



Prince George's County Voters' Guide 2024 General Election

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League of Women Voters of Prince George's County

This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Prince George's County. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. The League offers this *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens as they prepare for the 2024 election. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for a particular office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates are printed exactly as submitted. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 400 characters and any additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond by our deadline, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

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Additional information on the candidates is available at www.VOTE411.org, which has any updates received after our deadline. Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. If the candidate submitted a campaign website, it is listed under their name.

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EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS:

To find an early voting location near you, go to the following:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/board-elections/voter-information/early-voting-centers-and-election-day-polling-places>

Early voting is from **7:00 am to 8:00 pm** from **Thursday, October 24, 2024**, through and including **Thursday, October 31, 2024**. If you vote during Early Voting, you cannot vote by mail-in-ballot or on Election Day.

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VOTING BY MAIL

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

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

- **Tuesday, October 29, 2024**, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax; or
- **Friday, November 1, 2024**, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website. (You must still print and mail the ballot. You cannot return it by email.)

If you hand-deliver your ballot, you must deliver it to a ballot drop box, to your precinct polling place, or to your local board of elections by **8 pm** on **election day**. A list of drop box locations will be included in the materials you receive with your mail-in ballot.

If you mail your ballot, the envelope must be postmarked on or before General Election day **November 5, 2024**.

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

ELECTION DAY VOTING

7:00 am to 8:00 pm on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**.

ELECTION INFORMATION

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

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

Rumors about the election?

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

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We invite you to support our efforts to provide more citizens with information about candidates and the election process. Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to the League of Women Voters of Prince George's County.

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President of the United States

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

HOW ELECTED: Voters in every state cast ballots for President. The President is not elected directly by the voters. Instead, our votes for candidates are used to select “Electors” who meet in an “Electoral College” to choose the President. For more information, visit www.archives.gov/electoral-college/about

TERM:

Four years. Limit of two terms.

SALARY: \$400,000 per year

WEBSITE: www.whitehouse.gov

Criteria for Participation by U.S. Presidential Candidates in VOTE411.org and this Guide:

Four of the five presidential candidates on Maryland’s ballot met the following U. S. League of Women Voters’ Education Fund (LWVEF) criteria: (1) The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party’s nomination for President; and (2) The candidate must meet the Presidential Election

Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Elections Commission website.

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Questions to the Candidates for President

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

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

GUN VIOLENCE: What steps will you take to curb gun violence and build safe and healthy communities for communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence in the United States?

IMMIGRATION: What are the most important steps you will take to improve U.S. immigration policies, including creating an accessible path to citizenship?

CLIMATE CHANGE: What actions will you take to address the threats facing the United States due to climate change?

Questions and responses from the candidates were handled by the U.S. League of Women Voters' Education Fund (LWVEF). Candidate responses were limited to 750 characters and appear exactly as provided, without edits.

Candidates for President and Vice President of the U.S.

*Candidates were invited to respond but did not send answers before our print deadline.
Go to [VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org) to see any responses submitted after our deadline.*

Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz

D - Democratic

<https://kamalaharris.com>

Donald J. Trump/JD Vance

R - Republican

www.donaldjtrump.com

Chase Oliver/Mike ter Maat

L - Libertarian

<https://votechaseoliver.com>

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr./Nicole Shanahan

Unaffiliated

Mahanow.org

(This candidate has suspended his campaign but remains on the Maryland ballot.)

Jill Ellen Stein/Rudolph Ware

G - Green

www.jillstein2024.com

COST OF LIVING/WAGES: We need an economy that works for working people, not just the wealthy and powerful. To reverse surging inequality and insecurity, we need an Economic Bill of Rights establishing the rights to a living-wage job, guaranteed livable income, housing, healthcare, childcare, lifelong education, secure retirement, utilities, healthy food and clean water, so that all of us are guaranteed the basic security for a good life that can reach our highest potential. Healthcare is a human right. We need a universal healthcare system that is equitable, comprehensive, free at point of service, and accessible to every single person in the US.

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE: A Jill Stein administration will immediately implement National Improved Medicare for All as a precursor to establishing a UK-style National Healthcare Service which will replace private hospital, private medical practice, and private medical insurance with a publicly-owned, democratically controlled healthcare service that will guarantee healthcare as a human right to everyone in the United States. We will take the pharmaceutical industry into public ownership to provide medicines as a public good. We will also codify Roe v. Wade and advance reproductive rights.

GUN VIOLENCE: We need to end the epidemic of gun violence with common-sense gun safety laws. A Jill Stein administration will ban the sale of assault rifles and establish a buyback program; establish mandatory waiting periods and background checks for firearm purchases; pass red flag laws for individuals who pose a danger to themselves and others; create standardized digital records of gun registrations and sales; close gun show loopholes; require firearm owners to own a high-quality gun safe to store their firearms; require firearm owners to purchase liability insurance of no less than \$1,000,000; and hold adult firearm owners criminally liable for minor children accessing and using firearms in the commission of any crime, accidental injury or death.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants' rights are human rights. It's time to completely overhaul the broken and abusive immigration system, as well as the unjust policies driving people to leave their homes. We need a comprehensive immigration policy and properly funded institutions to ensure a timely, ethical, transparent, and dignified path to citizenship for

immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. Border policy should move away from detention and enforcement response toward humane and effective asylum processing. A Jill Stein administration will replace ICE with an Office of Citizenship, Refugees, and Immigration Services under the Department of Labor, grant amnesty to every undocumented person, and implement a path to citizenship with expediency.

CLIMATE CHANGE: We all have a human right to a livable planet with a stable climate, healthy food, clean air and water, and living soil. We need a real Green New Deal to transition rapidly from an economic system that is destroying our only home to a sustainable society built around human needs and protecting life on Earth. Our Green New Deal will invest in renewable energy, a publicly-owned nationwide smart energy grid, clean transportation technology, energy efficiency and conservation to generate millions of good-paying jobs, rapidly phase out fossil fuels and achieve 100% clean renewable energy and zero-to-negative carbon emissions by no later than 2035. We need to act now so that our children and future generations can not only survive, but thrive.

Write-In Presidential Candidates

Maryland law allows a voter to write in a candidate's name for offices in the General Election. The following write-in candidates for the Office of President of the U.S. have filed with the State Board of Elections by our publication deadline. Votes for any of these candidates will be counted and reported by candidate name.

Ralph Jaffe (Democratic)

Paij Boring (Republican)

President R. Boddie (Unaffiliated)

Susan Maude Buchser (Unaffiliated)

Shondra Irving (Unaffiliated)

Douglas Jenkins (Unaffiliated)

Brian Larry Kienitz (Unaffiliated)

André Ramon McNeil, Sr. (Unaffiliated)

Benjamin L. Schwalb (Unaffiliated)

Lester H. Waller, Jr. (Unaffiliated)

Carol Asher (Other)

Jokie Beckett, Jr. (Other)

U.S. Senator

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

TERM: Six years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide. In 2024, Maryland voters will elect one of our two Senators. About one-third of the 100 members of the Senate are elected every two years.

WEBSITE: www.senate.gov

Questions to the Candidates for U.S. Senate

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

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

Candidates for U.S. Senate

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: Urgent action is needed to address the climate crisis. I will be a vocal advocate for the Green New Deal, as well as for expanding tax credits for clean energy and ensuring that all U.S. Government purchases, from buildings to vehicles, align with emission goals. As County Executive, I issued an Executive Order for Prince George's County, setting ambitious targets to reduce the 2005 emission levels by half before 2030 and net zero by 2045. I believe the U.S. should adopt a similar timeline.

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

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

Larry Hogan (R)

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

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY: Free and fair elections are the foundation of American

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

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

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

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

Mike Scott (Libertarian)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a long range planner and strategist. I have almost 30 years of combined federal service in the defense, acquisitions, communications, and ethics communities. I've built and managed multi-billion dollar budgets. I have trained and led people. I received a TOP SECRET clearance in 1994. I've forgotten more about federal service than my opponents will ever know. Most important point-I'm not a politician. I will do the work that needs to be done in Senate.

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY: Election Day should be a 2-3 day event. It should be done in person. Early voting should be left to military and absentee voters. We should move away from voting machines that can be hacked. But, the BIG thing: we need term

limits and campaign finance reform. That takes away the impetus to cheat in elections. We need money out of politics and there are ways to do it.

ENVIRONMENT: When COVID hit, one of the unintended consequences was the Earth got to BREATHE again. I suggest investment in viable, ATTRACTIVE public transportation. We have too many cars and trucks on the road. The use of Nuclear power (the reactors that re-use, not store waste) would also help. I'd encourage investment in Hemp plastics and construction materials. But, to fix pollution & the environment? PEOPLE have to CARE.

IMMIGRATION: The problem with immigration is America's rampant welfare state, and our fractured domestic and foreign policy. We destabilized the middle east (GWOT & Israel policies), destabilized Latin America (Drug War), now we're messing about in Africa (Sudan, Congo) and Europe (Ukraine). In other words, we have a LOT to fix to fix immigration. I'd like an Ellis Island style immigration system to quickly process immigrants. And, eliminate monetary incentives to come to America and NOT work.

FIREARMS: I'm unreasonably pro 2A. The Constitution was not meant to give citizen's rights. It was designed to limit government's power to deny rights. They banned fully automatic weapons, in part, because Blacks were protecting our neighborhoods with them. Weapons are not only necessary for self defense, they put a check on government power. With all the corruption and graft in government, I can't IMAGINE what they'd do to us if we disarm. And, both parties want us disarmed.

Patrick J. Burke

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QUALIFICATIONS: A Lifelong Maryland resident. Graduate of the University of Maryland, bachelor's degree in general biological sciences. ~ 50-year career in the science industry including technical, sales, marketing, and business development work. I have followed politics for my entire adult life and I have an understanding of the challenges facing our nation both from within and from without. I have a desire to return our nation to virtuous world leadership. If elected I promise to serve a single 6-year term.

PROTECTING DEMONCRACY: Require voter ID. IDs are required to board a plane, drive a car, open a bank account, etc. Voting is equally important. In-person voting for the majority of voters with the use of paper-ballots scanned for the initial count and hand-counted for disputed elections. Prevent illegal immigrant voting. The ultimate threat to democracy is a corrupt federal government abusing the rights of citizens and political opponents in order to stay in power. I want to see the federal government reduced in size,

ENVIRONMENT: Pollution control is a key principle of my Catholic faith. The U.S. has been doing well. Enforce existing pollution laws and develop anti-pollution technology. For Global Climate Change (GCC) data, ignored by most media, shows CO2 is not the

threat claimed by computer modeling. GCC is natural and will continue regardless of human efforts. The main drivers of GCC are beyond human control: the sun, the wind, the seas, etc. The solution: plan and create technologies to deal with the inevitable.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration should be generous but controlled. It benefits our nation. The first need is to stop the uncontrolled illegal immigration which is a threat to the economy and election integrity and a source of increase human trafficking. Reinstate Trump's policies, e.g., build the border wall to assist BP agents stop illegal crossings. After securing the border I would work to understand our existing policies to determine what level of immigration is best for the U.S. and under what conditions.

FIREARMS: I am in favor of the right of law-abiding citizens to own a gun for hunting, sport, and self-protection. I am in favor of some gun controls, such as background checks to prevent purchases by persons with criminal records or serious mental illness. I would also work to institute extra penalties for crimes in which a gun was used. I would also consider limiting the availability of high-capacity military guns to law enforcement alone.

U.S. Representative to Congress

Representative to Congress for District 4

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

TERM: Two years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

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

WEBSITE: www.house.gov

Questions for Candidates for U.S. Representative

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?
FIREARMS: Please provide your position on national gun safety legislation.

Candidates:

Glenn F. Ivey (D)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have extensive experience working on Capitol Hill in various high level capacities. Prior to running for Congress I was twice elected as State's Attorney for Prince George's County where I worked with the Obama Administration to cut crime. In the 218th Congress, I've used this experience to deliver on day one, quickly becoming a leading voice on the House Judiciary and the Homeland Security Committee's. As a member of Congress, I have prioritized constituent services and will continue to.

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY: Congress has the responsibility to protect the voting rights of all Americans. As a cosponsor of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R.14) and the Freedom to Vote Act (H.R.11) in the 118th Congress, I believe that there are several pieces of legislation that Congress should advance to the President's desk to make our democracy stronger ahead of the upcoming election.

ENVIRONMENT: In the 118th Congress there are several bills that I have been proud to cosponsor that seek to address concerns around climate change and its effect on the environment. The Donald McEachin Environmental Justice For All Act (H.R. 1729) is a key piece of legislation that establishes environmental justice requirements and programs to address the disproportionate negative human health and environmental effects of federal law in communities of color, low-income communities and tribal & indigenous com

IMMIGRATION: Our country's current immigration system poses significant challenges to our security as a nation and to maintaining the dignity and humanity of those individuals seeking to migrate to the United States. Congress should establish humane standards for holding detained immigrants by passing the Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act (H.R. 2760).

FIREARMS: The first bill that I introduced as a Member of Congress was the Raise the Age Act (H.R.2870) which establishes new restrictions on the sale of semi automatic firearms to individuals under the age of 21- common sense legislation that makes federal laws consistent across weapon types. In addition, I am a cosponsor of the Assault Weapons Ban which criminalizes the importation, sale, manufacturing, or possession of a semiautomatic assault weapon. Lastly, I am proud to support Ethan's Law (H.R.660)

George McDermott (R)

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Campaign Instagram: In process and setting up new account to be set up for 2024 election cycle

QUALIFICATIONS: In my 70+ years of experience as a businessman, entrepreneur, family man, Christian, and unfortunately as a victim of our once trusted legal, judicial, and judicial and legislative branches of our government. Returned this candidate and as a forced victims /rights advocate who has fought for the rights and liberties of his fellow citizens for the last 28 years plus whose record cannot be viewed, but the postings of over 1600 videos@secretjustice.com we cannot allow judicial terrorism succeed.

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY: The answer to this question is related to the above answer this candidate believes we have all been deliberately lied, to by our corporate government and its corporate agents acting under color of law and authority promoting insurrectionist and treasonous acts by sworn agents of the federal and state corporations who have hijacked our Constitution and rule of law. Abolished our organic Constitution. And replaced it with corporate documents drafted up by lying thieving lawyers, judges + insiders

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change will never be allowed to succeed because corporate lobbyist who fund the campaigns of state and federal elective offices hold a higher degree of loyalty to special interest, corporate interest, and corporate lobbyist whose dark money influences candidate that corporate America wants elected who hold a higher degree of loyalty to their donors than they do to the environment, their oath of office, and their legislative duties to uphold and defend all citizens of the United States.

IMMIGRATION: Again the candidate search and incorporates by reference the answers in the 3 paragraphs above policy is set aside the welfare of the nation set aside by partisan politicians who use their boat as a weapon against the opposing party and was recently seen by the U.S. Congress killing legislation passed by the Senate which would have led to the most meaningful immigration policy in the last 40 years. Again our Congress has been hijacked by politicians holding their allegiance to party over duty

FIREARMS: I firmly believe in the Second Amendment as passed by our organic legislature to assured the right to own and bear arms. However again our nation has been influenced by dark money from the NRA and its membership acting irresponsibly to put checks and balances into the laws and statutes. After mass shooting across the nation. Leaving the citizens the burden of pain, loss of life, and loss of family members, also the ABA and its members can defend these wrongdoers as the judges and Ct, get rich.

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Candidates:

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having served Marylanders in the State Senate and U.S. House, I have a deep understanding of how to deliver results for Maryland families. Whether it's securing the new FBI Headquarters in Maryland or repairing critical infrastructure - I've seen how government can work for people. As Majority Leader I helped enact laws

including the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - which lower costs, create jobs, and expand affordable health care for Marylanders.

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY: As the co-author of the Help America Vote Act – I have been a longtime leader on the issues of securing our elections and ensuring communities have the tools they need to run secure and efficient elections. As Majority Leader, I passed the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act - a critical bill that will restore the full protections of the Voting Rights Act - through the House of Representatives. I will continue working to pass voter protection laws and ensure Americans' voices are heard.

ENVIRONMENT: I strongly support environmental standards that keep our land, air, and water clean. I have proudly supported every major environmental bill since I was elected to Congress and have consistently secured federal dollars to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and local waterways. As Chair of the Regional Leadership Council, I work closely with the Biden-Harris Administration to implement the Investing in America Agenda including Inflation Reduction Act—the largest climate investment in history.

IMMIGRATION: The United States is a nation of immigrants, and I am grateful for their contributions. I strongly believe that everyone should have the opportunity to pursue legal immigration while maintaining a strong and secure border that protects those who have come to America legally. Our current immigration system is broken and I am a strong proponent of Comprehensive Immigration Reform that strengthens border security, protects DREAMers, and provides a legal pathway to citizenship.

FIREARMS: I feel passionately that we must address the gun violence epidemic in our communities. As an early and strong supporter of the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban, I have been a leader in calling for its reinstatement. As Majority Leader during the last Congress, I brought the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to the House Floor, the most comprehensive gun legislation in decades, and worked to ensure its passage. Congress has a duty to put an end to the leading cause of death for children in America.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My small business and non-profit background have given me a unique perspective on working middle class family issues of and budget. As a mother of six children, I understand the need to provide for my large family in a time when inflation and the price of goods is higher than it has been in my lifetime. It is vital that we have men and women in office who truly understand the troubles facing the average citizen who works paycheck to paycheck.

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY: Securing our elections demands ensuring that every single voter is first legally allowed to vote under the constitution and our laws, and

secondly that their right to vote is protected and valued. We should address the difficulty that many face in obtaining identification, so that all Americans have a simple way to show they are eligible to vote. Enforcing the existing laws and ensuring those checks and balances currently in place are adhered to is the best place to start.

ENVIRONMENT: We are a global example and leader in clean energy policy, so we must return to energy independence, thereby reducing our reliance on other governments around the globe who do not adhere to climate safeguards and cause more damage to the environment as they create a product that we consume.

Reinforcing American industrial capacity is crucial to decoupling from adversarial forces in the future. I would support industrial efforts that focus on green technologies in addition to energy independence.

IMMIGRATION: We should expand the workforce, including those in the legal system, who process and screen those who wish to become citizens. The “Remain in Mexico” policy should be reinstated while we establish a more robust method to verify the identities of those entering our country and reasons for seeking asylum or a better life. We must have secure borders and ensure that criminals and those who intend harm are kept out and receive severe consequences for entering illegally or under false pretenses.

FIREARMS: I believe in the 2nd Amendment and would not put policies in place that negatively affect law abiding citizens. Stiffening current enforcement for offenders is paramount in addressing this issue. We have states attorneys and district attorneys who have let violent offenders contributing to a large part of the crime in the U.S. and Maryland. We should do more to flag, report, and prevent those with mental health illness from obtaining weapons. We should be a nation that punishes the criminals.

Representative to Congress for District 8

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

TERM: Two years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

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

WEBSITE: www.house.gov

Questions for U.S. Representative

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

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

Candidates:

Jamie Raskin (D)

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QUALIFICATIONS: My motto for my House office is that no job is too big or too small for us. Whether it is leading the impeachment of a dangerously corrupt president, finding a lost Social Security check for a retiree in Bethesda, increasing the NIH budget by billions or obtaining VA benefits for a veteran in Rockville, we act nimbly to get results for our people. I also use my constitutional knowledge and coalition-building experience every day to see America through the complex challenges of our time.

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY: Democracy is not just a static collection of practices and institutions, although it is partly that. Democracy is the dynamic and never-ending process of uniting the people with the power in a “more perfect Union.” We must keep American democracy growing to survive. This means we need to add a right-to-vote Amendment to the Constitution and pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, and we need statehood for millions of disenfranchised citizens living in Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

ENVIRONMENT: Our overarching challenge is to confront the nightmarish effects of climate change, but we can’t do that when democracy itself is impaired by special interest control over the levers of political power. To counter climate change, break from the carbon barons and unleash renewable energy technologies like solar and wind, we must redeem majority rule by ending gerrymandering, protecting voting rights and dismantling state-based voter suppression tactics that form a matrix of democracy-repression.

IMMIGRATION: America is not a great country in spite of immigrants—we are a great country because of immigrants. Immigrants are as essential to our present and our future as they have been to our history, and I am committed to standing against hatred, mistreatment, and scapegoating of immigrants, while forging a bipartisan path forward to rebuild our broken system and provide meaningful pathways to lawful immigration.

FIREARMS: It is far past time to end the terrifying epidemic of gun violence in America.

I support a universal background check; a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; and barring violently dangerous people from possessing or purchasing firearms. In Congress, I voted to pass several bills addressing the current lax gun laws and I will not rest until we hold the gun industry properly accountable in tort law for its role in deadly firearm-involved violence.

Cheryl Riley (R)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was born in DC and raised in Montgomery County Maryland and love this Country. I am a public relations professional who has worked with numerous organizations in various industries and have successfully helped develop and execute viable solutions, growth, market share, prioritize issues, offer strategic plans under budget, know and treat each audience for optimum outreach, created concise crisis communications plans and consistently developed pro-active solutions resulting in ROI excellence.

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY: I believe in voter ID laws, same day voting and same day results. The voting system has lost credibility due to poor chain of command; whereby there needs to be a viable, one vote per person, Citizen voters only process. Mail in voting for those who have no choice must be verifiable via ID as well.

ENVIRONMENT: As I am priority focused, our country/state/county is facing numerous urgent crisis situations that should be resolved first and foremost, such as the rise in crime, the economy and the drug crisis. The climate change narrative being pushed as a top priority is not an immediate threat. The USA has some of the strictest laws to combat pollution in the world, such as automobile emissions testing, recycling. I am witnessing "climate change" regulations being imposed on daily necessities including e

IMMIGRATION: We are in the midst of an open border crisis that is totally unacceptable, and threatens the citizens, our economy and the very fabric of what our Country was founded on. Closing the border to regain control of who is walking in unvetted is the top priority that needs to be addressed. Watching American Citizens being considered after illegals from all over the globe must end and is unconstitutional. One American life that has ended due to someone who was allowed to simply walk in is ONE TOO MANY

FIREARMS: fully support legal, responsible gun ownership. Given the out of control crime and the protecting of criminals over innocent people by politicians, I believe everyone has the right to defend their lives, property and others. The criminals know they are protected via the anti-police elected who have left Americans defenseless. There are numerous laws surrounding legal gun ownership that work. It is the criminals who don't follow the laws and the false narrative rhetoric pushing politicians w

Nancy Wallace (Green Party)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I led national legislative campaigns for 14 years with 5 years for the Sierra Club. I advocated for the environment and women's reproductive health. I created Congressional strategies, drafted legislation, presented testimony before committees, and negotiated final passage. Extensive understanding of scientific and technical issues including climate change, solar power, oceans, endangered species, and telecom. Worked 30 years for federal Executive branch on billion-dollar programs in 4 agencies.

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY: I served 10 years on Verified Voting's Advisory Board, the leading national non-profit on election integrity, and been an activist on voting for decades. Enact Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) to ensure every vote counts towards the final election result and the winner has a majority; no open primaries. Individual outreach to every person eligible to vote but not registered, with focus in poor communities. Add pre-clearance to the Federal Voting Rights Act for states. Prosecute violations as felonies.

ENVIRONMENT: The planet is dying, faster than ever after 50 years of Republicans and Democrats talk. I propose an emergency national program to address climate change using the massive government capability we saw with the covid response. Retrofit all homes with super-insulation. Provide grants to electrify our homes and install solar energy, which also provides local jobs. Limit farm tax subsidies to organic farms, which absorb CO2. Link with social justice and economic transformation. Listen to scientists!

IMMIGRATION: Our immigration challenge has two sides –international policies creating the need to leave home countries, and treatment of immigrants inside the US. Foreign policy must change to protect, not exploit other countries' environments, cultures, economies, and peoples. In the US, I stand firmly for social justice for all living in this country regardless of immigration status. All immigrants must be granted a pathway to citizenship, stopping abuse. Oversight of denials of political asylum claims.

FIREARMS: I support a federal assault weapons ban, including possession and sale of previously-manufactured weapons; and a ban on large capacity magazines and ghost guns. Handguns should be regulated like driver's licenses, and have annual checks in police stations to confirm possession and child locks. Gun sales in stores only, not shows. Just as important, violence in video games and the entertainment industry must be regulated to protect children's mental health and support caring, connected families.

Judicial Offices

Prince George's County Judge of the Circuit Court Circuit 7

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

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide. The state is divided into eight Judicial Circuits. When there is a vacancy, a nominating commission reviews the qualifications of applicants for the judgeship and recommends several names to the Governor, who appoints a person from that list to fill the office. Each newly appointed judge must run for office at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy occurred. Sitting judges must also run for re-election after serving for 15 years. Attorneys who are members of the Maryland Bar may also run to challenge a newly appointed or sitting judge. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots.

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

SALARY: \$194,433 per year

WEBSITE: www.courts.state.md.us/circuit

Questions for Candidates for Judicial Offices

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 4.

Darren Sebastian Johnson

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a practicing attorney for more than 20 years and of those years, the last six have been spent as either a magistrate or judge on the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. As a lifelong resident of Prince George's County, I understand the community for which I serve. I have built a reputation for compassion and fairness having served over 13,000 citizens as a family magistrate in matters ranging from divorce, custody, and truancy.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Our communities are facing unprecedented challenges and the need for experienced, impartial, compassionate leadership in our judicial system has never been more crucial.

DIVERSION PROGRAMS: I think resources that provide solutions to the issues facing our community are an absolute asset. Mental health is a paramount issue facing our community. Raising awareness of the issue requires effort from all leadership sources in our community.

CHALLENGES: The public perception and faith in the court system. I feel the public needs to be educated on the important role they play in the judicial process.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 20 years legal experience that includes litigation, judicial education, being a magistrate, and now a sitting judge. Daily, I preside over civil, criminal, and family law cases; making it a priority to treat people fairly and with respect and compassion. My experience also includes the training and education of ALL judges and magistrates in the state. These combined experiences give me the requisite skills and knowledge about Maryland courts, its administrative policies, and the law.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Addressing this problem would require a multifaceted approach, that tackles the systemic issues contributing to this disparity. Ensuring fair and unbiased sentencing practices, along with empowering minority communities with support and resources such as community engagement initiatives aimed at addressing underlying social and economic factors, expanded mental health services, and comprehensive education and job training opportunities, would be crucial steps in combating this problem.

DIVERSION PROGRAMS: These programs offer alternatives to incarceration, focusing on rehabilitation and addressing underlying issues. They provide access to counseling, therapy, and support services tailored to individual needs. By addressing the root

causes of criminal behavior, such programs can reduce recidivism rates, promote community reintegration, and save costs associated with incarceration. The appropriateness of offering diversion program is fact driven and should be determined on a case-by-case basis.

CHALLENGES: Backlogs of cases and limited access to attorneys, are a challenge. Backlogs require streamlined case management, increased judicial resources, and the use of alternative dispute resolution. Enhancing access to attorneys require expanding legal aid services, promoting pro bono work, and allocating additional resources to guide individuals without legal representation. These strategies alleviate strain on courts, ensure timely justice delivery, and promote equitable access to the courts for all.

Michael Sheehan

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a Marine Corps veteran and public servant, I believe there is no higher professional calling than public service. My time in the military instilled in me the discipline necessary to confront tough issues and the decisiveness needed to resolve them. I currently practice tax law, which touches numerous other areas of the law, so I will bring a unique perspective to the bench and am prepared to handle the diverse array of matters that come before the circuit court.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: I would apply the law fairly, impartially, and prudently; and in every instance when a child appears in my courtroom, I would give careful consideration to the background and circumstances that might have led them there. I would be ever mindful that youthful indiscretion is not born in a vacuum, but rather is often a symptom of problems beyond a child's control. Where appropriate and when the law allows, I would be open to finding remedies that avoid carceral disruption to a child's flourishing.

DIVERSION PROGRAMS: Diversion programs are a proven, effective alternative to incarceration. Often, behavioral problems and drug abuse are cries for help, and judges—aided by defense attorneys, prosecutors, and other partners—in many cases should answer those cries by connecting justice-involved persons with the resources they need to thrive. Our Prince George's community has demonstrated that we are capable of lifting up our young people and leading them on a path toward accountability.

CHALLENGES: Transparency and trust. As a respected sitting judge stated last year in her testimony to the state legislature, judges accepting political campaign donations from lawyers and law firms that practice before them creates the appearance of impropriety. Many Prince George's community members agree with this commonsense sentiment. I have pledged not to accept any campaign contributions from lawyers and law firms that might appear in my courtroom.

Cheri Nicole Simpkins

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a former prosecutor and District Court judge with over 20 years of experience, I have gained vast legal knowledge and courtroom experience. While as a judge, I improved my legal analysis and impartial decision-making abilities. My experience handling a variety of cases has made me adaptable to different legal issues. Having served on both District and Circuit Courts, I understand the importance of judicial independence and the need to protect the rights of all parties involved.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: The overrepresentation of minority youth in the prison system is an issue that requires a comprehensive approach. To achieve fairness, equity, and rehabilitation within the criminal justice system, judges must recognize systemic factors like socioeconomic disparities, racial bias, and limited access to education and employment opportunities. By promoting alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenses, like diversion programs and restorative justice.

DIVERSION PROGRAMS: Diversion programs provide alternatives to traditional incarceration for those with behavioral problems and substance abuse. These programs prioritize rehabilitation, address underlying issues, and offer comprehensive, evidence-based interventions, including counseling, therapy, and support services. By redirecting nonviolent offenders, they save taxpayer dollars, promote positive outcomes, and enhance public safety.

CHALLENGES: To improve upon some of the challenges of Maryland's Circuit Courts we can use technology, alternative dispute resolution, adequate funding and resources, and diversity and inclusion initiatives. These strategic reforms can make court operations more efficient, reduce backlog and litigation costs, eliminate systemic biases, and deliver timely, fair, and accessible justice.

Donnell Wilfred Turner

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QUALIFICATIONS: My legal experience spans over thirty years and is very broad and pertinent to my duties. For over twenty years I worked as a Federal and State prosecutor, trying over a hundred jury trials, and an administrator, including serving as Prince George's County Principal Deputy State's Attorney, and Director of the Office of Integrity, Compliance, and Police Accountability.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: The Court must balance the need to hold juveniles accountable, particularly for violent offenses, with the goal of rehabilitation and making it possible for juveniles to ultimately become productive members of society. When adjudicating juvenile cases, the Court should consider dispositions that limit or avoid juvenile detention, while also ensuring the protection and safety of the community.

DIVERSION PROGRAMS: The Circuit Court has several significant diversion programs to address individuals who suffer from substance misuse, mental health disorders, and

other behavioral problems. In appropriate cases, the Court should utilize these programs to reach just and fair outcomes when individuals meet established criteria and the circumstances warrant it.

CHALLENGES: One challenge includes access to the courts for everyone, including indigent litigants and individuals who need language interpreters to assist them. Currently, I sit on the Judicial Council's Access to Courts Committee, which meets regularly to address these issues. Another challenge is security for judges. Currently, this issue is being addressed by the Maryland Judiciary and the Legislature.

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Description: Vote YES or NO for continuance in office

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

NOTE: In 2022, voters approved an amendment to the Maryland constitution that changed the name of this court from "Court of Special Appeals" to "Appellate Court of Maryland."

SALARY: \$213,633 annual base.

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

HOW ELECTED: When there is a vacancy on the Appellate Court, a nominating commission reviews the qualifications of applicants for the judgeship and recommends several names to the Governor, who appoints a person from that list to fill the office, who must then be confirmed by the State Senate. Once appointed, the appellate judge holds the office until the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. At that time, the judge runs for an uncontested election for a 10-year term on their record (yes or no for continuance in office). No one is permitted to file against them. If the incumbent judge is approved, the judge faces another "retention election" every ten years to continue in office. If the incumbent judge is rejected by the voters, the post becomes vacant, and the governor makes a new appointment.

Questions for Candidates for Appellate Court

No response received from candidates

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

DISCRIMINATION: How can the courts prevent prejudices based on race, gender, age, or sexuality from affecting the fairness of court proceedings?

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: What actions would you support to provide individuals with more access to the judicial system and legal assistance?

Candidates

Vote YES or NO for continuance in office

Anne K. Albright

Kevin F. Arthur

Andrea M. Leahy

Candidates for Board of Education

Prince George's County Board of Education, District 1

DUTIES: The BOE shares its responsibilities with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish and oversee educational policies; to make decisions on educational, facility, and financial matters; and to appraise the educational and administrative management of the public school system. The CEO implements public school policies and programs. The BOE may not contradict management and oversight of fiscal affairs except by a 2/3 vote of the BOE. The purpose of the Board is two-fold: to raise the academic achievement of students and the level of engagement of parents, students, and community. The BOE consists of nine elected members, three members appointed by the County Executive, one member appointed by the County Council, and one student member.

SALARY: \$18,000 + \$7,000 reimbursement

TERM: 4 years; no term limits

HOW ELECTED: By popular vote within one of nine districts. Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are elected during Presidential elections; Districts 2, 3, 6, and 9, during Gubernatorial elections. BOE races are non-partisan, and all registered voters may vote in both Primary and General elections. The top two vote getters in each race advance to the General election; uncontested races (only one or two candidates) do not appear on the primary election ballot.

Questions for Candidates for Board of Education

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

PARENTAL INPUT: How would you address concerns about specific books or instructional materials in the schools?

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: What programs or policies, if any, do you propose or support to help our schools address the ongoing concerns around student mental health?

OPPORTUNITY GAP: How would you ensure that all students have equitable access to resources, challenging courses, and effective teachers and administrators?

SCHOOL LEADERS: What strategies would you support to attract and retain effective teachers and administrators?

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

Tiffini L. Andorful

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a PGCPs alum, teacher in DC Public Schools, community organizer, nonprofit senior leader, and five-year tenure on a local school board equips me with comprehensive knowledge of education. Additionally, my extensive academic background further prepares me for the responsibilities of this office.

PARENTAL INPUT: I recognize the importance of community engagement in addressing concerns about specific books or instructional materials in schools. My approach would prioritize listening to parents to understand concerns and root causes. I would commit to increasing transparency, collaboratively identifying solutions, and prioritizing knowledge of the current state.

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: I strongly advocate for comprehensive mental health support in every school, especially in light of the increased challenges students face post-pandemic. I fully support the Maryland School Mental Health Response Program (MHRP) and am committed to exploring additional programs and partnerships to ensure our students receive the support they need.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: To ensure equitable access, I'd assess resources, courses, and

staffing to identify barriers and priorities. Collaborating with the community and seeking funding and partnerships, especially in underserved schools, I'd ensure access to quality, benchmark-aligned, critical thinking-focused curriculum. Additionally, I'd emphasize increased access to quality training and staff accountability.

SCHOOL LEADERS: To attract effective teachers and administrators, I'd support targeted recruitment and competitive compensation. To both attract and retain talent, I'd prioritize strategies for increased support, professional development, innovative collaboration, and flexibility in the school day to decrease staff workload, increase effectiveness, and explore career growth opportunities.

Donna S. Barriteau

No response received by deadline.

Prince George's County Board of Education, District 4

DUTIES: The BOE shares its responsibilities with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish and oversee educational policies; to make decisions on educational, facility, and financial matters; and to appraise the educational and administrative management of the public school system. The CEO implements public school policies and programs. The BOE may not contradict management and oversight of fiscal affairs except by a 2/3 vote of the BOE. The purpose of the Board is two-fold: to raise the academic achievement of students and the level of engagement of parents, students, and community. The BOE consists of nine elected members, three members appointed by the County Executive, one member appointed by the County Council, and one student member.

SALARY: \$18,000 + \$7,000 reimbursement

TERM: 4 years; no term limits

HOW ELECTED: By popular vote within one of nine districts. Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are elected during Presidential elections; Districts 2, 3, 6, and 9, during Gubernatorial elections. BOE races are non-partisan, and all registered voters may vote in both Primary and General elections. The top two vote getters in each race advance to the General election; uncontested races (only one or two candidates) do not appear on the primary election ballot.

Questions

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

PARENTAL INPUT: How would you address concerns about specific books or instructional materials in the schools?

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: What programs or policies, if any, do you propose or support to help our schools address the ongoing concerns around student mental health?

OPPORTUNITY GAP: How would you ensure that all students have equitable access to resources, challenging courses, and effective teachers and administrators?

SCHOOL LEADERS: What strategies would you support to attract and retain effective teachers and administrators?

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My extensive background in policy positions fit well for this role. Since 2018, I've diligently worked to improve local, state, and national policies. As the Program and Policy Analyst at FEMA, my responsibilities include managing, identifying, overseeing, coordinating, and monitoring policy and program initiatives. My expertise will undoubtedly contribute significantly to District 5's success.

PARENTAL INPUT: I believe that every parent wants the best for their children, and I commend those who are advocating for their household. As a school board member, I would establish transparent guidelines that define academic freedom and its boundaries. I would also educate the community on policies that align with community expectations and values.

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: As a mother of two scholars in PGCPS, I know firsthand the importance in having ample support to help our schools address the ongoing concern around student mental health. I am advocating for students to have coping skills training groups and provide mindfulness-based training programs for students and teachers.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: To ensure equitable access for all students, I would advocate for equitable resource management. I would assess the needs, reallocate existing resources, and align strategies with the school's mission. Additionally, promoting

equitable access to effective teachers involves analyzing gaps, setting goals, and developing strategies to address inequities. A focus on inclusive policies and supportive environments can create a level playing field for every student in District 5.

SCHOOL LEADERS: My strategy to attract and retain effective educators is to focus on appreciation, professional development, competitive compensation, local pathways, and positive school culture. I also believe we should recognize their efforts, invest in growth, ensure fair pay, create accessible career paths, and foster a supportive environment.

Zipporah Miller

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QUALIFICATIONS: With over 30 years of expertise in STEM education and School System leadership, I am uniquely qualified to continue to serve as a school board member. From teaching to district-wide leadership, I've led initiatives to boost student achievement, teacher retention, and school safety. My advocacy for equitable education and community involvement highlights my dedication to fostering a supportive learning environment for all students.

PARENTAL INPUT: Parental engagement is crucial in shaping policy and making decisions. When addressing concerns about books or materials, I prioritize listening. Forums will be convened for open dialogue. As a leader, I value every voice. It's standard practice for me to involve parents in material selection, ensuring they are an equal partner in the selection process.

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: To bolster student mental health, I continue to champion funding for counselors and partnerships with licensed clinicians. Virtual access to clinicians is crucial and available, thus awareness around this resource is necessary. I've successfully advocated for calming rooms and expanding restorative practices. It's imperative to equip school staff with strategies and resources to support students facing mental health challenges.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: As the current chair of the academic achievement committee on the school board, I ensure equitable access by reviewing data and school practices. We meet with practitioners to understand challenges and ensure all students have access to resources, challenging courses, and effective teachers. I continue to champion professional development for teachers and school administrators around equity and access.

SCHOOL LEADERS: To attract and retain effective teachers and administrators, I advocate for competitive salaries and compensation packages that include comprehensive benefits. I prioritize supportive working conditions, professional development, and collaboration with the teachers' union. Additionally, I support compensating teaching interns during their internships to value their contributions and invest in their professional growth.

Prince George's County Board of Education, District 7

DUTIES: The BOE shares its responsibilities with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish and oversee educational policies; to make decisions on educational, facility, and financial matters; and to appraise the educational and administrative management of the public school system. The CEO implements public school policies and programs. The BOE may not contradict management and oversight of fiscal affairs except by a 2/3 vote of the BOE. The purpose of the Board is two-fold: to raise the academic achievement of students and the level of engagement of parents, students, and community. The BOE consists of nine elected members, three members appointed by the County Executive, one member appointed by the County Council, and one student member.

SALARY: \$18,000 + \$7,000 reimbursement

TERM: 4 years; no term limits

HOW ELECTED: By popular vote within one of nine districts. Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are elected during Presidential elections; Districts 2, 3, 6, and 9, during Gubernatorial elections. BOE races are non-partisan, and all registered voters may vote in both Primary and General elections. The top two vote getters in each race advance to the General election; uncontested races (only one or two candidates) do not appear on the primary election ballot.

Questions for Candidates for Board of Education

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

PARENTAL INPUT: How would you address concerns about specific books or instructional materials in the schools?

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: What programs or policies, if any, do you propose or support to help our schools address the ongoing concerns around student mental health?

OPPORTUNITY GAP: How would you ensure that all students have equitable access to resources, challenging courses, and effective teachers and administrators?

SCHOOL LEADERS: What strategies would you support to attract and retain effective teachers and administrators?

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the current District 7 representative I am proud of the work we have completed to increase teacher pay, bolster school security, build 8 cutting edge new buildings, and increase mental health resources for both students and educators across the county. Serving in leadership on the Operations, Budget, and Fiscal Affairs (OBFA) Committee each year I've led my colleagues and the administration through decisions prudent to the proper fiscal allocation and operation of the entire school system.

PARENTAL INPUT: By approaching the situation with both empathy and understanding, I would first seek to hear the concern & respect their perspective. This helps to lay the groundwork & effectively build a bridge to the PGCPs administration. By actively listening to concerns, providing alternative options, offering information about the content area, encouraging dialogue, & ultimately respecting the parents' decisions, schools & educators can work collaboratively to meet the educational needs of all students.

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: Advocacy for increased train the trainer models across the county is imperative to addressing the concerns around student mental health. I cosponsored Budget Amendment 2.6 Mental Health Awareness (RESOLUTION #02152024-03) targeting additional system wide training. This model builds on the existing Sources of Strength programs offered in 30 of our schools, in a 5 year \$3 million initiative. Support and expansion of AP 5113, granting students one mental health day per semester, is also vital

OPPORTUNITY GAP: Advocating for the proper funding based on needs in curriculum, activities, and services. Through increased parent and community partnership we have also increased the knowledge base for funding structures around Title I and Community Schools status. Which contributes to the School Based Budget, impacting areas such as our English Language Learners (ELL) and Special Education (SPED) scholars. Increased use and enhancements to the Equity Dashboard will also ensure areas of need are identified.

SCHOOL LEADERS: Continuously prioritizing competitive compensation packages that reflect the value of our teachers' contributions. Ensuring our decisions must reflect the importance of granting teachers the autonomy to teach without unnecessary burdens & providing them the resources needed, like adequate (and respected) planning time. My commitment to educators extends beyond financial incentives. I am dedicated to cultivating a supportive and inclusive environment where educators feel valued, safe &

empowered

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QUALIFICATIONS: With over a decade of experience as a classroom teacher, principal, and senior leader in education policy, including roles as a congressional adviser and now professor of Education Policy, I possess a comprehensive understanding of education challenges. My track record of driving positive change, coupled with a commitment to equity and excellence, uniquely prepares me to tackle the duties of this office with innovative solutions and visionary leadership.

PARENTAL INPUT: Drawing on my expertise in education policy and leadership, I would establish a transparent review process involving stakeholders to address concerns about specific books or instructional materials in schools. Emphasizing diversity, equity, and inclusion, I'd ensure decisions align with educational standards and community values while promoting critical thinking and open dialogue.

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: Utilizing my background in education policy and leadership, I advocate for comprehensive mental health programs in schools. This includes increased access to counselors, training for educators in recognizing mental health issues, and implementing evidence-based interventions. Additionally, fostering supportive school environments and partnerships with mental health professionals are crucial steps in addressing the ongoing concerns surrounding student mental health.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: I propose targeted interventions such as equitable funding distribution, recruitment of diverse educators, and implementation of rigorous coursework. Additionally, I advocate for community partnerships, professional development for educators, and data-driven strategies to address systemic barriers, ensuring all students have equitable access to resources and opportunities for academic success.

SCHOOL LEADERS: To attract and retain effective teachers and administrators, I advocate for comprehensive strategies. These include competitive compensation packages, professional development opportunities, supportive work environments, and leadership pathways. Additionally, fostering a culture of collaboration, recognizing achievements, and providing mentorship programs are essential for retaining talent and sustaining school improvement efforts.

Prince George's County Board of Education, District 8

DUTIES: The BOE shares its responsibilities with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish and oversee educational policies; to make decisions on educational, facility, and financial matters; and to appraise the educational and administrative management

of the public school system. The CEO implements public school policies and programs. The BOE may not contradict management and oversight of fiscal affairs except by a 2/3 vote of the BOE. The purpose of the Board is two-fold: to raise the academic achievement of students and the level of engagement of parents, students, and community. The BOE consists of nine elected members, three members appointed by the County Executive, one member appointed by the County Council, and one student member.

SALARY: \$18,000 + \$7,000 reimbursement

TERM: 4 years; no term limits

HOW ELECTED: By popular vote within one of nine districts. Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are elected during Presidential elections; Districts 2, 3, 6, and 9, during Gubernatorial elections. BOE races are non-partisan, and all registered voters may vote in both Primary and General elections. The top two vote getters in each race advance to the General election; uncontested races (only one or two candidates) do not appear on the primary election ballot.

Questions for Candidates for Board of Education

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

PARENTAL INPUT: How would you address concerns about specific books or instructional materials in the schools.

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: What programs or policies, if any, do you propose or support to help our schools address the ongoing concerns around student mental health?

OPPORTUNITY GAP: How would you ensure that all students have equitable access to resources, challenging courses, and effective teachers and administrators?

SCHOOL LEADERS: What strategies would you support to attract and retain effective teachers and administrators?

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have experience as a lawyer, Legislative Director, Deputy Town Administrator, Director of Community Engagement and Constituent Services, Law Enforcement Officer, Social Worker, Director for Summer Playgrounds, and Substitute Teacher. I believe in building strong partnerships with stakeholders, including local agencies, to provide additional resources and services to students and their families. I will continue to work towards building successful partnerships within the community.

PARENTAL INPUT: I believe parents should have the option to opt out of curriculum materials that conflicts with their beliefs, but schools must have inclusive, and diverse curriculums that supports the entire spectrum of our student population. School Board members don't create the curriculum, but the Superintendent does. Thus, I support PGCPs's efforts to create inclusive curriculums that represent the student population's diversity.

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: Schools need a Mental Health Crisis Team for students' safety and well-being. The team should include a nurse, social worker, counselor, resource officers, and a mental health professional. Intervention by one or more of these entities is pivotal for successful management. A bi-lingual representative might also be necessary.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: As a Legislative Director, I support the "Maryland Education Shortage Act." We need to retain our educators by advocating for competitive compensation, professional development, and growth opportunities. Our students deserve a safe learning environment, and the budget must align with our priorities. I will ensure that our community's voices are heard so that our students receive the education they deserve.

SCHOOL LEADERS: To attract and retain the best educators and administrators, as a potential school board member, I propose offering competitive salaries and benefits, providing ample professional development opportunities, creating a positive culture that celebrates excellence in teaching, and prioritizing communication with our teachers. This will ensure that PGCPs remains an attractive place for highly qualified educators to work and develop, ultimately leading to a better education for our students.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've spent over a decade in education from the classroom to national advocacy. I've taught, led school culture improvement efforts, coached teachers, principals & district leaders, worked to pass state and local education legislation, and worked on national education policy. I've experienced District 8 schools as a student and teacher leader. I'd like to bring my educational expertise together with the genius of PGCPs staff and the broader community to make our schools a model for the nation.

PARENTAL INPUT: I respect parents' responsibility to protect and guide their children. I do not support using that responsibility to obscure facts or make the job of educating students to be citizens more difficult. I am in support of pathways to address curricular issues with educational experts and best practices, and systems for parents to opt out of specific books or instructional materials if the learning objective can be met without that material and doing so won't impede the learning of other students.

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: The mental health crisis is a community issue that schools can't solve alone. In addition to community partnerships, I support 1) Systems in all schools to get students to dedicated mental health professionals, either on-site or through referrals 2) Training all staff in basic mental health and crisis prevention such as Restorative Practices and Mental Health First Aid 3) Embedding wellness and SEL into the curriculum 4) Analyzing our policies for ways to model well-being best practices

OPPORTUNITY GAP: ALL students can achieve at high levels and our resource allocation MUST reflect our commitment to getting them there! I support 1) Using data to drive decisions around resource allocation 2) Increasing incentives to attract our most effective staff to support our greatest needs 3) Interventions that meet students where they are to build the skills to succeed in challenging coursework to be offered at all schools 4) Ongoing training for staff to meet the unique needs of our most vulnerable students

SCHOOL LEADERS: This is a national crisis, so we have to get the basics down and then get creative. We must provide safe and positive work environments, pay people for their expertise, and provide support to reach the high professional standards we expect. Safe, well-paid expert staff create joyful, impactful learning environments for students and attract more talent. I will work with all stakeholders to optimize the strategies already in place and push for new strategies such as the Opportunity Culture Model

Special General Election, County Council At Large

Offices and Candidates are listed in Ballot Order. These abbreviations are used.

D = Democratic Party

R = Republican Party

Lib = Libertarian Party

Grn = Green Party

Con = Constitution Party

Wor = Working Party

Una = Unaffiliated Candidate

DUTIES: All legislative powers. The County Council also sits as the District Council which decides all zoning and land use matters. The County Council also sits as the Board of Health which decides health policy matters.

SALARY: \$114,347 base

TERM: 4 years; limited to two terms

HOW ELECTED: For County Council At-Large candidates, the top two countywide vote getters will be elected. For the nine (9) County Council District candidates, a candidate wins by popular vote within the councilmanic district.

Questions for the Candidates

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

HOUSING: What action, if any, should the county government take to increase the supply of affordable housing?

ECONOMY: How should the county government best encourage development and job growth at all economic levels?

DRUG ABUSE: What can the county do to address the problem of drug abuse?

PRIORITIES: What are the three most important issues you want to work on if elected?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am currently on the County Council, elected in 2018 and reelected in 2022. My colleagues elected me Chair in 2023. I previously served in the MD House of Delegates from 2007 to 2015 and was elected as Chair of the P.G. County House Delegation from 2012 to 2014. I was appointed by Governor Wes Moore to serve on the Zero Emission Energy Vehicle Infrastructure Committee for the 2023-2026 and am currently the Chair of an environmental committee for the Metro Washington Council of Government.

HOUSING: For years we have underproduced new housing. Half of renters in the County are housing cost burdened, the highest in the region, and the county fell significantly short of its 2023 goal of 2,380 new units. I support fully funding the Housing Investment Trust Fund, the goals of the Housing Opportunities for All report, using the Right of First Refusal for multi-family rental units, creating a Community Housing Trust, allowing ADUs, and supporting proper PILOTs (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) projects.

ECONOMY: To thrive economically we need strong public schools, smart and sustainable development, and wise incentives, mandates, and subsidies. Regulation and permitting should be streamlined. Opportunities are coming with the FBI Headquarters, Bureau of Printing & Engraving, Blue Line Corridor, New Carrollton, and Hospital Hill. They will attract businesses and jobs, and contractors should be required to hire county-based employees. I support the county's EDC, Employ PG, and Redevelopment Corp.

DRUG ABUSE: The county's approach is a mix of prevention, treatment, law enforcement, and public education, while providing services to individuals with addiction. The county's Crisis Response Center offers emergency drug abuse services, and the Health Dept. offers outpatient treatment and residential rehabilitation. The county has a Drug Court to divert users to treatment instead of incarceration. Drugs are a significant public health and are a multifaceted problem needing multi-faceted solutions.

PRIORITIES: Support families and seniors, expand the commercial tax base, and implement the climate action plan. Last year we faced a \$171 million budget deficit, and I led the Council in prioritizing schools and public safety without raising taxes. There are budgetary challenges ahead, and there will be difficult choices, but we also need to maintain our AAA bond rating, build EV infrastructure, expand the tree canopy, maintain rent stability, streamline the hiring process, all while not raising taxes.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a lifelong resident of the County and public servant both as an Emergency Medical Technician and Police Detective I have seen and listened to the public. There issues are valid. With the increase of taxes to the lack of services that the county provided to the roads and issues that affect our senior citizens is a concern.

HOUSING: The term AFFORDABLE house is not in the realm of possibilities in this county. The supply chain across this county and inflation raises the cost of materials to build affordable housing. Who can afford \$500,000 dollar homes? The tax increases that are being place on the population of this state and county make other leave the state.

ECONOMY: I have talked to people who run their own small business only to find out after jumping through all the red tape they have had to go through that the county took the business that they had proposed and sent the funds to company that was in China instead of keeping the funds in the county and country. The small black owned businesses that have had to go through all the red tape and the elite's not listening to their legitimate issues pushes the out of the county. Rules need to set and abided to

DRUG ABUSE: Having five grandchildren of my own, this work all begins in the home as well as in the school system to deter the use in taking illicit drug. And thanks to our state legislature by passing the recreational marijuana use, although the federal

government has not, creates and issue. More Police officers are needed to crack down on the laws that are currently on the books and more prosecutors that are willing to enforce the penalties and not take pleas or put the crime on a stet docket.

PRIORITIES: 1) Strong public safety both for police and fire department, 2) A balanced budget with NO new taxes, 3) Road improvements and liter pick up. Just to name a few.

BALLOT QUESTIONS

Prince George's County voters are asked to mark their ballots FOR or AGAINST an amendment to the Maryland Constitution. The proposed change is presented to voters as a question on their ballots. To be enacted, ballot questions require approval by a simple majority of the people voting on the question.

Ballot questions may be initiated in several ways through actions of the legislative body or by citizens. When the General Assembly proposes a change to the Maryland Constitution, it must place a referendum (a vote to approve or disapprove) on the ballot about the change. Citizens can also use a petition to place a ballot question to overturn or change a law passed by the General Assembly. This year the statewide ballot question is a proposed amendment to the Maryland Constitution.

The ballot question summarizes the proposed change to the Maryland Constitution and will appear on the ballot just as it appears below. Voters often find it hard to understand the meaning of an amendment and whether to vote for or against it.

Vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** the amendment.

State Ballot Question – Constitutional Amendment

Question 1

Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 245 of the 2023 Legislative Session)

Declaration of Rights-Right to Reproductive Freedom

The proposed amendment confirms an individual's fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including but not limited to the ability to make and effectuate decisions to prevent, continue, or end the individual's pregnancy, and provides the State may not, directly or indirectly, deny, burden, or abridge the right unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

(Adding Article 48 to the Maryland Declaration of Rights.)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Current Law: Maryland law says that the State cannot stop a woman from ending a pregnancy before the fetus can survive outside the womb. A pregnancy also may be ended at any time if needed to protect the woman's life or health, or if the fetus has a serious medical problem. Doctors, nurse practitioners, midwives, and physician assistants can perform abortions. These providers are protected from being sued or charged if they perform an abortion in good faith. Health insurers and Maryland Medicaid must cover the cost of abortion services.

Proposed Change: The ballot question would not change existing law as stated above, but would add a new Article 48 in the Maryland Constitution:

"That every person, as a central component of an individual's rights to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including but not limited to the ability to make and effectuate decisions to prevent, continue, or end one's own pregnancy. The State may not, directly or indirectly, deny, burden, or abridge the right unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means."

The amendment is designed to protect the entire range of reproductive decisions including birth control, in vitro fertilization, fertility treatments and abortion.

Origin of the Ballot Question: This amendment was proposed by the Maryland General Assembly in Senate Bill 798 during the 2023 session. It was prompted by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*. The Dobbs decision allows states to make their own abortion laws. Neighboring jurisdictions, like West Virginia, have banned abortion, while others, like the District of Columbia, protect the right to abortion.

Arguments FOR the amendment:

- Nearly 70% of Maryland residents disagree with the *Dobbs* decision, and almost 80% support a constitutional amendment to protect abortion rights in Maryland (*Washington Post* poll, September 2022).
- Because the *Dobbs* decision removed federal constitutional protection for reproductive freedom, a provision in the Maryland Constitution would be the strongest legal protection for this right in the state. Additionally, changing this constitutional provision would require approval by three-fifths of the Maryland General Assembly and a majority of voters.
- Under this provision, abortions and other reproductive procedures would remain safe and legal in Maryland. In states where abortion is outlawed or restricted, the procedure will still take place but under potentially unsafe or deadly circumstances.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

- Maryland already allows abortion, so a constitutional amendment is not necessary. If passed, this amendment would restrict future legislators from making new abortion-related laws.
- The proposed amendment goes farther than existing law in that it would permit abortion at any time until birth without limitations.
- This amendment could lead to more abortions and could make Maryland a destination for out-of-state abortions.

A majority vote FOR Question 1 means the Maryland Constitution would affirm that everyone has the right to reproductive freedom, including the right to an abortion and that the state cannot limit this right unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means. Maryland's existing law regarding the right to an abortion would remain in effect but could be changed by the legislature if the change were consistent with this constitutional amendment.

A majority vote AGAINST Question 1 means the Constitution would not be changed. Maryland's current law about abortion would remain the same but could be changed by the legislature in the future.

Spanish Translations of the Following Bond Issues are at the End of the Document

Question A - Bond Issue: County Buildings Bonds

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$96,720,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of County Buildings, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

☐ For the Referred Law

☐ Against the Referred Law

Question B - Bond Issue: Library Facilities Bonds

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$17,284,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Library Facilities, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

☐ For the Referred Law

☐ Against the Referred Law

Question C - Bond Issue: Community College Facilities Bonds

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$194,380,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

☐ For the Referred Law

☐ Against the Referred Law

Question D - Bond Issue: Public Works and Transportation Facilities Bonds

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$311,873,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including roads and bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities), including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

☐ For the Referred Law

☐ Against the Referred Law

Question E - Bond Issue: Public Safety Facilities Bonds

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$40,205,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Safety Facilities (including Fire Department Facilities), including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

☐ For the Referred Law

☐ Against the Referred Law

Question F - Charter Amendment Agency Staffing Levels

To provide that during any fiscal year, no agency of County government may exceed the number of positions for that agency as approved in the operating budget without the prior approval of the Council.

☐ For the Referred Law

☐ Against the Referred Law

Bond Issue Descriptions in Spanish

Pregunta A - Emisión de Bonos Para Edificios del Condado

Una ley que permite al Condado pedir dinero prestado y emitir bonos en una cantidad que no exceda \$96,720,000 para financiar el diseño, construcción, reconstrucción, ampliación, adquisición, mejora, ampliación, alteración, renovación, traslado, restauración o reparación de edificios del Condado, incluyendo la adquisición y la construcción de los sitios para ello, los servicios de arquitectura e ingeniería relacionados con ello, así como la adquisición e instalación de los equipos fijos permanentes necesarios para ello, tal como se definen en la ley.

☐ Estoy a favor con la Ley Referida

☐ Estoy en contra de la Ley Referida

Pregunta B - Emisión de Bonos Para Instalaciones Bibliotecarias

Una ley que permite al Condado pedir dinero prestado y emitir bonos en una cantidad que no exceda \$17,284,000 para financiar el diseño, construcción, reconstrucción, ampliación, adquisición, mejora, ampliación, alteración, renovación, traslado, restauración o reparación de instalaciones bibliotecarias, incluyendo la adquisición y el desarrollo de sitios para ello, los servicios de arquitectura e ingeniería relacionados con ello, así como la adquisición e instalación de los equipos fijos permanentes necesarios para ello, tal como se definen en la ley.

☐ Estoy a favor con la Ley Referida

☐ Estoy en contra de la Ley Referida

Pregunta C - Emisión de Bonos Para Instalaciones de Escuelas Comunitarias

Una ley que permite al Condado pedir dinero prestado y emitir bonos en una cantidad que no exceda \$194,380,000 para financiar el diseño, construcción, reconstrucción, ampliación, adquisición, mejora, ampliación, alteración, renovación, traslado, restauración o reparación de instalaciones de escuelas comunitarias, incluyendo la adquisición y desarrollo de sitios para ello, los servicios de arquitectura e ingeniería relacionados con ello, así como la adquisición e instalación de los equipos fijos permanentes necesarios para ello, tal como se definen en la ley.

☐ Estoy a favor con la Ley Referida

☐ Estoy en contra de la Ley Referida

Pregunta D - Emisión de Bonos Para Obras Públicas y Transportes

Una ley que permite al Condado pedir dinero prestado y emitir bonos en una cantidad que no exceda \$311,873,000 para financiar el diseño, construcción, reconstrucción, ampliación, adquisición, mejora, ampliación, alteración, renovación, traslado, restauración o reparación de obras públicas e instalaciones de transporte (incluyendo carreteras y puentes, estacionamientos, e instalaciones de mantenimiento), incluyendo la adquisición y el desarrollo de lugares para ello, los servicios de arquitectura e ingeniería relacionados con ello, así como la adquisición e instalación de los equipos fijos permanentes necesarios para ello, tal como se definen en la ley.

☐ Estoy a favor con la Ley Referida

☐ Estoy en contra de la Ley Referida

Pregunta E - Emisión de Bonos Para Instalaciones de Seguridad Pública

Una ley que permite al Condado pedir dinero prestado y emitir bonos en una cantidad que no exceda \$40,205,000 para financiar el diseño, construcción, reconstrucción, ampliación, adquisición, mejora, ampliación, alteración, renovación, traslado, restauración o reparación de instalaciones de seguridad pública (incluyendo las instalaciones del Departamento de Bomberos), la adquisición y el desarrollo de los lugares para ello, los servicios de arquitectura e ingeniería relacionados con ello, y la adquisición e instalación de los equipos fijos permanentes necesarios para ello, tal como se definen en la ley.

☐ Estoy a favor con la Ley Referida

☐ Estoy en contra de la Ley Referida

Pregunta F - Enmienda a la ley Niveles de contratación de personal de la agencia

Establecer que, durante cualquier año fiscal, ninguna agencia del gobierno del Condado puede exceder el número de puestos de trabajo para esa agencia, tal como se aprobó en el presupuesto operativo, sin la aprobación del Consejo.

☐ Estoy a favor con la Ley Referida

☐ Estoy en contra de la Ley Referida

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