected from the same gender.

Jacqueline Boone Allsup (female, District 12)

Rassimran S. Bakhshi (male, District 12)

Andriesha "Cookie" Burley (female, District 12)

Maggie Marie Gosewisch (female, District 12)

Geonta L. Simmons (male, District 12)

Paul Douglas Gammill (male, District 21)

Sarah J. McDermott (female, District 21)

James W. Trapp, Jr. (male, District 21)

Briayna K. Cuffie (female, District 30)

Jenna Jakoby (female, District 30)

Scott W. MacMullan (male, District 30)

Keisha Monique (female, District 30)

William F. Rowel (male, District 30)

Darcy Scott (female, District 30)

Henry G. Snurr (male, District 30)

Rebecca Baucom (female, District 31)
Heidi Buchanan Schmidt (female, District 31)
Charis D. Cephas (female, District 31)
Jeremiah J. Chiappelli (male, District 31)
Conor Curran (male, District 31)
Jessica N. Johnson (female, District 31)
Yemi Adetola (male, District 32)
Tom Clark (male, District 32)
Spencer F. Dixon (male, District 32)
Riley M. Donahue (female, District 32)
Mikel L. Hicks (female, District 32)
Ann Kinard (female, District 32)
Jason L. Morgan (male, District 32)
Makhia N. Polk (female, District 32)
Elena Sophocleus-Thomas (female, District 32)
Kirstyn M. Dugger (female, District 33)
Joe Franco (male, District 33)
Jennifer L. Garcia (female, District 33)
Jimmy Glenn (male, District 33)
Curtis "Gunny" Jones (male, District 33)
Audra Morrow (female, District 33)
Kahron S. Neal (male, District 33)
Carla S. Nelson (female, District 33)

Republican Central Committee

DUTIES: The Republican Central Committee is responsible for leading and organizing the day-to-day operations of the local Republican Party. The Committee recommends candidates to the Governor to fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office. County Central Committees work with the State Central Committee, which in turn works with the national party.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

SALARY: None.

HOW ELECTED: Republican Central Committee members are elected by registered party members. One seat is filled at large. Two members are elected from each councilmanic district.

WEBSITE: <https://www.aagop.org>

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Republican Central Committee Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 2 by district plus 1 at large.

Jonathan P. Foote (At Large)
Kerry A. Gillespie (At Large)
Michael "Mike" Burns (District 1)
Hunter J. Voss (District 1)
Colin McEvers (District 2)
Mary Phelps (District 2)
Faith Loudon (District 3)
Robin Sirkel (District 3)
Chuck Thompson (District 3)
Tracy Mathews (District 4)
Kim Mills (District 4)
Susan McConkey (District 5)
James H. McNeill (District 5)
Rob Seyfferth (District 5)
Daniel C. Smith (District 5)
Bruce Ballantyne (District 6)
John Minnick (District 6)
Tony Nicholas (District 6)
Tom Angelis (District 7)
David Wayne Morsberger (District 7)

VOTING IN MARYLAND

In the United States, all eligible voters may vote in a general election. General elections determine who will lead the country as President, and the state as Governor. They take place in even-numbered years on the first Tuesday of November. In Maryland, the Governor is elected at the mid-term general election, halfway through the U.S. President's 4-year term.

Political parties select the candidates that will represent them on the general election ballot by voting in a primary. **In Maryland, only voters who have affiliated with a political party may vote in that party's primary election.** The State Board of Elections runs the primary elections for the Democratic and Republican parties. Other political parties hold separate primaries or choose general election candidates in a different way.

- **To vote on the candidates listed in this voters' guide, you must be registered with the Board of Elections as a Democrat or Republican.**
- **New voters may affiliate with a political party at any time through the Board of Elections registration process.**
- **Registered voters must update their party affiliation with the Board of Elections by June 2 in order to vote as a Democrat or Republican in the 2026 primary election.**

Important state and county offices are on the primary ballot. These elected officials make laws that impact your daily life. Their decisions affect taxes, schools, roads, and public safety.

Typically, just over 25% of registered Maryland voters cast a ballot in the primary. Democracy depends on citizen participation.

Make your voice heard. VOTE IN THE PRIMARY!

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aacounty.org/elections/voting-information

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Board of Elections mail-in ballot dropboxes are conveniently located and very secure. Trusted election officials collect ballots from the dropboxes every day. Ballot dropboxes are not the property of the U.S. Postal Service. Before you return your ballot, make sure to sign the oath and seal the return envelope.

Find your nearest dropbox location below. Go to aacounty.org/elections/voting-information to find street addresses.

- Annapolis Senior Activity Center
- Anne Arundel Board of Elections (Glen Burnie)
- Anne Arundel County Government - Heritage Office Complex (Annapolis)
- Anne Arundel County Police Headquarters (Millersville)
- Arundel Center North - Glen Burnie Town Center
- Arundel Volunteer Fire Department #7 Fire Training Center (Gambrills)
- Broadneck Library
- Brooklyn Park Health Center
- Busch Annapolis Library
- Crofton Library
- Deale Library
- Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company #12 (Severna Park)
- Glen Burnie Library
- Harmans/Dorsey Fire Station #21 (Hanover)
- Jacobsville Fire Station #10 (Pasadena)
- Jones Station Fire Station #23 (Severna Park)
- Lake Shore Fire Station #20 (Pasadena)
- Linthicum Library
- Maryland City at Russett Library (Laurel)
- North Arundel Aquatic Center (Glen Burnie)
- O'Malley Senior Activity Center (Odenton)
- Odenton Library
- Odenton Volunteer Fire Company #28
- Pascal Senior Activity Center (Glen Burnie)
- Riviera Beach Library (Pasadena)
- Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center (Annapolis)
- Severn Fire Station #4
- Severn Library
- Severn Senior Activity Center
- Severna Park Library
- South County Recreation Center (Harwood)
- South County Senior Activity Center (Edgewater)

ELECTION DISTRICTS

To find your election district for U.S. Representative, General Assembly, County Council and Central Committee, go to **VOTE411.org** or **aacounty.org/elections/voting-information**, check the sample ballot you received from the Board of Elections or contact the Board of Elections.