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2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election Voters' Guide for Caroline 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:

CAROLINE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Health and Public Services Building
403 S. 7th Street, Suite 247
Denton MD 21629-1335
410-479-8145, Fax: 410-479-5736
www.carolinemdelections.org
Email Address: election@carolinemd.org

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

**CAROLINE COUNTY
BALLOT DROP-BOXES**
3 Locations:

**CAROLINE COUNTY HEALTH & PUBLIC
SERVICES BUILDING**, 403 S. 7th St, Denton

**FEDERALSBURG MUNICIPAL PARKING
LOT**, Morris Ave, Federalsburg MD (across
from the Police Dept)

**GOLDSBORO VOL FIRE DEPT PARKING
LOT**, 700 Old Line Rd, Goldsboro 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

***CAROLINE COUNTY HEALTH & PUBLIC
SERVICES BUILDING**, 1st floor, Suite 112, 403
S. 7th St, Denton MD ***DIFFERENT
LOCATION FROM LAST ELECTION**

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/Polli
ngPlaceSearch](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/Polli
ngPlaceSearch)

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>.



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 your
selections.

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/08con off/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

No response by print deadline;
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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?

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.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

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/mdmannual/07leg/html/gaf.html

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?

working towards supporting themselves, I am not willing to provide for the lazy or unwilling. Disabled citizens should be helped as much as possible.

Vocational training and other opportunities should also be available to all.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Law enforcement officers are accountable to the oath they take and the code of conduct their agency provides. These standards are accepted statewide and nationwide. Police should be tried by their peers not civilians uneducated in law enforcement. Prosecutors must prosecute criminals not plead them out. Most police officers are honest. Reinstate the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights.

EDUCATION: I will work to provide school choice whether it is private, charter, online, homeschool etc. parents decide not federal authorities what they want their child taught. Tax dollars follow the child and we must get ghost students off the books. I believe we need curriculum in the public school that is not written through a lens of bias. Children must be taught useful life skills not political views.

HEALTH: Drug addiction and government overreach into our our personal health are the two biggest. Drug addiction must be addressed by a joint effort between the faith community and the medical/mental health community. I have personally worked with many, some more successfully than others. Government overreach: No person should be forced to take a medication they are not fully comfortable with.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The health of the Chesapeake is key in my mind. Our local economy depends on it. I will work the states whose waters flow into the Susquehanna River in an effort to make them accountable and financially responsible for the damage they cause with their pollution. I will also work with the watermen not against them.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I want to see every student have reliable internet service at home. It is essential

Senator District 36

HOW ELECTED: District 36 includes all of Kent and Queen Anne's counties and parts of Cecil and Caroline 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?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Rick Bowers

Campaign Website: www.voterickbowers.com

QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a pastor with an understanding of scripture and our constitution makes me uniquely qualified. I am also a small businessman so I understand the struggles of staying in business. In 2018 I was elected to the Republican Central Committee. I have been politically active for 25 years and I have learned to listen so I can be your voice. I am ready to serve you.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Why are they economically disadvantaged? The solution and proportion of government involvement would differ based on that answer. I am willing to support those

for the success of our students as well as our future business growth. Queen Anne's County is the only county on the shore mandated to comply with the Vehicle Emissions Program. I will work with our Federal authorities to redistrict QAC. I don't think foreign entities should own land in Maryland.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Voter integrity is essential. I would like paper ballots and no machines involved. Law Enforcement Bill of Rights, we must stand behind our police officers. I will protect our First Amendment rights of Freedom as well as our Second Amendment rights. I am pro life and I do not support abortion. I will make myself available to the people of my district. I will not hide from those I serve

Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.

Campaign Website: senatorhershney.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Served as your Senator for last 9 years; 6 as the Minority Whip. Proven leadership experience fighting for conservative causes while achieving results for the Eastern Shore. In Annapolis, serve on Finance Committee, Oyster Advisory Commission and Rural Healthcare Workgroup. Also Vice President of Project & Development for a commercial real estate firm. Earned MBA and degree in Civil Engineering.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: As we emerge from the pandemic's economic turmoil, we must ensure opportunities for all to return to work and succeed. I've supported our job creators & local businesses by passing legislation that lowers the unemployment insurance tax. I passed the Rural Broadband for the Eastern Shore Act of 2020 to expand infrastructure & access, as a result over 1,000 new locations are available for connection

PUBLIC SAFETY: First responders play a critical role in keeping our communities safe, working long hours under extraordinary stresses as the first line

of defense for the wellbeing of our citizens. It's important that we keep moving forward with policies that help us recruit, retain, and appropriately compensate those who enforce the law, protect our families and businesses from crime, and stand up for victims.

EDUCATION: I strongly support a public education system that encourages and welcomes parental involvement at the administrative and classroom level. I support school choice. There are many options for a positive educational environment. Throughout the pandemic, many families chose alternative options to public education. Those families should not be penalized for making the right choice for their children.

HEALTH: Access to quality healthcare and costs are the biggest challenges. I just passed two bills that: 1) creates the Rural Health Collaborative to support Mid-Shore communities and stakeholders in planning a regional health system; 2) will reimburse EMS for providing the non-emergency community based services in our Mobile Integrated Health program. I'm committed to sustaining the Chestertown Hospital.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Representing the Eastern Shore, I understand the importance of healthy waterways, clean air and an environment that promotes tourism and outdoor activities. However, our laws and regulations cannot be so burdensome to harm or diminish our commercial seafood and farming industries. I'll continue to fight for our farmers and watermen while seeking a balance between our environment and our economy.

LOCAL PROJECTS:

OTHER PRIORITIES: I focused my two major pieces of legislation on tax relief for Seniors. The Retirement Tax Reduction Act of 2022 creates a \$1,000 to \$1,750 tax credit to retirees. The other removes restrictions and allows counties to create

more substantial property tax relief for Seniors and Veterans. These build on my years of advocating for tax relief and strengthening retirement security for Maryland Seniors.

Heather Lynette Sinclair
CAMPAIGN WEBSITE:

www.heatherlynettesinclair.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a multi-state citizen lobbyist drafting, lobbying, and helping pass legislation across the country for a decade.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Since the government controls everything, it's the job of the government to remove barriers placed by previous lawmakers that directly led to higher unemployment rates and higher poverty rates.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The General Assembly has already enacted several pieces of legislation that sufficiently addresses police accountability. Removing barriers to upward financial mobility, giving citizens tax relief, and removing heavy, burdensome and unnecessary regulations leads to lower crime rates and better mental health in our communities.

EDUCATION: As a mother of two, and a former homeschooler, I support school choice.

HEALTH: The most significant health challenge is the skyrocketing cost of healthcare leaving people unable to afford it. My plan will make healthcare transparent, accountable, patient-centered, and competitive in the free market to make healthcare affordable again.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The greatest concern is the health of the bay and the failed agreements of prior lawmakers to hold Exelon Corp and other states accountable for shared responsibility in reducing nutrient and sediment that pollutes the Chesapeake Bay. I will work tirelessly with other

state lawmakers and members of Congress to finally address this issue.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I will bring tax relief, jobs, and access to quality, affordable healthcare to the district.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Constitutional rights, 2A, government transparency, election integrity, pro-cryptocurrency, lower taxes. Overturning laws that passed that stripped our rights away. Power to the People!

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/mdma/nual/07lea/html/aaf.html

House of Delegates 36

HOW ELECTED: District 36 includes all of Kent and Queen Anne's counties and parts of Cecil and Caroline counties. Qualified voters in District 36 cast votes for 3 candidates. The 3 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?

House of Delegates District 36 Caroline County

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Jeff Ghrist

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House of Delegates District 36 Kent County

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Jay A. Jacobs

No response by print deadline;
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House of Delegates District 36 Queen Anne's County

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Steve Arentz

No response by print deadline;
check Vote411.org

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;
check Vote411.org

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

Caroline County Offices

Caroline County Commissioner

DUTIES: Three Commissioners, elected at large to a 4-year term, represent interests of the entire county. Duties include 1) Enact county laws and establish policies 2) Make decisions on taxes and expenditures 3) Submit changes to state laws 4) Approve contracts and agreements; and 5) Promote the welfare of county citizens.

BASE SALARY: \$15,000

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?

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

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?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for up to 3

Frank Bartz

QUALIFICATIONS: Having over 20 years of management experience in the agricultural, transportation, logistics industry and currently being a small business owner has taught me the importance of working within the constraints of a budget and the responsibility of knowing that employees & people are counting on you at all times to make the right decision on their behalf.

BUDGET: Continue to fund our current departments and meet their and our counties financial obligations the best we can without raising taxes and compromising the welfare & public safety of our citizens

PRIORITIES: Continue to improve the welfare & public safety for our county citizens. Be aware of any State Planning & Zoning Laws that may affect our citizens & not be beneficial to our community, with too much government overreach. Work hard to build back our county employee workforce. Be an advocate for a privately funded 55 and over community so our retirees can remain in Caroline County. Not raise taxes.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Continue to fund it the best we can without compromising our citizens and the care they deserve in regards to all aspects of health care. We also need to continue to support our non-

profit sector the best we can, as they play a major role in our community and our citizens well-being, as well.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I am strong supporter of our agricultural community and feel we should do all we can to preserve our farms and farm families. However, I also feel we can utilize town infrastructure to grow our communities in that manner to avoid compromising our agricultural land.

EMPLOYMENT: We can support job growth and grow our local workforce by continuing to support and grow our relationship with Chesapeake College and our county vocational system in our school system. We need a strong workforce in Caroline County to continue to have and support the economic development that we strongly need.

J. Travis Breeding

QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived in Caroline County for 39 years, attended public schools, played youth sports, coached youth sports, worked, and volunteered here. I have extensive management experience in both the operation and finances of a heavy civil construction business based in the county. I have worked with the county, its municipalities, and residents. Caroline has, is, and will continue to be my home.

BUDGET: Public safety, including the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Medical Services, Volunteer Fire Departments and 911 dispatchers must be priorities. Safety is the main objective of local government and should not be undermined. We should support our youth both in education and extracurricular activities, so that they can experience success, defeat, sportsmanship, and perseverance.

PRIORITIES: I will search for more effective and efficient ways to provide services to residents,

including protecting taxpayer's investments, by: organizing the county's purchasing process; pursuing the privatization of some public works activities; providing better athletic facilities for the youth of Caroline County; and improving the condition of our roads.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Mental health and substance abuse are key areas of public health that are often under emphasized. I would insist on further prioritization in these areas. Ensuring that the Sheriff's Department has all the tools necessary to make Caroline County a leader in combating illegal drugs, will be a goal. I will also advocate for increased mental health services and expansion of health care in general.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I believe in the preservation of Caroline County's agricultural foundation. Development should be concentrated around the towns. Expansion of town boundaries should be managed to prevent them from extending outside of necessary areas, thus limiting the consumption of more land than is needed by demand. A careful balance between property rights and community benefit should always be pursued.

EMPLOYMENT: I will work to keep county taxes and regulations under control, which will entice businesspeople to invest or to remain in Caroline County. Less government interference always produces private sector expansion. Many employers are in search of skilled workers. The county should invest in the education of our citizenry, both youth and adult. This approach will expand our tax base.

Brian Dunn

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Keith Johnson

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 23 years of public service experience including leadership roles in the Marine Corps and the Maryland State Police, leading training, building operations plans, decision making, and deployment of personnel and resources. As a council member, I have taken part in developing 5 fiscal budgets, including budgets that have reduced the tax rate and tax burdens on residents.

BUDGET: 1. Focusing on reducing the tax burden on individual taxpayers, with smart growth. 2. Investment in the retention, professional development, and recruitment of county employees. Turnover creates a hidden cost in the quality of service. 3. Developing budgets that are built upon long-term strategic plans, to develop effective and efficient spending decisions.

PRIORITIES: 1. The development of a county Strategic Plan that establishes the county's objectives and goals for stability, growth, and resource management. 2. Support increased transparency in government. 3. Make sure Caroline County is business-friendly for existing and new businesses.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Continuing to work toward realizing the effects of the pandemic by insuring each citizen has access to testing and immunization. Work toward more effective and accessible mental health resources.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Developing Smart Growth Plans - Identify targeted growth markets and sectors - Impact of growth on infrastructure and resources - Preservation of natural resources consideration - Government policy, regulations, zoning, and taxation must support economic development (how does the government support or disrupt growth).

EMPLOYMENT: The county needs to support the economic growth within the municipalities to

maximize the use of existing infrastructure. Support the use of Maryland enterprise zones in North County and Federalsburg, as well as the Opportunity Zones in Denton and Federalsburg.

Wilbur Levengood, Jr.

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a commissioner for 12 years. I am an Academy of Excellence in Governance graduate and I completed the Shore Leadership Program. I represent my county on seven state and regional boards. For 46 years I have been a volunteer fireman. I am the Farm Bureau representative to MDA for the CREP program and an associate member of the Soil Conservation Board. I am a farmer and business owner.

BUDGET: I have 48 years of experience working with government budgets. I know the importance of balancing a budget while looking to the future. My priority to is to continue to provide services without raising taxes. Every year the state mandates increases that must be passed onto citizens. State property assessments may increase tax bills, while the county rate remains constant.

PRIORITIES: We want to keep our young adults living, working, and raising families in Caroline County. We need to provide a means to make a living for our high school graduates. I would like to see a regional trade school to teach skills that can lead to jobs and the development of small businesses. If you learn a skill, it is yours for a lifetime. What you do with that skill is up to you.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Over the last 12 years we have brought health care availability to the county. Talking with citizens, I've learned that although the facilities are here, it is difficult for many to access them because of lack of transportation. We need to develop a means of transportation to allow more people to take advantage of what is available.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I am a firm supporter of landowners' rights. How those owners choose to develop their land, must include the impact on the county budget and infrastructure. Housing developments must include payment to meet the increase in cost for schools, roads, and emergency services.

EMPLOYMENT: We have an Economic Plan Team that recruits and researches businesses to come to Caroline County. We are constantly searching for companies to locate or expand into Caroline County.

Roger James McKnight

QUALIFICATIONS: Upon my retirement of 21 Active Duty years with the United States Air Force and my 10 year retirement with the Federal Government, Leadership and Management experience was the primary responsibilities of my previous positions. After examining the Power and Duties of this position, I have many years of experience handling Budgets, Overseeing Large contracts & adhering to policies.

BUDGET: Working as an Acquisition Specialist with the Federal Government, my duties required me to write and maintain multi-million dollar equipment contracts for numerous Government Agencies. These Agencies provided my team with Large and Small Annual Budgets to work from and still we provide them with the latest technology to operate. My priority is to bring that same experience to our County

PRIORITIES: My first priority would be to review previous projects that are still pending and make sure there is responsible supervision to the existing projects. Make sure I assemble the most qualified personnel in leadership roles filling all the departments that fall under the span of control of the Commissioner's Office. The next priorities will

reflect the needs of our community; Affordable housing.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Our community has just suffered a major contagious infection that resulted in many deaths in our community, and I supported the courageous efforts of our County Health experts in curbing a more serious outcome. I helped with another epidemic, the Opioid Crisis, which is still plaguing our community with overdose deaths.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: My priority is to make sure I completely know our County's property boundaries and understand the zoning perimeters. I would ask our community to develop a volunteer committee made up of county residents to help us create a future insight on what they would like us to develop for the undeveloped land for building businesses, recreational facilities and other community needs.

EMPLOYMENT: Free enterprises is the outlook I have had since I was a previous Sign Company owner for 15 years. I want to put together a Vocational training project for our County residents who want to seek training in Skilled fields, Electrical, Construction, farm Equipment Repair, Etc. We want to set up incentives for local Businesses to hire and train these interns.

Larry C. Porter

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as Caroline County Commissioner for Three terms. I have participated in over 650 commissioner meetings. 24 Budget hearings and been responsible for over \$660 million dollars of taxpayer money during my tenure.

BUDGET: To present a balanced budget for Caroline County that provide adequate services to our taxpayers without increases to the Property Tax rate. In the past, I have been successful in navigating the unfounded mandates imposed by the State and Federal government on our citizens.

PRIORITIES: Enacting policies that would maintain our way of life, while fighting against State Policies that impose a "one size fits all" mentality toward solving problems.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Continuing to work toward realizing the effects of the pandemic by insuring each citizen has access to testing and immunization. Work toward more effective and accessible mental health resources.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: To enact policies that maintain our agricultural heritage and wise utilization of our Natural Resources.

EMPLOYMENT: Develop policies to enable companies to find effective, viable employees. I favor any program that involves the development of trade education and apprenticeship.

Caroline County Judge of the Circuit Court - Circuit 2

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

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

SALARY: \$174,433.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide. The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a person to fill the office from a list recommended by a judicial nominating commission. The nominating commission reviews each applicant's experience as an attorney before making recommendations to the Governor. Each newly appointed

judge must stand for election at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. Sitting judges must also run for re-election after serving for 15 years. Attorneys who are members of the Maryland Bar may also run to challenge a newly appointed or sitting judge. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots.

WEBSITE:

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

QUESTIONS

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

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

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

CANDIDATES

Vote for 1

Maureen D. Keogh

QUALIFICATIONS: As a litigator for the past 20 years I have spent my career in the courtroom. I have handled civil, criminal, and family law cases and appeared in the circuit court regularly. I have knowledge of the law and a thorough understanding of the rules of evidence and courtroom procedure. I

am familiar with how cases proceed through court and the role of the Judge in the Circuit Court process.

PRIORITIES: My first priority would be to ensure that all litigants are given access to the courts and an opportunity to be heard. My other priorities would be restoring trust in the Circuit Court to the community; focusing on being a fair and impartial Judge; working hard for the citizens of Caroline County; and creating an efficient and professional Circuit Court.

COURT SYSTEM: In Maryland the greatest challenge would be moving cases forward following the delays caused by the global pandemic. Cases have been delayed due to the inability to have Jury Trials. Other cases have also been delayed due to the need to adjust which cases are to be heard and on what timetable. That has left litigants without resolutions to their cases.

MOTIVATION: My desire to serve as a judge is rooted in my desire to continue to serve the community. Judges interact with people in very stressful situations. I have seen first hand how much a Judge can impact not only those in the courtroom, but also their families. A Circuit Court Judge is in a unique position to positively impact the community, the legal process, and the legal profession.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: My judicial philosophy would be to make sure that all litigants are given the time and respect that they deserve. I would promote respect among the staff, lawyers, and parties to the cases. I would maintain a professional and efficient court. I would serve the citizens of Caroline County with integrity and transparency and advance the interest of justice for all who come to the court.

Heather L. Price

QUALIFICATIONS: I've served as the County's District Court and Circuit Court Judge. My experience as a judge and public sector attorney provide me with a wide basis of criminal and civil law knowledge, courtroom and docket management. My administrative experience running law offices and Master's degree in Public Administration are invaluable assets as the Administrative Judge for the County.

PRIORITIES: Serving as an impartial, objective, fair and reasoned judge. A patient judge that runs an efficient and orderly court while giving my undivided attention to each case. Docket management and developing the Problem Solving Court to include veterans as well as addressing mental health issues that are often co-occurring issues with drug and alcohol dependency.

COURT SYSTEM: Drug addition, mental health, and court access to all including non-English speaking litigants. Making all welcome and providing self help opportunities, and access to pro and low bono legal service providers. When possible, partnering with allied agencies throughout the County to educate about available community resources.

MOTIVATION: I worked as a bailiff during law school and consequently gained vast exposure to the courtroom. That experience, coupled with a strong sense of justice and desire to serve the public, created the inspiration for me to pursue a judgeship. Additionally, my mother is a retired District Court Judge and watching her on the bench was a strong personal influence.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: Having judicial temperament—the ability to treat each case as the most important case on the docket that day and to treat each person with dignity and thoughtfulness and to make decisions that are impartial and legally

sound; possessing judicial ethics—those moral principles that guide one's behavior and conduct; and lastly, embracing legal scholarship and the need to stay current with the law.

Caroline County State's Attorney

DUTIES: The State's Attorney prosecutes and defends, on the part of the State, all criminal cases in Caroline 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: \$137,133

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

Joe Riley

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Caroline 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

Terry Lord

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 42 years experience in the Clerk of Circuit Court office. I have held several leadership positions during this time including Civil Supervisor, Chief Deputy and currently the position of Clerk of Court. I have gained a broad knowledge of all aspects of the office and remain a very hands on Clerk. I am honored to continue to serve the citizens of this county.

PRIORITIES: It is essential to provide efficient, courteous customer service and access to justice to all customers. If an issue is beyond our scope to be able to provide the resources for that individual to assist them to the best of our ability. Keeping open communication and working relationships with Court staff and all justice partners.

AREAS OF NEED: We currently have a Pro Se Clinic for self-represented litigants every Monday from 9:00 to 12:00. This clinic is very effective and beneficial to those that need legal assistance. This service allows the litigants to be prepared to file their pleadings with our office. There is a need in

our community for this service to be expanded to meet the needs of our citizens and efficient filing.

Caroline 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?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Andrea "Andy" Hrobar

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Jim Phelps

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been Caroline County's Register of Wills for the past 12 years. During that time, I have successfully carried out the duties of this Office. I have provided both professional and compassionate care in handling the estates of loved ones.

PRIORITIES: My main priority for this office is to provide the best service, with compassion and care, for the families that have lost loved ones. Also, I want to provide the families with comfort by being there for them in their time of need. I want to continue to educate the public on the importance of having a will.

AREAS OF NEED: My office is run very efficiently with a staff of three very competent employees. If I am re-elected, I see no changes needed to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the Register of Wills Office.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Rob Blakely

No response by print deadline;
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Caroline 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: \$5,000

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?

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

Ellery Adams

Ron Fearins

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

Conway Gregory

QUALIFICATIONS: I have ten years' experience serving as an Orphans' Court Judge in Caroline County. I previously served from 1998 to 2003 and again from 2013 through 2018, I was the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court from 2014 through 2018. As a fiscal conservative, I always made sure the assets of an estate were protected for the heirs. If elected that will once again be my objective.

PRIORITIES: My chief priority is to see that all estates are settled according to the wishes of the decedent and with minimal expenses to the estate. All Orphans' Court hearings should be conducted in a professional manner and according to the Estates and Trust Article. When settling contested estates, compassion and empathy must be employed to make the grieving heirs comfortable with the proceedings.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: In keeping with my history of being a fiscal conservative, the decedent's assets must be distributed according to his/her wishes. A judge must attend all mandatory Estates and Trust Article courses annually offered by the Maryland Judiciary. All contested decisions must be rendered with empathy and compassion toward the heirs.

MOTIVATION: I enjoy helping people. Few people understand the important role Orphans' Court Judges perform. As a court of limited jurisdiction, the role of an Orphans' Judge should be helping settle estates expeditiously while keeping expenses to a minimum. The citizens of Caroline County are its most important asset. There is no greater honor than to serve in a position where one can help others.

Jeff Porter

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Caroline 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: \$116,563

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

Donnie Baker

Campaign Website: Sheriffdonniebaker.com

QUALIFICATIONS: 28 years of law enforcement in Caroline County, Member of Sheriff's Command Staff. Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, certified by Maryland Police Training Commission in Police Administration, Maryland Sheriffs Association training "Aspiring Leaders", FBI - Excellence in Leadership. Liaison for States Attorney's Office, Board of Education, Drug Task Force, Department of Social Service

PRIORITIES: My office will be customer service driven, recruiting, and maintaining highly motivated and trained deputies to serve the citizens. Form a Caroline County Bureau of Investigation in cooperation with state and local law enforcement agencies to enhance resources and manpower to investigate serious crimes (i.e., child abuse, sexual assault, homicide, etc.) throughout the county.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: Community outreach through community partnerships by reengaging in the neighborhood watch program. Partner with youth sports associations to help underprivileged and at-risk youth. Continue the school Resource Program in our public schools with our SRO's being a positive role model for our school age youth. Work with our business community to reduce crime in the business districts.

DISCRIMINATION: Recruiting and retaining local and community-oriented deputies that reflect the neighborhoods they serve will be a priority of my office, with a focus on community-based policing. Maintaining a well-trained and educated staff to ensure they understand the issues at hand. Have clear agency policy enforcing that no form of

discrimination will be tolerated. Engage and listen to the community.

Daniel J. Franklin
Campaign Website:

www.danfranklinforsheriff.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 22 years Law Enforcement experience and have served as a Caroline County Commissioner since 2014. I have extensive experience in Law Enforcement operations, government budgeting, and executive level personnel management. I am the only Sheriff candidate with legislative experience in drafting, enacting, and testifying on bills both locally and in front of the General Assembly in Annapolis.

PRIORITIES: The physical safety of our citizens as well as the protection of their rights is paramount for the office of Sheriff. The Caroline County Sheriff's Office currently has a personnel shortage that must be addressed, which makes recruitment and retention a priority to have the ability to continue to serve the citizens. The citizens, Deputies, and the families of both deserve to be safe and happy.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: I will continue to be a strong community presence, and continue my strong community involvement. I serve on volunteer boards, attend every possible community event, and have regular contact with the citizens of Caroline County. That will continue as Sheriff as I will remain accessible to my citizens at all times. My goal is to engage the community through outreach to ensure their voice is heard.

DISCRIMINATION: If the Sheriff has a core value of fair and equal treatment for all, it is reflected in his command staff and supervisors. I have that core value as will all of my Deputies. Positive engagement, continued training, and leadership by example is how we will ensure that

everyone is treated fairly. It is everyone's right to be treated fairly, equally, and with all the respect due at all times.

Steve Stouffer

Campaign Website: Stouffer4Sheriff.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm the only candidate with Administrative Experience (public & private sector) as well as supervisory experience in Criminal Investigations, Patrol and Special Operations. I'm the only candidate to have drafted nationally accredited agency policies and procedures, to serve as a narcotics investigator and to be a FBI certified internal affairs investigator. Experienced to Serve & Lead.

PRIORITIES: 1. Expand patrol minimum staffing to 3 deputies on the road 2. Establish substations to keep the deputies dispersed throughout the county reducing response times and fuel costs 3. Officer Retention - Improve morale, working conditions & establish an equitable & competitive salary structure 4. Expand community outreach 5. Maintain our SRO Program (All without any increased tax burden)

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: As Sheriff, I will meet regularly with groups, organizations, clubs and members of our community to engage in meaningful dialogue with the citizens we serve. We will encourage feedback, concerns & suggested needs for improvement. We will foster a team approach incorporating the citizens as an equal and valued part of that team. We will expand prevention & education to bring awareness to issues.

DISCRIMINATION: By meeting regularly and establishing a trusted relationship within the community we will be aware of any concerns of unfair treatment by our staff. We will have annual training emphasizing professionalism and fairness. As Sheriff, I will be out in the community and

working along side our deputies leading by example. We will hold ourselves accountable before the community needs to.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Tim Crook

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been all over the United States. I've dealt with all kinds of people, good and bad. I've seen good and bad law enforcement. I believe that America has a moral problem that law enforcement cannot fix. I would hope and pray that the Caroline County Sheriff's Office exemplifies morality and reaches out to the public expecting the same from them.

PRIORITIES: Keep my Oath to the Constitution. Interposition—To get between any threat and the citizens of Caroline County. Focus on real crime and the prevention of it. I agree with the Declaration of Independence that Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness are unalienable rights that come from God and the purpose of our Government is to secure those rights.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: I will attempt to make the citizens of Caroline County more aware of their own security and self reliance. If elected, the Caroline County Sheriff's Office will have an active role in promoting firearms safety, proficiency and ownership. Fully support and actively promote the First and Second Amendments to the Constitution.

DISCRIMINATION: Is this a trick question? It is impossible to ensure how others will act, whether they're law enforcement or citizens. However, I will not tolerate individuals working in the Caroline County Sheriff's Office that act inappropriately or that treat others in an unfair manner.

Caroline 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

James Ormand Baker

Betty J. Ballas

Sherry Kay Osman-Durm

Julie Quick

Zachary Reid

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R. J. Ritter, II

QUALIFICATIONS: As a small business owner I am adept at juggling many responsibilities including time management, prioritization of issues, managing employees and fiscal responsibility. I work with the general public every day and am adept at interacting with a wide variety of personalities. All of these skills will serve me well as I work to fulfill the duties of a Central Committee member.

MOTIVATION: I believe the representatives in government office should be working for the people who elected them. I am dismayed at the current state of politics and feel it is a duty to step up rather than just complain. CHANGE starts at the local level and I would like to be a part of that change.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I will look for candidates who are: committed to serving their constituents, good listeners, strongly believe in the Republican platform, willing to work hard, be an advocate for those who need their voices heard

Democratic Central Committee

HOW ELECTED: Elected at large by the members of the party in the primary. The Committee shall consist of six (6) members, gender balanced. The winners will be determined by the greatest number of votes, while taking into consideration that those elected will be as equally divided by gender as possible.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for up to 6
No more than half of the members can be elected from the same gender.

James S. Bardsley, Jr. (Male)

Bob Thornton (Male)

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