GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 7AM - 8PM
EARLY VOTING: October 27–November 3, 2022, 7AM - 8PM
VOTE BY MAIL: Now–Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 8PM

Go to vote411.org to find personalized voting information and to read candidates' responses that may not be in this Guide.
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About the Voters’ Guide and the League of Women Voters (LWV)

Voting is your right and your responsibility. This Voters’ Guide, published by the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Montgomery County, gives you information about each candidate, in their own words. It also provides explanations of the state and county ballot questions. The LWV, a national nonpartisan organization of women and men promoting informed participation in government, does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The LWV sent questions to all candidates requesting responses before our print deadline. Their answers, exactly as written by the candidates, can be found in the following three locations:

• This printed Voters’ Guide, which includes responses from candidates received before our print deadline date.
• The League’s VOTE411 website, which has all responses from candidates, including those received after our print deadline. It also has responses to questions not printed here due to space limitations.
• The Montgomery County League of Women Voters website, lwvmocomd.org, provides links to this Voters’ Guide and the Spanish edition which will also be published as an insert in El Tiempo Latino in mid-October.

All questions and answers from all candidates are available at VOTE411.org and our website lwvmocomd.org.

New for 2022 – New Election Districts Due to Redistricting

Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires that a census be taken and used to reapportion voters into Congressional, state, and local districts. The 2020 Census population count for Maryland has been used to adjust the boundaries for election districts so that each district contains approximately the same number of voters. Some boundaries may have changed a lot and others only a little.

The new district boundaries used in the 2022 election will determine the candidates you may vote for in all of the following offices:

• U.S. Representative to Congress in Congressional Districts
• State Senator and Delegates in the Maryland General Assembly in Legislative Districts
• District Councilmembers in County Council Districts

NOTE: As approved by the voters in November 2020, seven District Councilmembers will now represent seven districts instead of the previous five. Four At Large Councilmembers are elected countywide. To find all of your election districts:

• Go to Voter Lookup at https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch or text CHECK to 77788.
• Look at the Sample Ballot or the new Voter Notification Card sent to you by the Board of Elections. You can also view your Sample Ballot at Voter Lookup.

New for 2022 – Precinct Voting on Election Day

On Election Day, voters must go to their assigned precinct polling place. This is a big change from 2020 when voters could go to any of 30 Vote Centers at high schools or Early Voting Centers on Election Day.

SAVE TIME: On Election Day, most Early Voting Centers are closed. A few will be open as the precinct polling places for voters who have been assigned to them. Other voters who show up at Early Voting locations on Election Day will have to vote a provisional ballot or go to their assigned polling place. To find your assigned polling place, go to Voter Lookup at https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch or text CHECK to 77788.

About the General Election

The General Election ballot will include the following:

• Winners of the Democratic and Republican primaries
• Candidates from the other political parties recognized in Maryland (Green, Libertarian, and Working Class)
• Candidates who are not affiliated with a party
• State and County ballot questions

All registered voters, regardless of their political affiliation, may vote for any candidate on their ballot. Your ballot will list only candidates for your Congressional, Legislative, and Council districts.

Write-in Candidates: Maryland law allows a voter to write in a candidate’s name for offices in the General Election. Write-in candidates who filed with the State Board of Elections (SBE) are listed at all in-person voting locations and at elections.maryland.gov/2022. Responses received from write-in candidates may be found at VOTE411.
Am I Registered?  
Do I Need To Update My Registration?  
Always keep your name, address, and political party affiliation up to date with the Board of Elections. In Maryland, registration is permanent as long as you have not changed your address. However, if a mailing from the Board of Elections was returned because you had moved or were temporarily at another address and you have missed voting in the past 4 years, you may have been placed on the inactive voter list.

How to Check Your Registration:  
- Go to voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch or text CHECK to 77788.  
- Call the Board of Elections at 240-777-8500.

Deadlines to Register to Vote or Change Your Address, Name, or Gender:  
- Tuesday, October 18 at 11:59pm is the deadline to register or update your voter registration information online at voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1 or text VOTE to 77788  
- Tuesday, October 18 is the date by which a mailed-in voter registration application must be postmarked. You may call the Board of Elections at 240-777-8500 to have a form mailed or faxed to you or download a paper form from elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/English_Internet_VRA.pdf.  
- Thursday, October 27 through Thursday November 3 are the dates for in-person Early Voting. If you are already registered, you can change your address at Early Voting.

Same Day Voter Registration at Early Voting and on Election Day  
If you have not previously registered to vote in Maryland by October 18, you may register for the first time and vote the same day at Early Voting or on Election Day, November 8, 2022. To do so, you must bring required identification such as a Maryland driver’s license, identification card, learner’s permit, or other proof of residency.

Who Can Register?  
To register to vote in Maryland, you must meet the following requirements:  
- Be a citizen of the United States.  
- Be a resident of Maryland.  
- Be at least 16 years old; however, to vote you must be 18 years old on or before the General Election, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.  
- Not be under court-ordered ineligibility to vote due to mental disability.  
- Not have been convicted of buying or selling votes.  
- Not be currently serving a sentence of imprisonment for a felony conviction.

Get Ready To Vote  
You can learn about the issues and candidates’ positions from the League’s printed and online Voters’ Guides at lwvcommd.org, and VOTE411 and from candidate forums, newspapers, websites, and social media. That information can help you prepare to vote and to mark the Official Sample Ballot sent to all registered voters by the Board of Elections.

The Sample Ballot and VOTE411 list all the candidates who will be on your ballot. You do not need to vote on everything. You can vote for the candidates and issues most important to you.

Where Do I Vote on Election Day?  
Your Sample Ballot lists the name and address of your precinct polling place right above your name on the mailing label. You can also look up your polling place at voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch or text CHECK to 77788.

REMINDER: Be sure to go to your assigned precinct polling place. Do not go to an Early Voting location on Election Day unless it is your assigned precinct polling place. Save time and energy – check before you go.

What Can I Take to the Polls?  
You may bring any printed material such as a paper sample ballot and the Voters’ Guide with you when you vote. You are NOT permitted to use electronic devices such as smartphones, tablets, and computers inside polling places—even while you are in line.

NOTE: First time voters in Maryland must bring identification such as a driver’s license that shows your current address.
How to Vote in the 2022 General Election

1. MAIL-IN VOTING
   A Two-Step Process

**STEP 1:** Fill out an application for a mail-in ballot.

- Apply online at [https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineMailinRequest/InstructionsStep1](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineMailinRequest/InstructionsStep1), or
- Download, print and complete a paper application legibly and mail it to the Board of Elections.
  - For an English application, go to [https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/Mail-in%20Ballot%20Application_English.pdf](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/Mail-in%20Ballot%20Application_English.pdf)
  - For the Spanish application Solicitud de Maryland para una papeleta para votar por correo, go to [https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/Mail-in%20Ballot%20Application_Spanish.pdf](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/Mail-in%20Ballot%20Application_Spanish.pdf), or
- Text VBM to 77788, or
- Call the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 240-777-8550 to have an application mailed to you.

**Application Deadlines to request a mail-in ballot:**

- Tuesday, November 1: Application must be received by the Board of Elections to get a ballot mailed or faxed to you.
- Friday, November 4: Application must be received by the Board of Elections for a ballot to be delivered via internet.
- Tuesday, November 8: Registered voters may go to the Montgomery County Board of Elections, fill out a mail-in ballot application, obtain a ballot and vote.

**REMINDER:** Please request that your ballot be mailed to you via the U.S. Postal Service and not delivered electronically. Before a ballot printed at home can be counted, it must be reviewed and hand copied onto a scannable ballot by a bipartisan team of election workers. And if you mail it in, you’ll have to pay postage.

**NEW FOR 2022:** You can check “I would like to receive a mail-in ballot for all future federal and state elections” on the mail-in ballot application. You will automatically receive a ballot for each Maryland primary and general election without having to complete another mail-in ballot application.

**STEP 2:** Vote your mail-in ballot. Review the instructions carefully before filling out the ballot. If you received your ballot through the mail, **sign and date the voter’s oath on the return envelope. Do not sign the ballot.** If you requested internet delivery of your ballot, sign and date the separate voter’s oath page provided with your ballot and return it with your ballot in an envelope that you provide.

Do not sign your name or make any other mark on your ballot. Return your ballot in one of the following ways:

- Mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, postmarked on or before 8 pm on Election Day, November 8; or
- Deposited in any secure Montgomery County Ballot Drop Box no later than 8 pm on November 8. Drop Box locations are listed at [777vote.org](http://777vote.org); or
- Hand delivered to any of the 14 Early Voting Centers during Early Voting, October 27 through November 3; or
- Hand delivered to your precinct polling place on Election Day, November 8.

*Check the status of your mail-in ballot request or whether your voted ballot was received at [voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch) or text CHECK to 77788.*

2. EARLY VOTING
   In person at any of the 14 Early Voting Centers

The 14 Early Voting Centers are open from **7am – 8 pm, Thursday, October 27 through Thursday, November 3.** Voters may go to any of these Early Voting Centers in Montgomery County:

- Activity Center at Bohrer Park
  506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg 20877
- Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center
  14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville 20853
- Damascus Community Recreation Center
  25520 Oak Drive, Damascus 20872
- Germantown Community Recreation Center
  18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown 20874
- Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center
  4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase 20815
- Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center
  14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville 20866

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REMINDER: If you requested a mail-in ballot and then decide to vote in person during Early Voting or on Election Day, you will need to vote a provisional ballot.

Same day registration: Citizens who have not already registered to vote in Maryland may register for the first time, declare a party affiliation and vote the same day at Early Voting, provided they bring identification.

REMINDER: On Election Day, most Early Voting Centers are closed. Those that are open serve as precinct polling places only for voters who have been notified that it is their precinct polling place.

If you are not assigned to one of the precincts listed below, do not go to these locations to vote on Election Day.

Precinct 05-23
Burtonsville -- Marilyn J. Praisner Community Rec Ctr

Precinct 10-13
Potomac -- Potomac Community Rec Ctr

New for 2022 – Same Day Registration on Election Day

Citizens who have not already registered to vote in Maryland may register for the first time, declare a party affiliation and vote the same day on Election Day, provided they bring identification.

Want to try Ranked Choice Voting, also known as Instant Runoff Voting?

Participate in our informal online straw poll for Governor and County Council At Large seats.

Go to lwvmocomd.org/rcv_straw_poll_2022

Straw poll results will be posted at the above website after the General Election results are known.

The following pages contain descriptions of the offices on the ballot, the candidates in the General Election, and their responses to questions asked by the League of Women Voters.

Candidates who did not respond by the deadline are indicated. Check VOTE411 for responses from candidates that may have been submitted after the print deadline.
**On the Ballot**

**Maryland Governor and Lieutenant Governor**

*(see Candidates on pages 8 - 9)*

**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.

**How Elected**
Elected statewide as a team.

**Term**
Four years. Limit of two consecutive terms.

**Salary**
Governor: $184,000 per year; Lieutenant Governor: $165,000 per year beginning January 18, 2023.

**Website**
msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/html/01govf.html

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**Questions to the candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor:**

- **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?

See pages 8 - 9 for candidate responses. Responses are shown exactly as provided by the candidates. No edits of any kind have been made.

Due to space limitations, responses to only seven questions are printed. Responses to the remaining question may be found at vote411.org or lwvmocomd.org.
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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

By preserving farmland and state forests, we can ensure 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.

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State organizations and leaders—including Maryland’s teachers, Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones, and Senate President Bill Ferguson—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.

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.

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Think of 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.

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.

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.

Climate change is devastating our communities and inaction has cost us $1 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.

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.

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

Especially for disadvantaged communities, the state should expand opportunity for individuals and small businesses. School choice, affordable housing, and safe streets for individuals and their loved ones, along with transportation assistance. Relief from taxes and regulations for small businesses, including a “concierge” service to help Marylanders obtain the state and local permits they need.

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

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

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

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

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

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Nancy Wallace / Patrick Elder
Green
wallaceforgovernor.us

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

David Harding / Cathy White
No website provided

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

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

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

Maryland public schools need enough well-qualified teachers, resources and books for all children, air conditioning and heating, for a start, and real job training for students who want it. But our taxes are funneled to the wealthy. That won’t change without an organized fight by the working class.

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

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

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

Write-in candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor:

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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.

How Elected: Elected statewide.

Term: Four years, no term limit.

Salary: $150,000 per year

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

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

Candidate
Barry Glassman
Republican
www.barryglassman.com

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

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 procure-ment office to save the taxpayers $26.4 million over the past seven years

Revenue System
What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency of the collection of Maryland taxes?

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 as-sisting preparers quickly as well.

Other Priorities
What other issues are priorities for you?

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

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic
www.brookelierman.com

We must ensure the best value for all taxpayers. That means ensuring state spend-ing grows our economy by keeping dollars local, tackling the wealth divide by in-vesting 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.

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.

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.

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.
**Duties:** The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, and all State departments, 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.

**How Elected:** Elected statewide.

**Term:** Four years. No term limit.

**Salary:** $150,000 per year

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

**Questions to the candidates for Attorney General:**

- **QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your background 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?

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Vote for no more than one (1) candidate.
### Candidates for Maryland Attorney General

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<td>As Attorney General I will conduct a review of all facets of administration of the AG office to ensure that constitutionally authorized activities are appropriately prioritized and funded. I will discontinue activities that are outside of the jurisdictional authority of the office pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of Maryland.</td>
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<td>Anthony G. Brown</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Violent crimes must be brought under control. As AG this would be a priority. Criminal or otherwise inappropriate conduct by police will be investigated fairly and transparently. Police have a difficult and dangerous job and as AG I would have open and established lines of communication with both police and community groups.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Anthony G. Brown</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>I am an attorney with more than 30 years of experience in private practice of law in Maryland. I have been a teacher of constitutional history and government for 25 years including the Constitution of Maryland.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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Questions to the candidates for U.S. Senator:

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

• OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

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Chris Chaffee
Republican
facebook.com/chrischaffee

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Chris Van Hollen
Democratic
www.vanhollen.org

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Write-in candidates for U.S. Senator:
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**Candidates for U.S. Representative – District 4**

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### Glenn F. Ivey

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- The right to vote is the fundamental bedrock of our democracy. I will work for comprehensive voting rights legislation so the federal government can ensure that all Americans can vote without hindrance or limitations. The Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis bill should be enacted. How we finance campaigns needs reforming. Big money can skew elections; public financing would be better.

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- Health care is a human right, regardless of socio-economic status or where one lives. I support a universal single-payer system equivalent to Medicare-for-All for everyone living in the US. The government should be allowed to negotiate with Big Pharma for lower drug prices; I support the President’s efforts to lower the cost of prescriptions. For now, there should be a public option offered.

- The millions of undocumented people living, working, and participating in our communities should be offered a path to legalization and eventual citizenship. Dreamers too should be able to legalize their status and have a path to citizenship; they are making important contributions to our nation right now. All cheating on visas (such as with H-2A and H-2B) should be stopped.

- Climate change is real. Fundamental changes are required, embodied in the Green New Deal which will have wide-ranging economic and societal benefits. Electricity needs to come from renewable and zero-emission sources, buildings need retrofitting for efficiency, new construction needs efficiency mandates; public transportation systems need upgrading, and we need to move to all-electric vehicles.

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#### 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.

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**Neil C. Parrott**

Now serving my third term as a member of the House of Delegates, I listen to people and have been privileged to regularly help constituents. I was born in Bethesda, grew up in Maryland, became an Eagle Scout, a professional engineer, an MBA, and a small-business owner. As a husband and father of three, I care about people and work for practical, common-sense solutions.

The US Government should work with the states to make sure that our elections are secure and trustworthy. They should ensure that states maintain their voter files and quickly remove people who have moved or passed away; that states only register people to vote who are US citizens; that states provide signature verification for all votes cast; and that states not allow bundling.

The US Federal Court system is serving our country well, but original intent should be followed. The court should be there to enforce the law, not to create the law. Protection should be provided for US Supreme Court Justices and lower court justices especially when involved with controversial decisions.

The Affordable Care Act is anything but affordable. Since passing, health insurance, health care, and prescription drug costs skyrocketed. The quality of care has also degraded; when did you last see a real doctor instead of a PA? Our country can do better by repealing and replacing Obamacare by using free market solutions that will bring costs down and increase quality of care.

Existing immigration laws need to be followed. Lack of immigration enforcement and a porous southern border have led to suffering from gangs like MS 13 who terrorize our District, opioid and fentanyl deaths, and increased human trafficking. Sanctuary cities need to be stopped, the border wall needs to be constructed, and companies who take advantage of illegal aliens should be heavily fined.

The primary world polluter is China. They dump over 96% more plastic into the ocean than the US and contribute the largest percentage of the world’s CO2. Given that, the US should not sacrifice our manufacturing jobs to countries that do not have effective environmental laws. Trade laws should be used as one negotiating tactic to get China and other countries to pollute less.

Access to firearms is guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment. Our country has a violence epidemic. A major cause of the problem is that we no longer adequately treat the mentally ill as we should. Instead, they often live untreated until they commit an act of violence. Jails have been turned into our new insane asylums. Our jails should be for the career criminals who terrorize our communities.

**David J. Trone**

From starting a business to serving in Congress, one thing is clear: Compassion, civility, and competence are keys to success. With this vision, we passed legislation to curb substance use, improve mental health access, and invest in the next generation. Above all, constituent service is key. That’s why I opened 4 offices, and each year my team and I answer tens of thousands of requests for help.

We need to reduce the influence of dark money in politics so elected officials represent their constituents. That’s why I’ve never taken a dime from corporations, lobbyists, or PACs. Even more importantly, we must ensure that the right to vote is afforded to every American, regardless of their race, gender, or political party, and that can only be accomplished at the federal level.

Our criminal justice system at every level is anything but just. We need reforms to end predatory practices like cash bail and mandatory minimums. And we need to ensure that our justice system, including at the federal level, is focused on accountability — while also providing a second chance to those who have served their time and opportunities for growth and rehabilitation while incarcerated.

We need to protect and expand coverage, especially for those with pre-existing conditions, close the Medicaid Gap, and build on the progress that was made with the Affordable Care Act. Let’s limit out-of-pocket costs for struggling families, control premium increases, and make prescriptions affordable. And we absolutely must require insurance companies to cover mental health services.

Provide a path to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants currently in the country. DREAMers and those with Temporary Protected Status must be given the shot at the American dream that they deserve. While we must support legal immigration efforts, it’s also important that we improve our border control efforts, using technology — not walls — to get the job done.

We need to continue to make green investments — in clean energy, sustainable building practices, conservation, vehicle electrification, and the good-paying jobs that make all of this a reality. For us in Maryland, climate change should be at the top of mind. The Chesapeake Bay, an important economic, cultural, and environmental landmark, will continue to suffer if we don’t take action.

“Thoughts and prayers” have done nothing to stop gun violence. A common sense, bipartisan bill was finally signed into law, but it doesn’t go far enough. We need to ban assault rifles and high-capacity magazines. Require universal background checks for firearm purchases. And keep guns out of the hands of violent criminals, domestic abusers, and those with serious mental health concerns.
Candidates for U.S. Representative – District 8
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**Qualifications**

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

Gregory Thomas Coll

I, Gregory Coll, am an experienced Republican candidate who won the primary election for Representative in Congress for Maryland’s 8th Congressional District in 2020. He has served on the Liquid Propulsion Technical Committee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics since 2013. He has connections with many members of Congress. For more info. go to: www.gregorycoll.com

Jamie Raskin

I have been a strong leader for positive change in our state. As a three-term Congressman, I represent Maryland’s 8th District in the House of Representatives where my background as a maverick State Senator and constitutional law professor led to my service on the Judiciary, Rules and Oversight Committees and my appointment as Lead Manager in Trump’s second Impeachment trial.

Free and fair elections are the precondition for democracy, yet millions of Americans are disenfranchised by registration obstacles and voter suppression tactics. I favor a Right-to-Vote amendment to the Constitution and have fought for legislation to expand and secure voting rights, abolish gerrymandering and reform campaign finance laws.

Andrés Garcia

I haven’t made a career in politics like the lifelong bureaucrats that plague Congress. However, as a strict Constitutionalist, I have an unbiased commitment to Individual Liberty for all. I have zero Establishment ties, which is perfect experience to serve The People of my district, instead of those who only care to maintain their own power. Congress needs outsiders that work for real change!

**Elections**

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

Gregory Thomas Coll

I, Gregory Coll, do not currently support reform of the US federal court system. For more info. go to: www.gregorycoll.com

I believe the current United States Supreme Court is working well and needs no change. I do not support the current push to increase the number of Supreme Court Justices.

Jamie Raskin

I am fighting for an ethics code for all federal judges, including Supreme Court Justices. I support legislation to overcome the trickery that blocked Merrick Garland’s nomination to the Court and bumbled Amy Coney Barrett’s confirmation. The GOP lost the popular vote 8 of the last 9 presidential elections but named 6 of the current 9 Justices. What a scandal.

Federal Courts need to better adhere to the 6th Amendment, particularly the right to a public trial without unnecessary delay. Also, a greater effort should be made to remove partisan bias from court proceedings. There are likely areas in which the legal process can be expedited yet maintained, however I would need more research before offering additional recommendations.

Andrés Garcia

Their role should be as outlined in the Constitution, and nothing more. The Federal Government should not nationalize elections, as that is an egregious overreach of its Power. Each State should conduct and audit their own elections, and regularly clean their voter rolls.

**Court System**

What should the federal government’s role be in the election process?

Gregory Thomas Coll

I, Gregory Coll, know that the federal government should make sure that states are conducting the election process fairly. There have been many cases of election process and campaign abuses. This is especially true when members promote themselves from their official offices and encourage their constituents to follow their personal social media pages or campaigns. More info. www.gregorycoll.com

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Andrés Garcia

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**Health Care**

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

Gregory Thomas Coll

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**Environment**

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

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**Gun Safety**

Please provide your position on federal gun safety legislation.

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Duties: State Senators and 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. The Senate also confirms the Governor’s appointments of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

How Elected: Elected districtwide. The state is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by one State Senator and three Delegates, for a total of 47 Senators and 141 Delegates. Montgomery County has nine legislative districts. Voters may vote for one candidate for State Senator in their district. Voters in District 9A may vote for two Delegates, and voters in Districts 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 39 may vote for three Delegates.

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Term: Four years. No term limit.

Salary: $52,328 per year beginning on January 11, 2023

Website: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/gaf.html

Questions to the candidates for Maryland State Senator and Delegates:

- **QUALIFICATIONS**: How does your background prepare you for the duties of State Senator or Delegate?

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

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- **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?

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Candidates for State Senator - District 9

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### Candidates for State Senator

#### Reid J. Novotny

**Republican / District 9**

reid4md.com/home

As a current member of the General Assembly, I will bring my legislative experience and over 20 years of military service as a Colonel to my role.

I introduced a Parents Bill of Educational Rights for transparency and this is key to our kids success. Kids need to be in school. My daughter is in public school in the 5th grade and there is a dramatic negative impact on learning for all Marylanders based on the policies driven by bureaucrats and not teachers. All test scores are down across Maryland even Alabama has higher reading scores!

Marylanders need jobs to ensure they can have healthcare. Our government run healthcare systems were never made to support all Marylanders. Efficiencies through the medical industry is the best way to drive down cost and produce better results.

#### Katie Fry Hester

**Democratic / District 9**

katiefryhester.com

I'm a proven, independent voice in the Senate who will deliver for the people of District 9. I have negotiated practical compromises across the aisle on tax relief, education, health, and environmental issues. I worked for 20 years building international partnerships between governments, communities, and the private sector. I believe when we listen to each other, we are more alike than different.

COVID-19 resulted in significant learning loss, especially for lower income students. We must keep kids in school while following science and protecting the most vulnerable. I voted to increase funding for tutoring/summer school, data tracking & accountability, and drafted mental health provisions myself in the Blueprint. We must also eliminate overcrowding & our deferred maintenance backlog.

We have an endemic shortage of providers, insurance companies do not provide mental healthcare parity, and prescriptions cost too much. I have voted to increase local health dept. funding, expand mental health resources for students, and reduce the cost of prescriptions. I also introduced legislation to expand access for employees of small businesses and am actively working on implementation.

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trentkittleman.com       |
| **Qualifications**     | How does your background prepare you for the duties of State Senator or Delegate? |
|                        | I won an election to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2014 and was re-elected in 2018. I was appointed and served as Deputy Secretary of Transportation and CEO of the Maryland Transportation Authority in the Ehrlich Administration. As Vice President of Legislative Affairs for Marriott, I was headquartered in Montgomery County. I also served as Senior Counsel for U.S. Senator Fred Thompson. I would empower parents with the ability to choose the best fit for their child's education—regardless of their ability to pay by 1) rewriting our Charter School Law to encourage good Charter School networks to come to Maryland; 2) increasing funding for Maryland's voucher program, BOOST, from $10 million to $100 million; and 3) creating Education Savings Accounts to support flexibility. 
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| **Health**             | What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them? |
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#### Kathy Gugulis

**Qualifications**

As a former Federal Senior Executive, I’ve overseen billion-dollar budgets and management of thousands of employees. I’ve fought systemic discrimination against minority farmers and employees and served on the boards of non-profits advocating for women leaders and entrepreneurs. A life-long Marylander, I serve on the County Charter Review Committee and volunteer.

**Education**

Schools in Montgomery County stayed closed too long. Performance is down and truancy and drop-out rates are up. Students and parents deserve school choice, including vouchers, charter schools and trade schools, to escape failing schools. Instead of focusing on divisive social issues, we need to invest in our children’s academic education to compete in the increasingly technology driven economy.

**Health**

Health care rankings have fallen due to worsening obesity and vaccination rates, central line infections and the opioid epidemic. We need free vaccination programs for low-income children, better health and nutrition programs in schools and for pregnant women. Schools should teach children about the dangers of addictive drugs and judges should impose stiffer penalties for convicted drug dealers.

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#### Kate Walshe

**Qualifications**

I am mother of two teenagers, a small business owner, healthcare practitioner and lifelong resident of Montgomery County, Maryland. In all of these rolls I witness how government actions affect our health and well-being. And I know how to work to get to the heart of a matter and make improvements.

**Education**

Standardized test scores in reading and math have plummeted during the pandemic. We need to leverage our resources to focus on improving math and reading skills. Our teachers are our most valuable resource, and they have ideas about how to do this. Hiring more tutors and expanding summer bridge programs could help students make up lost ground in reading and math.

**Health**

Opioid drugs and the crime and illness they breed are a growing threat to everyone’s health. We need to do more to stop the influx of these drugs into our state. And we need to explore alternative means of meeting the needs of patients experiencing pain and mental illness.

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#### Anne R. Kaiser

**Qualifications**

It’s been my honor to represent D14 for 20 years, putting our community’s values into action. I have served as: Chair of the Ways & Means Committee, Majority Leader, Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, and Chair of the Montgomery County Delegation. I embody compromise, even-handedness and civility. I have championed public education, free and fair elections and equitable tax policies.

**Education**

We must learn the hard lessons from COVID and be more nimble in the future. We must reduce the digital divide and equalize public educational funding, regardless of zip code. We need to make schools safe, call out bullying and ensure a dynamic curriculum. We should pay teachers more, stop moving the proverbial goalposts for them and incentivize college students to pursue careers in teaching.

**Health**

Too many Marylanders struggle with mental illness and substance abuse. We must do more to support these vulnerable populations, particularly affected youth. I championed legislation to increase access to residential treatment and medications that treat opioid use disorder. As a member of the Health and Government Operations Committee, I will continue fighting to strengthen Maryland’s healthcare.
Candidates for State Senator and Delegates - District 15

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**Candidates for State Senator**

**David Wilson**
Republican / District 15
votefordavidwilson.com

A military career prepares someone for a wide variety of jobs, especially in public service. As a retired Lieutenant Colonel with two combat tours, I have the skills and experience to serve the public, to apply real leadership experiences, and the ability to apply critical thinking to problems and real solutions.

Parent’s should have more control of their children’s education. The best way to support this is to ensure the money follows the student.

I will work with the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to continue their efforts to reduce health insurance premiums and prescription drug costs.

**Jodi Colella Noah**
Republican / District 15
No website provided

As a retired Montgomery County native I’ve seen many of its massive changes – good & bad. As a citizen I know the need for growth & good governance; as a businessperson I know the serious pinch of overregulation and high taxes. I have two master’s degrees: a Columbia University journalism degree and another in public policy from Maryland. A background in journalism and politics makes me ready to serve.

Politically prolonged COVID lock-downs created a mental health crisis among many schoolchildren. They clearly suffered, as did parents & teachers. Nearly 800 MCPS teachers are retiring or resigning this year, many feeling demoralized by excessive administration & burdensome standardized testing. Let’s focus on less bureaucracy & more creative teaching over oppressive testing & hyper-management.

Diabetes, heart disease, mental health & opioids. We can do better at educating/incentivizing people to make better lifestyle choices. Plus, there should be no soft edges when it comes to fighting the opioid crisis through law enforcement & by increasing the number of mental health providers. I’ll promote the training of more cops & counselors placing them where needed most. Including our schools.

**Stacey Sauter**
Republican / District 15
www.sauterforategisal.com

I have served in the General Assembly since 2013 as a Delegate whose work has led to a state green bank, the LGBTQ Commission, and initiatives to support small businesses, seniors and immigrants. I’ve also delivered several pedestrian safety projects and capital improvement projects for our district.

We need universal Pre-K, enhanced career and technical education options for students, rigorous STEM curricula and greater accountability measures as part of the comprehensive education reform legislation we have passed. It’s also critical to modernize infrastructures to handle virtual learning if necessary and enhance support for educators and para-educators.

**Matt Wade**
Republican / District 15
mattwade4nomoco.com

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**Candidates for Delegate**

**Linda Foley**
Democratic / District 15
www.foleyfor15.com

I have served in the General Assembly since 2013, first in the House of Delegates and currently in the Senate. I have received numerous honors and have held several leadership positions. Prior to holding elective office, I served as a U.S. Department of Justice attorney and am currently a Tax Attorney/CPA in private practice. These experiences have all been valuable in the legislature.

We must invest in education which is why I supported/voted for the landmark “Blueprint for Maryland” legislation that includes comprehensive changes to our education system personnel are adequately compensated so we stem staff shortages.

Like many other states, we have a mental health crisis in Maryland, a situation exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. We need to provide more access and financial support to those who need mental health care. In addition, we need to provide more resources to combat prescription drug addiction, including funding for community treatment centers and educational programs.

**David Fraser-Hidalgo**
Democratic / District 15
www.fraserfor15.org

My experience being a Delegate since 2013 has prepared me well to continue representing District 15. As the Chair of the Motor Vehicle and Transportation Subcommittee, I have worked hard on traffic congestion, pedestrian safety issues and as the Chair of the Legislative Latino Caucus I have focused on making Maryland equitable for all.

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**Lily Qi**
Democratic / District 15
lilyqi.com

As a MCPS graduate and with two children currently in MCPS, I was proud to support the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future. This is a strong step towards improving education and we will need to continue addressing teacher recruitment and retention, early childhood education, and giving all students the opportunity to succeed. COVID has proven, we must provide more counselors and support staff.

Access to quality health care coverage, mental health services, and protecting a women’s abortion rights are the most important issues in our state. For several years we have seen our state agencies, including the Maryland Department of Health, be chronically un-funded and struggle to provide basic services to residents. I would support additional funding and capital spending to bolster agencies.

**Candidates for State Senator**

**Brian J. Feldman**
Democratic / District 15
www.BrianJFeldman.com

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We must invest in education which is why I supported/voted for the landmark “Blueprint for Maryland” legislation that includes comprehensive changes to our early childhood programs and public schools over the next decade. This will improve the overall quality of education in Maryland. Proud to have been endorsed for re-election by the Montgomery Co. Education Ass. and MD State Education Ass.

As Senate Chair of the Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission, I have been a leading legislative voice on healthcare policy. We have cut our uninsured rate in half and have reduced our premiums in the individual market to the lowest in the nation. The biggest challenge moving forward is to enact innovative policies with regard to controlling escalating prescription drug prices.

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**Lily Qi**
Democratic / District 15
lilyqi.com

I’ve been a state delegate since 2019 and a Montgomery County official before that. My immigrant experience and diverse careers made me a productive legislator whose work has led to a state green bank, the LGBTQ Commission, and initiatives to support small businesses, seniors and immigrants. I’ve also delivered several pedestrian safety projects and capital improvement projects for our district.

We need universal Pre-K, enhanced career and technical education options for parents and students, rigorous STEM curricula and greater accountability measures as part of the comprehensive education reform legislation we have passed. It’s also critical to modernize infrastructures to handle virtual learning if necessary and enhance support for educators and para-educators.

Health disparity is the greatest threat to our public health. We need to bolster public health infrastructure by fully funding the MD Department of Health, continue to tackle prescription drug costs, enhance support for behavioral and mental health and women’s reproductive health. I have also sponsored and passed legislation to address homecare workforce crisis for seniors and the chronically ill.
### Candidates for State Senator and Delegates - District 16, 17

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### Responses

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  - **Health**: COVID-19 continues to be the most significant health challenge but how it has hit communities is a symptom of a large problem: inequitable healthcare and access to healthcare. Addressing inequities in healthcare will help address COVID and other health challenges now and in the future.

- **Sara N. Love**
  - **Education**: I was elected in 2018. so am finishing my first term in the House of Delegates. During that time I have sponsored many bills that we have passed; championed a number of issues including the environment, choice, and privacy; chaired a local committee; and led bills on the floor. Prior to be elected, I was the Policy Director for the ACLU of Maryland, leading their advocacy in the General Assembly.
  - **Health**: There are a number of issues, including Covid, the cost of care, the cost of medication, telehealth, aging in place, health disparities, and access to reproductive health care. During this last term we addressed many of these issues and I am proud of all the work we have done.

- **Cheryl C. Kagan**
  - **Education**: For 8 years, I served Gaithersburg & Rockville in the House of Delegates. After choosing not to seek reelection, I returned to the community. Directing a charitable foundation & supporting nonprofits, I stayed active. Twelve years later (2014), the voters elected me to the Senate. I’m Vice Chair of Educ, Health & Econ Affairs & work on public safety, nonprofits, consumer protection, elections, & more.
  - **Health**: The “Blueprint for Maryland’s Future” is a 10-year plan to improve our public schools. We must address teacher shortages through better pay and benefits. It’s critical that our educators reflect the ethnic and linguistic diversity of our students. Support for our non-native English speakers and for community partnerships with nonprofits will continue to be some of my top education priorities.

### No other candidates on the ballot for these offices.
Helene F. Meister
Republican / District 17
voteforhelene.com
My education (two Master's Degrees in Finance and Economics and a Juris Doctor) makes me well qualified to understand the financial problems our state faces in the next four years. As a legal immigrant from France, I have seen first-hand what happens when a government places an unbearable tax on its citizens. As a mother of a child with special needs, I understand and advocate for their issues.

MCPS should focus on literacy and math and minimize the distraction of programs unrelated to its core mission of education. Children suffered from Covid isolation, learning loss, and communication skills loss, particularly those with special needs. MCPS should provide more effective guidance counseling and work to reverse the damage from two years of remote learning.

In the aftermath of Covid, adults and children's mental health has deteriorated. Children will benefit from better mental health counseling in school, and providing affordable therapy for low-income adults is also needed. Health care affordability and access should be improved. Emergency rooms should not be delivering primary care. Alternate ways to provide low-cost primary care are needed.

Donald “DP” Patti
Republican / District 17
tevedp.com
During my 30-year career, I've served some of our country's most prestigious businesses: JPMorgan Chase, Daimler-Benz, Amazon, GE, Verizon, Lockheed-Martin & HP among them. I've also helped over a dozen government agencies to deliver on key initiatives, including HHS, NIH, NCI, SSA, DHS, Commerce, Labor, SBA & NASA. Through this work, I've learned how to help business & government flourish.

The biggest challenge I've faced as a teacher was re-working my curriculum for remote learning. I'm sure it was equally difficult for our teachers. To better prepare, we should: 1. Retain in-person learning whenever possible. Our kids deserve it. 2. Train teachers to deliver remote learning effectively. 3. Include attendance tracking, counseling & parent engagement in remote learning programs.

My wife is in the ICU with COVID as I write this, so you can imagine, I believe COVID remains our most significant health challenge. COVID is now endemic, so we need to shift strategy toward (1) encouraging everyone to be vaccinated; (2) offering broader treatment options, like Paxlovid, Remdesivir & Bebrolimab earlier; and (3) making sure treatment options are readily available to patients.

Kumar P. Barve
Democratic / District 17
www.kumarbarve.com
I am a 32-year veteran of the Maryland House of Delegates first elected in 1990. During my career I have served as House Majority Leader. Currently, I am the Chairman of the Environment & Transportation Committee. Professionally, I am the CFO of an environmental services company in Rockville. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Georgetown University.

I have always been a strong supporter of enhanced investments in our K-12 public school system, especially recently with the “Blueprint for Maryland’s Future.” Most recently, I supported increased resources to promote distance learning. I believe all of these policies are needed in our public schools.

I was a proud co-sponsor and architect of Maryland’s passage of the first law in the nation to prohibit pre-existing condition limitations in health insurance and to provide HMO enrollees the right to see the physician of their choice. I strongly support enhancements to “ObamaCare” and aggressive government negotiation to reduce prescription drug prices.

Missy Carr
Republican / District 18
www.missycarr4maryland.com
I am a small business owner and entrepreneur. Throughout my career I have been overcoming obstacles and finding solutions to problems. I have a strong work ethic, a desire to learn and I love a challenge. Being in the foodservice industry, it’s critical I respond to customers needs, desires and complaints and work toward making them happy. I will approach my constituents in the same manner.

In person learning is paramount to learning successfully. Control over schools and education needs to be returned to local municipalities and taken away from teachers unions and bureaucrats. I support school choice. The money should follow the student giving parents the choice of where and how to educate their children.

Depression & drug abuse/overdoses are the most significant challenges facing our young people particularly after the lockdowns and isolation the last 2 years. We need to budget for more mental health professionals in schools. Covid is here to stay. We need to adapt to learning to live with it while keeping our businesses open and kids at school.

Julie Palakovich Carr
Democratic / District 17
juliepalakovichcarr.com
I'm currently serving my first term in the House of Delegates. In the past four years, 21 bills I sponsored passed the General Assembly. I serve in leadership roles in the Transit Caucus, Latino Caucus, and Montgomery County Delegation. Previously, I served for five years on the Rockville City Council. I'm a scientist by training and am the only biologist with a graduate degree in the legislature.

I'm the parent of an MCPS first grader. Students fell alarmingly behind during the pandemic; the clock is ticking to help kids catch up and address mental health needs. I was proud to vote for the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future to provide needed resources and support programs. With continued oversight and funding from the legislature, our public schools will once again be the best in the nation.

Too many Marylanders still lack health insurance. We need to lower the barriers to enrollment and pursue targeted initiatives, like the expansion of Medicaid we passed this year to include all pregnant women and babies, regardless of immigration status. Mental health continues to be a struggle for many youth in the wake of the pandemic; we need more personnel in schools to help students.

Joe Vogel
Democratic / District 17
www.joevogel.org
I've worked for Hillary Clinton, Cory Booker, and Cheryl Kagan; advocated for progressive political causes in Maryland; and served on the Maryland Youth Advisory Council. I've fought for gun violence prevention, LGBTQ rights, and reproductive rights; and organized to increase funding for our public schools. Now, I'm running for Delegate to fight for the future of the community I love.

I am proud to be endorsed by the Montgomery County Education Association. I organized with teachers in support of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, which will deliver historic funding for our students. As your Delegate, I will support legislative efforts to fully fund this program. We must address the mental health crisis in our schools by significantly expanding school mental health support.

I will support legislative efforts to expand access to healthcare coverage and finally guarantee healthcare for undocumented Marylanders. I will fight for reproductive rights and support legislation to enshrine abortion rights in the Maryland constitution. We have a mental health crisis in our state, and I will be a leader in guaranteeing every Marylander has access to mental health services.

Jeff Waldstreicher
Democratic / District 18
www.jeffwaldstreicher.com
As State Senator, I have fought for our progressive values. Over the last four years, I helped lead the charge to crack down on gun violence, co-sponsored legislation to combat climate change, and joined with colleagues to protect a woman’s right to choose. I am proud of what we’ve accomplished together, but there is more work to be done. I hope I can earn your vote for re-election.

I have three children in our public schools, so this is personal for me. I’m honored to have co-sponsored and voted for the “Blueprint for Maryland’s Future,” our state’s long-term education investment and accountability law. Just this past session, we fully funded this historic plan. It will help increase teacher pay, reduce class sizes, & keep our schools on the cutting edge.

Maryland has been at the forefront of expanding access to healthcare. I believe that healthcare is a right, not a privilege reserved for the few. Another important healthcare issue is abortion. The U.S. Supreme Court is poised to eliminate the right to choose. To fight back, I voted for the Abortion Care Access Act. It will expand the right to choose and ensure abortion is available at no cost.
What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

George M. Cecala
Republican / District 18
www.AdvancingMaryland.com

As a parent of a young child, I understand the challenges of balancing working from home and caring for children. I have experience working as a senior aide to members of Congress, a spokesperson to the House Small Business Committee, and as an adjunct professor. I also was part of a team effort to successfully return four abducted children from overseas.

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My plan offers businesses tax credits for installing air purification systems, so we are better protected from Covid and other diseases at work and while frequenting local restaurants, shops, and other establishments. We should have been doing this last year. We should also examine cost-effective ways of doing this in schools as well.

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I have relationships with many members of the House of Delegates as well.

## Education

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

Jared Solomon
Democratic / District 18
www.solomonforMD.com

My entire career has been in public service: as a high school teacher in Baltimore, a school system administrator in the DC Public Schools, and an advisor in the U.S. Senate. I know how to implement policy and how to write laws and get them passed. In my first term, I got 20 bills passed through the General Assembly and was appointed to a leadership position on the Appropriations Committee.

I’m proud to have had a leadership role in passing the Blueprint for MD’s Future, transformational legislation that will invest billions in Maryland schools over the next decade. I’ve also passed bills making our highered system more affordable and accessible to transfer students and first generation college students. Finally, I helped write, pass, and fund a historic package of child care bills.

Access to healthcare should be a right, not a privilege. Even with progress we’ve made, too many Marylanders can’t get care. Ensuring everyone has access to care, regardless of immigration status, will be a priority next term. We also must provide more mental health supports. I will work with our schools & providers to ensure we have adequate mental health professionals & destigmatize the issue.

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Aaron M. Kaufman
Democratic / District 18
aaronkaufmand18.com

I already have deep relationships in Annapolis from my time working for the legislature & as an Advocate for the Arc of MD. I have relationships with many members of the House of Delegates. My experience means that I will be able to hit the ground running. To the best of my knowledge, I would be the only person in the General Assembly with a physical disability, giving me a unique perspective.

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Emily Shetty
Democratic / District 18
www.emilyshetty.com

It is my honor to currently serve as a Delegate for D18. In my first term, I have worked to pass over 15 bills into law, and have prioritized delivering top-notch constituent service. If I am reelected, I will work even harder to support all of the residents of the diverse community that I am privileged to represent.

As a parent of a young child, I understand the challenges of balancing working from home and caring for children. I have experience working as a senior aide to members of Congress, a spokesperson to the House Small Business Committee, and as an adjunct professor. I also was part of a team effort to successfully return four abducted children from overseas.

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### Candidates for Delegate

| **David George Jeang** | Green / District 19 | davidjeang4md.com |
| **Bonnie Cullison** | Democratic / District 19 | www.cullisonformaryland.com |
| **Vaughn Stewart** | Democratic / District 19 | vaughnformaryland.com |

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**As a parent, my collective experience is that of a "bridge-builder". I am multilingual and serve as Commissioner, Montgomery County Charter Review Commission, and member, Gaithersburg City’s Multicultural Affairs Committee. For 13 years my education non-profit has lifted communities through commonalities and researched programs guided by my economics and international relations degrees and an MBA.**

Empowering parents more in a $2bn school system would do the trick. As a bespoke tutor and former home-schooler, I have seen students who are one or two grade-levels behind. Sad to see! Started “Concrete Steps” to address the “COVID slide” through one-on-one structured tutoring designed to build the fundamentals (which are the bedrock of the “education gap”) and delivered through the home.

Mental health is the single most important crisis post-COVID. Accessing help at the right time is key, therefore focus on information access and education Reducing drug-related deaths among the young through outreach. Simplifying the maze of elder-care in a complex profit-driven industry. My podcast “This Blue Kitchen” discusses Maryland’s elder care issues & solutions in Episode 3 (Part 1 & 2).

**I have consistently voted for funding to ensure that Maryland has the best schools in the nation. Education is the best tool to reduce poverty and I continue to advocate for equity in our classrooms to create the best outcomes for our minority communities. Our teachers need to be well paid, appreciated and recognized as the bedrock of our communities.**

Both physical health and behavioral health need to be treated on equal footing. Too often, behavioral health services are an afterthought. We need to ensure that adequate funding and access to these services is provided to our residents. Efforts to reduce prescription drug prices must continue and the expansion of tele-health services is critical to help both rural and urban communities.

**I am a local pharmacist (40 years of practice in Montgomery County). I have committed my life to helping the less fortunate. Twenty-five years ago, I began an orphanage and a K-13 school in Haiti. More than 350 students every year are helped with housing, food, safety, and education. Closer to home, I volunteer my healthcare services to Black and Hispanic pregnant and breastfeeding women.**

Students fear for their lives because leaders do not look for root causes of why bad things happen in our schools. Students have lost years of in-person education at the cost of plummeting school learning outcomes. I found in Haiti that education is the basis for all other success, as it undergirds everything else in life. I will advocate for family-friendly policies and empowerment of parents.

We need to reverse the 20-year trend in closing county and state mental health facilities. This was probably the worst decision political leaders could have ever made in Maryland. Just look on our street corners and see the result, especially for Veterans. As with education, I will work on the root causes of health challenges based on my extensive experience as an on-the-ground health activist.

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**Deborah Young, for Delegate to District 19**

**As a former prosecutor in Montgomery County, I currently serve on the Judiciary Committee (House of Delegates), where I was appointed Chair, Family and Juvenile Law Subcommittee.**

I have supported legislation to ensure the continued funding for the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future; school construction; and to finalize the settlement of the HBCU lawsuit which will provide greater education equity among all of Maryland’s higher education institutions.

The pandemic has exposed the health disparities suffered by disadvantaged groups. I have supported legislation to eliminate such health disparities.

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**Bonnie Cullison, for Delegate to District 19**

I have had the honor of serving D19 residents in the House of Delegates for 12 years. Working closely with my colleagues, I have passed over 40 bills that have primarily focused on increasing access to health care for all Marylanders. I have served in a variety of leadership roles, most recently Deputy Speaker Pro Temp and chair of the Insurance and Pharmaceuticals subcommittee.

As a former educator, I believe that front-line educators must be authentic partners in the discussions about how best to address the challenges of providing the best public education. We need to begin with identifying the systemic strengths and needs. I will focus on the creation of policies that provide opportunities for that meaningful partnership.

High cost continues to be a significant challenge and I am committed to work with advocates to find ways to control them. At this moment, access to mental health services is the most critical. I am working with insurance carriers and mental health provider boards to increase the network of providers who will accept insurance to make it more accessible to most people.
### Candidates for State Senator and Delegates - District 20

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**Qualifications**

As your state senator I have built relationships around the state and practiced the type of principled and collaborative leadership I believe will benefit the residents of District 20. I have delivered for our community and I have been responsive to the needs of our district.

**Education**

The pandemic certainly exposed and accentuated many of the inequities that exist in our community. Among them, educational opportunity and access. One step we can take to improve education in Maryland is to ensure all students have free access to the internet. The internet can serve as a tremendous level-setting resource as it has democratized access to information but only for those who can connect.

**Health**

Our state's health care systems have been strained during the COVID-19 pandemic. An important role of government is to ensure access to quality care. Access to pre-screening, mental health, and of course, access to reproductive health is becoming increasingly fraught issue as states across the country have increased restrictions and with the Supreme Court poised to overturn Roe.

### Candidates for Delegate

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**Qualifications**

As a delegate, I have already put my decades of experience as a community activist, skills as a mediator and problem-solver, and legislative know-how to work. I have used these skills to develop and pass legislation addressing complex problems related to climate change, food systems, mental health and economic justice.

**Education**

The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future provides a comprehensive framework to provide world-class education and we made the historic financial investment needed to help realize it. We must continue with these efforts and be vigilant in closing the opportunity gap caused by historical disparities, addressing pandemic learning loss, and attending holistically to students’ mental and social health.

**Health**

We must address the deep disparities in health tied to social determinants of health, such as housing, access to healthy food, clean air, safe parks, and daily stressors. Everyone must have access to quality health and preventative care. To do this we should expand Medicaid benefits and increase participation in Maryland’s health exchange through more subsidies (including for undocumented people).

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**Qualifications**

For the past 8 years, I’ve been writing & voting on laws in Maryland to advance social & economic justice, and I’d like your vote for another term. I stand up for all my diverse neighbors in the Greater Silver Spring & Takoma Park region and have passed dozens of bills to advance community values on affordable health care and child care, banning assault weapons, defending civil rights & more.

**Education**

We need to double down on countering learning loss and staffing schools with counselors and other mental health professionals. This obviously requires that we continue efforts to rebuild our education workforce including teachers, special ed, bus drivers, counselors & support staff. We must also continue closing gaps in Internet access & other resources that have created huge equity concerns.

**Health**

We do not yet have universal, affordable health care for all in Maryland, so we need to keep pushing to make services affordable & accessible, with minimal out-of-pocket costs & co-pays. Part of this involves eliminating our uninsured population and pushing access to & use of preventative services. Additionally, we must ensure all Maryland residents have access to dental, vision, mental care.

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**Qualifications**

I have served District 20 in the House of Delegates since 2017 and have sponsored and passed legislation critical to our community. From making health care more affordable, to keeping residents housed and increasing public safety as well as police accountability, I believe I have effectively served District 20 residents while maintaining responsiveness and constituent services a top priority.

**Education**

As a member of the Ways & Means Committee, I am able to play a lead role on state education issues. The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, which I helped craft, is a landmark investment in our future and improving educational outcomes. From expansion of early childhood education, to teacher supports & funds to support struggling students, this investment will improve education and get us back on track.

1) The cost of health care as well as 2) health disparities between residents of color and other residents are the biggest challenges. We passed legislation that reduced premiums for MD residents. I have also sponsored and supported legislation to strengthen the MD Office of Health Disparities and several bills to reduce maternal deaths in the state.
Gabriel Acevero
Democratic / District 39
www.gabeacevero.com

Since 2018 I’ve had the privilege of serving the people of District 39. Prior to being elected, my activism and work with community groups helped pass the Dream Act, automatic voter registration, and LGBTQ equality. Since then, I’ve helped pass legislation that moves our district and state forward, from raising the minimum wage to protecting our environment and natural resources.

As your Delegate, I’m proud to have helped pass the Built to Learn Act, which invests billions in school construction over the next several years as well as the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, legislation that will transform public education and ensure every student has a world class education through pre-k expansion, higher teacher salaries and expanded career opportunities.

From the COVID-19 pandemic; to teen mental health; to the overdose epidemic, Maryland is facing multiple public health crises without the systems to adequately address them. That’s why I’m the proud sponsor of the Healthy Maryland Act which would provide single-payer healthcare to every Marylander free-at-the-point-of-service so that our state’s healthcare system can move into the 21st century.

Lesley J. Lopez
Democratic / District 39
www.lopezformaryland.com

For more than a decade, I’ve worked on important issues like immigration reform, reproductive justice and voting rights. I’ve got a proven track record of fighting for working people and their priorities— and winning.

I think students’ mental health should be a top priority. It’s difficult to learn without that foundation, so we should increase funding for counselors to start. Right now, there is only one mental health professional for every four schools, and that’s simply not enough to help our students be successful.

We are still learning the possible long term impacts of the COVID pandemic, so working to understand emerging trends and responding quickly must be a priority.

Kirill Reznik
Democratic / District 39
www.Reznikformaryland.com

I have had the honor to serve District 39 in the House since 2007. In that time, I have worked to learn the work of the legislature and have become expert in a number of key areas, including healthcare and expansion of healthcare access, government transparency and elections, and procurement. I have also been committed to constituent services working with my residents on every opportunity.

I am so proud of the work we did to pass and fully pay for the landmark Blueprint for Maryland’s Future. Now, we need to make sure it is fully implemented. We have also worked to expand capital funding to build and update our schools to best accommodate the learning needs of our kids, both traditionally and as a result of a post-COVID world.

We in Maryland done a lot of work to expand health-care access to our communities, and today, we are seeing the results of that effort with well over 90% of Marylanders with health care coverage. Our biggest challenge today is ensure that we have enough health-care professionals in every community throughout the State to meet the needs in an affordable way.
Duties: The County Executive is responsible for preparing the budget and ensuring the proper and efficient administration of all county departmental services. The County Executive also proposes plans, programs, policies, and legislation to the County Council. The County Executive also adopts Executive Orders and Regulations and appoints residents to boards, committees, and commissions.

How Elected: Elected countywide.

Term: Four years. Limited to three (3) consecutive terms.

Salary: $209,621 per year

Website: montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/index.html

Vote for no more than one (1) candidate.

Questions to the candidates for Montgomery County Executive:

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

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• PUBLIC HEALTH: What are the most significant health care issues and disparities facing Montgomery County and how will you address them?

• PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

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www.reardonsullivannformoco.com |
| **Marc Elrich** | Democratic  
www.marcelrich.org |

**Qualifications**
How does your background prepare you for the duties of this office?

Montgomery County is known for being unfriendly to business. As an entrepreneur and small business owner, I understand the challenges businesses face. I will work to create a business-friendly climate in Montgomery County. I will work with the business community to identify barriers to growth and find solutions to remove them. I will also work to attract new businesses to the county and create jobs.

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**Transportation**
What are your highest and lowest priorities for transportation in Montgomery County and why?

I am in favor of securing maximum funding from the state to widen I-270 from the American Legion Bridge to I-370. Further, I support budgeting a capital project to widen I-270 above I-370, reversible lanes during rush hour, the construction of M-83 as a parallel north/south travel path. The construction of M-83 will reduce travel time more than any other north/south option.

**Housing**
What action, if any, should county government take to increase the supply of affordable low and middle income housing throughout the county?

Thrive 2050 is not the answer as it will result in unintended consequences including the gentrifying of established neighborhoods due to upscaling, an increase in infrastructure needs, and community support needs. I support transit oriented development which will give incentives to construct housing below the area median income (AMI) with MPDUs in a mixed use scenario at Metro sites.

**Policing**
What steps, if any, would you take to enable and enhance responsible effective policing?

I will both respect the police and first responders and hold them to the highest standards. We must give our police the best training and equipment available. Limited immunity should be restored. We need to make sure that our police are properly paid. I will require police accountability boards include an active duty officer. We must also look to the court system to prosecute criminals.

**Climate Change**
What steps would you propose to cut greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impact of climate change?

I will work toward implementing aspects of the industry standard Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program into County buildings including retrofitting existing County buildings to LEED EBOM v4.1 and offering tax incentives to projects that implement LEED innovation points. This will serve to reduce our carbon footprint while not imposing costly, business stifling mandates.

**Public Health**
What are the most significant health care issues and disparities facing Montgomery County and how will you address them?

The most profound public health issue is COVID, which has allowed us to explore telemedicine. I favor the use of telemedicine into our health clinics. Personally being involved with the Montgomery County crisis center mobile crisis team, I saw firsthand the mental health and drug abuse issues in the County. I fully support the work of these men and woman on the front lines in the County.

**Priorities**
What are your top three priorities?

The top three priorities of my campaign are: 1. Public safety 2. Improving education 3. Growing the local economy. The solutions to the County’s problems are interrelated. We cannot grow if children are not prepared for the jobs of the future. Students cannot learn in unsafe schools. Businesses do not want to locate in areas where crime is on the rise and school performance is declining.
Duties: The Council is the legislative branch of County Government. Members of the County Council propose and pass legislation, appropriate money to fund the capital and operating budgets, set county property and other local taxes, and make planning, zoning, and subdivision decisions. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees, and commissions that report to the Council. It also exercises oversight over County programs.

How Elected: The Council now has eleven members including the two new District Council positions approved by voters in 2020. All are elected at the same time, to four-year terms. Four At Large council members are elected countywide. The seven District council members are elected by the voters in their district. Each voter may vote for four (4) At Large candidates and for one (1) candidate from his or her district.

New for 2022: Council Districts were re-drawn as required after the 2020 census and also to create seven districts instead of five. The Council District for your address may have changed. To find your Council District see your Sample Ballot or go to voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch, text CHECK to 77788, or call the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 240-777-VOTE.

Term: Four years. Limited to three (3) consecutive terms.
Salary: $140,371 per year
Website: montgomerycountymd.gov/council/

Questions to the candidates for Montgomery County Council:

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Vote for no more than one (1) candidate from your district.

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Candidates for Montgomery County Council At Large

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Qualifications

How does your background prepare you for the duties of this office?

Christopher P. Fiotes: I’ve owned and operated my own businesses for most of my life, and have experience in zoning, construction and capital investments. I also worked in the US Senate, where I gained a thorough understanding of legislation and budget formulation.

Lenard Lieber: No response received by print deadline. See vote411.org for any late responses.

Housing

What action, if any, should county government take to increase the supply of affordable low and middle income housing throughout the county?

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Lenard Lieber: No response received by print deadline. See vote411.org for any late responses.

Policing

What steps, if any, would you take to enable and enhance responsible effective policing?

Christopher P. Fiotes: More funding for training and incentives for hiring.

Lenard Lieber: No response received by print deadline. See vote411.org for any late responses.

Gabe Albornoz

Democratic / At Large
www.gabealbornoz.com

Qualifications

How does your background prepare you for the duties of this office?

Gabe Albornoz: Since 2018 I have served 1.1M residents as an At-Large Councilmember. My time as Recreation Director in Leggett’s cabinet enabled me to quickly step into leadership as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee and as Council President. I bring 23+ years advocating for youth, seniors, and other vulnerable residents. I am a lifelong MoCo resident, MBA graduate, and son of Latino immigrants. Affordable housing is essential to our economic growth and remaining a just and inclusive community. I have supported net-zero loss of affordable housing in every Master Plan, significant increases in our Affordable Housing Fund, and tax breaks for first responders & elderly military spouses. We also should redevelop county-owned properties into housing near transit and expand ADU opportunities.

Housing

What action, if any, should county government take to increase the supply of affordable low and middle income housing throughout the county?

Gabe Albornoz: I am committed to finding a way to balance police reform while also addressing the rise of violent crime. Every resident should feel safe by law enforcement; this Council has received an award for our work in increasing transparency and accountability. Still, these are challenging jobs, and we need to ensure our officers have the resources and support to do their jobs effectively.

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Evan Glass

Democratic / At Large
www.evanglass.com

Qualifications

How does your background prepare you for the duties of this office?

Evan Glass: As the first openly LGBTQ+ member of the Council, I celebrate our community’s beautiful diversity every day. Before joining the Council, I was a CNN journalist for 12 years and also served as a nonprofit executive. This background has prepared me to ask detailed and probing questions, engage all stakeholders, and ensure that our local government is working to support all our residents.

Housing

What action, if any, should county government take to increase the supply of affordable low and middle income housing throughout the county?

Evan Glass: Montgomery County is becoming an increasingly expensive place to live. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments projects that we will need an additional 200,000 homes by 2030. I strongly support the creation of more affordable housing and creative strategies to help us meet our needs, such as transit oriented development and utilizing county owned land to reduce the cost of housing.

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Will Jawando

Democratic / At Large
willjawando.com

Qualifications

How does your background prepare you for the duties of this office?

Will Jawando: I am an At Large member of the Council serving on the Planning Housing & Economic Development and the Education and Culture Committees. I am a civil rights lawyer and former Obama White House staff member. Raised in Silver Spring, I received my bachelors and law degrees from Catholic University. I have focused on affordable housing, social justice and racial equity during my 1st term in office.

Housing

What action, if any, should county government take to increase the supply of affordable low and middle income housing throughout the county?

Will Jawando: When we have a public project we should find ways to include workforce & affordable housing units. We should consider some forms of rent stabilization in key areas such as transportation corridors. We need to find ways to make workforce housing- for teachers, police, and healthcare workers- affordable using tools like down payment assistance and tax incentives and to help propel homeownership.

Policing

What steps, if any, would you take to enable and enhance responsible effective policing?

Will Jawando: We need investment in mental health services and education to relieve police from responding to mental health and homelessness calls. I have authored legislation to reform the use of force, create transparency of police data and have independent investigations into police killings of residents. Police should focus on violent crime and not be tasked with over policing vulnerable communities.
Laurie-Anne Sayles
Democratic / At Large
www.laurieannesayles.org
I am a results-driven lawmaker, mother of an MCPS graduate, and qualified to lead. My parents instilled in me the value of helping our community through public service. I lived in affordable housing while getting my MPA before becoming a homeowner. I served with distinction on the Gaithersburg City Council while working full-time as a Senior Consultant with the FDA and The Nature Conservancy.

Increase the set-aside floor for affordable housing units to match the City of Gaithersburg's affordable housing policy to ensure new residential projects provide more affordable housing units. As a Gaithersburg City Councilmember, I was proud of this policy, and I know it works. I want this and similar programs fast-tracked for the entire county.

Regularly scheduled meetings will facilitate meaningful communication between the police and the community while insisting on transparency by the police. Collect and use data to establish policies and procedures that support 21st-century community policing, leading to shared problem solving, more robust community partnerships, and organizational transformation.

No other candidates on the ballot for District 1
### Candidates for Montgomery County Council Districts 3, 4, 5

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### District 6

**Viet H. Doan**  
Republican / District 6  
voteforviet.com  

The Council’s responsibilities mirror my expertise: setting operational budgets, implementing efficiency models, providing programmatic guidance, & working to turn good ideas into real policies. I speak government procurement. I run billion-dollar portfolios for top consulting firms that affect millions of Americans. My background prepares me for the scale & scope of serving on the County Council.

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### District 7

**Harold C. Maldonado**  
Republican / District 7  
www.haroldmaldonado.com  

I have over 25 years of professional experience in both private and public sectors. I also have a BA in Economics and a MA in Economic Development. I’ve been a public servant at the Federal level and saved million of US taxpayer dollars. I’m an expert in economic development and want to use my expertise to fix the county’s economy and putting it back to a growth path.

We cannot accommodate housing for low and middle income residents if our economy is in freefall. If we have urbanization just for the sake of having it, it doesn’t work, if it’s pushed then we have a conflict of the declining economy not providing the resources needed to have housing for this income level as this forced urbanization would cause crime as you see it today.

I back the blue 100%. Increasing the budget for the police department is one of my top priority. The US average ratio of police officers for 1000 people is 2.4; I plan to increase this to at least 5 in Takoma Park, Silver Spring, Montgomery Village, Gaithersburg, Wheaton, Rockville and to at least 3 in other parts of the county.

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**Dawn Luedtke**  
Democratic / District 7  
www.dawnluedtke.com  

My education and professional experience provide a solid foundation for continuation of my work in public service. In addition to my private sector legal and business work, I have been an attorney for 22 years, with the past nine years spent in public service with the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, focusing on education, public safety, and public health.

Upzoning where low- or no-cost public transit is in place would be the first start in increasing workable low and middle income housing. Increasing community outreach and education on availability of housing, reducing barriers in HOAs to inclusion of accessory dwelling units in existing homes to meet residential needs, and development of mixed use real estate (residential + commercial).

My current work involves training law enforcement officers as well as working with other public safety professionals. I want increased community policing models where the focus is on community engagement and outreach as a resource not solely for emergency response only. I fully support the Police Accountability Act of 2021, and support interdisciplinary approaches to public safety.
On the Ballot
Judge of the Circuit Court – Circuit 6
(see Candidates on page 38)

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

How Elected: Elected countywide. The state is divided into 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.

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

Salary: $184,433 per year, effective July 1, 2022

Website: montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/

Vote for no more than four (4) candidates.

Questions to the candidates for Judge of the Circuit Court:

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

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## Candidates for Judge of the Circuit Court

See page 37 for details about the office of Judge of the Circuit Court.

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<td><strong>Carlos F. Acosta</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.electsittingjudgesmcs.com">www.electsittingjudgesmcs.com</a></td>
<td>I was a District Court Judge for four years before being elevated to the Circuit Court. Prior to that I was the Inspector General for the Prince George’s County Police Department as well as an anti-gang State and Federal prosecutor. I’m an adjunct Professor of Law teaching Trial Advocacy. I have been on the faculty of the National Advocacy Center training prosecutors. The Maryland Judiciary is dedicated to ensuring equal access to justice to all those who come to our courts. We are committed to address barriers that may prevent access to courts and legal services including ensuring that interpretation services are provided and that unrepresented people know about legal resources available to them.</td>
<td>My priorities for this office are to rebuild the trust and confidence in the judicial system. I want people who come to my courtroom specifically, and the court system in general to be respectfully treated by everyone. I want people to leave the courthouse feeling heard and understood even if they do not ultimately get what they were requesting. They should understand the court’s ruling.</td>
<td>Timely court access to litigants seems to be a big issue today. The court addresses this by streamlining the filing processes by providing internet access to filing court papers and allowing virtual hearings in many cases. This has allowed the courts to keep cases moving even during Covid-19 social distancing restrictions. Additionally, many courts have begun staggering start times as well.</td>
<td>Prior to law school, I did not personally know a judge. During my judicial clerkship after graduation, I was motivated by my judge and his colleagues on the bench. I saw very intelligent people trying to do the right thing for the right reasons every day. As I progressed in my career, I realized that working as a judge would use all the lawyer skills I had developed for a greater good.</td>
<td>I feel very comfortable in the roles outlined by Socrates for a judge: to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly, and to decide impartially. It is always my desire that litigants feel they have had a full opportunity to have their day in court. I believe that I provide that opportunity every day.</td>
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<td><strong>Theresa M. Chernosky</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.electsittingjudgesmcs.com">www.electsittingjudgesmcs.com</a></td>
<td>As a trial attorney at the public defender’s office, my litigation skills will help me as a judge in that I am well versed in the rules of evidence, handling witnesses and jury trials. As well, my work in the public defender’s office has taught me how to listen to learn, how to communicate effectively, and how to respectfully treat, communicate and conduct myself in a courtroom setting.</td>
<td>My priorities for this office are to rebuild the trust and confidence in the judicial system.</td>
<td>One of the many challenges that the court system faces currently is not having enough outside of the box options for addressing problems. In family cases, there are not enough resources available to help families with resources they need. In criminal matters there are not enough resources to help individuals with wrap around services that would help them in staying out of the criminal system.</td>
<td>I am inspired to serve as a Judge by the lives that I have touched as a Public Defender. I feel that as a Judge, I have more options and ways to further touch people’s lives and to further help those in need. As a Judge I am not constrained by the attorney’s role in the system, but rather I can be the one thinking outside of the box to problem solve after hearing both sides.</td>
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<td><strong>Kathleen Dumais</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.electsittingjudgesmcs.com">www.electsittingjudgesmcs.com</a></td>
<td>Practicing law for 32 years and serving in the legislature for 19 years, prepared me for the duties of a judge. My litigation experience and years of courtroom practice; the depth of my understanding of family law; and my knowledge of changes in the law through my work on legislation across a myriad of subjects, give me the professional and interpersonal skills to serve effectively on the bench.</td>
<td>My priorities include (1) ensuring that lawyers and litigants who appear before me are always treated fairly and with respect and dignity; (2) rendering impartial, thoughtful decisions that apply the law to the facts and circumstances of each case; and (3) continuing my community involvement through Bar Associations and other non-partisan activities such as lecturing in high schools &amp; colleges.</td>
<td>Ensuring equal access to justice and the courts for all citizens, including diverse communities, is an ongoing challenge that must be met. The backlog of cases due to COVID presents scheduling problems that are now being addressed; the Courts continue to address language and other access barriers, including use of remote access for many types of hearings and self-help centers in courthouses.</td>
<td>I am inspired to give back through service to the MD National Guard as a Lt. Colonel (MDDF JAG Corps), I was inspired to give back through service as a judge. My family’s dedication to community service, including in government, historic preservation and special education, also inspired me.</td>
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<td><strong>Rachel Theora McGuckian</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.electsittingjudgesmcs.com">www.electsittingjudgesmcs.com</a></td>
<td>For 29 years I litigated cases ranging from divorce/custody to complex civil to criminal defense for the OPD. My professional experience encompasses every type of issue that comes before me as a judge. As a working single mother, I empathize with some of the challenges people face, and never forget that the matter before me is often the most difficult and important in the lives of the litigants.</td>
<td>My priorities are to continue to make well-reasoned, fair and impartial decisions, to treat everyone who comes before me with dignity and respect, and to ensure equal access to justice for all. In addition, I plan to continue teaching first generation law students at UB Law, speaking internationally on issues of professional ethics, and supporting mock trial programs in our public schools.</td>
<td>In addition to the backlog created by the pandemic, access to justice remains a challenge for people with limited means and language barriers. The OPD and Legal Aid are underfunded and overworked. Access issues can be addressed by an increase in resources to assist unrepresented individuals in navigating the legal system through help centers and kiosks in strategic locations in the community.</td>
<td>I am a life-long resident of Montgomery County and product of its public schools. After a successful private practice and retirement from service to the MD National Guard as a Lt. Colonel (MDDF JAG Corps), I was inspired to give back through service as a judge. My family’s dedication to community service, including in government, historic preservation and special education, also inspired me.</td>
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**Duties:** The Court of Appeals is the highest court in the State (commonly called the Supreme Court in other states and at the federal level). In most cases the court may choose whether or not to hear an appeal from a lower court, but it is required by law to hear cases involving the death penalty, legislative redistricting, removal of certain officers, and certifications of questions of law. The Court is composed of seven judges, with one elected from each of seven judicial circuits.

**How Elected:** Members of the Court are initially appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Subsequently, they run for office on their records, unopposed. If voters reject a judge’s retention in office or there is a tie vote, the office becomes vacant and must be filled by a new appointment. Otherwise, the incumbent judge remains in office for a ten-year term.

**Term:** Ten years, no term limit. Mandatory retirement at age 70.

**Salary:** $196,433 per year

**Website:** msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/29ap/html/ap.html

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**Questions to the candidates for Judge, Court of Appeals:**

- **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?

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If you have questions, please contact the candidates directly.

**Candidate**

**Steven B. Gould**
Circuit 7

No response received by print deadline. See vote411.org for any late responses.
On the Ballot
Judge, Court of Special Appeals

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

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

Term: Ten years, no term limit. Mandatory retirement at age 70.

Salary: $183,633 per year

Website: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/30sp/html/sp.html

Questions to the candidates for Judge, Court of Special Appeals:

• QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this judgeship?
• PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?
• COURT SYSTEM: What are the greatest challenges facing Maryland’s court system and how should these be addressed?
• MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?
• JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

Vote YES or NO for continuance in office.

Candidate
Stuart R. Berger
At Large

Terrence M. Zic
At Large

Rosalyn Tang
Circuit 7

All Judicial candidates were invited to respond but provided no answers by the print deadline. Check VOTE411 or lwvmocomd.org for responses submitted after the print deadline.
**On the Ballot**

**State’s Attorney**

**Duties:** The State’s Attorney is the chief prosecutor for criminal violations in Montgomery County. The State’s Attorney educates the public about criminal justice issues, addresses inequality and promotes fairness in the criminal justice system, ensures access to the criminal justice system, promotes professional relations with judges and attorneys, and furthers the efficient use of criminal justice resources.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide. Candidates must be members of the Maryland Bar.

**Term:** Four years, no term limit.

**Salary:** $202,184 per year

**Website:** montgomerycountymd.gov/sao/

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**Questions to the candidates for State’s Attorney for Montgomery County:**

- **QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your background prepare you for the duties of this office?
- **PRIORITIES:** What are your top three priorities?
- **DISCRIMINATION:** What specific actions would you take to avoid bias in prosecutions?
- **ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION:** What alternatives to incarceration, if any, do you support?

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<td><strong>John McCarthy</strong></td>
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State’s Attorney since ’06, oversee budget, staff and handling of 25,000 cases annually. Member American College of Trial Lawyers, Winner multiple awards for professionalism. Former President of Maryland State’s Attorney Association and County bar. Teach Montgomery College, Johns Hopkins and internationally. Created Mental Health, opiate, truancy prevention, senior safety programs

Continue development of gun task force to address guns, ghost guns and school violence. Expand capacity to divert those suffering from mental health issues and homelessness out of criminal prosecution. Continue public education programs that protect seniors from fraud and abuse, reduce opiate overdoses, truancy, and domestic violence.

Complete study currently underway with the University of Maryland School of Criminology conducting a full review of office operation with regard to aspects of bias in any of our processes. Hire staff to ensure office reflects diversity of county. Continue training staff on aspects of implicit bias.

Montgomery County has more diversionary programs than any other county in the State. I helped create Mental Health Court and the homeless docket. I support Drug Court, drug intervention program, use of mediation, education and work programs in lieu of prosecution and halted prosecuting simple possession of marijuana in 2014.

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No other candidates on the ballot
### On the Ballot: Clerk of the Circuit Court

**Duties:** The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the office that performs administrative duties for the Circuit Court. The Clerk’s office maintains records of court proceedings, court records such as deeds, issues business and marriage licenses, performs civil wedding ceremonies, and administers the Oath of Office to elected officials, judges, and certain county employees.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

**Term:** Four years, no term limit.

**Salary:** $124,500 per year

**Website:** montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/about-us/clerk.html

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**Karen Bushell**

**Democratic**

votekarenbushell.com

I have over 21 years of experience within the Montgomery County Judiciary. April 1, 2021, I was sworn in as Clerk of Court and before that I was Chief Deputy for 6 ½ years. Since 2014, I have been responsible for the day to day operations of the circuit court Clerks Office. I am also a graduate of the Institute for Court Management program, a four year nationally recognized program.

As the Clerk, I will continue to provide well-kept and easily accessible court records. I will ensure that all court filings are handled efficiently and promptly, and I will also work with the public to guarantee that everyone has the same access to justice.

Montgomery County Circuit Court recently went live with a new paperless case management system called MDEC. As Clerk of the Court, I will continue to ensure that staff, attorneys, and self-represented litigants continue to receive information and training to help navigate this new system.

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No other candidates on the ballot

### On the Ballot: Register of Wills

**Duties:** The Register of Wills assists the public with administrative processes concerning estates of deceased persons and safeguards wills of living persons. The Register helps the public to prepare required forms, maintains a permanent record of proceedings, collects Maryland inheritance tax on estates and probate fees, tracks estates, and refers delinquent matters to the Court.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

**Term:** Four years, no term limit.

**Salary:** $124,500 per year

**Website:** registers.maryland.gov/main/montgomery.html

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**Joseph M. Griffin**

**Democratic**

No website provided

*President Md Register of Wills (ROW) Assoc- 6 yrs *National College of Probate Judges,Board- 6 yrs *Board of Advisors for Md Local Govt, Investment Poll— 6 yrs *Legislative Chair for Md ROW, *Md ROW Automation Comm member *Probate/ Judiciary Subcomm to the Rules Comm Member *Estates and Trusts Section of Md Bar Comm with Registers, Orphans’ Court Judges, Attorney General’s Office and

No. 1 priority is providing efficient, professional and caring service to the public. The people we assist are experiencing a loss of a loved one. The staff must be knowledgeable and understanding. 2nd, Must adapt to the growing, aging and increasingly diverse population to maintain excellent service for all. Lastly, use automation to improve availability of information and eliminate paper.

Lobby for legislation allowing Register of Wills and Orphan’s Courts to accept E-filings whereby saving time, money and space. Continue to enhance Register’s on-line services especially our new interactive online chat.

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*Vote for no more than one (1) candidate.*

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No other candidates on the ballot
Duties: The Sheriff’s office carries out court orders, delivers summonses, and executes bench warrants as the enforcement arm of the Court. The Sheriff’s deputies transport and supervise inmates, ensure courthouse safety, and deal with court actions in the areas of child support, domestic violence, evictions, fugitives, and extradition. The Sheriff does not perform police or corrections functions because Montgomery County has separate County Police and Corrections Departments.

How Elected: Elected countywide.
Term: Four years, no term limit.
Salary: $163,526 per year
Website: montgomerycountymd.gov/sheriff/

Vote for no more than one (1) candidate.

Questions to the candidates for Sheriff:

- QUALIFICATIONS: How does your background prepare you for the duties of this office?
- TRAINING: What changes, if any, would you make for deputy training?
- RECRUITMENT: What programs would you implement to recruit officers for the sheriff’s department?
- BIAS: What policies, if any, would you support to prevent discrimination in enforcement actions?
- PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

Responses are shown exactly as provided by the candidates. No edits of any kind have been made.

Maxwell Cornelius Uy
Democratic
www.maxuy4sheriff.com

I have been employed with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office since 1994 and served within several diverse assignments over the past twenty-eight years, to include a significant time in the Training Section. As the current Chief Deputy (Colonel), each day I lead and manage the four divisions of the Sheriff's Office to include the Family Justice Center on behalf of Sheriff Popkin.

The need for properly trained law enforcement officers (deputies) is a priority for me. I had the opportunity to teach at the Public Safety Training Academy for 7 ½ years as the Academy Sergeant, with a focus on de-escalation and interpersonal skills training. I would ensure that relevant, ongoing training that stresses de-escalation is provided through entry level and in-service classes.

As an Asian-American, I feel that I possess a unique perspective that will assist in providing outreach to county residents. In my role as Chief Deputy, I conduct presentations on the public safety role of the Sheriff's Office to many diverse groups within the County. In addition to referrals from current employees, these are great opportunities to attract applicants to the Sheriff's Office.

As the Chief Deputy, & future Sheriff, I have no tolerance for discrimination or misconduct by members of the Sheriff's Office. I will ensure that each prospective employee is thoroughly vetted and provided clear expectations on how members of the Sheriff’s Office will treat residents, with compassion, dignity, and respect. As an accredited agency, our policies are in line with best practices.

As your next Sheriff, my first priority is to address the challenges of recruiting and hiring qualified, diverse applicants to the Sheriff’s Office. My second priority is to strengthen trust and support for the members of public safety through increasing community partnerships. While my third priority is to expand the role of the Family Justice Center to address power-based violence in the County.

No other candidates on the ballot
On the Ballot
Montgomery County Board of Education
(see Candidates on pages 45 - 46)

Duties: The Montgomery County Board of Education is responsible for the direction and operation of the public school system. Members of the Board of Education determine and enforce policies that govern the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). The Board's responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: selecting and appointing the superintendent of schools, adopting operating and capital budgets, establishing curriculum guides, and establishing school boundaries.

How Elected: The Board of Education is composed of two At Large members who may live anywhere in the county and five members who must reside in the districts that they represent. The terms are staggered, with one At Large and two or three district members being elected every two years. Elections for Board of Education members are nonpartisan.

All voters, regardless of the district they live in or party affiliation, may vote for one At Large candidate and one candidate from EACH district.

Term: Four years, no term limit.

Salary: $25,000 per year.

Website: montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/

Questions to the candidates for Montgomery County Board of Education:

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

• OPPORTUNITY GAP: What approaches, if any, do you support to provide equitable countywide student access to resources, including experienced teachers and administrators and challenging programs?

• PANDEMIC: What remedies would you support to address the lessons learned from our experience with the pandemic and remote learning?

• SCHOOL SAFETY: How would you address issues such as fights, threats and bullying to foster a safe learning environment?

• COMMUNITY INPUT: How would you consider parent and student views in making Board decisions on curriculum and programs?

• STAFFING: How will you address the understaffing in schools of teachers, paraeducators and support staff?

• MEDIA LITERACY: What initiatives, if any, would you support to prepare students to critically evaluate online sources and information?

• PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

Vote for no more than one (1) At Large candidate.

Vote for no more than one (1) candidate in each district.

Candidates for Montgomery County Board of Education are grouped by District.

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Due to space limitations, responses to only four questions are printed. Responses to the remaining four questions may be found at vote411.org or lwvmocomd.org.
**Community Input**

How would you consider parent and student views in making Board decisions on curriculum and programs?

**Staffing**

How will you address the understaffing in schools of teachers, paraeducators and support staff?
### District 3

**Scott Joftus**  
joftus4boe.com  
I am uniquely qualified to serve. I was a 4th and 5th grade teacher. Currently, I am on the BoE after being selected by the Board to complete the term of Pat O’Neill, consultant to school boards and superintendents nationally, and adjunct professor at GVS Graduate School of Ed (where I teach Ed Leadership and Program Evaluation). Supported by Jamie Raskin. Endorsed by Ike Leggett and Nancy King.  
We need more mental health supports for students and staff. Second, I call for more Community Schools, which provide school-based services for students and families. Last, I support CEO 2.0, which eliminates the daily presence of police in schools but makes them available in case of violence or illegal activity. It also fosters community partnerships and reports data about school incidents.  
While on the board, I’ve met with PTAs, school leadership, community leaders, and parents from across the county. I have also met with a number of students from Magruder, Walter Johnson, Whitman, and others. I receive a lot of input about policies and practices and take all of this into consideration when setting my priorities and making policy decisions. I commit to continuing this engagement.  
I have and will support higher salaries for teachers and staff. Also, I support expanding current efforts to “grow our own” teachers and para by adding education-focused career pathways in high schools and providing incentives to paras to get the training to become teachers. Finally, we must take lessons learned from the pandemic to make better use of instructional technology.

### District 5

**Julie Yang**  
julieyang.org  
As an immigrant, educator, wife and mother, my background, along with my personal and professional experiences have allowed me to focus on the needs of all of our diverse students, staff, and their families. With 20 years of real student success record and a long track record of community services and leadership, I will be the voice of empowerment, transparency, accountability and improvement.  
This area of concern is one that is sometime not adequately addressed. We must incorporate student and family voices in creating a safe and accepting school environment. Elevating the role of counselors and local school staff, and reducing counselor/psychologist to student ratio are crucial. Reviewing and defining the role of MCDP with MCPS, along with School Security is an important first step.  
Board members need to meet students, parents and staff where they are to listen to important issues and concerns. From strategic planning to curriculums and programs, Board outreach is to incorporate everyone’s voice and earn the necessary “buy in” to ensure overall success and implementation. I pledge to have regular conversations with different stakeholder groups and be present in the community.  
Classroom priorities are the most important criteria in assessing staffing needs. We need to evaluate the effectiveness of the various programs that we have and it might be possible that a restructuring of staff needs may not necessitate more budget. In addition, the diversity of the teaching and administrative staff cannot be overlooked, as also is with our non teaching personnel.

### District 3

**Valerie M. Coll**  
facebook.com/ValerieColl4BOE  
As a lifelong educator with MCPS (32 years), parent of 2 MCPS graduates and homeowner, I believe that I understand our schools and student needs through a variety of lenses. Importantly, as someone who has spent their entire professional career as an elementary teacher, I bring to the BoE a voice that it has not had and one that is needed in order to help our students have the support they need.  
Access to true counseling services in the earliest grades, as well as supportive teaching services, help students to see school as a safe and welcoming space. Investing in wellness centers at all schools for all students will help.  
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### District 5

**Brenda Wolff**  
www.brendawolff.com  
I served 27 years in the US Dept of Education, finally ending as the Program Manager of the Nations Report Card, so I understand the importance of good data and what we can learn about our students. I know what it takes to get change and how to work with my fellow board members to make that happen. It is a collaboration and negotiation.  
Students must feel that they are a part of a school community and accountable to that community. We must help them develop skills and strategies for resolving conflict. This is a high priority as we emerge from the global pandemic and the effects it has had on the socialization of our students. We must establish school structures that support relationship building.  
We are here to serve students and to make learning relevant and engaging, so pilot courses have been approved based on student advocacy and interests. Parents and students can provide public comments at Board meetings, and evaluate new curricula to influence Board decisions.  
In the short-term, we addressed staff absences and vacancies by using an array of strategies such as deploying central office staff to schools and recruiting retired bus drivers. In the long-term, investments in grow our own programs will help create a steady pipeline of talent. We have to work to elevate the work of educators so that it is viewed as high prestige careers that are attractive.
In November, county voters will be asked to mark their ballots FOR or AGAINST five amendments to the Maryland Constitution and one amendment to the Montgomery County Charter. Voters in Damascus will be asked to vote on one referendum question. The proposed amendments and referendum question are presented to voters as questions on their ballots.

State ballot questions may be initiated in several ways. If the General Assembly proposes a change to the Maryland Constitution, it must place a referendum (a vote to approve or disapprove) on the ballot about the change. This year all five statewide ballot questions are proposed amendments to the Maryland State Constitution. The ballot question pertaining to Damascus was the result of a bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly, which will take effect contingent upon approval of the ballot question by a majority of voters in election district 12.

The Montgomery County Council can propose changes to the Montgomery County Charter. Also, citizens in Montgomery County have the right to use a petition to bring charter amendments to their county ballot.

The ballot questions are written in legal language because, if approved, they become part of a law, state constitution, or county charter. Voters often find it hard to understand the meaning of the amendments and whether to vote for or against them.

The text for each of the six proposed amendments and one referendum question that will be on the November 2022 ballot is boxed, followed by an explanation of each issue.

All Montgomery County voters can vote FOR or AGAINST the five State Constitutional Amendments and the one Montgomery County Charter Amendment. Voters in Damascus will be asked to vote on the one additional referendum question.

Vote FOR or AGAINST each question.

Each ballot question is explained in the following pages.

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**Question 1**

Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 82 of the 2021 Legislative Session)

**Court of Appeals and Special Appeals-Renaming**

(Amending Article II Section 6, Article III Sections 5, 30, and 52, Article IV, Sections 1, 3, 3A, 4B, 5A, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, and 41E, Article V, Section 6, and Article XVII, Section 3 of the Maryland Constitution)

Changes the names of Maryland’s appellate courts from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maryland and from the Court of Special Appeals to the Appellate Court of Maryland. Under the new law, judges serving on the Court of Appeals will be justices of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals will be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland.

FOR the Constitutional Amendment

AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

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

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

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

**Arguments FOR the amendment:**
- Decisions by the “Court of Appeals,” the current name of the highest court in Maryland, might be misunderstood as referring to a decision of a mid-level appellate court, instead of the highest court.

**Arguments AGAINST the amendment:**
- Legal research is a highly specialized field and lawyers reviewing decisions of courts in other states are presumed to understand which court is the highest court.
- There would be administrative costs associated with changing the name of both courts, e.g., revising office letterhead, directory listings, etc.

A vote FOR Question 1 means the Maryland Constitution would be amended to change the name of the highest court from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maryland and its judges would be called justices. The name of the Court of Special Appeals, the mid-level appellate court, would be changed to the Appellate Court of Maryland.

A vote AGAINST Question 1 means that the Constitution would not be amended and the names of the courts would continue to be the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals.
State Constitutional Amendments
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Question 2
Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 808 of the 2021 Legislative Session)

Legislative Department – Eligibility to Serve as Senators and Delegates – Place of Abode
(Amending Article III, Section 9 of the Maryland Constitution)

Adds to the eligibility requirements to serve as a senator or a delegate to the Maryland General Assembly by requiring a person to have maintained a primary place of abode in the district that the person has been chosen to represent. Under current law, a person must have resided in the district to which the person has been elected for at least six months immediately preceding the date of the person’s election or, if the district has been established for less than six months prior to the date of election, as long as the district has been established. The new law requires, beginning January 1, 2024, a person must have both resided in and maintained a primary place of abode in the district for the same time periods as under current law.

FOR the Constitutional Amendment

AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

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

Proposed Change: The new law requires that, beginning January 1, 2024, a state senator or delegate must have both resided in and maintained a primary place of abode in the district for the same time periods as under current law. Primary abode means that he/she stays there the majority of the time.

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

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

Argument AGAINST the amendment: The proposed change could lead to lawsuits over how frequently a person is actually living in a particular residence.

A vote FOR Question 2 means members of the Maryland House of Delegates and Senate would be required to maintain and live the majority of the time in a primary residence within the districts they are representing.

A vote AGAINST Question 2 means that the law would remain unchanged and delegates or senators would be treated as residing within the district they represent so long as they own or rent a residence there and stay there at least occasionally.
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**Question 3**

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

**Civil Jury Trials**

(Amending Maryland Declaration of Rights – Articles 5(a) and 23)

Authorizing the General Assembly to enact legislation that limits the right to a jury trial in a civil proceeding to those proceedings in which the amount in controversy exceeds $25,000, excluding attorney’s fees if attorney’s fees are recoverable in the proceeding. Under current law, the amount in controversy must exceed $15,000 before a party to a proceeding may demand a jury trial. In cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed this threshold amount, a judge, rather than a jury, determines the verdict.

- FOR the Constitutional Amendment
- AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

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

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

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

**Arguments FOR the amendment:**
- Jury trials take more time and require more court resources than non-jury trials; therefore, increasing the threshold for jury trials would save taxpayers money because there would be fewer jury trials.
- More cases could be resolved quickly because a decision by a judge is less time consuming than a jury trial.

**Arguments AGAINST the amendment:**
- Limiting the right to a jury trial by raising the threshold to $25,000 would be a disadvantage to defendants because more cases would be tried in District Court, which has limited rights to discover evidence before trial.
- The right to a jury trial is an important right that should not be limited more than necessary.
- Concerns about the costs of discovery would be better addressed by reforming discovery rules rather than limiting the right to a jury trial.

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

**A vote AGAINST Question 3** means that a plaintiff or defendant could demand a jury trial if more than $15,000 is being sought.
State Constitutional Amendments
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**Question 4**
Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 45 of the 2022 Legislative Session)

**Cannabis – Legalization of Adult Use and Possession**
(Adding Article XX, Section 1 to the Maryland Constitution)

Do you favor the legalization of the use of cannabis by an individual who is at least 21 years of age on or after July 1, 2023, in the State of Maryland?

- FOR the Constitutional Amendment
- AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

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

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

**Origin of the Ballot Question:** The Legislature passed cannabis reform legislation (House Bill 837) in the 2022 legislative session. A few of the provisions related to studies, data collection, reports, and income tax subtraction modification have been enacted. Implementation of the more substantive provisions was left up to the voters to decide by this ballot question. If Question 4 is approved, this cannabis reform legislation will take effect.

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

**Arguments AGAINST the amendment:**
- The amounts authorized in this legislation are significantly lower than the amounts found in the Maryland medical marijuana law, potentially creating confusion for the public.
- The law does not eliminate the illegal buying and selling of cannabis products.
- The law does not regulate the safety of cannabis products in the market.
- Use of high-potency concentrates of tetrahydrocannabinol or THC, the main active ingredient of cannabis, especially by those under the age of 21, has been linked to addiction, psychiatric disorders, and hospitalization.

A vote FOR Question 4 means beginning July 1, 2023, possession of up to 1.5 ounces (42.52 grams) and use of cannabis by adults over the age of 21 would be legal in Maryland.

A vote AGAINST Question 4 means possession of 10 grams (0.35 ounces) or more of cannabis would continue to be a misdemeanor crime punishable by up to six months in jail.
Question 5
Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 539 of the 2022 Legislative Session)

Circuit Court for Howard County – Judges Sitting as Orphans’ Court
(Amending Article IV, Sections 20 and 40 of the Maryland Constitution)

Repeals county elections of Howard County orphans’ court judges and requires the Howard County Circuit Court judges to sit as the orphans’ court for Howard County. The current law provides for the voters of Howard County to elect three orphans’ court judges. Under the amended law, a party could no longer appeal a final judgment of the Howard County Orphans Court to the Howard County Circuit Court and would instead take an appeal directly to the Court of Special Appeals.

FOR the Constitutional Amendment

AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

Current Law: The Orphans’ Court (similar to probate court in other states) supervises the property and finances of deceased residents. This includes the payment of debts, the distribution of property, and the guardianship of minor children and their property. It resolves disagreements and contested questions about an estate and also approves the payment of fees.

Currently, the Maryland Constitution establishes an elected Orphans’ Court of three judges in all counties, except Harford and Montgomery Counties, which chose to abolish their Orphans’ Courts and have those cases heard in Circuit Court. Any citizen over the age of 18 who has lived in Howard County for at least one year may be elected a judge of the Orphans’ Court. A dissatisfied party may appeal a decision of the Orphans’ Court to the Circuit Court for Howard County.

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

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

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:
• Much of the work of the Orphans’ Courts consists of approving a variety of orders dealing with the administration of estates that may not require the expertise of an attorney.
• More sweeping changes may make this amendment unnecessary. A 2021 Task Force to Study the Maryland Orphans’ Courts made recommendations that are currently awaiting action by the Maryland General Assembly, and which would also require an amendment to the Maryland Constitution.

A vote FOR Question 5 means Circuit Court judges would serve as the Orphans’ Court in Howard County.

A vote AGAINST Question 5 means the Howard County Orphans’ Court would continue to operate as it has in the past, with elected lay judges serving on a part-time basis.
Montgomery County Charter Amendment
See page 47 for an overview about Ballot Questions.

**Question A**
Charter Amendment Amendment by act of County Council

**County Attorney – Removal**

Amend Section 213 of the County Charter to require the consent of both the County Executive and the County Council in order to remove the County Attorney.

This amendment would allow either the county Executive or the Council to initiate removal of the County Attorney. If the County Executive requests removal of the County Attorney, the Council will have 30 days to agree or disagree; if the Council does not respond within 30 days, the County Attorney cannot be removed. If the Council requests removal of the County Attorney, the County Executive will have 15 days to agree or disagree; if the County Executive does not respond within 15 days, the County Attorney cannot be removed. In the interim, the County Attorney will be placed on paid leave.

FOR the Charter Amendment

AGAINST the Charter Amendment

**Current Law:** Section 213 of the County Charter provides for removal of the County Attorney only by the County Executive. Under current law, the County Attorney may request a public hearing before the Council prior to removal but the Council cannot reverse the Executive's removal decision. The County Attorney, appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council, serves as a legal advisor to the County Executive and County Council as well as to the departments, agencies, boards, and commissions of the county government. The County Attorney has a staff of approximately 50 attorneys.

**NOTE:** The County Attorney is different from the county's state's attorney. The State's Attorney is an elected official who prosecutes criminal violations and handles other issues related to criminal justice. This ballot question pertains only to the office of the County Attorney.

**Proposed Change:** The proposal changes the statute to indicate that the County Attorney serves at the pleasure of both the County Executive and the Council (Council would be added). It would allow either the County Executive or the Council to initiate removal of the County Attorney and would require approval or disapproval of the other entity. The right to a public hearing before the Council would be removed.

Some nearby counties provide a role for the County Council in removing the County Attorney (Anne Arundel, Frederick, Howard) whereas other nearby jurisdictions do not (Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Prince George's County).

**Origin of the Ballot Question:** This charter amendment was suggested by recently retired County Attorney Marc Hansen and approved by the County Council for placement on the ballot. In his June 2022 letter to the Council, Mr. Hansen pointed out that the County Attorney is sometimes called upon to provide legal advice about (1) proposed legislation that is viewed differently by the County Executive and Council majority, and (2) the scope of powers granted to each entity in the County Charter. He indicated it is important that the County Attorney be able to provide advice that is objective and unbiased and be able to do so without fear of reprisal in the form of dismissal in the event of unwelcome advice.

**Arguments FOR the amendment:**
- The County Attorney serves as legal advisor to both the County Executive and the Council. The existing removal process, along with the fact that the Council has its own staff of legislative attorneys, could imply that the County Attorney serves only the Executive. The proposed change would eliminate this possible misperception.
- Because the current procedure gives removal authority solely to the Executive, it could result in concerns about reprisal if a County Attorney provided legal advice seeming to favor the Council. The proposed change would eliminate this concern.

**Arguments AGAINST the amendment:**
- The current law has not presented any problematic situations to date.
- Under the current statute, the County Executive appoints the County Attorney and the County Council confirms the appointment. It is generally accepted that the hiring official should be able to fire the person he/she hired. The current option for the County Attorney to request a public hearing before the Council is sufficient redress.
- The County Council has a staff of legislative attorneys who can provide legal advice on the same matters as the County Attorney. The Council does not need increased authority to remove the County Attorney.

A vote FOR Question A means the County Charter would be amended to give the County Council the authority to propose removal of the County Attorney and to vote against a removal proposed by the County Executive.

A vote AGAINST Question A means the County Charter would not be amended and sole authority to remove the County Attorney would remain with the County Executive.
Question B
General Assembly Referendum

Alcoholic Beverages Law for Damascus (12th election district)

Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue a Class B beer, wine and liquor license in Damascus (12th election district)

FOR the Referred Law           AGAINST the Referred Law

NOTE: This ballot question will appear only on ballots issued to voters in Damascus (Election District 12).

Current Law: Until 2007 no alcohol sales were permitted in Damascus. In 2007 legislation (HB618) was passed to authorize alcohol sales at fire departments. In 2012 legislation (HB690) was passed to permit beer and wine sales at hotels and restaurants. The legislation took effect after a majority of voters in Damascus approved a referendum on the law in November 2012. Liquor is currently not permitted to be sold at hotels and restaurants in Damascus.

Proposed Change: The proposed legislative change would allow the issuance of licenses for the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at restaurants and hotels that maintain at least 40% of gross receipts from the sale of food. The law would take effect on the 30th day following the official canvass of votes for the referendum if approved by a majority of voters in Damascus in the November 2022 General Election.

Origin of the Ballot Question: This ballot question originated from House Bill 241 which was passed by the Maryland General Assembly in its 2022 Session.

Argument FOR the referendum: It would bring Damascus in line with most of the rest of Montgomery County, where liquor is permitted to be sold.

Argument AGAINST the referendum: Damascus has historically limited alcohol sales and some residents may be concerned that allowing liquor sales would change the character of the town.

A vote FOR Question B means that the referred law would take effect and restaurants and hotels in Damascus could apply for and be issued a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.

A vote AGAINST Question B means that the referred law would not take effect and restaurants and hotels in Damascus would continue to be eligible only for a Class H beer and wine license.

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