

FORUM RULES and PROCEDURES

- *No cameras or audiovisual equipment are permitted, except as authorized by LWVAAC.*
- *Please turn off cell phones.*
- All forms of records of Forum proceedings and content are the property of the League of Women Voters and may not be used without its permission.
- No banners, signs or materials related to election campaigns or issues will be allowed. Candidate and Forum sponsor materials may be displayed on tables provided in the rear of the auditorium.
- **Issues Debate:**
Twenty minutes each for three previously-designated issues. Each candidate will have two minutes for initial statements to start the debate on each issue.
- **Questions:**
All questions from the audience must be written on cards provided. Questions will be screened for clarity, brevity, appropriateness and duplication; they must deal with the responsibilities of the Mayor of Annapolis, and **must not be personal.**
Questions may be directed to a specific candidate and the other candidates will have the opportunity to respond. General questions not directed to a specific candidate will be submitted to candidates at the discretion of the Moderator. Due to time constraints, it may not be possible to field all questions submitted.
- **Responses to Questions:**
There will be a strictly observed two-minute time limit on responses to questions.
- **Closing Comments:**
Candidates will be allowed three minutes for Closing Comments.
- **Candidate Responses and Comments:**
When 30 seconds remain, a timekeeper will display a yellow card, visible to the speaker. A red "STOP" card will be displayed when the time limit is reached, and the speaker must stop speaking within 10 seconds.

Primary Election - Tuesday, September 19, 2017
General Election - Tuesday, November 7, 2017



CANDIDATES FORUM

MAYOR OF ANNAPOLIS, MD

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Wednesday, September 13, 2017

**Congregation Kneseth Israel
125 Spa Road
Annapolis, Maryland**

PROGRAM

7:00 – 7:05 p.m.	Welcoming Remarks and Information for the audience by Niecy Chambers, President, League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County
7:05 – 7:10 p.m.	Introduction of Candidates and Review of Procedures by Susan Kopen Katcef, Moderator
7:10 – 8:00 p.m.	Issues Debate
8:00 – 8:50 p.m.	Questions from the Audience
8:50 – 9:00 p.m.	Closing statements by Candidates
9:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks by Niecy Chambers

Moderator

Susan Kopen Katcef, lecturer and award-winning veteran broadcast journalist, serves as director of "Maryland Newsline." This is the nightly news show produced by advanced broadcast news reporting students as part of the Merrill College of Journalism's Capital News Service program. "Maryland Newsline" airs on cable channel UMTV.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote the informed and active participation of citizens in government. As an organization, the League does not support nor oppose candidates for public office, but acts only on those issues chosen by the membership for study and action.

CANDIDATES

John Astle

John Astle has served as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and is currently a member of the Maryland Senate, where he is Vice-Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. His active service with the U.S. Marine Corps included a tour of duty in Vietnam followed by a 21-year commitment with the Marine Corps Reserves. John lives in Annapolis with his wife Jayne.

Gavin Buckley

Gavin Buckley sailed half way around the world before opening several businesses in Annapolis. Active in the community, his interest in preservation has led to his efforts to save several historic houses from demolition; and he and other entrepreneurs have created family friendly events aimed at bringing the community together. He lives in Murray Hill with his wife, Julie.

Mike Pantelides

Michael Pantelides has been Mayor of Annapolis since December 2013. Active in the community on many levels, he works in partnership with federal and state agencies in the interests of Annapolis. Most recently, he was appointed to serve on Governor Larry Hogan's Workforce Development Board (GWDB), and obtained funding for flood mitigation in Historic Annapolis.

Nevin Young

Nevin Young is a veteran of the Maine and Massachusetts Air National Guard. He is a graduate of St. John's College and George Washington University Law School. He has practiced law in Annapolis since 2005, and is an adjunct professor in the paralegal studies program at Anne Arundel Community College. He is a devoted dog owner.