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2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election Voters' Guide for Talbot County

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About This *Voters' Guide*

This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County and covers all races for which voters in Queen Anne's County may vote. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. All candidates for state or local office, who filed with the State Board of Elections, were invited to submit information about their candidacy to our web-based VOTE411 system. All invited candidates were asked to provide their campaign contact information and their responses to a series of questions posed for each office. All candidates were limited to 400 characters for each response; responses shown are what candidates entered up to the stated limit. All candidate responses appear as written in their own words and are included in VOTE411 in their entirety. Due to printing constraints, not all questions and responses are included in this *Guide*; and only candidate website, if available, is included here for contact information. Go to [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org) to see all questions and candidate-submitted information. The League offers this *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare for participation in the 2022 gubernatorial elections.

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Election Day is
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
7 am – 8 pm

Early Voting is
Thursday, July 7 – July 14, 2022
7 am – 8 pm

Voter Registration Deadline is
June 28, 2022

You may register to vote during early voting and on Election Day; contact your local State Board of Elections office for details.

Three Ways to Vote

- 1. VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT –**
now through July 19
- 2. VOTE EARLY** Thursday, July 7 –
Thursday July 14, 7am - 8 pm
- 3. VOTE AT YOUR ASSIGNED POLLING PLACE,** Tuesday, July 19, from 7 am to 8 pm.

Vote by Mail-In Ballot

To vote by mail you must first request an application for a mail-in ballot and then return your voted ballot.

Request an application for a mail-in Ballot
 Call or visit your local Board of Elections to request an application for a mail-in ballot (contact information is below). Or, if you have a Maryland driver's license or an MVA-issued ID card, you can request your application online at

<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

Return your application to your local Board of Elections

You can return your application for a mail-in ballot by mail, fax, email (as a scanned document) or in person to your County Board of Elections:

TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

215 Bay Street

P.O. Box 353, Easton MD 21601-0353

410-770-8099, Fax: 410-770-8078

www.talbotcountymd.gov/index.php?page=Election_Board

Email Address: dionne.church@maryland.gov

The deadline to return your application varies

The deadline to return your application depends on how you want to receive your ballot: To receive your ballot:

- ➔ **by mail or fax,** deliver by **TUESDAY, JULY 12.**
- ➔ **via the internet,** deliver by **FRIDAY, JULY 15.**
- ➔ **pick up in person,** deliver by **TUESDAY, JULY 19.**

All ballots must be mailed or hand delivered on or before Election Day, July 19. Return your ballot to:

- ➔ your County Board of Elections office,
- ➔ your Early Voting location during Early Voting, or
- ➔ deposit it in a County ballot drop-box



VOTE411.org includes all responses from all candidates on your ballot, as well as photos and contact information. You can even compare candidate responses there and print out your selections.

TALBOT COUNTY BALLOT DROP-BOXES

2 Locations:

TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
215 Bay St, Easton MD

EASTON FIRE HOUSE BINGO HALL, 315
Aurora Park Dr / 315 Leonard Rieck Dr, Easton
MD

BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN 8 PM JULY 19

Ballot drop-boxes are available now at the locations above.

Vote in Person during Early Voting

Thursday, July 7 – Thursday July 14
7am - 8 pm

EARLY VOTING LOCATION (1)

You can vote early at:

EASTON FIRE HOUSE BINGO HALL, 315
Aurora Park Dr / 315 Leonard Rieck Dr, Easton
MD (enter from Creamery Ln)

Vote in Person on Election Day

Tuesday, Jul 19, 7 am to 8 pm

Vote at your assigned polling place. Check your sample ballot for your polling place or visit <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch>

For More Information

Contact your local office of the State Board of Elections for other information about registering to vote, polling locations, change of address, and any other questions you may have about the voting process.

Party Primaries in Maryland

Party primaries in Maryland are “closed” primaries. You must be a member of a political party to participate in that party’s primary, though all voters may vote for nonpartisan offices such as the Board of Education. You may change your party affiliation up until the close of voter registration on June 28 by completing a voter registration form and submitting it to your County Board of Elections.

You may also change your party affiliation online if you have a Maryland driver’s license or identification card from the Motor Vehicle Administration.

If you have not previously registered to vote, you may register during early voting (July 7-14) at an early voting center in your county and choose a party at that time. For those already registered, you may correct your address or other information during early voting; however, you cannot change your party registration at that time.

You must be at least 18 years old by Nov 8, 2022 and a registered voter in your County to be eligible to vote in the Primary.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Read this *Guide* with your mail-in or sample ballot in hand, and mark your ballot accordingly. Take your sample ballot with you when you vote as *you are not permitted to use electronic devices, such as smartphones, tablets, and computers, inside polling places.*

Pay attention to the number of votes you can cast for each race; *checking more than the maximum allowed will invalidate your vote for that race.*

Check both sides of your ballot for additional races.

Don’t have a sample ballot? Go to Vote411 and print your selections from there.

Only candidate information available at the time of our publication deadline is included here; for more up-to-date information on candidate responses, check <https://www.vote411.org/VOTE411.org>.



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Maryland Statewide Offices

Maryland Governor / Lieutenant Governor

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

TERM: Four years. Limit of two consecutive terms.

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

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team.

WEBSITE:

msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/html/01govf.html GOVERNOR

QUESTIONS

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

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while

improving police accountability in communities?

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Dan Cox / Gordana Schifanelli

Campaign Website: www.coxforfreedom.com

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

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Boost the BOOST education programs for all and allow the money to follow the child under parental direction. Increase opportunity zone loans and grants, with follow-up grants and loans to small business start-ups to

ensure stability and strength. Ensure equality for all and access to the market with lower taxes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Robin Ficker / LeRoy F. Yegge, Jr.
Campaign Website:
cutmdsalestax2cents.com

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: I want to make Maryland THE SPORTS STATE. Kids in the school systems and most adults are too sedentary, devoting too much time to

screen activity. We need to get them out and about, and involved in wholesome activity and exercise.

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

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

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

Kelly Schulz / Jeff Woolford
Campaign Website:
www.KellySchulzForGovernor.com

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

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

eliminate state taxes on the retirement income of all Marylanders.

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

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

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

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

INFRASTRUCTURE: Maryland has become a national leader on environmental issues, ranking as the fourth most environmentally friendly state in the country. To ensure our state's future economic success and viability, we must make sure that

Marylanders have access to a world-class transportation infrastructure - that includes record investments in both our roads and in transit.

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

Joe Werner / Minh Thanh Luong

No response by print deadline;
check Vote411.org

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Rushern L. Baker, III / Nancy Navarro
Campaign Website: rushernbaker.com

QUALIFICATIONS: The Baker/Navarro ticket is the most experienced in the race, with unrivaled State and local governing experience. Both candidates understand how to get things done in Maryland like few others, precisely because they have done them. They will use this experience to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the State together to address our greatest challenges.

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

disadvantaged communities support themselves today, build generational wealth for the future.

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

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

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

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

INFRASTRUCTURE: Given the dire situation we are faced with right now, environmental concerns must take precedence over convenience. That said, we believe our infrastructure needs go hand in hand

with our environmental ones. My infrastructure priorities are projects like the Baltimore Red Line and starting the Southern Maryland Light Rail. These projects will be done sustainably and take cars off the roads.

OTHER PRIORITIES: One of the greatest challenges we face today is the corrupting influence of money in our political system. That is why we decided to fund our campaign through public financing, to ensure that voters know that we will not deal with PACs and big money donors. Our administration will expand this program, allowing more candidates the ability to run for office without letting dark money influence them.

Jon Baron / Natalie Williams
Campaign Website: jonbaron.com

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

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: We'll fund crime-fighting strategies shown to produce big reductions in violent crime while building community trust, such as Focused Deterrence—an approach targeted at

repeat violent offenders. When implemented in Oakland CA, it helped cut homicides by 50%. We'll also invest in community policing in "hot-spots" where half of all urban crime occurs—an approach found to cut crime as much as 25%.

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

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

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

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

infrastructure and protection of our natural resources.

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

Peter Franchot / Monique Anderson-Walker

Campaign Website: www.franchot.com

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

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

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

addiction as a health issue, and focusing on violent repeat offenders

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: I am committed to building a world-class transit system by reviving the Red Line project and increasing pedestrian/cycling trails. I will make voting more accessible, and secure

access to high-speed broadband and 5G wireless technology for every Marylander. All of my policies are integrative, and with my experience I will improve the quality of life of all Marylanders.

Douglas F. Gansler / Candace Hollingsworth

Campaign Website: dougansler.com

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

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

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

EDUCATION: Teachers and students were resilient through COVID, but now two years later many have returned to the same unsafe buildings, large classrooms, and demanding tests they left --

only this time with additional challenges due to the COVID learning gap. As governor, I will ensure full, timely implementation of the Blueprint, add SRO's, and take actions to increase student achievement and wellness now.

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

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

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

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

Ralph W. Jaffe / Mark Greben
Campaign Website:

fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com

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

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: Twofold solution - Short term - bring in National Guard for extended period of time. No big tanks, but lots of manpower- Yes -some restrictions on daily lives of people but major drop in surge of violence Long term - Implementation of the TUTOR MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM - More details on Facebook - Ralph Jaffe The 2% or 3% of police officers tainting the rest of police force should be removed.

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

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

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

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

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

Ashwani Jain / LaTrece Hawkins Lytes
Campaign Website: JainForGovernor.com

QUALIFICATIONS: While I would be the nation's youngest Governor, I also have the experience and perspective needed to serve you

well. I am a 32-year-old cancer survivor, the son of immigrants and small business owners, and a product of Maryland public schools. I have worked in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and served in the Obama White House and two federal agencies.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We must have equality of opportunity. Part of this means being held accountable and giving residents a real seat at the table. And part of this means increasing revenue streams by keeping people in our state and encouraging more to move here. My "Maryland Now Plan" will help with eliminating the state income tax, free public transit, guaranteed jobs and anti-corruption measures.

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

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

HEALTH CARE: As a cancer survivor and someone who has worked in healthcare, I know we must expand Medicaid Eligibility; invest in Community Health Clinics; have full reproductive justice; ease medical debt; invest in mental health; create a statewide Caregivers Program; address

food insecurity; and increase access to childcare. Full details at JainForGovernor.com

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

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

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

John King / Michelle Daugherty Siri
Campaign Website:
 Johnkingforgovernor.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As Sec. of Ed. under Pres. Obama, I managed a budget \$15 billion bigger than the budget of the state of MD. I have the executive leadership and public sector management experience to make MD a national leader in every respect. Public schools saved my life after both my parents passed away, so I know that govt. can be a

force for good in people's lives. That philosophy is how I will govern.

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

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

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

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

NATURAL RESOURCES: We must drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. My goal is to reach net-zero emissions in MD by 2035, with a 60%

reduction by 2030 and a carbon-free electricity sector in our state by 2030. I will ensure that our Renewable Portfolio Standard only includes true clean energy sources and transition the entire state public vehicle fleet to zero-emission vehicles by 2030.

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

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

Wes Moore / Aruna Miller
Campaign Website: www.WesMoore.com

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

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I will leverage this once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a stronger, more inclusive economy through work,

wages, and wealth for every Maryland family. That means creating new pathways to the workforce, accelerating our path to a \$15/hour minimum wage, and breaking down barriers to homeownership. It's what I've done my entire career, and it's exactly what I'll do as Maryland's next governor.

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

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

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

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

extreme heat, prioritizing environmental justice throughout the process.

INFRASTRUCTURE: As governor, I will ensure that we are building 21st-century transportation infrastructure that provides equity both in terms of access and its construction, environmental protections, and strong input from the communities. A Moore-Miller administration will ensure every step is taken to fully understand and mitigate the environmental impacts while meeting the transportation needs of Marylanders.

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

Tom Perez / Shannon Sneed
Campaign Website: tomperez.com

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

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

while protecting the right to collective bargaining and prioritizing racial equity.

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

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

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

NATURAL RESOURCES: Combating climate change requires interagency coordination, which is why I will appoint a Climate and Resiliency Coordinator to lead these efforts. We will create tens of thousands of jobs in offshore wind and solar to make Maryland the national leader on green energy generation. We must prioritize climate equity by improving stormwater management, and cooling infrastructure across our state.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to prioritize public transit, walking, and biking by creating a balanced

transit system that is dependable, accessible, and affordable. I will revive the Red and Purple Lines, build the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit, and enhance MARC capacity. I will also transition state vehicles to electric and help Marylanders do the same through price incentives and increased charging infrastructure.

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

Jerome M. Segal / Justinian M. Dispenza
Campaign Website: SegalforGovernor.org

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

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: - A legal right to a job. - Zero interest mortgages for low income families to convert to home ownership and be mortgage free in 15 years - Higher minimum wage - "Near free EV" after subsidies, less than \$5,000. - Free 4 year colleges for those with mode

PUBLIC SAFETY: Each neighborhood could veto the assignment to their neighborhood of any particular police officer they do not trust. Truly humane prisons, so that very dangerous criminals can be removed from communities, yet given a real

chance to develop into decent human beings. - Two months free sleep away camp (Camp David Summer Camp) for children from low income families; counselor jobs for older youth.

EDUCATION: The Blueprint for Maryland is a terrific document on social equity issues - must be fully implemented. However, on the mission of public schools it is a dreadful impoverished document, out of touch with the skills young people will need in the future, and out of touch with the complex mission of schools, to teach America's real history, and to prepare youth for a full and culturally rich life.

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Time Liberty: Giving anyone who has had a job for 3 years, the right to go 1/2 time or to a 4 day week without penalty. -

Giving people of retirement age the right to hold onto their jobs very part time. - Viewing Beauty and Creativity as basic human needs. = Making love of books, and the ability to contribute to the beauty of the world central aims of our schools. - Teaching virt

Maryland Comptroller

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARIES: \$150,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE:

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

QUESTIONS

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

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

REVENUE SYSTEM: What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency of the collection of Maryland taxes?
OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Barry Glassman

Campaign Website: www.barryglassman.com

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

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

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

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

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Timothy J. Adams

Campaign Website: www.timadams.org

QUALIFICATIONS: I will bring 30 years of executive management experience to the comptroller's office. As a Mayor who governed during COVID-19 and a CEO running one of America's largest black owned companies, I have rigorously evaluated capital investments, improved equity in services, and prioritized transparency. This is the experience needed to make our taxes efficient and fair and ensure accountability.

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

REVENUE SYSTEM: As Comptroller, I'd: Work with the legislature to implement a return-free filing system for families making less than \$100,000, simplifying taxes for tens of thousands of Marylanders. Launch an investigation into tax

loopholes and publish recommendations for tax reform. Author a report on adult-use Marijuana legalization that offers a framework for the legislature to raise new education revenues.

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

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Campaign Website: www.brookelierman.com

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

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

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

will also create a Taxpayer Advocate Office to assist taxpayers at every step.

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

Maryland Attorney General

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$150,000 .

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

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

QUESTIONS

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

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: What steps will you take to improve the

efficiency and fairness of legal processes in Maryland?

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

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

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION: Describe your approach to consumer protection.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Michael Anthony Peroutka

Campaign Website: patriots4peroutka.com

No response by print deadline;
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Jim Shalleck

Campaign Website: jimshalleck.com

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

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

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

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

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION: Consumer fraud is primarily an offense against the elderly, infirm and most vulnerable. To me, these are very serious criminal offenses especially by those who prey on these victims. The most effective way to deter these

scammers is to seek meaningful jail sentences against the worst offenders. This will deter others from scamming and defrauding victims not just fines and desist orders.

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

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Campaign Website: anthonybrown.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: The Attorney General is engaged in a wide range of issues across the enterprise of state government. Other top priorities for me will be addressing climate change, enforcing

environmental standards and environmental justice; protecting workers' rights and enforcing labor standards; protecting civil and voting rights of all Marylanders; and defending against assaults on women's reproductive rights.

Katie Curran O'Malley
Campaign Website: www.katieformd.com

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEALTH: What actions will you take to address issues such as domestic violence, human trafficking or substance abuse? Defending survivors has been a cornerstone of my career as a prosecutor and judge. As Attorney General, I will work to reduce the rape kit backlog, advocate for strong

sexual assault laws, and ensure victims services are easily accessible for survivors of abuse, trafficking, and assault.

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

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

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

U.S. Senator

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

TERM: Six years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

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

WEBSITE: senate.gov/

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

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The candidates above did not respond by our print deadline; check Vote411.org

Lorie R. Friend

Campaign Website: electafriend.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUN SAFETY: This seems as though it is a loaded question. pun intended. Firearms are inherently

dangerous; accordingly, I favor gun safety training. I support our natural right to defend ourselves and our families.

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

Reba A. Hawkins

Campaign Website: rebaformaryland.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUN SAFETY: I am a supporter of the second amendment, and I believe in constitutional gun

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Chris Chaffee

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George Davis

safety. The right to protect oneself and family is paramount, but we absolutely must address gun violence and mass shootings.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We must do everything we can to support Black Women business owners who have been the drivers of our economy. I will work every day of my term to help remove red tape and access to capital. I will fight everyday to bring manufacturing to the USA and bring back apprenticeship for trades we need.

Jon McGreevey

Joseph Perez

Todd A. Puglisi

James Tarantin

John Thormann

The candidates above did not respond by our print deadline; check Vote411.org

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Michelle L. Smith

No response by print deadline;
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Chris Van Hollen

Campaign Website: www.vanhollen.org

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

affordable health care and housing, and help our seniors and veterans.

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: We must address the climate crisis. I proposed the Polluters Pay Climate Fund plan to require the worst polluters like Big Oil to

help cover climate clean-up costs. We can grow our clean energy economy, prevent more damage, and create good-paying jobs. The new infrastructure law advances that goal with funds for the Bay, climate change, and cleaner options, like transit and electric vehicles.

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

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

Representative in Congress

Congressional District 1

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

TERM: Two years.

SALARY: \$174,000.

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

WEBSITE: house.gov

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Andy Harris

Campaign Website: andyharris.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have represented the 1st Congressional District since 2011. I am also a licensed physician, and a veteran.

ELECTIONS: The US Constitution clearly gives most election oversight to the states. The US should step in only when discrimination is occurring.

COURT SYSTEM: We need to expand the number of circuit courts in order to decrease the number of backlogged cases in each circuit and allow for more prompt justice.

HEALTH CARE: We need to preserve the provider-patient relationship as the basis of all health care reform. We also will need to help train more health care providers since they are difficult to find in many rural areas - the Eastern Shore especially. Health care costs also need to be controlled, including the cost of prescription drugs.

IMMIGRATION: We need to enforce immigration law at the southern border, and we need to make sure that we have an adequate number of temporary foreign workers for our tourism and seafood industry especially.

ENVIRONMENT: We need to take environmental concerns into account - but we must remember that it is our strong economy that allows us to afford environmental protection - that's why other poorer nations cannot afford to protect their environment.

GUN SAFETY: We need to enforce all our current gun laws. Clearly, in places like Baltimore City this is not being done, and results in unnecessary violence.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We need to control federal spending in order to control runaway inflation and rising costs. We need to restore

parental involvement in our public schools and their curriculum. We need to restore our leadership in energy production - all forms of energy including fossil fuels - to bring down the price of gas and diesel. We need to stop all fentanyl at our southern border.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

R. David Harden

Campaign Website:

www.hardenforcongress.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I was a Senior Foreign Service Officer and a Senate-confirmed political appointee with the Obama Administration. In that capacity, I led efforts to negotiate peaceful solutions to conflict in many of the world's most dangerous places, while safeguarding American strategic interests. I have managed responses to the most complex crises of our generation. I served America and am ready to serve MD01.

ELECTIONS: The Electoral Count Act specifies Congress' limited role in presiding over an election. I support a bipartisan effort to strengthen the Act to guarantee that neither Congress nor an incumbent vice president can subvert any state's electoral outcome. More specifically, I support a national holiday for voting, standardized early and mail in voting, and reasonable access for all voters.

COURT SYSTEM: Federal jurists should be held to greater ethics laws, including disclosure of any current or past relationships between judges and litigants. Second, such ethics requirements should be applied to Supreme Court justices to ensure they have no conflicts of interest on pending cases. Finally, the Senate should not confirm judicial

nominees who receive “not-qualified” ratings from the ABA.

HEALTH CARE: Congress must pass the Women’s Health Protection Act to codify Roe v. Wade. Second, I support expanding the Affordable Care Act for those who still remain uninsured, and I support a related public option. Finally, I believe we need a comprehensive national strategy for improving the quality and access of mental health care services to Americans in need of help.

IMMIGRATION: The United States needs comprehensive immigration reform beginning with adequate and effective border controls, a pathway to citizenship for the small class of Dreamers, increased admittance of refugees particularly given the mass displacement in Ukraine, and a merit-based immigration system.

ENVIRONMENT: The White House and Congress must commit to investing in renewable energy sources, which will reduce carbon emissions, improve air and water quality and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Second, we must take advantage of this moment to invest in our nation’s transit infrastructure. Finally, we must provide our state and local governments with the resources to limit development sprawl.

GUN SAFETY: The Second Amendment is no greater or lesser of a right than any other constitutional right. Reasonable safety measures on the use and sale of guns is well established constitutional law. Terrorists, felons, domestic abusers, and the mentally incapacitated should not own a gun. It's also time we close the “gun show” and the “Charleston” loopholes. This is common sense.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Voters are most concerned about inflation, economic uncertainty, the rising risk of recession, and how these short-to-medium term trends affect their families. In the decade ahead, voters seek economic security,

inclusive opportunity, and prosperity. Despite these priorities, there is a deepening consensus that career politicians do not understand and cannot deliver solutions.

Heather R. Mizeur
Campaign Website: heathermizeur.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a skilled legislator with policy experience at the federal, state and local levels and a reputation as a pragmatic consensus builder who knows how to get things done. I turn plans into action; ideas into laws. As a state legislator, I won passage of bipartisan laws to expand health coverage, protect the environment, and strengthen the economy for small businesses and working families.

ELECTIONS: As a Maryland Legislator, I was proud to have expanded voting access, but not all states have done so. While the states administer elections, the federal government must be a guarantor of the right to vote. I am a strong supporter of the For the People Act, which will expand access to early voting, vote by mail, end gerrymandering and dark money in politics, and clean up government corruption.

COURT SYSTEM: We must remove partisan politics from the judicial system and restore America's confidence in the impartiality of federal courts. I support exploring required term limits for federal judges and SCOTUS justices as well as expanding judicial ethics requirements and extending them to the high court. I am open to any dialogue that finds consensus on reforms to assure the independence of the courts.

HEALTH CARE: I will seek to expand who qualifies for coverage, improve the benefits packages, and will work to bring down out-of-pocket costs through better subsidies and copayment rules.

I support allowing Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies to reduce Rx prices and will prioritize our rural health care needs by focusing on ways to attract more and better health care providers to our region.

IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform that includes both a clear pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants and a commitment to border security.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of our economy and our environment are intertwined, not mutually exclusive -- and so are my plans for addressing these challenges. My EconomyFirst plan and my Agri-Climate plan lay out visions for investing in infrastructure upgrades while creating clean energy jobs and centering farmers as part of the climate crisis solution while supporting our important agricultural economy.

GUN SAFETY: I support the Second Amendment. I also believe that with important rights come even greater responsibilities. It is critical for Congress to address the epidemic of gun violence plaguing our nation -- it is now the leading cause of death for children. I am in favor of common sense federal gun safety legislation, including federal background checks and red flag laws.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My top priority as your Congresswoman will always be the economy first -- leading conversations and driving policy solutions that will keep our economy vibrant and strong. That starts with tackling inflation, lowering taxes for middle class families and small business owners, and creating more good-paying jobs. You can read my robust 33-page EconomyFirst plan, a blueprint for action, on my website.

Maryland State Senate

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

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

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

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmnaual/07leg/html/gaf.html

Senator District 37

HOW ELECTED: District 37 includes all of Talbot County and Dorchester counties and parts of Caroline and Wicomico counties. One Senator is elected by all qualified voters in the areas cited.

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Adelaide "Addie" Eckardt
Campaign Website: addieeckardt.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As an advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental health nurse , I have worked to make sure policies at the top fit or match the work taking place at the basic level in a facility. It is similar in working with communities and organizations.. My experience and expertise in mental health and in health systems thru the years also has provided the opportunity to be an active participant today.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Providing the tools to be able to interrupt the pattern. Health care ,child care ,job opportunity, affordable housing and the coaching and supportive environment for sustainability. The 2 Gen approach is one way to begin that process. It is hard work and takes commitment from the community.

PUBLIC SAFETY: See the previous for the first part of the answer but also job training and opportunity. A healthy economy breeds safety first and community engagement for neighborhoods that promotes inclusion. Community policing and opportunities for the police and residents to interact, and work together. Funding these community initiatives and holding those who break the law accountable with consequences

EDUCATION: Foster and promote parent involvement . Recognize high performing schools . Recruitment and teacher retention . Continue involvement of mental health professionals in schools. Expand and develop apprentice programs earlier.

HEALTH: The Health care workforce shortage - continue working thru the professional associations(nursing) and health care facilities to expedite entry into practice and develop worksite models . Build opportunity through career days, workforce preceptors/supervisor and credit for on the job experience longer. Scholarships and loan assistance programs as well.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Our counties with significant wetlands, without adequate waste water treatment systems over time. The cost is challenging for our rural communities and requires involvement from the state and local level. I continue to meet to bring all to the table to develop a plan, determine cost and the financing .

LOCAL PROJECTS: Infrastructure: Broadband buildout, Wastewater Treatment, Addressing poverty thru Adequate affordable housing and

meaningful employment. Expansion of existing businesses and growing new ones is the best way to establish safe communities.

OTHER PRIORITIES:

Johnny Mautz

Campaign Website: johnnymautz.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have had the incredible honor of serving in the House of Delegates for the past eight years. The Eastern Shore is my home; our family business of 42 years is here - I am small businessperson; my friends and family are here; I am a parent, and my children attend school here; I am involved with many community organizations; and have worked in the Legislative arena for many years.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We are experiencing historic workforce shortages and inflation. Connecting economically disadvantaged people with workforce training and employment opportunities should be a top priority. Government policies should also incentivize citizens to seek employment that will meet their economic needs and hopefully lead to future opportunities.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I strongly support enhanced penalties for repeat violent offenders. I also support full funding for our law enforcement agencies. Unfortunately, the recently enacted Police Reform has done little to enhance accountability. I strongly support crisis training and other programs to improve policing and most importantly, I strongly support programs that promote community policing.

EDUCATION: Funding estimates for the Blueprint - which I opposed - have fallen far short of expectations. I will fight for education funding for our rural counties. COVID impact specific, I will work to exempt our school systems from the new prohibition on the use of private contractors in

providing virtual learning. I will support efforts to improve transparency in education and parental involvement.

HEALTH: We have significant accessibility and disparities challenges, and one of the oldest populations in the state. However, the challenges facing our mental health system are overwhelming. I will continue to support efforts to improve credentialing and to rectify the issues surrounding the reimbursement process for mental health providers. Also, see my response for local projects.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The Chesapeake Bay effects virtually all aspects of our way of life and the Bay Restoration Fund has proven to be an incredibly beneficial tool. I will work to protect the Bay Restoration Fund and propose changes that will enable more wastewater treatment facilities to become eligible for support from this fund. I will also continue to advocate for the dredging of the Conowingo Dam.

LOCAL PROJECTS: From my perspective, the greatest improvement to affect our entire community and our health care system, will be to move forward with the construction of the long awaited, new hospital in Easton. I will support this every way that I can.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I have been deeply involved in the Broadband deployment effort and this will continue to be a priority; maintaining and improving community relations with law enforcement; ensuring our students are workforce ready after high school; expanding access to the Bay Restoration Fund for wastewater treatment facilities; and ensuring our protection of the Bay's ecology is balanced and sound.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Naomi Hyman

Campaign Website: www.naomihyman.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I've devoted my career to the nonprofit sector, focusing on bettering people's lives. 40+ years of experience in adult education have prepared me to effectively communicate complex concepts. I am a skilled facilitator who brings people together for tough conversations. A 2018 candidate for Talbot County Council, I was endorsed by the Talbot County Education Association.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state has a responsibility to help economically disadvantaged people to improve their circumstances (and become taxpayers). High quality education, expanded transportation options, broadband access, and workforce housing provide a foundation. Living wage laws ensure that full-time jobs pay above the poverty level. Access to capital including microloans get small businesses off the ground.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I believe that we can reduce crime by addressing economic inequality via job training, accessible mental and physical health care, affordable housing, substance abuse treatment as well as re-entry mediation and support as to reduce recidivism. I support fully transparent police accountability boards. I back funding the police with the resources they need to do their jobs safely and well.

EDUCATION: I support temporary suspension of most state mandated tests to reduce pandemic related increases in teacher workloads. I'll advocate for an equitable educational recovery that addresses the inequalities that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. I'll advocate for more

funding for our schools, including career and technical training, and I will support Chesapeake and Wor-Wic Community Colleges.

HEALTH: Accessible and affordable healthcare, and especially mental health care, remains a significant challenge. Emergency services are underfunded, and response time can be dangerously slow. I will work to create incentives to attract desperately needed health care professionals to District 37's and to expand access to telemedicine by expanding broadband coverage and making it affordable to all.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Climate change is already eroding land, creating climate refugees, and threatening vital economic and important historic resources in District 37. I will work to protect those resources, ensure adequate emergency response, and aid displaced families and communities through legislation, advocacy, and coalition building.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Limited and expensive broadband has had a negative impact on our economic development, education, healthcare and public safety. I will be a strong voice in directing federal funds for low-cost broadband service expansion to District 37 and I will partner with the newly created Office of Statewide Broadband to being underserved by the current internet infrastructure.

OTHER PRIORITIES: COVID-19 has taken a toll on mental as well as physical health. Our fraught political discourse, social media, and economic insecurity have also contributed to a decline in mental health, particularly for children and adolescents. I will work hard to destigmatize mental illness, support suicide prevention measures, and ensure that our children can access care when, how and where they need it.

Maryland House of Delegates

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

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

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

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

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmannual/07leg/html/gaf.html

House of Delegates 37B

HOW ELECTED: District 37B includes all of Talbot County and parts of Caroline, Dorchester, and Wicomico Counties. Qualified voters in District 37B cast votes for 2 candidates. The 2 candidates who receive the largest number of votes are elected EXCEPT that each person elected must live in a different county.

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for up to 2

Nicole L. Acle (Wicomico County)
Campaign Website: www.nicoleacle.com

No response by print deadline;
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Christopher T. Adams (Wicomico County)
Campaign Website:
www.adamsformaryland.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a two term incumbent to the House of Delegates with the the most experience in public service of any candidate in this District. As a business owner with 30 employees, I am directly involved as a conservative leader in policy making that impacts job creators on Economic Matters Committee. My voting record reflects prior election promises with a 94% rating by the American Conservative Union.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The pandemic created significant disruptions to those seeking employment. Our State leads in assisting citizens with apprenticeship and skills training. We must continue to focus and expand policies that modernize our workforce. Maryland is one of the highest taxed States in the nation. Tax policy must encourage citizens to thrive in Maryland if we are to afford relief to the the least among us.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Our country is built upon the rule of law designed to promote a free and civil society. Trust in our police officers does matter. We all have a genuine desire to hold police accountable for their actions. But if trust in law enforcement is to be the goal then anti police bias in policy making with not lead to equitable results. We must reject efforts that deter good people of this State to serve.

EDUCATION: The State must return control of education decisions to local school boards. They are closest to the parents, students, and teachers. Accountability and transparency can only exist locally where trust in education must be reestablished.

In addition we need to acknowledge the behavioral and social harm remote learning has caused. There is no substitute for in person education by teachers who care.

HEALTH: Access to care remains a top constituent complaint received by my office. Rural health providers concerns with funding in an all payer system must be acknowledged and commitment to fully fund rural health providers can only solve these issues.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Maryland, in its 12,000 square miles, does not live in a bubble. It is appalling to watch our legislature act out in isolation as if it will have any measurable impact on the global climate. Current policy making adopts much of the failure of progressive California. Rolling blackouts and brownouts will be Maryland's normal if we do not stay focused on delivering modern reliable energy.

LOCAL PROJECTS: The legislature continues to take action without due consideration from Agriculture and our Waterman. Nearly all economic development on the Eastern Shore is attributable to Maryland Agriculture and seafood production. This is a basic concept that must continually be reinforced with legislators from Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Baltimore City. Our future success depends on it.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I serve on Business Regulation, Banking Consumer Protection and Commercial Law, and Unemployment Insurance Subcommittees. As one of few business owners in Annapolis I serve as the voice for job creators and their employees. It will be my focus to help our committee make good policy decisions that encourage healthy economic development and at the same time good working conditions for all.

Tom Hutchinson (Dorchester County)
Campaign Website: citizensforhutchinson.com

No response by print deadline;
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Ron James (Dorchester County)

QUALIFICATIONS: President of many organizations. Mayor of Galestown for over 16 years. Many dealings with County and State as Mayor.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Help. Especially to find reasons for economic disadvantage and how to overcome situation and become more productive. May be job training or education for better job.

PUBLIC SAFETY: More police involvement in local events. Get to know the people.

EDUCATION: Home education could be handled better. Being able to access classes 24/7 would help. Colleges have done this for years.

HEALTH: More community health centers

NATURAL RESOURCES: Save the Bay. Need to balance the need of the people who make a living from the Bay (and know the rivers and bay) and the environmental people (who sometimes do not listen to locals).

LOCAL PROJECTS: Maintain the Eastern Shore way of living. Balance business, tourism, and citizens rights.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Keep the people on the Eastern Shore happy. Listen and act on the concerns of the people.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for up to 2

Susan E. Delean-Botkin (Talbot County)
Campaign Website: Susanforeasternshore.com

QUALIFICATIONS: 25 years Family Nurse Practitioner, Easton. 20 years nationally recognized business owner. 6 years service- Board of Education Talbot County. 10 years service Oxford Appeals Board. 20 years as advocate for legislative

change in health care, education and environment. Work successfully with multiple stakeholders for positive community improvement. Continually listening for needs.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: State must level the playing field - eliminate barriers. Incentivize new entrepreneurs with mentor programs, sound business practices, learning opportunities, simplification of business applications, promote non-predatory lenders. Start business program in middle schools, offer adult night classes. Expand Junior Achievement. Sponsor incubator business programs. Teach farming as a business

PUBLIC SAFETY: Evaluate the crime problem - what is underlying cause? What are short term interventions? Long term solutions? Train police to be part of the solution to crime reduction. Engage community to work with police. Provide better education, training and pay for officers. Train and retrain officers, partner with social services. Decrease non-violent crime sentences, restructure bail system.

EDUCATION: Covid clearly showed the necessity of having qualified teachers. Expand efforts to recruit and retain qualified teachers. Electronic media is great to supplement, but in-person teaching is critical. Implement Blueprint for Maryland for success for all children. State must fund state mandates. Expand programs for CTE and AP classes to wider high school population. Children must come first!

HEALTH: Skilled, licensed healthcare personnel shortage is the biggest challenge facing Maryland. Rebuild the primary care structure of health care - primary care, nursing, health departments. Provide education support for licensed primary care providers. Negotiate pricing with drug companies. Institute Health insurance equity. Create a statewide EMR system. Restructure medical malpractice.

NATURAL RESOURCES: My greatest concern is balancing growth and development with the necessity of preserving the Mid Shore's water, land, and way of life. Our farmers work to prevent run off of nitrogen and phosphorus. Our watermen work with catch and size restrictions. But wastewater treatment plants from upstream cities cause pollution of our water. Regulations must be enforced on wastewater and sewage plants.

LOCAL PROJECTS: Broadband, offered to all at reasonable prices. Affordable housing initiative, job opportunities in industries that are non-polluting, and energy efficient. Decrease flow of illegal drugs, provide treatment and life skills training to prevent relapse and prevent addiction. Balance regional growth and development in a fragile ecological system. Support immigrant programs to equalize opportunity

OTHER PRIORITIES: The Mid Shore of Maryland is a gem. We have a way of life that we treasure and must protect. We have serious environmental concerns to address. Our senior population is growing and needs representation. Our middle aged workers need health care and retraining, Our Veterans need services in our community. Schools must be a top priority, our children are our future and most precious resource

administrative officer of the County. The Council also appoints the County Attorney and Members of all boards and Commissions. They maintain and update the Talbot County Code and oversee the administrative units of the County including Planning, Planning and Zoning, Public Works, and Budget and Finance. The County Council is composed of five members elected at large.

BASE SALARY: \$14,400

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

QUESTIONS

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

BUDGET: What are your priorities for the county budget?

PRIORITIES: If elected, what would be your priorities for the next four years?

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: What are your priorities for land use in our county?

EMPLOYMENT: What policies to you support to encourage economic development and job growth?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: How would you increase the availability of affordable housing?

PUBLIC HEALTH: What are your priorities for supporting the public health system?

Talbot County Offices

Talbot County Council

DUTIES: Council powers and responsibilities are derived from the Charter of Talbot County as adopted in November 1974. The Council appoints a County Manager who serves as the chief

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for up to 5

Chuck F. Callahan, III

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the owner of three businesses, one of which has been in operation since 1969. I have served two terms on the Council and have been Vice-President and am the current President of the Talbot County Council.

BUDGET: My number one priority is to make sure our emergency services and public safety services have the budget needed to retain and hire qualified individuals and to effectively operate their departments.

PRIORITIES: To continue the process of providing County sewer to homes with failing septic systems in order to help to improve the quality of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Continue to support and promote the Career and Technology programs at the schools. These provide training in current fields to help prepare students for their career after graduation.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Land use should be viewed as a balance between the needs of continued economic growth and affordable housing and the needs of keeping our rural way of life and protecting the environment. I weight all of these needs when making decisions about continued land development.

EMPLOYMENT: The Council combined the County Tourism and Economic Development Departments in order to improve the functioning of the departments and to have better outreach to bring business into the County and provide better services for current businesses.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Support the Maryland Department of Housing for Talbot County,

which provides funding to develop affordable housing options, such as the project on Port Street.

PUBLIC HEALTH: We are in the process of providing a new building for the Health Department so that they can function more efficiently to address health needs of the County.

Bruce Corley

James "Jimmy" Jaramillo

Lynn Leonhardt Mielke

David Montgomery

Campaign Website:

Www.MontgomeryforTalbot.com

The candidates above did not respond by our print deadline;
check Vote411.org

Kyle O'Donnell

Campaign Website:

www.ODonnell4Talbot.com

QUALIFICATIONS: O'Donnell runs a small business and is a 10th generation Eastern Shore resident. As an outdoorsman, he values the natural beauty of our county and wants to preserve the peace and safety we enjoy. Kyle holds a bachelor's of science in Textile Technology with an emphasis on manufacturing and a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in sustainability.

BUDGET: Talbot County has the lowest property tax in the state. We should keep it that way. In 2021, Talbot County Government taxes and service fees totaled ~\$133,000,000. That's more than enough money to run our government and provide for education, peace and safety, and the judiciary. Ideally, we can select, consolidate, and eliminate

some minor taxes, fees, and expenses to decrease complexity.

PRIORITIES: 1) Keep taxes low 2) Continue to preserve the peace that makes Talbot a safe place to live. Increase passive infrastructure design to reduce accidents and fatalities on our county roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, and intersections. 3) Upgrade end-of-life wastewater treatment plants, whose extended life is thanks to the hard work and creative maintenance of the sanitary sewer staff.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: There should be no radical changes to land use outside of town limits. Towns set their own land use. Suburban sprawl outside of towns and over-expansion should be avoided, while allowing flexibility around auxiliary dwelling units like granny flats or studios for young people on a family's land to keep families together. Increase walkability with safe sidewalks and greenways for outdoor exercise.

EMPLOYMENT: Over 10 years, average income in Talbot has risen from 55k to 76k thanks to small businesses and organic growth of the private sector, supported by county infrastructure. Counter water, wastewater, roads, bridges, and infrastructure should be in good working order, leaving space for these families to naturally let the local economy flourish, let wages rise, and see people increase their skills.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Net-zero multifamily homes on Port and West Street are great, along with the Habitat for Humanity's program. These units are attractive and fit the local character of our county, in contrast to cookie-cutter apartments rectangles. There's an opportunity here for public-private partnerships to get state and federal grant money into our county. Auxiliary dwelling units are affordable options too.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The old saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Increase walkability, exercise opportunities, and

highlight healthy food choices to lessen the prevalence of chronic non-communicable diseases like heart and vascular diseases, obesity, diabetes, etc. Provide testing at the County Health Department to track and slow the spread of communicable diseases.

Dave Stepp

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Wade Strickland

QUALIFICATIONS: Business management and Quality Control keeps me detail oriented while living here most of my life keeps me grounded and in touch with our people. Strong community relationships are vital for open lines of communication. Being accessible and approachable are key in building a trusting relationship with our citizens. An elected official must listen and respond on behalf of the people represented.

BUDGET: In the tough times we are all facing, we must be even more diligent in assuring our tax dollars are spent wisely. We must maintain our infrastructure and adequately fund our emergency services and law enforcement organizations to ensure public safety. Our education budget is over half of our county budget and needs review from the top down.

PRIORITIES: There are many priorities. Our community has always been very tight knit. We need to get back to being a close community. We need to find ways to bring our citizens together. Our community is losing our young people because of lack of opportunities in employment and affordable housing. Our teachers and law

enforcement officers are underpaid. We must be competitive in their job market.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We must develop a plan and allow affordable housing for our younger generation. We must attract and allow careful growth of higher paying employers. The disparity between home values and family income is untenable. While allowing for this growth, we must be sure to protect our environment by following sound, carefully thought development practices.

EMPLOYMENT: While maintaining our small county charm is extremely important, we can't continue to make it difficult for business to survive in Talbot County. We need better wage scale employment opportunities including technology and clean manufacturing. We must help these employers survive and provide better paying jobs for our citizens. Our children's ability to live here depends upon a livable wage.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: If we are ever to allow for affordable homes, we must stop catering to the developers who push "million dollar homes". We need to start catering to our younger citizens needs. Young families cannot afford \$500K homes. Back in the 1980's and 1990's, the "Stoney Ridge" and "Chapel East" developments were built. These were well planned developments that have provided affordable housing.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The public health question ties back to our first responders. We must ensure they have the support and resources necessary to adequately respond to our public safety needs.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for up to 5

Jim Bruce

Campaign Website: jimbrucefortalbotcc.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I learned how to listen carefully to all sides, and to legislate in a civil but no-nonsense manner. I am an engineer and a lawyer with experience in both government and business; Counsel to 2 U.S. Senate Committees; Chief Energy Policy Officer for UPS Global Public Affairs; Honorably discharged as a Captain in the U.S. Army; and many years of experience in drafting legislation and regulations.

BUDGET: Keep education as the highest single priority, given the pandemic's impact on our students and teachers. In health and public safety, give more resources for EMS, firefighters, and police. Press for wastewater treatment to level of enhanced nutrient removal (ENR). Ensure preparedness: plan for impacts from extreme weather events, e.g., evacuation, power losses, shelters, especially for elderly.

PRIORITIES: Follow Talbot County mission statement: "strive to preserve the rural and agricultural character of the area, while promoting economic development and protecting the environment ... so that the special quality of life we enjoy remains intact." Conduct listening tours with residents. Develop a new 10-year Comprehensive Plan. Anticipate, not just react to, foreseeable issues of consequence.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Prioritize drafting the new 10-year Comprehensive Plan. Defer to the Planning Commission to determine what is inconsistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan (Lakeside/Trappe). Ensure that developers are held to their promises. Oppose

convenient shortcuts that encourage degradation in wastewater treatment. Appoint Planning Commission members who agree with the above.

EMPLOYMENT: Support education at all levels. Seek sustainable jobs consistent with environmental goals. Encourage telework with universal broadband. Expand existing tourism marketing. Promote development that anticipates and addresses consequential impacts on County resources and services. Provide tax incentives with offsetting receipts.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Address building permit backlogs. Reduce utility bills by encouraging energy efficiency retrofits, including mini-split heat pumps to replace both electric baseboard heat and window air conditioners. Require housing developments to include affordable housing. Expedite waste-water treatment projects to make homes with failed septic fields available for occupancy.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Covid vaccination, testing, and surveillance. Universal broadband, more tele-health capability, and incentives for medical personnel to strengthen rural healthcare. Explore and address what is hindering public response to science-based health policy. Investigate and address how extreme weather events may affect County public health, e.g., evacuation, power losses, and shelter.

Michele W. Dappert

Campaign Website: www.dappertfortalbot.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a local woman who loves Talbot, I have brought my professional digital expertise to our organizations for the better part of a decade, including the Frederick Douglass Society & the Election Board. Routinely overseeing seven figure budgets for clients like the MD Dept. of

Commerce in my career, I know how to administer them fairly, tracking how every dollar is spent.

BUDGET: Education, first and foremost, must be fully funded, so teachers, students and staff have the support they need. Top priorities also include public safety and improvements to county infrastructure (roadway investments, upgrades to sanitation facilities, and expanded broadband/information technology services). I'll work to invest in projects of key public interest.

PRIORITIES: During the Council's next term, one of the largest tasks we will face is building the Comprehensive Plan that will govern developmental planning for the next six years. I will strive to bring a new perspective to the council's work; preparing for the effects of rising sea levels and modernizing county services, all while protecting the rural character of Talbot.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Blessed with 600 miles of shoreline, it is essential that we protect the rural character of our county, make investments that encourage healthy ecosystem services, enable smart growth & plan developments that will grow our county's economic opportunity while protecting the two-mile greenbelts around our municipalities.

EMPLOYMENT: Economic development goes hand-in-hand with attracting a talented workforce -- and we know already that people are attracted to the quiet luxury of Talbot's shores. Improving retention is the next step & we can do it with a focus on our citizen's quality of life in an area with clean waterways, with school, healthcare, and public safety officials making better wages in good working conditions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: With protections keeping renters in homes sunsetting, demand skyrocketing and short supply - Talbot faces an affordable housing crisis. On the council, I would focus on smart growth that enforces required set asides for affordable housing, infrastructure

supported by developers and incentives for redevelopment of distressed properties.

PUBLIC HEALTH: As a rural county, Talbot faces unique challenges despite the fact that healthcare makes up the backbone of our community and economy. I would focus on improving access to care, supporting sustainable funding for senior and assisted living facilities (as well as live-at-home programs). I also would prioritize expanding broadband access to every Talbot home, to enable better tele-health.

Levin F. Harrison, IV

QUALIFICATIONS: I currently own and operate two business' in the county. I was elected to the County Council two previous times for 4 year terms. I have been a volunteer Firefighter and paramedic in this county for 45 years. I probably have more experience than any of the other candidates running for this position.

BUDGET: The budget must be a balanced budget. i don't believe in raising taxes. Public safety is my top priority, followed by adequate funding for our schools.

PRIORITIES: To have the county government provide the best possible service to all of the citizens of Talbot County, The county government should be responsive to all of our citizens needs. My priorities would be to make sure public safety: EMS service, the volunteer Fire Departments and the Sheriffs department budgets are adequately funded followed by our public schools and salaries.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Talbot County needs to continue to be the Crown Jewel of the Eastern Shore. Our rural character needs to be maintained, while striking a balance with any new development.

EMPLOYMENT: We need to focus on economic retention and job growth in the tech sectors. We

need to provide some sort of incentive programs for affordable housing for young families to move here or stay here to work.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: By offering some incentive programs to try to establish affordable housing zones in every area of the county.

PUBLIC HEALTH: To monitor the Budget requests for public health programs and attempt to make as many programs available as possible.

Keasha N. Haythe

Campaign Website: Keasha4talbot.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Economic Development Professional in local government for 21 years managing the budget and employees. Established public/private partnerships to initiate policies and innovative strategies. Degree in Business Administration and Political Science. Served on local and state boards and commissions. Founded the Foundation of HOPE, Inc., a non-profit established to help adolescent girls in school.

BUDGET: Talbot County like other counties that have a revenue cap is in need of additional revenue sources. This would help ensure educational needs are met and teachers salaries are increased and competitive with other jurisdictions. Supporting education, economic development, and ensuring vital public safety and public works services are delivered to citizens are my priorities.

PRIORITIES: Fiscal responsibility and transparency in government. Support education, economic development as it relates to businesses and business climate. Support environmental strategies that protect the environment and rural character. Public safety, supporting paramedics, fire and EMT's.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Talbot County's rural character is what many residents and visitors love. The Comp Plan is the roadmap and

recommends development in municipalities in accordance with PFA's. I would like to explore if an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance could be beneficial and used as additional tool to manage growth.

EMPLOYMENT: Policy and programs that create innovative strategies and use technology as a tool to foster economic growth. Partnerships with private and public sector stakeholders to: 1) support entrepreneurship and expansion of existing businesses as key economic drivers to create jobs and 2) establish broadband in all areas of Talbot County.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Support public/private partnerships and discuss creating policy for inclusion of affordable units in market-rate housing projects. Preserve dedicated affordable housing and expand supply by partnering with entities proposing to build affordable housing. Establish housing education programs and bring back the housing coordinator position to provide housing resources.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Ensure Talbot County continues to deliver essential public health services to residents by supporting the local hospital. Including but not limited to mental health and addiction services being available to those in need of services. Partner with local organizations who are doing work to reduce/eliminate health care disparity in the minority communities.

Phil Jackson

Campaign Website: www.jacksonstalbot.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have several professional experiences that equip me to address issues that are important to our votes. I've been leading the transition of a shared sanitation system to Talbot County for the past four years, building important relationships with local and state government. I

built and developed healthcare practices in Talbot County, and understand the imperative need for broadband..

BUDGET: Ensuring that our county can continue to prosper means equipping our county employees - teachers, law enforcement and fire fighters - with equitable and competitive pay. We must solve for how we to do this, especially with inflation outpacing revenue opportunities. Looking for revenue generating opportunities outside of the tax base is one way to challenge the status quo in Talbot County.

PRIORITIES: Our next County Council will serve a critical role in developing the comprehensive plan which will set our compass for the next ten years. This is an important responsibility and is due respect and investment by the Council. Critical issues include healthcare and public safety, broadband availability, clean water and ethical sanitation and education. These issues effect every resident.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: One of the contributing factors that drew my family to Talbot County was the rural environment. Our community places significant value on this. Watermen and farmers rely on this land to provide for their families. I am focused on thoughtfully developing Talbot County to meet our residents and businesses where they need, but always being mindful of the values that make Talbot County special.

EMPLOYMENT: I am a firm believer that, like with farming, the value of our crop starts with the seeds and land. Our community must make significant investment in its foundational components to draw new investment and talent to Talbot County. This includes empowering our school system with exceptional funding and ensuring that our healthcare workers and public safety professionals are well equipped.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I regularly hear from friends and neighbors how difficult it can be to find

affordable housing in Talbot County. When young people begin careers in this community, the only option is often to find a roommate or move out of county. We need to address the stigma that affordable housing has and we need to look for novel ways to provide this resource in our most active and needing communities.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Our public health system in Talbot County rose to the occasion during COVID and demonstrated how exceptional they are as a community resource. We must provide for our public health system with resources to include a new office. COVID is very likely sticking around for some time, and the better we are able to resource the public health system, the better our community can be cared for.

Scott Kane

Campaign Website: www.Kane4Talbot.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Beginning as Mayor of Chevy Chase, I have been involved in local government my whole career. There I worked with citizens and the County to develop the Bethesda Central Business District, improve Public Services and upgrade infrastructure for citizens. I've worked with state elected officials to deliver significant local funding.

BUDGET: 53% of Talbot County's budget goes to Public Education; 21% to Public Safety. For 2023, the current County Council kept both flat while expanding the rest of their budget by 16%. Those are the wrong priorities. I will reprioritize the budget, focusing on Public Education, Jobs, and Public Safety.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are: Jobs, Education, Broadband, Public Safety, providing better Public Transportation; improving traffic congestion on RT 50 and improving our roads, walkways and bike paths. Reducing the impact of Climate Change on

Talbot County, improving the Environment and Clean Water, and importantly, better Access to Healthcare for all citizens.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Updating our current Land Use Plan for Talbot County to improve the quality of life for our citizens and grow the economy in new and smart ways. For instance, bring high-speed Broadband to every home and business – then use it to develop a “Smart County” that leverages this technology.

EMPLOYMENT: I will fix the Talbot County economy by bringing jobs, transportation and the Broadband infrastructure the county needs. I will recruit companies to come to the county; highlighting our airport; working with our neighboring counties and towns to identify our strengths – and then feature them in bold new programs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The median income in Talbot County is \$73,000 which doesn't cover the average price of a home of \$325,000. I will work with developers to find creative ways to reduce the cost of a new home. I will promote the use of smart technology to reduce home operating costs.

PUBLIC HEALTH: We need to fix the Public Health predicament in our county. Over half of our citizens don't receive adequate health care due to cost, lack of information or lack of transportation. I will expand public transportation across the county; open clinics in outlying communities; and establish mobile health services.

Pete Leshner

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served one term on the Talbot Co. Council, the last 2 years as Vice President. Previously, I served 9+ years on the Easton Town Council. I have worked at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum for 31 years, now as Chief Curator. I volunteer on state and community boards

including Talbot Co. Free Library, Talbot Co. Arts Council, Upper Shore Aging, Md Humanities, and the Md Heritage Areas Authority.

BUDGET:

PRIORITIES: I will continue to pursue three priorities: first, the expansion of broadband internet access to every address in Talbot County, which is an important economic development tool; second, clean water initiatives and preservation of open space and the rural character of Talbot County; third, recruitment and retention of the county's workforce, notably in public safety and emergency services.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: My vision for Talbot Co: direct growth to existing developed areas, where adequate infrastructure exists—roads, parks, water & sewer, & schools. Talbot Co.'s rural character & open spaces are vital for our quality of life & tourism industry. While we need to extend sewer systems to eliminate failing septic systems and clean our waters, this must be done in a way that does not enable sprawl.

EMPLOYMENT: I have supported economic development initiatives such as the expansion of Aphenia Pharma Solutions and will continue to do so. Our greatest economic development opportunity is the extension of broadband to every rural address. I have championed this project, and Talbot now has funding for more than 92% of the unserved or underserved addresses in the County. I will prioritize finishing this job.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The County has created a financial housing incentive for County employees, but we need to do much more. I have supported programs for the creation of workforce housing and will continue to do so in cooperation with our municipalities.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The County Council acts as the local board of health, and I take this responsibility seriously. While I have no training in public health, I

have relied on the advice and consultation of our county health officer. While the County Health Department is a State Agency, I have supported requests and recommendations of the County Health Officer during my tenure.

Talbot County State's Attorney

DUTIES: The State's Attorney prosecutes and defends, on the part of the State, all criminal cases in Talbot County in which the State may be interested. The State's Attorney heads a team of prosecutors, victim advocates, case managers, investigators and other administrative staff. In addition to seeking justice in criminal cases, the State's Attorney's office provides training to lawyers, promotes fairness and ensures access to the criminal justice system, fosters professional relations with judges and attorneys, educates the public about criminal justice issues, and seeks to further the efficient use of criminal justice resources.

BASE SALARY: \$129,066

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

DISCRIMINATION: What specific actions would you take to avoid bias in prosecutions?

SENTENCING: What are your views on alternatives to prison?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Joseph Coale

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Ellen Barry Grunden

Campaign Website: www.ebgfortalbot.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a prosecutor for 24 years, 21 in Talbot County. For the past 18, I've had nearly all of the responsibilities of the elected State's Attorney. I have built relationships with members of law enforcement and all other agencies that interact with our office and have earned the trust and respect of those who work there through my diligence and reliability. I am ready to lead on Day One.

PRIORITIES: My priority within the office is to instill a sense of mission and purpose consistent with the oath we take as prosecutors and to provide genuine support for all employees so that we retain dedicated public servants. My priority in the community is to ensure that there is trust between the citizens of the county and those of us - prosecutors and police officers - who enforce the law.

DISCRIMINATION: Bias in prosecution - whether it concerns race, gender, class or, in this small community, familiarity - is an abuse of power.

I will treat all citizens fairly and none preferentially. I will monitor jury panels to ensure defendants receive decisions made by their peers. I will secure prosecutors outside our office to represent the State if there is an actual or perceived conflict of interest.

SENTENCING: A healthy and safe community requires not only the imposition of consequences for violating the law, but a determination of what factors lead to criminal conduct. While incarceration is required if the person poses a threat to others, treatment for substance abuse and mental/behavioral health issues must be available so that a willing individual committed to rehabilitation can meet that goal.

Talbot County Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the county office that performs many administrative duties for the Circuit Court, including the maintenance of court records. The Clerk's office files, processes and maintains civil, criminal and juvenile actions. It also records and maintains electronic land deeds, mortgages, plats, conveyances, liens and other land record documents and collects recording fees and transfer taxes. The Clerk administers oaths to County officials, Judges and Governor appointees; issues business and marriage licenses; performs civil wedding ceremonies; commissions Notaries Public; and processes passport applications. The Clerk also manages the office budget as set by the State Administrative Office of the Court.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

AREAS OF NEED: What changes, if any, are needed to ensure effective and efficient operation of this office?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Kathi Dulin Duvall

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Nicole Caudell

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Talbot County Register of Wills

DUTIES: The Register of Wills assists the general public with administrative processes concerning estates of deceased persons. The Register collects Maryland inheritance tax on estates and probate fees; maintains all records of wills and estates of deceased persons, acts as clerk to the Orphans' Court; tracks estates and

refers all delinquent matters to the Court; and safeguards wills of living persons who reside in the county.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

AREAS OF NEED: What changes, if any, are needed to ensure effective and efficient operation of this office?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Patricia "Patti" E. Campen

QUALIFICATIONS: A Register should possess three important traits: Experience, Dedication, and Commitment. I have been fortunate to work in the office of the Register of Wills since 2007, which led to my appointment as Register in January, 2013. Prior thereto, I worked 25 years in a local law firm which prepared me for the complex issues involved in the administration of estates and managing a public office.

PRIORITIES: Being dedicated to providing competent and accessible service to Talbot County citizens is my main priority. Currently, I am proud to have been able to do so without interruption through the pandemic and recent fire damage and remediation in the Talbot County Courthouse.

AREAS OF NEED: In our ever-changing society, I am committed to search for ways to improve

service through technology while maintaining the old-fashioned and time honored ideals of respectful, qualified, and hands-on personal service with a smile. Thank you very much for your vote of confidence.

Talbot County Judge of the Orphans' Court

DUTIES: The Maryland Orphans' Court is the state's probate court and presides over the administration of estates; it also has jurisdiction over guardianship of minors. Orphans' Court judges are responsible for the supervision of estates that must go through probate. They also may appoint Guardians for the person and property of minors. Orphans' Court judges conduct formal hearings involving estate or guardianship disputes and rule on Petitions and Administration Accounts involved with estate and/or guardianship proceedings. The State Constitution does not require Orphans' Court judges to be lawyers.

BASE SALARY: \$5,500

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for up to 3

Paul S. Carroll

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a native of Talbot County and have lived here all my life. I have had a successful career of 49 years with Sears in Easton. I was honored to be elected to the Orphans' Court in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. Presently, I am serving as Chief Judge and also serve on the 8 member MD. Association of Judges board that represents the 66 Judges in MD. With your vote I hope to serve another term.

PRIORITIES: I take the office of the Orphans' Court Judge seriously. It is a weekly commitment to guide and assist in estate settlements while applying Maryland law. I want to continue my good working relationship with the two other Judges and the Register of Wills and office staff. With this cohesion we can continue to offer outstanding service to our citizens of Talbot County.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: Being a good listener to grieving families when there are questions, showing genuine compassion and fairness while considering the evidence, asking for honesty and integrity from family members, and applying equal treatment to all people are of great importance. Weekly background preparation for hearings and knowledge of MD. laws are important so I can help guide and meet the decedent's wishes.

MOTIVATION: Helping families come to an amicable agreement when settling the decedent's estate inspires me to be patient, understanding, showing compassion, and fairness while applying the Maryland law.

Jack Hall

QUALIFICATIONS: I currently serve as one of three Orphans' Court judges of Talbot County, having done so since August 2020. Before that, I practiced law in Talbot County for forty years. My practice included preparing Wills and Trusts and administering estates of decedents. When necessary, I participated in hearings conducted by the Orphan's Court.

PRIORITIES: Ensuring that those responsible for the administration of estates of decedents do so within legal deadlines, and in full compliance with Maryland Law; resolving disputes that arise during such proceedings fairly and promptly; working with the Register of Wills to assist her in fulfillment her duties.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: Each person is entitled to be treated the same as any other person; every person is entitled to be heard in any court proceedings, so long as he or she does so civilly and decorously; while the assistance of a lawyer may be helpful to a participant, it is not necessary when appearing in our Court.

MOTIVATION: Talbot County's Orphans' Court and the office of Register of Wills has a long history of exceptional service to our citizens. It is an honor as well as a privilege to be part of that history.

David J. Wheeler

QUALIFICATIONS: As a Judge on the Orphans' Court since 2018, it has been my privilege to be a true "Guardian" of the administration and oversight of estates. As a graduate of Duke University with extensive business and financial experience, I possess current expertise of the law to ensure that a decedent's intentions are handled appropriately.

PRIORITIES: The Talbot Orphans' Court must continue to provide timely and equitable settlement

of all estate issues in accordance with the decedent's final wishes as provided for by Maryland law. In addition, all interested persons must be afforded an opportunity to be heard from their perspective any issues in regards to the estate.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: Be fair and impartial. By applying the appropriate Maryland laws to recognize precedent and fair procedure, the Orphans' Court should always be about fulfilling the decedent's wishes. As a "Court of Equity" we must also be sensitive to family issues while still being the ultimate defender and protector of the estate.

MOTIVATION: Being blessed to live and work in Talbot County, I have always been motivated to give back to the Community in whatever way I can. Continuing as a Judge of the Orphans' Court allows me to have a real and positive impact on the people I meet every week. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for up to 3

Philip Carey Foster

QUALIFICATIONS: *Graduate of Easton High, College of Wooster & Vanderbilt Law school. *Captain in the US Army. *Former County Council President, State's Attorney & Delegate to MD General Assembly. *Completed mediation training. *Former associate professor at Chesapeake College in various law related subjects. *More than 4 decades in the private practice of law. *Past president of the Talbot Bar Association.

PRIORITIES: Each year the Orphans' Court handles estates totaling many millions of dollars. What was once a simple process has become increasingly complex, often involving serious legal questions. As an attorney who has advised in both

planning & probating estates, my priority would be to promote a process that is fair and open to members of the public, the outcome of which will justify their confidence.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: It is important that each case be decided on its merits. Moreover, a judge needs to protect the rights of all those who come before the court, including those people not able to hire a lawyer. Consequently, I will not accept financial contributions from other attorneys. Finally a judge must be dedicated to a search for the truth. Each person's right to be heard should be honored and protected.

MOTIVATION: As Q1 demonstrates, my life has been one of service to the people of Talbot County. Whether coaching youth soccer for 27 years, protecting public safety as State's Attorney or addressing issues as a Delegate or member of County Council, service to others has been a priority for me. Now I am asking for your confidence as I seek to apply my legal experience & training as an Orphans' Court judge.

Talbot County Sheriff

DUTIES: The Sheriff's Office is a full-function law enforcement agency which operates throughout the county. Public safety activities include law enforcement and all related activities to support investigations of either a traffic or criminal nature, including accident investigation, monitoring sex offenders, traffic safety programs, narcotics investigations, protective measures for domestic violence, and the investigation of all serious or reported crimes. Its civil component acts as an officer of the circuit court, carrying out court orders, including evictions; delivering summonses; and executing bench warrants. It also

provides management of and security for courthouse operations.

BASE SALARY: \$115,000

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: How will you involve residents in improving public safety?

DISCRIMINATION: How will you ensure that officers treat everyone fairly?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Joe Gamble

QUALIFICATIONS: During my nearly 28 years with the Maryland State Police I was able to investigate and supervise violent crimes in every county in Maryland and many of the 160 plus police departments and sheriff's offices across the state. Those experiences helped me to understand what works and what doesn't work to keep our citizens safe.

PRIORITIES: A sheriff's office, more so than any other police organization, must be in constant contact with the citizenry. Contact with all of those in our community is vital to understand the public safety needs of our community as well as earning the trust of citizens. Trust is earned every day

and must never be taken for granted. Our citizens deserve a sheriff's office that is above reproach.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: I meet regularly with citizens from across Talbot County for input on what their concerns are regarding public safety for their community. Our drug education efforts known as "Talbot Goes Purple" has allowed me to give over 200 drug education talks in our schools, community and in other parts of Maryland. The talks typically have a Q& A time where I learn of other issues that helps us to serve.

DISCRIMINATION: After taking office my office totally re-wrote every policy at the sheriff's office with a team of attorneys. We looked at Federal and state law as well as national best practices in policing to formulate those policies and procedures. Once implemented then every deputy was trained and had to sign for the policies. The policies allow us to hold deputies accountable for straying from them.

Talbot County Party Central Committees

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

SALARY: None.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Party Central Committee members are elected countywide by

registered party members during the Primary Election. The number of seats to be filled is determined by the County Party Central Committee.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Central Committee member?

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve on the Central Committee?

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: What criteria will you use when considering candidates to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly or other office?

Republican Central Committee

HOW ELECTED: Elected at large by the members of the party in the primary. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for up to 9

Eric L. Bridges

Ramon Gras

Raymond G. Grodecki

Richard Holman; Campaign Website:
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Democratic Central Committee

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary. The Committee shall consist of ten (10) members, gender balanced.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for up to 10
No more than half of the members can be elected from the same gender.

Nancy L. Andrew (Female)

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring 20 years of professional and volunteer experience in nonprofit management, community organizing, and volunteer engagement. My work includes serving as a nonprofit executive director, helping groups achieve organizational, financial, and programmatic growth. I was appointed to the Talbot Democratic Central Committee after serving as a county campaign for the Colvin campaign in 2018.

MOTIVATION: A belief in the power of community and a love for Talbot County. It is an

honor to lend my organizing skills to the work of engaging more voters, recruiting strong candidates, and furthering our Democratic values. Together, we will continue working for fair and accessible elections so that more voters make their voices heard.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I will support a fair, open process. Candidates are invited to apply. The opening announcement gets shared widely to reach a diverse range of community members. Eligible candidates are interviewed and assessed by a criterion suitable to the vacancy. Standards may include relevant experience, time commitment, leadership capacity, and a demonstrated ability to serve.

Walter Edward Chase, Sr. (Male)
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Gene W. Counihan (Male)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the Central Committees of two counties, including the current TCDCC. I have worked for more than 50 years in Maryland to elect Democrats and served three terms in the Maryland General Assembly.

MOTIVATION: I am inspired to serve on the Central Committee to recruit and elect to office highly qualified and committed individuals.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: In filling vacancies I will prioritize the candidate's qualifications and demonstrated commitment to public service.

Dina Daly (Female)
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Patrick Firth (Male)

QUALIFICATIONS: Serving since 2018 and since being elected Chair of the DCC in early 2020, we have focused on voter education, digital outreach, and democratizing access to our events. The result of the DCC's hard work was President Biden's victory! DNC/MD Dems also chose Talbot for a new targeted voter registration pilot program after our historic win. I also serve as Chief of Staff for Young Dems of Maryland.

MOTIVATION: I am inspired by the need for youth and rural representation in our Party. I am a sailor and hunter, proud member of the Talbot Watermen's Association, and vocal progressive in our community. We need to change the belief that you cannot talk politics in small towns - with our democracy under attack, there has never been a more important time for a visible Party infrastructure.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I will consider experience, age, and ideology that is representative of Talbot (not my personal beliefs). I will also consider all candidates through an equity lens.

Bob Hyman (Male)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a business executive in corporate and non-profit America for 40 years. For the past 8 months I have been the Treasurer for the Talbot County Democratic Central Committee.

MOTIVATION: I get satisfaction in providing clear financial information for the committee to make valid candidate and election decisions. I understand how to make the committees meeting more efficient and help in that manner.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I look at a candidates experience and background but most

importantly I look at their values...their ethical keel that guides their choices.

Naomi Hyman (Female)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been active in local Democratic politics for decades. I am former candidate for Talbot County Council, a current candidate for Maryland State Senate District 37 and a certified Democratic trainer. I have served as a member of the Talbot County Central for two years and prior to that as founding chair of the Committee's grassroots outreach program, Roots to Results.

MOTIVATION: American politics have taken a dangerous turn at every level. I want to reverse that trend from the ground up.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: The criteria will be determined in part by the office, but in general I will look for commitment, strong communication skills, passion, integrity, intelligence and ability to listen and learn.

Phil Jackson (Male)

QUALIFICATIONS: I was nominated on to the Talbot County Democratic Central Committee in 2021, after an individual exited. I have been supporting our digital strategy and worked diligently to operationalize our new headquarters in Easton. It should also be noted that I am a candidate for Talbot County Council in 2022.

MOTIVATION: As a Central Committee member, I am deeply focused on ensuring that we have exceptional democratic candidates that champion the long standing traditions and values of our community. Understanding that this community is home to a diverse population, ensuring that those who represent us are reflective of that diversity is

imperative. It is our sole responsibility to shepherd candidates to office.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I will seek qualified, capable and diverse candidates who prioritize the community and their success. It is imperative that our candidates are motivated to win. Legislative experience, community outreach and an ability to articulate the causes they are passionate about are absolutely critical. Passion, passion, passion - it goes so far and is such valuable fuel.

Scott Kane (Male)

QUALIFICATIONS: Having served as Chair of the Talbot Democratic Central Committee for 6 years I look to continue my service to the Democratic Party and Talbot County. Here, I expanded voter registration, built citizen participation in the Party, promoted party unity, and built a party of inclusion with outreach to all.

MOTIVATION: The work of the Democratic Central Committee in Talbot County is crucial to the functioning of a strong, robust party and the success of our two-party system of government. I look to continue my dedication to these values.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I will consider the qualifications and experience of candidates and appoint the best candidate to any vacancy in the General Assembly or other offices. A track record of successful, dedicated public service is paramount, as is a commitment to serving the needs of the citizens of Talbot County.

Molly C. Martell (Female)

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Daniel P. McDermott (Male)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have experience with several Democratic campaigns in Talbot County, have been a board member of the Talbot Democratic Forum, and participated as a member of the Rural Task Force for the Maryland Democratic Party.

MOTIVATION: I want to continue to build the Democratic Party in Talbot County, help recruit Democratic Candidates for local elected offices, and help Democratic Candidates win elections.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I will use the following criteria: Does the candidate understand the commitment required to fill the position? Does the candidate understand the legislative process? Will the candidate work collaboratively to maintain and/or improve Talbot County?

Judy Wixted (Female)

QUALIFICATIONS: Democratic Central Committees have one overriding goal: Get Democrats Elected. After two terms on the Central Committee, I have been an essential worker to recruit candidates. Additionally, as the Field Director, my work to drive voter turn-out has been successful. We have increased Democratic registrations and made the Party a viable contender in Talbot during my term of service.

MOTIVATION: Forty years of organizing work has convinced me that the only way we ensure a lasting, vibrant democracy is with party officials committed to the values of justice, equality, and truth. Given the chaos we are living in, it is essential that Democratic Party officials live their belief in equity, diversity, and inclusion in action, not in just words. These core values drive me to work every day.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: To serve it would be critical that any candidate have demonstrated leadership qualities of honesty, integrity, open-mindedness, competence, and civility. Additionally, I would consider a knowledge of local issues and some experience in previous service to the community.

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