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Maryland Statewide Offices

Governor / Lt Governor

GOVERNOR DUTIES: The Governor is the chief executive officer of Maryland and appoints judges to the state courts and the heads of statewide departments. The Governor also makes other appointments as provided by the Maryland Constitution or by law and proposes the annual operating and capital budgets to the legislature. The Governor may veto legislation passed by the legislature.

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team with the Lt. Gov.

LT. GOVERNOR DUTIES: The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor and is elected jointly on a ballot with the gubernatorial candidate. The Lieutenant Governor fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability and carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor.

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: *see [Maryland Manual Online](#)*

Questions

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

BUDGET: What are your priorities for the state budget, particularly regarding education and transportation?

REDISTRICTING: What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What are your priorities on issues not covered by the other questions?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate who has served as County Executive of Prince George's County, leading one of Maryland's largest jurisdictions and in the Maryland House of Delegates. I have also served as the executive director of a non profit organizations that recruited and trained teachers to work in schools with diverse populations and urban problems.

BUDGET: Education and transportation funding will be my top two spending priorities as governor. Our public schools are the heart of our communities and must be fully funded. As one of the most densely populated states, we need a governor who makes strategic investments in mass transit infrastructure to create jobs, provide equity and reduce congestion.

REDISTRICTING: I would support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census. Non-partisan redistricting ensures that no political party can rig the system. "Safe districts" can lead to a decrease in voter participation, limit voter choice and reduce the incentive to have meaningful debate and conversations.

ENVIRONMENT: I have brought a world class environmental program to the county, which now leads the state in waste diversion and recycling. As governor, I prioritize innovative environmental policies to make Maryland a leader in clean energy, and create jobs across the state. I will announce my comprehensive "Baker Green Print for Maryland" soon to address climate change, sea level rise, and Bay restoration.

DISCRIMINATION: I will work to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the community and provide resources to forgotten communities through my Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative to increase racial and income equality across the state. My Equity for Women Initiative is a comprehensive plan to make MD a national leader in gender equality by championing economic empowerment and security for women.

HEALTH CARE: In the county, we reduced uninsured and underinsured residents by over 50%. However too many Marylanders are still facing exorbitant healthcare prices and are uninsured. We need to ensure the broadest possible access to affordable health care by improving access, reliability and affordability. We need to stabilize health insurance market against the attempts made by Trump to undermine the ACA.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Marylanders are sick and tired of Big Money in politics. I've introduced a campaign finance reform proposal that will 1) prohibit direct campaign

contributions from corporations and PACs 2) establish a statewide public financing system for Maryland state candidates; 3) require Maryland Super PACs to contribute a portion of their total expenditures to fund the public financing system.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Political science teacher since 1964. Taught in public and private sectors. Leading a movement which started in 2002 and is an evolving process to get rid of corruption in MD govt. and replace it with true ETHICAL reform. My website, fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com documents everything

BUDGET: Stop wasting taxpayer money on public education and transportation programs that don't work. Invest the saved money in public police departments and public schools.

REDISTRICTING: Because of unscrupulous, unethical practices of politicians in power for last 50 years, it's an impossible task. Until we get ethical politicians who care about their constituents rather than themselves district lines will be unfair.

ENVIRONMENT: We need ethical politicians who will work together on the complicated environmental issues. They need to arrive at compromises that will be fair to both sides.

DISCRIMINATION: I would convene assembly of religious leaders from churches, synagogues, and mosques throughout MD - mission to generate specific set of recommendations for improving race relations - recommendations which would be put into operation immediately. Also implementation of my TUTOR-MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM.

HEALTH CARE: A program is needed that ensures every patient has choice of doctors and at same time gives the poor and elderly good medical insurance without exorbitant premiums. A panel of distinguished private citizens should assemble and formulate recommendations that will be fair to all and implemented immediately.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Crime problem - More police officers needed in metropolitan areas of MD, especially in Balto. City (1000 police officers short) Treatment of elderly in nursing homes - Law requiring 6 to 1 ratio of patients to nurses' aides needed. Public education - Implementation of my TUTOR-MENTOR PROGRAM

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QUALIFICATIONS: At 35, I was named the youngest-ever President & CEO of the NAACP. In my role there I advanced a strong, progressive agenda across the board. In Maryland these achievements were recognized in 2013 when I was named Marylander of the Year for my pivotal

roles in abolishing the death penalty, passing the Maryland DREAM Act, helping pass marriage equality, and expanding voting rights.

BUDGET: We don't have a money problem when it comes to education, we have a priority problem and we need a governor who is willing to make education a number one priority. We will fully fund our schools and make sure lottery and casino revenues finally supplement education funding. We need a plan for transportation that will revive the Red Line and provide dedicated funding for the DC Metro.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that Maryland should lead the fight on redistricting reform in a fair and non-partisan manner that does not indefinitely hand control of the House of Representatives to Republicans. Redistricting compacts such as the one passed by the Maryland legislature and vetoed by Hogan are a fair solution to increase the accountability of Congress to the voters and reduce gerrymandering.

ENVIRONMENT: My vision in regards to the environment brings together the economy, civil rights, and public health. I will build on the surge of clean energy jobs and put our state on a path to 100% clean energy well before 2050 and reverse Trump's attempts to kill the progress we've made on cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay. Bill McKibben, Friends of the Earth Action, and 350.org have all endorsed my campaign.

DISCRIMINATION: I've dedicated my life to service and I have a long track record of securing progressive victories in our state. Growing up as the child of a biracial Maryland couple who were forced to leave the state in order to legally marry, Marylanders know I'll stand up to Trump's hateful attacks on our environment which disproportionately harms marginalized communities and his attacks on our public schools.

HEALTH CARE: Premiums have risen by double digits year after year, 300,000 Marylanders don't have healthcare, and the cost of prescription drugs forces families to choose between mandatory life expenses and prescription drugs. I support Medicare-for-All at the federal level but with no hope for progress there we need Medicare-for-All at the state level to provide quality, affordable healthcare for all.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I'm the only candidate for governor who has released comprehensive plans on criminal justice reform, the opioid epidemic, seniors, Medicare-for-All, and police reform. I am releasing my plans for education, the environment, and the economy soon and you can all see the progressive priorities I will enact as governor at benjealous.com.

James Hugh Jones, II / Charles S. Waters

No responses received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Kevin Kamenetz is a husband, father of 2 teenagers, a lifelong Marylander and lifelong Democrat. Kamenetz has served as a prosecutor, 16 years as councilman, and 8 years as Baltimore County Executive. He has improved schools, created jobs, and protected the environment—without ever raising tax rates. With Valerie Ervin as Lt Gov, they have the track record of real results to best lead our state.

BUDGET: Kamenetz will restore our schools to the nation's best, with universal pre-K, eliminating historical inequities in funding formulas, and making college more affordable and job skill training more accessible. Kamenetz will invest in 21st century mass transit, connecting counties to regional systems that provide highway alternatives, easing traffic congestion and promoting economic development.

REDISTRICTING: The inherently political gerrymandering process is unjustifiable and has helped contribute to the hyper-partisanship and gridlock we see in Washington. We must respect natural boundaries and keep communities together and as Governor, Kamenetz will support efforts to ensure compact and contiguous districts.

ENVIRONMENT: Kamenetz will fight climate change to protect our state's long-term health by combatting air pollution, reducing chicken manure runoff, improving health of our waterways, and increasing use of wind and solar power. As governor, Kamenetz will defend our Chesapeake Bay, double oyster sanctuaries, recommit to smart growth policies, and expand Maryland's clean energy economy.

DISCRIMINATION: Kamenetz will eliminate racial disparities and increase opportunity by enacting policies that strive to eliminate poverty, address educational inequality and lack of job opportunity, promote affordable housing in safe neighborhoods, and end health disparities impacting our most vulnerable. As County Executive, he has diversified police, fire and department head, ranks & protected rights of all.

HEALTH CARE: As governor, Kamenetz will protect and strengthen Obamacare, expand our unique hospital rate system, and work to lower prescription prices. Kamenetz will combat the opioid epidemic by expanding on-demand treatment; ensuring that naloxone is accessible & affordable; ending stigma about the disease of addiction; suing drug manufacturers; and aggressively stopping importation of heroin and fentanyl.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Maryland's economy is falling behind. Our job growth lags behind our neighbors and wages remain stagnant. As governor, Kamenetz will create jobs and revitalize communities; raise the minimum wage to \$15/hour; implement thoughtful transportation strategies; end corporate welfare and focus on job training to retain, promote, and attract businesses, as he has done in Baltimore County.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience serving the people of Maryland in the State Senate and the House of Delegates for the past sixteen years uniquely prepares me to be Governor. I have an

extensive record of public and community service and accomplishment, and hold leadership positions in the General Assembly, as Vice-Chair of the Senate Budget & Finance Committee, and as a member of the Kirwan Commission on Education.

BUDGET: My key budget priorities are investments in education -- such as the \$200 million dedicated to funding recommendations to improve education and opportunity for all Maryland children in this year's budget -- as well as long-term sustainable transportation, such as securing \$178 million for the Baltimore Metro and \$167 million for the DC Metro. I will be the Governor who funds these priorities.

REDISTRICTING: I support redistricting reform. I support establishing a nonpartisan Redistricting Commission to prepare and adopt decennial redistricting plans for congressional and legislative districts in Maryland. Each congressional district should consist of adjoining territory; be compact in form; and be of substantially equal population, giving due regard to natural and political boundaries.

ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental challenges are to protect and continue to be an active steward of the Chesapeake Bay and to address climate change and its impacts. As governor I will protect, defend and improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, one of Maryland's abundant natural treasures. I will reduce harmful emissions and increase our reliance on renewable energy sources.

DISCRIMINATION: I will set the tone at the top, a strong and effective leader who will stand up against racism, bigotry and discrimination. Whether the fight for freedom to marry or to combat discrimination in housing and employment, I have championed equal rights. Building on my achievements in human rights, criminal justice, voting rights and social justice, I will implement policies to end discrimination.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare is a human right. I will be the strong leader Maryland needs to address our most significant health challenges - ensuring that all Marylanders have broad access to affordable, high-quality health care and prescription drugs, and finding solutions to the opioid epidemic by providing fast, effective relief for those suffering from addiction and a new focus on prevention and treatment.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Other priorities include building a strong economy with good-paying jobs and fair taxes, and continuing my effective advocacy of gun violence prevention laws, such as the assault weapons and bump stocks ban. I strongly support public financing of state elections and getting big money out of our politics. I am the ONLY candidate for Governor who is participating in public financing in Maryland.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my entire career in public service. I came to Maryland as a public school teacher and went on to the highest levels of federal government working on innovation and technology. I believe that our government needs leaders who will push for new

solutions in a constantly changing world. Talent is everywhere in Maryland but opportunity is not, and we can change that.

BUDGET: The proper funding of our education system, especially resetting the formula through recommendations by the Kirwan Commission, is the single most important budgetary concern for our next governor. Regarding transportation, I will prioritize use of state money for multimodal transportation solutions like mass transit and multi-use roads - not just on highway widening projects.

REDISTRICTING: We need to make the modification of Congressional districts a process conducted by independent commissions that rely on the fairness of mathematics rather than the bias of politics. We also need to look into ways to de-polarize our politics, like open primaries and Rank Choice Voting. These are simple steps and will bring more competition into our politics and more choices for voters.

ENVIRONMENT: My administration will prioritize cleaning up and preserving the Chesapeake Bay by participating in regional and statewide conservancy programs. We will make Maryland the center of the green economy and provide funding for environmental innovators by establishing a statewide Maryland Green Bank. Conservation and innovation should go hand in hand and Maryland is the perfect place to make it happen.

DISCRIMINATION: There are practical ways we must address discrimination, but it starts with a set of values. Our leaders should work to bring people together, not divide them. And they must take strong stands against things that conflict with those values of openness, and move our state in a positive direction. As governor, the values of openness and inclusion would be first and foremost in my leadership.

HEALTH CARE: Without universal health coverage, we are denying quality of life to many in our state and increasing costs for everyone. First, we need to protect and preserve the best parts of the ACA. We also need to add a public option through Medicaid so that everyone in Maryland has access to quality, affordable health care. And we need to fight to keep the costs of prescription drugs low.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I am especially focused on the “rise of the rest” and how we empower more people from more zip codes to compete and succeed in the industries of the future. This is a holistic issue, and my administration will be focused on the many issues - like education, job creation, support for small business, and inclusive innovation - that will create opportunity for all Marylanders in a changing economy.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Over the course of my career, I have led large public and private organizations across the state. For four years, I served as Chair of the University System of Maryland – the state’s largest public entity. I also served as Chair of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance, the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, and the Empowerment Baltimore Management Corporation, and my law firm, Venable LLP.

BUDGET: In my budgets, education and transportation will be my top two priorities. As Governor, in my first legislative session, I will pass legislation that includes some of the policies I know we need in education – from universal pre-K through increased compensation for our teachers. Transportation will be my second priority, and I will focus on mass transit options that moves people across the state.

REDISTRICTING: I support forming a bipartisan and independent commission to advise the Governor during the process of drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland. As Governor, I will also work diligently to implement changes to the system to make it more transparent and accountable to the people.

ENVIRONMENT: Our way of life and our economy is strictly tied to our environment. The largest challenges include ensuring that our water is safe to drink, our air is safe to breathe, and the Chesapeake Bay is healthy. I will push for a shift more completely towards renewable energy, including solar and wind. I will also work to get more cars off of our roads and onto cleaner, mass transit lines.

DISCRIMINATION: Along with my Lt. Governor, Brandon Scott, I will work to create an Office of Equity that will be charged with ensuring that all state agencies complete gender, racial, religious, disability, and income assessments of their services, programs, employment, and contracting practices. In addition, the office will direct agencies to create action plans to address the findings of these assessments.

HEALTH CARE: As Governor, unlike Larry Hogan, I will stand up to federal Republicans' efforts to repeal the ACA and protect Marylanders. On the federal level, there is also a movement to implement a national single payer system, which I support. At the state level, I do not think we have the scale necessary to properly institute a single payer system.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will also focus on growing the economy and making it fairer for all Marylanders. I will work to make our communities safer and to restore the community's trust in law enforcement. And, I will focus on protecting our environment by targeting ambitious standards for our RPS, investing in energy storage technology, and getting more people off the roads and onto mass transit infrastructure.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong Marylander, who has lived the American Dream--going from a basement apartment on the Baltimore City/County line and attending Maryland public schools to serving as Michelle Obama's Policy Director at the White House & Senior Advisor to Sec. of State Hillary Clinton. I've led complex organizations, multi-billion dollar budgets & initiatives in education, healthcare, & creating jobs.

BUDGET: Education is my absolute top priority. As the only candidate who attended Maryland public schools (K-12), I am committed fully funding our schools, guaranteeing Pre-K, closing the achievement gap, expanding STEAM education opportunities, & providing free community

college and retraining. I will restart Baltimore's Red Line and invest in transportation solutions that cut commute times in half.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering and unlimited dark money are the greatest threats to the health of our democracy. I support independent experts drawing district lines in Maryland using transparent processes/formulas to ensure fairness. At the same time, I will work regionally on solutions to ensure that our good government actions in Maryland do not adversely affect the overall balance of power in the U.S. House

ENVIRONMENT: Saving the Chesapeake Bay, reducing air pollution, and acting on climate change will be my top priorities. For the Bay, we will reduce water pollution at its source, improve the Bay's resilience, & hold upstream states accountable. We will reduce air pollution from our transportation and power sectors by investing in clean energy (offshore wind, solar, etc), energy efficiency, & public transit.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination has no place in society. We will build an inclusive government that reflects the full diversity of Maryland to end it, because discrimination increases when diverse voices are excluded from decision-making. We will guarantee 3-months of paid family leave, ensure equal pay for equal work, end sexual harassment, attack systemic racism, prosecute hate crimes, and improve accessibility.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare is a human right. We will provide universal, affordable healthcare through a state-run public option to ensure coverage for the 350,000 Marylanders without insurance and to help those that can't afford their current coverage. We will confront the opioid crisis by increasing access to overdose reversal agents & expanding drug treatment options. We will reduce gun violence in communities.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As we advance all of our important policy priorities here at home, we must also defend our fellow Marylanders from the attacks coming out of President Trump's White House. We must stand up and defend immigrant rights, civil rights, Muslim rights, gay rights, reproductive rights, workers' rights, Dreamers' rights, & public health. We must also protect thousands of federal jobs from budget cuts.

Maryland Comptroller

DUTIES: The Comptroller is the financial officer of Maryland, 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 tax, tobacco, beer, wine and liquor, and estate tax. The Comptroller serves on the Board of Public Works along with the Governor and the state Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly.

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

Questions

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

REVENUE SYSTEM: What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency and fairness of the collection of Maryland taxes?

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: As a member of the Board of Public Works, what criteria would you use for evaluating contracts and capital projects that are subject to approval by that Board?

OTHER PRIORITIES: Please describe any other priorities you have for this office.:

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Anjali Reed Phukan

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QUALIFICATION: I believe the top tax collector, auditor & maintainer of the public general ledger should be proficient in accounting. I am a certified public accountant, legally licensed to practice public accounting in Maryland. I also have an MBA in finance & another masters degree in information systems. I have private, federal & state work experiences in financial management systems, tax, accounting & audit.

REVENUE SYSTEM: I will update information systems statewide, for usability and security, and promote tax credits and other incentives for energy star, solar panel, and other efficiency products and services. I also will reduce interest and penalties for people who are being proactive & voluntarily reporting additional income the state would normally not have time to audit; coming clean should never be penalized.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: I want spending to be more spread across Maryland, for all to enjoy the amazing nooks and crannies of our beautiful state. Safety is my number one priority in public works - safe roads for motorists, law enforcement, cyclists, pedestrians, and our delicate environment. The ethics and prior history of contractors completing projects in time, safely, and within budget should also be considered.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I also think it is unfair to tax retirement income. If we remove it all together we would increase our property and sales tax base, hence bring up our net revenues. Lastly, I will increase transparency across the comptroller office, not just in the general ledger, but also in how the state audits and comes to final resolution with tax payers. I will lovingly enforce the law equally for all.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Peter Franchot

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QUALIFICATION: As Maryland's independent fiscal watchdog, I'm proud of my record of achievement and results that I've delivered for Maryland taxpayers since I became Comptroller in 2007. Thanks to initiatives that we have implemented, and the hard work of the dedicated public servants in our agency, ours is regarded as the most efficient and effective Comptroller's Office in the nation.

REVENUE SYSTEM: Our main focus continues to be processing tax returns accurately and efficiently. We have improved our agency's responsiveness to taxpayers and reduce call wait times. In my agency, tax fairness is a top priority. We continue to embrace innovative ways to make sure that everyone is paying their fair share. Moving forward, I will continue to build upon the tremendous progress we have made.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: As a BPW member, I am proud to be a strong fiscal watchdog for Maryland's working families. I have advocated against single-bid contracts, fought for the inclusion of more Minority and Women-owned contracts in the procurement system, and have worked in a bipartisan fashion to instate reforms to our state's previously broken procurement process.

OTHER PRIORITIES: If elected to another term as Comptroller, I will continue to provide the independent leadership that Marylanders expect and deserve this office. I will fight for policies and priorities that grow our economy, safeguard our fiscal future, and protect the financial well-being of working families and small businesses.

Maryland Attorney General

DUTIES: The Attorney General is the chief legal office 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.

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

Questions

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

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: What steps will you take to improve the efficiency and fairness of legal processes in Maryland?

LITIGATION: When should the Attorney General join lawsuits relating to federal regulations or corporate misconduct?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What actions will you take to address other issues, such as domestic violence, human trafficking, substance abuse, and protection of consumers?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former state and federal prosecutor, counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, business leader and decorated Soldier/Veteran. I have also been a volunteer EMT/Rescue Diver. I have a history of public service and management. I believe the AG should focus on public safety, not politics and partisanship and should focus on issues of importance to all Marylanders regardless of party.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: The Attorney General should be focused on balancing the need to enforce the laws and ensure public safety while ensuring due process for all Marylanders. The AG should lead by example by being ethical, avoiding conflicts of interest and making sure that all voices are heard before weighing in on a particular case, while at the same time vigorously enforcing the laws of the state.

LITIGATION: With respect to federal regulations, the Attorney General should weigh in only when there is a compelling state interest, a sound legal basis and a determination that the case can be won on the merits. Those decisions should not be based on political considerations. With respect to corporate misconduct, the AG ensure respect for the law and hold corporations fully accountable for misconduct.

DISCRIMINATION: There is no room in this state for discrimination based upon race, gender, religion, disability or poverty/class. The Attorney General should be vigilant to ensure that our laws are respected and people are treated equally.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a prosecutor/counsel to the Senate Jud. Comm., I focused on domestic violence/sexual exploitation/trafficking. The AG should make protection of the most vulnerable a priority. The opioid crisis in Maryland needs leadership from the AG to bring together the law enforcement, public health and recovery communities to find appropriate solutions. Consumer protection must be a priority as well.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as Maryland's Attorney General for the past three years. Prior to being elected Attorney General, I was Chair of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, where I sponsored many laws that now protect Marylanders and our state including the law prohibiting oil drilling in the Chesapeake Bay, the Maryland Recycling Act and the Maryland Firearm Safety Act.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: Among the many steps that my office has taken to improve the efficiency and fairness of the legal processes in Maryland is our fight for and achievement of reforming the cash bail system, which jailed people in our state simply because they were poor. I will continue to work with the legislature to find and invest in strategies that increase public safety and recidivism.

LITIGATION: The Attorney General should join lawsuits relating to federal regulations or corporate misconduct when there is evidence that the people or state of Maryland have been or will be adversely effected.

DISCRIMINATION: In 2015, my office was the first in the country to issue guidelines to all law enforcement agencies prohibiting profiling based upon race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual preference, etc. We published a study of discrimination against LGBT citizens that was cited by the Supreme Court in its historic Obergefell decision. We have penalized and shut down industries that prey on the poor.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Over the past three years my office has achieved hundreds of millions of dollars of settlements and judgments from Wall Street Banks, Predatory Lenders, Automakers, Tobacco Companies, and Polluters who sought to injure or defraud Marylanders. My office is working with the multi-state investigation of opioid manufacturers. If re-elected, I pledge to remain the People's lawyer & continue our efforts.

U. S. Congressional Offices

U.S. Senator

Duties: U.S. Senators make laws along with the members of the House of Representatives, ratify treaties, and conduct investigations on issues of national importance. The Senate confirms Presidential appointments.

How Elected: Elected statewide. In 2018, Maryland voters will elect one of our two Senators. About one-third of the 100 members of the Senate is elected every two years. Senators must be at least 30 years old, have been citizens of the United States at least 9 years and be residents of the state they want to represent.

Term: Six years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year.

Website: <https://www.senate.gov>

Questions

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

ECONOMIC POLICY: What policies will you support to strengthen the national economy, such as those affecting international trade, taxes, labor rights, and infrastructure?

IMMIGRATION: What changes, if any, will you support in immigration policy?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most pressing environmental challenges and how will you address them?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30 years of government and non-profit experience. I served on a Congressional staff and as a presidential appointee at Social Security Administration. As a former Army officer, I understand national security issues as well as the need for sound foreign policy based on our national interest. I have real world experience and academic knowledge which is necessary to serve in the US Senate.

HEALTH CARE: I advocate for an end to ObamaCare. The national government should not be in the business of mandating health care coverage. A possible change I would be in favor of is looking at providing block grants to states from the national government to try to solve the opioid epidemic. Another change in health policy would be to allow Veterans to go to any hospital to get the care they need.

DISCRIMINATION: The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberties for citizens so they are equal under the law through the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Education Reform is one of the most pressing issues which can help to eliminate discrimination in our country. I support School Choice initiatives for all parents to send their children to the schools of their choice.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I am against raising taxes. I support a balanced budget amendment. I am in favor of bi-lateral Fair Trade policies. Keeping America Secure is a key focus of my campaign for US Senate. Our cyber infrastructure is severely compromised with American companies being hacked by foreign countries. Our energy grid infrastructure is also at risk and should be priority of the national government.

IMMIGRATION: National Sovereignty is connected to the ability of a country to protect its borders. I support enhancing our border security through a variety of means including building a border wall and increased border agents. I am against current policies of the diversity lottery and

chain migration. I am against a pathway to citizenship for undocumented people. I would support permanent residency status.

ENVIRONMENT: In Maryland, a pressing environmental challenge is the dredging of our waterways. Maryland is unique in the amount of waterways we have and the need we have for a partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers. As your next United States Senator, I will work to fully fund dredging projects to make sure our beautiful Chesapeake Bay is environmentally healthy.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Advocating Success, not subsistence. The American Dream has been not possible for a lot of Marylanders. As your next United States Senator, I want to promote a vision of economic success. I believe limited government intervention is important so people can build a legacy of wealth creation to pass onto their children and grandchildren.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an American, son of a Veteran, son-in-law of a Veteran, a brother-in-law to a Veteran. These men not only fought for my freedom but yours as well. I am husband, father, father-in-law grandfather, Catholic, coach, union worker, state worker, business owner, volunteer, and a lifetime Maryland resident.. All of these experiences have given me the insight necessary to represent Maryland.

HEALTH CARE: I would advocate getting the government out of Healthcare. Healthcare should be turned over to private industry. This will create jobs in the private sector and would lower the price of health care. It is also expensive, but using volume or cooperatives to buy blocks of coverage in large numbers would drive down the costs. The current administration had made a start with important policy changes

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in any form is harmful, detrimental and offensive. There are numerous additional brackets including age. It extends from employment, finance, insurance, banking, and real estate. We should have a Zero tolerance policy.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Under the current administration we have taken large steps to improve our economic policies. The tax reform, cancelling NAFTA ,Tariffs across the board especially on steel and aluminum, the re-negotiation of current trade deals, repealed net neutrality law. We need to train our workers from trades which include welders to cyber security using American workers first.

IMMIGRATION: We need a border wall, or a fence, a means of stopping the flood of illegal's crossing into the United States. Security along our border is vital to the safety of all Americans. People should not live in fear of illegals, gang members, drug dealers and sexual offenders jumping over our border. The current number of illegal people who are in our country proves what we have currently isn't working

ENVIRONMENT: Pollution, land management, urban sprawl, waste disposal, over population, water sacristy and pollution and deforestation these are the most pressing environmental challenges today. I feel the development of a filtration device to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus in the Chesapeake Bay, our oceans and our streams is imperative. Good management programs are in place but need to be followed up on.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The most urgent priority for me is school safety. We need to allocate the funds to make fundamental changes to our schools. In the private sector employees have to badge in and out. This not only ensures the safety of the confidential information in the business, but the employees working there. There needs to be armed resource officers in all schools to protect our children, they are our future

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QUALIFICATIONS: I believe our Founding Fathers intended for Congress to compose of multiple backgrounds of people—business persons; scientists; educators; civil leaders; government workers & private citizens; each a life experience. I’m prepared for office because I embody diversity through a range of life challenges. I put principle over politics & party loyalty, and my motto is “be the change you seek”.

HEALTH CARE: Making CHIP/PACE permanent & legislating a single-payer co-pay/free market system for PCIP by increasing FICA 1% & keeping 3.8% surtax on capital gains; amending the ACA cost-sharing reduction payments toward Ambulatory Care Centers; legislate Medicare drug price negotiations; focus on a balanced hospital Charge Description Master. To do so will be closest to making healthcare a right.

DISCRIMINATION: Strengthen Trans protection/public prejudice, healthcare & endocrinologists; focus on school to prison, Summer Slide, reduce Juvenile CJS/Adult CJS recidivism; emphasis on gentrification; disabled ‘needs’ earmarks allowance; efficiency in entitlement programs; vocational schooling; advocating sex ed. & business ed. Pub. Sch. changes; emphasize discrimination/racism/sexism; cordial understanding.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Three stand. deductions: \$18k (earners under \$24k), \$12k and \$6k; stand. deduction on overtime pay; legislating top dollar corps. shareholders foot 40% bottom tier employees pay (i.e. Wal-Mart’s); Corp. tax 21%; close S & C Corp. ‘pass through’ loopholes; 5% federal sales tax; progressive tax rates; fair employee benefits (sick, family & medical leave); support \$1.0T+ infrastructure spending.

IMMIGRATION: Minimum H1-B visa changes; merit based immigration; deter/modify birth tourism; full-proof bio-metrics data system; support DACA; ITIN/DACA-esque lottery/pathway to citizenship; border defense-drones, patrols, structures; NAFTA renegotiation/prisoner transfers; foreign aid negotiations Latin America & Mexico/end Mexico City Policy & allow remittances; expedite deportation of criminal aliens.

ENVIRONMENT: Global Warming, Climate Change, drought, sea level rise & (plastic /CO/runoff) pollution: Variable Renewable Energy (VRE)—wind, solar, nuclear power & natural gas; grey-water system mandates (CA, NM, AZ, TX & NV); beach fill, jetties & tidal breaks; recycling & waste mgnt. reforms; hybrid/electric/Flex Fuel Vehicles [E83 ethanol](clean coal alcohol fuel conversion + bio fuel + diesel); aquaponics.

OTHER PRIORITIES: State chartered bank/bank account: portfolio—student & business loans/grants; entitlement program recipient accounts; local infrastructure grants; Outlaw

'Payday' loans & check cashing services; Legalize Cannabis; Protect Dodd-Frank/CFPB; End 'Right to Work' laws; Universal Basic Income; Small business: tax reform/incentives; Women/Minority businesses; Pub. Ed. & tuition; Ntl. Def. & Cyber Sec.

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QUALIFICATIONS: In Information Technology to implement or upgrade a system we gather information, analyze the information, present the findings before a solution is implemented. I will use this same strategy to analyze national issues such as immigration, social justice and gun control that both parties have been kicking down the road with opposing views to ginger their base.

HEALTH CARE: I would advocate for a Patient Centered Healthcare system which involves listening to, informing and ensuring that patients values guide all clinical decisions. My wife Chioma Eze a nurse and other doctors heavily influenced my view in healthcare. The healthcare professionals shared the view that when patients are treated with dignity and respect they tend to recover from their illness quicker.

DISCRIMINATION: I know that you can not legislate an end to discrimination but government is a critical site for struggle and change. I would support legislation that would require public/private bodies to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance the equality of opportunity and the financial consequences of noncompliance are made real.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I will continue to support President Trumps campaign promise to simplify the tax code and lowering the marginal income tax rates. When tax rates are reduced people will be motivated to work, save and invest which will help strengthen the national economy.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration is one of the lingering issues that both parties do not have a desire to resolve because they can use immigration to ginger their base during election cycles. I would support securing our borders (terrorists have indicated an interest in the past to enter through our southern borders) but establish a program of providing Guest Workers with a path to citizenship.

ENVIRONMENT: When scientists told us last year there would be a solar eclipse we believed them and most of us went out to buy solar viewing glasses. The same scientists also tell us that humans are the biggest contributors to global warming but some of us do not believe them. I would support economic policies that would change the price of goods or activities to influence the choices made by people/businesses.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will support common sense gun control with universal background check, a ban on high capacity magazines and military style assault weapons . The NRA states that "Guns don't kill people, bad people kill people " but we should not easily give bad people access to guns.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a first-generation American who is a mother, a wife, and a lawyer who has practiced for almost 22 years. While raising my three children, I have also counseled financial institutions related to compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements. I taught Sunday school for 11 years and am an active volunteer in protecting the gardens and grounds at the Washington National Cathedral.

HEALTH CARE: Greater attention should be given to eliminating waste in our healthcare system, which represents over 30% of healthcare spending. Providers must be incentivized to deliver efficient care while maintaining quality, and we must re-engineer the way care is delivered (e.g., best practices that rely on data and analytics to identify the most efficient way of delivering healthcare services)/

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in any form is anti-American and has no place in our society. It is our responsibility, as an informed electorate, to ensure that Americans of all races, genders, abilities and religions have access to good jobs, quality schools and a healthcare system that meets their needs. If I become Maryland's next U.S. senator, I will work tirelessly to end all forms of discrimination.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Maryland needs to look forward to high-growth industries and develop policies that attract those businesses now. For example, there is a revolution coming to the automotive industry in connection with self-driving vehicles. Maryland should become the "incubator" for these technologies and create economic incentives to attract those high-growth businesses that will be the future's "job creators."

IMMIGRATION: Immigration reform remains a bottleneck to our country's growth, security and prosperity. A bipartisan solution must be devised to determine the status of those currently in the United States illegally. Once a solution is achieved, the United States Congress must decide our country's immigration policies, not federal agency officials or others who unilaterally impose their own political agenda.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the single greatest environmental challenge our country faces. We must use a combination of market forces and tax incentives to develop alternative sources of energy, such as solar, wind and wave energy. And we must develop students who have the technical education to make Maryland a magnet for these industries. Fostering these businesses will benefit future generations.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As the holder of a master's degree in education, I am passionate about considering innovative ways to make our educational system for dynamic and forward-thinking. Students must have experiences that will allow them to excel in the classroom, the lab and in the

art room. And we must reward classroom teachers who inspire in the classroom and foster students' academic and artistic passions.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Before I was a teacher I fixed bulldozers, tractors, and plant equipment. I am a Class A mechanic. If it rotates I can fix it. I became a teacher of History & American Government so I created lesson plans to have my audience understand not only what happened in the past but why it happened. Senators should create and preserve the Republic & History. As a proud Coppin graduate I am prepared.

HEALTH CARE: Prior to Obamacare problems with healthcare or prices could be taken to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner...and solved. Governor, your Delegates, and Senator could also leverage a solution if necessary. Now, the two Senators from Oregon and the entire complement of Texas Congressman are required to adjust / modify the benefits, premiums, or authorizations of anything. Current plan is too much.

DISCRIMINATION: When we find discrimination it must be addressed quickly. In the Senate it is important to have 59 other Senators on your side to reach a solution. The next Senator must communicate effectively with other Senators to elicit help and speed toward discovering solutions which will work. A working solution is key because most law breakers don't give a hoot what the law says or what words are on paper.

ECONOMIC POLICY: As a Senator I pledge not to pick economic winners. As a former business person I know the hassles of making payroll every week. I still flinch when I hear tales of cost overruns, hostile bureaucratic interactions, fees, and fines. I will work for one rule for everyone not 20 different rules. There is a reason that the contents of your wallet are called "your money". I will respect that notion.

IMMIGRATION: We are a nation of legal immigrants. My ancestors followed the rules and obeyed the law. They recognized that "American" was not a place but an attitude with a place. What defines "American" is our attitude. We hold our head up. We walk in like we own the joint. We look people in the eye. We speak our mind even if you don't like it. American newcomers must be legal because that's the way it's done

ENVIRONMENT: If trash or garbage is in the street when it rains it will wind up in the ocean. Trash, garbage, unused items left to disintegrate are around old industrial areas, abandoned homes, and heavy commercial areas. Tons of stuff wind up in sewers heading to Baltimore's

harbor and then the ocean. Sewage plants can be the worst. America has to stay on top of this because we have to. Little things count.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I really believe the Senate session is far too long. Congress needs to begin earnestly in January and depart for the year before July 4th. Every other week is a week off. Congress has more holidays than it deserves while doing less work than is needed. The single biggest item of business Congress needs to perform for the country is to create an annual budget. America has had no budget for 9 years.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I had an outstanding military career in many leadership roles. I work very well with others and listen to all sides before making decisions. My decisions are based on facts vs. politics. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine which has given me a very good understanding of other cultures. Also lived in Germany for over 3 years while serving on active duty military. Living overseas is an import

HEALTH CARE: The goal of the Affordable Care Act was to ensure all Americans received health coverage. I believe in the goal but the implementation of the Affordable Care Act led to drastic price increases for all Americans. If an individual mandate was not required then many healthy uninsured individuals would have probably not purchased healthcare. Nobody likes higher prices and nobody likes mandates to p

DISCRIMINATION: While serving on active duty in the military the Department of Defense has a zero tolerance policy for discrimination & harassment therefore I would have the same policy. Many laws currently exist to protect individuals and I would ensure employers are adhering to the law. If laws need to be strengthened then I would do everything to propose new legislation in protecting individuals from discrimi

ECONOMIC POLICY: I'm a proud supporter of President Trump and believe strongly in his agenda and policies which are based on his campaign slogan "Make America Great Again". The tax plan that was signed by President Trump will create economic growth therefore I will always be for less taxes. Individuals spend their money more wisely and efficiently than the gov't will. When I was in the Peace Corps from 1997 to

IMMIGRATION: I fully support President Trump's immigration policies. I would add temporary visas for farm workers and other areas that may need temporary workers.

ENVIRONMENT: Unless we fuel up the spaceship we need to take care of our beautiful planet. I will listen carefully to the environmental experts and work closely with the internationally community in finding solutions. The U.S. cannot address environmental challenges or financially afford to resolve environmental issues by itself. Global competition puts us on a level playing field therefore the costs must b

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will listen to the people of Maryland and work endlessly in resolving their issues. Therefore the people of Maryland's priorities will be my priorities. I will have an open door policy and will publicly post on my Senate website the status of each issue presented

(names will be kept confidential). Nobody will fight harder in resolving issues.

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HEALTH CARE: Single payer National Health Insurance for all citizens only, no illegals; ban all assault rifles and high-capacity magazines, raise firearms purchasing age from 18 to 21, start complete informational universal background checks.

DISCRIMINATION: I support all such laws currently in effect dealing with all of these aspects, and whatever else is deemed necessary and prudent when I take office.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Repeal NAFTA. Support the President on what he's doing in these areas. Introduce legislation for a one-time credit card debt forgiveness program that wipes out all debt with provision that these debtors can never charge again. Banks write off these losses as tax credits. The entire nation gets to start over with a clean slate thereby.

IMMIGRATION: I support the President. Deport all illegal, undocumented aliens ASAP. Build the Wall on the Mexican-US border. Outlaw all sanctuary territories within the US: cities, towns, colleges, etc. Enforce all our laws regarding the above.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe in both global warming and climate change, but I disagree with the President's lessening of environmental standards to protect our Chesapeake Bay. I would restore those necessary standards.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Disarm both North Korea and Iran of ALL nuclear weapons now, and prevent all other countries from obtaining any such so as to prevent a nuclear World War 3. Prevent political, social, and racial 2nd Civil War here at home.

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Democratic Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: In the Senate, I fight every day for the issues of concern to my fellow Marylanders, promoting policies, legislation and programs that help our local and regional economy, encouraging public safety and supporting public health. My success navigating the Small Business, Environment & Public Works, Finance and Foreign Relations committees allow me to effectively continue my advocacy for Marylanders.

HEALTH CARE: Health care is a human right. We should have seamless quality health care from pre-natal to death that is affordable without sacrificing quality and basic protections. Congress must restore the payments to insurers that have helped keep premiums in reach for millions. I have long supported a public option in the health exchanges that would increase competition, put patients first and lower costs.

DISCRIMINATION: Bills I have authored or cosponsored include: the End Racial and Religious Profiling Act, a resolution to remove the deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment, the Democracy Restoration Act, The Equality Act of 2017 and the Paycheck Fairness Act. I continue to support legislation to protect our LGBT students and adults. I support an increase in the federal minimum wage.

ECONOMIC POLICY: We should modify our tax code to truly target middle-income and working families, help small businesses & make smart investments in infrastructure & green technologies. Investments should address income inequality & raising wages. We need trade agreements that level the field for our workers, including robust & enforceable labors rights, environmental provisions & anti-corruption provisions.

IMMIGRATION: I support bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform, but Congress must first pass legislation to permanently protect Dreamers. We need a legal pathway to residency for TPS recipients. We don't need a wall but we can strengthen technology and other border security. We must stop President Trump's proposal to slash legal immigration, break up families and mostly close America's doors to refugees.

ENVIRONMENT: The president's unwillingness to confront climate change. I will fight for federal resources that compel this administration to invest, especially in clean air, clean water, renewable energy and public transit. We've seen success with funding for the Chesapeake Bay. If the Trump administration will not take steps necessary to protect our environment, we must encourage states to continue their work

OTHER PRIORITIES: Opioid addiction and abuse is a public health crisis. We must fight it head on with every available resource at all levels of government. Our drug laws must be smart, fair and rational, and treat addiction as a disease that requires treatment. We should improve access to evidence-based treatment centers, promote prevention education methods, and provide support for those in or seeking recovery.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Erik Jetmir was born in 1967, grew up in Harlem and the Bronx in New York. Erik is the son of a Korean War veteran who became a Baptist minister in Harlem, his mother is from Albania and met his father while attending college. He spent the last 6 years on active duty with the United States Navy, most recently as part of the Navy Cyber Warfare Group Six team at NSA.

HEALTH CARE: Health Insurance has an impact on all Americans and represents challenges that directly affect all communities. A single-payer health insurance program with a strong mandate (backed by incentives) to innovate and root out waste insures a system that addresses the entire population. The key is to mandate and fund incentives to innovate all processes and ensure waste is addressed at every level.

DISCRIMINATION: Building inclusion & making change that addresses gender, race, religion, disability & social class requires that we first accept this issue exists. We must define and obligate ourselves to the work of addressing these issues by clearly expressing their impacts, the generational results and solutions. These include greatly increasing visible programs and funding for cultural education & training.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I believe with the best trained and highest skilled workforce, we position the nation to drive all areas of the economy. We know that by investing in our youth, this will drive all economic policy. No cost college with room, board, meals, childcare & healthcare is an investment in the long-term success of our citizens, their families, our communities, our nation and economic vibrancy.

IMMIGRATION: DACA represents a way forward to ensure we are providing a path of citizenship to many of the folks that are already here and doing great things in our country. We need to look at our immigration policy in the perspective (1) as the foundation that built this nation (2) our enduring legacy of inclusion and multiculturalism. I would build on that foundation with a strong focus on national security.

ENVIRONMENT: Global warming continues to challenge the national in increasingly sever ways. From farming, to managing storm response, we need strong advocates that support the science and work to ensure this critical issue is codified and supported by sound policy.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Innovation HUB. Establish expansive private/public coalitions between industry, finance and market leaders to create a series of programs to develop ideas into thriving innovative Maryland based companies. Create a dynamic environment that entrepreneurs can engage with teams of talented and innovative business leaders.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been homeless. I spent the summer of 2006 living on the streets of Chicago. I have been to war. I enlisted in the military as an intelligence analyst in 2007, and served in Iraq in 2009-10. I have been to prison. I spent seven years in prison, one year in solitary confinement, and four seeking trans-related healthcare. These experiences provide incredible insight into our policies

HEALTH CARE: Free healthcare for all. No conditions or questions asked. No one should be denied free healthcare for any reason. No one should be afraid to seek healthcare based on who they are, how much money they have, or what their "legal" status is.

DISCRIMINATION: Work toward dismantling the police, the military, the vast surveillance state, and the prison systems. These systems carry out discriminatory policies on a vast scale, such as mass incarceration of people of color, detention and deportation of immigrants, and the implicit support of incumbent businesses and the wealthy. The combined effect of the policies is a vast, gradual ethnic cleansing

ECONOMIC POLICY: Universal basic income for all. Advanced automation is making the vast majority of all jobs becomes obsolete. We need to transition our economy away from an outdated expectation of people working endlessly, to one of people thriving and living life.

IMMIGRATION: Abolish the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. Abolish the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agency. Provide full rights for all immigrants. No bans, no walls, no borders at all.

ENVIRONMENT: No greenwashing of the police, military, and intelligence agencies, or the corporate world. Phrases like "environmentally friendly," and "zero carbon" often offset the environmental damage of policies to the most vulnerable communities. We need to prepare the low-lying and coastal areas for the damage that global warming and rising sea levels are already bringing.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Change the conversation. Bring new visions, and new ideas into the political discourse. We are not limited to the system we have. We can have a world without prisons, without borders, without the vast powers of a President, and a world where we can all live and thrive.

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QUALIFICATIONS: all your questions are answered in great detail on my campaign website www.segalforsenate.org I apologize for this, but I am lurching from one campaign crisis to another - PHd. Philosopher, MPA as well 4 year on Hill, 10 years in USAID, 20 years at School of public affairs. founded the Jewish Peace lobby 29 year ago etc.

HEALTH CARE: Medicare option for all. Access to solid and affordable coverage is a human right, especially in a wealthy society.

DISCRIMINATION: I favor a guaranteed job or retraining for any American able to work.

Employment in decent jobs (higher minimum wage + variable earned income tax credit = living wage income level is the way to cut through most of the impact of discrimination and poverty. We also need strong targeted laws, but going after the core economic reality is key to change.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I reject Trickle Down. I taught incoming hires at USAID about the Basic Human Needs approach to development. We need that in the US as well. My book: Graceful Simplicity: the philosophy and politics of that alternative American dream lays out a detailed policy agenda and a philosophical grounding.

IMMIGRATION: I go with the Statue of Liberty, give me your wretched. Like the Jews on the St. Louis who went back to Europe and died in the Holocaust.

ENVIRONMENT: Key is to live modestly, as the Quakers understood in the 1800's. Our polling of Democrats in Maryland show 70% want a new formulation of the American dream, modest income, security and time and energy to do what is most important in life (not at the office).

OTHER PRIORITIES: Bread and Roses is my campaign -- Roses are never talked about. I believe in Beauty as a human right. And against Ben Cardin, I'm fighting for a just solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict and avoiding war with Iran.

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QUALIFICATIONS: For growing up in working class household in Baltimore to working my way up from a McDonald's employee to receiving my MBA and becoming husband, father, business owner, and restaurateur life experiences have given me the tools to become a solid and accountable US Senator for the great state of Maryland. I have a fluid understand of the needs of people throughout the spectrum of Maryland life.

HEALTH CARE: The Affordable Care Act (ACA) needs to be strengthened. My belief is a single-payer ACA would be better for businesses and provide better services to tax-payers. Reduce Cost for Prescription Drugs. Work with Companies to Reduce and Monitor Sales of Opioids. Get more federal monies to screen packages for opioid deliveries. Decriminalizing cannabis and removing it from being a Schedule 1 drug.

DISCRIMINATION: The most important cure to inequalities in race and poverty is to have good paying jobs. But, we need to go further to fully address systemic inequalities to include the disabled with upgrades to education, higher education, housing, transportation, criminal justice, and healthcare must all be addressed. For healthcare and criminal justice complete decriminalization of marijuana is necessary.

ECONOMIC POLICY: There are three major policies I'll support on day one to strengthen our nation's economy: support for to decriminalization of marijuana leading up to billions of dollars of potential federal tax revenue, new labor laws that support current workers and the growth of unions in new industries like tech, and a national infrastructure upgrade bill.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration laws in the US should be changed to: 1 allow children of immigrants who were born outside of the US, but raised in the US (Dreamers) should be allowed

to stay in the US; 2 misdemeanors and small crimes by immigrants should not warrant deportation; 3 deportations should apply to those who commit violent crimes in the US and will be subject to imprisonments 4 open doors to asylum seekers

ENVIRONMENT: Upgrades in the infrastructure of Maryland to improve and protect the environment for our children and families. Continue to support ban on Fracking in Maryland, while supporting green initiatives in Western Maryland. Let's Grow Solar in Maryland. Solar is our largest single energy supplier in Maryland, but we can do more. Replace Lead Pipes in areas with lead in water.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Fund procurement opportunities for MWOB/MBE/MWBD in Maryland. Fund organizations of color committed to fund entrepreneurial and STEM education. STEM Education for Early Learners. 3 Pre-K and 4 Pre-K Programs. More monies in STEM programs and STEM Elementary and High Schools. Invest in Smart Schools – more Tech in Schools. Extensive background checks on gun sales. More federal dollars for HBCU's.

Debbie "Rica" Wilson

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QUALIFICATIONS: * Life experience has prepared me to serve my country. I am dedicated to equality, fairness, and justice. As a mother, disabled African-American woman, and concerned citizen, I am committed to what is in the best interest of American citizens. Moreover, I work to improve lives daily through Brown Girl Wellness, Incorporated. I founded Brown Girl to make a positive difference for families.

HEALTH CARE: A universal healthcare system would benefit all Americans. Yes, Medicare should be available to every American regardless of income. A universal healthcare system is essential to ensure every citizen has access to quality healthcare. Quality healthcare is a human right. Moreover, job status should not determine access to care.

DISCRIMINATION: As a disabled African-American woman, I know how discrimination feels. I will support practical policies that promote diversity and inclusion regardless of race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty. I will continue to support policies that oppose discrimination.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Economic inequality impacts every American. Elected leaders must continually seek solutions to eliminate economic disparities in middle-class and low-income communities. By providing transparent solutions regarding trade, taxes, labor and infrastructure, access to viable change will help American communities suffocated by despair. I will support fair policies that improve lives.

IMMIGRATION: Dreamers are Americans! This country was built on the backs of men and women who worked for low wages to help their children live better lives. Deportation and family division is not the answer. Congress must continue to create laws to protect Dreamers and families. I will only support changes that create better opportunities for individuals and families.

ENVIRONMENT: Environmental issues are often linked to health issues in low-income and middle-class communities. We must ensure all individuals have their basic needs met by supporting effort to provide clean air and water. Additionally, farmers need to support to maintain toxic-free farms to produce quality food.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Educational equity, disability rights, domestic violence law reform,

food insecurity, poverty and human rights issues are also very important to me.

Lih Young

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QUALIFICATIONS: Reformer/advocate/activist. Promote fairness/freedom/justice/peace; productivity/accountability/cost-effectiveness. Identified “socio- economic-political- election-media- budget- legislation- system problems”; local- global; testify/recommend to officials, law enforcement, 3 branches. TV programs producer speaker; field/studio. Expertise, commitment: intensive/extensive/diversified civic services

HEALTH CARE: Support single-payer healthcare by government, affordable health care. Our health care system should not be controlled by for-profit corporations. To improve quality, affordable health care for all as a fundamental right and should be achieved by the government. Medical costs should not be shifted onto other programs (e.g., Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries). Promote productivity, accountability

DISCRIMINATION: Equal protection, non-discrimination; employment/business/activities; rights/homes/vehicles/resources/ reputation/ freedoms/ affiliation, environment; document, evidence. Equal pay, sick paid leaves. Prosecute “official misconduct-government gang-MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation; threat/coercion/victimization; physical/mental/financial/medication/litigation/levies/ foreclosures

ECONOMIC POLICY: Prosecute/eliminate " official misconduct-government gang-MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust/false/misleading practices; private-public; 3 branches, local-fed- global, inc. non-profit, think tanks. Protect people/families/ businesses: lives, rights, reputation, assets, vehicles, resources. Promote productivity, public interest, cost-benefits, social needs, budget constraints.

IMMIGRATION: SUPPORT: Comprehensive immigration reform. Promote humanity, productivity, justice, peace. Protect people, families, environment. Prosecute “official misconduct-government gang- MURDER FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE networks”; unjust practices, victimization, deprivation, destruction; threat, coercion; unjust arrest, detention, torture. Reduce fees, fast processing of citizen application/replacement card

ENVIRONMENT: End: dependence/subsidies for fossil fuels, coal, nuclear energy, offshore oil drilling, spills. Curb carbon pollution, medical costs. Improve regulation/oversight. Promote clean air, water, renewable energy. Protect public health, environment. Promote efficiency, technology, research. Reduce unjust practices, hacking, manipulation, obstruction; false excuses, distortion. Prosecute wrongdoers.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Prosecute/eliminate “official misconduct-government gang-MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS”= "cruel tyranny"= "robbery machine"= "ROBBER-ISM"= “super classes of frauds, crimes, parasites, disservices”; public-private; 3 branches, local- global. Promote accountability, social needs. objective evaluations. Televised candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records,proceeding

U.S. Representative District 5

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

Term: Two years

Base Salary: \$174,000

How Elected: Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland has eight of the 435 Representatives, based on the state's population in the 2010 Census.

Website: www.house.gov

Questions

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

ECONOMIC POLICY: What policies will you support to strengthen the national economy, such as those affecting international trade, taxes, labor rights, and infrastructure?

IMMIGRATION: What changes, if any, will you support in immigration policy?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most pressing environmental challenges and how will you address them?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Even though I am basically a political outsider seeking office, I have served as an elected official as a Councilman with the Town of Capitol Heights. I also campaigned for a seat on the Prince Georges County Council. Unlike many other candidates seeking office, I have lived my entire life in the great State of Maryland. Growing up in the Town of Capitol Heights was a great experience for me.

HEALTH CARE: I believe that all Americans should be able to afford the best healthcare available for the entire family. Regardless of income or employment, everyone should be able to have the same healthcare as provided to the U.S. Congress.

DISCRIMINATION: I support a policy of absolutely NO Discrimination, especially in the workforce period.

ECONOMIC POLICY: It's basic Economics 101, Lower Taxes and Higher Employment. Better paying full time jobs is very important to the United States economy. The taxes paid will help with fixing our infrastructure with building state-of-the-art public transportation as well as

lowering healthcare costs.

IMMIGRATION: I believe we have in place right now a very strong immigration policy that is now being implemented. The National Guard is now being employed to protect our borders. We can not allow so many immigrants, especially illegal immigrants to enter the United States. Our Country's infrastructure, healthcare and economy can not support the millions of people that want to live here.

ENVIRONMENT: We need to restrict the products that we import from other countries that don't have any environmental regulations in place as with China. We are definitely moving in the right direct here with alternative sources of energy with solar and wind power. Fossile fuels we use today is not unlimited amount. It's projected that we will have used all the oil and gas in the world around the year 2068.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My Top priority is the War on Drugs. We are now in a drug epidemic with the abuse pf opioids abuse in this Country that is effecting almost every family in every State. From the poor to the rich, many have fallen. 116 people. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that's how many people died, per day, from opioid-related overdoses in 2016. That is unacceptable.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 25 years of Christian Volunteer Ministry work in W.Africa for 2 years as a Bible teacher in Ghana at a UN Refugee Camp ; Liberia, Nigeria, India & Churches/Ministries, 2 Christian TV stations, TBN, and TheCrossTV. My Mission is on Capitol Hill to lift up Jesus & Prayer in America and expose the Atheistic/ Anti-Biblical Agenda of the Democrat Leaders / Democrat Party.

HEALTH CARE: Want to work with Dana Rohrabacher and Corey Booker to legalize Cannabis/Marijuana to be legalized Federally as a Homeopathic Medicine & for Responsible 21yr old Adult usage, which studies have shown is a much safer alternative medicine. Websites advocating & educating are: <https://www.mpp.org/issues/medical-marijuana/> ; <http://www.marylandcannabispolicy.org/> ; <http://www.marylandnorml.org> .

DISCRIMINATION: Will promote Jesus's teachings of Loving our neighbor as ourself & forgiving our enemies, those who have offended. Matthew 5 And support current Anti-Discrimination laws on the books, which great American leaders pushed for, such as Pres. Lincoln; Dr Frederick Douglass, my biggest hero; & Dr. Martin Luther King . Promote Biblical Truth that Everyone is Equal as God has ordained Galatians 3:28

ECONOMIC POLICY: Support Pres Trump's Economic; Trade; Taxes; policies. Support putting Tariffs equal , Fair Trade, as Peter Navarro, Trump's Trade Policy Advisor, to resurrect Industries , destroyed by Bad Trade deals of Clinton, Bush Sr&Jr, Obama, NAFTA, China, Mexico, 800 Billion trade deficit Ross Perot warned millions of jobs lost. Support No Tax increases Pledge led by Grover Norquist group/book.

IMMIGRATION: My solution to DACA/DREAMERS NO AMNESTY CITIZENSHIP! NO WELFARE! CANNOT STEAL ELECTIONS for DEMOCRATS! LIFETIME GREEN CARD which gives RESIDENCY /WORK PERMIT . NO FAMILY CHAIN MIGRATION. Only for

Illegals physically here. STOP LEGAL IMMIGRATION until 2020!!! NO more ILLEGALS /GREEN CARD HOLDERS on WELFARE (75% currently). Must make Welfare illegal. E-VERIFY required for ALL EMPLOYMENT .

ENVIRONMENT: Promote Hydro Electric power as The Safest, Cleanest Energy source, should build more Hydro Electric Dams with the goal to replace all other Unclean Energy sources, especially Nuclear Power Plants, which all should be shut down ASAP, as 80% are leaking contaminating Water supplies. Also replace Coal. Goal to have 100% Hydro Power, as Norway has 98%. Clean up Chesapeake Bay with Oyster project.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Disagree w/Pres Trump on the Military budget. Would push to decrease the Military budget by 25% +(not Military service pay), rather the Billions wasted on Neverending spending on Weapons; Nuclear; etc. Cutting the Military Budget , provide Fed Funding \$1 Trillion Infrastructure, keep SocialServices STRONG. Stop Military invasions, for Defense. Cut NASA/CIA/NSA/FOREIGN AID/UN, except Israel.

Democratic Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant who served his country for nearly 28 years on active duty. Throughout my military career I was a servant of the people. The last 10 years of my military career I advocated for and represented over 100,000 service members and their families. Since 2008, I have been a top advocate in DOD advocating on behalf of Wounded Warriors and their families.

HEALTH CARE: HEALTH CARE FOR ALL: If you are accused of a crime and cannot afford a lawyer, you're provided a court appointed public defender free of charge, whether you're guilty or not. How can we not provide affordable or free healthcare for our citizens? I will fight to ensure every citizen be provided affordable health care or free, when you cannot afford it. Health care should be a human right.

DISCRIMINATION: As I did while on active duty in the military and as I do now as a Contract Program in the Department of Defense, I will continue to support policies that deter acts of discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex orientation, gender, disability, and age. I will also support policies that provide reasonable accommodations for disability citizens.

ECONOMIC POLICY: We need to scale back some of our foreign aid and military interventions to free up more money for use at home for infrastructure (roads, bridges, schools) and health care. We need to also raise the minimum wage based on the cost of living where one resides to allow individuals and families to at least purchase the basics of food, shelter, transportation costs, and entertainment to enjoy life.

IMMIGRATION: First, truly secure our borders to stop the flow of additional undocumented immigrants for security reasons. We're a sovereign country governed by laws. Crossing the border illegally is a violation of U.S. Immigration Laws. I support undocumented immigrants that are already here having a pathway to citizenship after background checks, paying fines, and

going through the official process.

ENVIRONMENT: Clean drinking water is one my top environmental concerns. Water is a necessity for us to survive. Waste products and industrial runoffs negatively impacts our drinking water. We need better enforcement of Best Management Practices in reducing pollutants in our water. I worry about greenhouse gas pollution and will push for continued fueled efficient vehicles.

OTHER PRIORITIES: CONGRESS: Advocate for and introduce legislation for term limits. Some Members are so focused on themselves and staying in Congress for life that they lose sight of the needs and issues of the people they represent. You, we the people, will be welcomed through the door of our office on Capitol Hill, not the corporate lobbyist, trying to make money off from us.

Steny H. Hoyer

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QUALIFICATIONS: Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been an effective and bipartisan leader who works to deliver results for my constituents. Economic development continues to be one of my top priorities and I am proud to have helped create and save 23,000 jobs. I remain dedicated to ensuring all Marylanders have access to middle class opportunities.

HEALTH CARE: The Affordable Care Act has provided thousands of families in Maryland with quality, affordable health care. Rather than undermining the law, Republicans in Congress and President Trump should work with Democrats to improve the law, and ensure the affordability of insurance and access to quality care.

DISCRIMINATION: Throughout my career in Congress and the Maryland Senate, I have taken a leading role in supporting legislation that ends discrimination. I was the primary House sponsor of the Americans with Disability Act, was instrumental as Majority Leader in repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell and passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, support legislation for equal pay and fought for voting rights.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I launched the Make It In America plan, to focus on boosting a declining American manufacturing sector. Since then, 19 bills have been signed into law, including legislation to cut taxes and provide loans for small businesses, speed up the patent process, train skilled workers, and end tax loopholes that encourage companies to ship jobs overseas. I began a listening tour to update the agenda.

IMMIGRATION: When President Trump ended the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in September 2017, he left hundreds of thousands of hardworking young people twisting in the wind. DREAMers know no other country than America, and it reprehensible that Congress has not come to a consensus on reinstating the DACA program. It's past time for Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

ENVIRONMENT: The most pressing challenge is the Trump Administration's actions to eliminate and undermine environmental protection and its denial of climate change. I have been a strong supporter of protecting our water, air and land.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will continue to protect our military installations like Pax River, Indian Head and Webster Field, and federal facilities as well as continue to advocate to bring the new, consolidated FBI Headquarters to Prince George’s County. I will also remain an advocate for our nation’s federal employees who keep our food safe, keep planes in the air, and protect our country and serve our people.

Maryland General Assembly

Senator District 29

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.

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: The state is divided into 47 legislative districts, and each district elects one State Senator.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

Questions

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

REDISTRICTING: What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

EDUCATION: What education policies would you support and how would you fund them?

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

TRANSPORTATION: What are your transportation priorities and how should they be funded?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jack Bailey

No responses received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the President of St. Mary's County's Commission on the Environment, Parliamentarian of St. Mary's College of Maryland's Alumni Council, and I have been employed by Fortune 500 companies as well as independently-owned small businesses in the community. I believe that my unique perspective as a pharmacist and bartender provide me with an ability to understand local concerns better than most.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that Maryland can set an example for other states by decreasing the gerrymandering of our districts. If we can show that we do not require complicated district lines to elect our representatives, we can provide a model that can be extrapolated nationwide, and I believe it is our duty to set that example.

ENVIRONMENT: I have identified 1) emissions from vehicles sitting in traffic congestion, 2) methane release from organic waste in landfills, and 3) nutrient runoff from agricultural land as the top challenges with solutions coming in the form of 1) traffic infrastructure funding, 2) industrial composting facilities and anaerobic digesters, and 3) oyster restoration initiatives.

DISCRIMINATION: I would support policies that address any form of discrimination that deprives an individual of their rights. I believe that Maryland has appropriate anti-discrimination legislation in place, but as problems arise or become evident, I would support legislation to address any issues that may emerge.

EDUCATION: I support Fix the Fund legislation that requires the Education Trust Fund from gambling tax revenue to be in addition to General Fund spending rather than allowing the Trust Fund to supplant the rest of the budget. With the extra resources, I support increasing student support staff to assist educators with overcrowded classes and social skill initiatives to improve social interactions.

HEALTH CARE: As a pharmacist, I believe the opioid epidemic is the most alarming health challenge facing Maryland, and I will address it by requiring prescribers and pharmacists to follow up appropriately on novice and chronic pain prescription patients. Furthermore, I support education initiatives that focus on diet and exercise, as these are the two most important subjects presently neglected by healthcare.

TRANSPORTATION: In my area, there are 3 transportation projects that have been identified

by MDOT SHA, but the funding for the later phases of the projects has not been a priority for our present representatives. I feel that I will do a better job of securing the funding of these phases. Instead of complaining about government spending, I will aim to retrieve the tax dollars that we have sent to Annapolis.

House of Delegates 29A

DUTIES: Delegates share responsibility with State Senators for enactment of the State's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland. This includes the approval of all state taxes and the spending budget for all state programs.

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: There are three Delegates for each of the 47 Senate districts for a state total of 141 Delegates. Most of the Delegate districts are three-member at-large districts, but some areas of the State have a district subdivided into three single-member districts, or a one single-member district and one multi-member district.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

Questions

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

REDISTRICTING: What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

EDUCATION: What education policies would you support and how would you fund them?

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

TRANSPORTATION: What are your transportation priorities and how should they be funded?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Proven leadership in community organizations: St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce, United Way of St. Mary's County, Medstar St. Mary's Hospital Board, Library Foundation, CSM Advisory Council. Extensive experience in Departments of Social Services in Southern Maryland working with community partners to improve the lives of vulnerable adults and children.

REDISTRICTING: Require districts to follow community lines. Take the process out of the hands of elected officials and create an independent citizens commission. Eliminate partisan guidelines such as party affiliation and location of incumbents

ENVIRONMENT: Protecting and improving our supply of clean air and clean water. Are our clean energy tax incentives effective? Are we making the best use of public/private partnerships to encourage the development of wind, solar and renewable energies? The solution lies in science, funding and stewardship to address these challenges

DISCRIMINATION: No one should face discrimination because of their race, gender, religion, disability or poverty and I would add age to those characteristics. Discrimination limits education, training, and employment and income generation opportunities. Discrimination often comes from ignorance and fear. I would champion commonsense policies to prevent discrimination.

EDUCATION: Policies to encourage school, family and community partnerships are key for student success. Schools can't do it alone. We must invest in early childhood mental health and crisis services for families, helping them get services before a crisis happens. Children who are physically and emotionally healthy and safe learn better.

HEALTH CARE: The opioid epidemic is a public health crisis with no quick cure. Prescription drug costs place a heavy burden on hard working families and those 65 and older. Employers struggle to provide affordable health insurance to their workers. Is it time for government price regulation for prescription drugs?

TRANSPORTATION: Priorities in line with those submitted by our County Commissioners in March 2018. Let's explore "hop-on hop-off" buses on Route 235 in the California – Lex Park corridor during the work week. Retrofitting sidewalks to encourage travel by foot. Let's explore funding for these last two suggestions via public/private partnerships

House of Delegates 29B

DUTIES: Delegates share responsibility with State Senators for enactment of the State's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland. This includes the approval of all state taxes and the spending budget for all state programs.

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: There are three Delegates for each of the 47 Senate districts for a state total of 141 Delegates. Most of the Delegate districts are three-member at-large districts, but some areas of the State have a district subdivided into three single-member districts, or a one single-member district and one multi-member district.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

Questions

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

REDISTRICTING: What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

EDUCATION: What education policies would you support and how would you fund them?

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

TRANSPORTATION: What are your transportation priorities and how should they be funded?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the incumbent, I've been performing the duties of the office for the past 4 years and am the Deputy Minority Whip of the House Judiciary Committee and Chair of the St Mary's County Delegation. In addition, my 20 years as a US Air Force officer in the logistics and information management career fields made me adept at managing complex systems and solving difficult problems.

REDISTRICTING: I support the creation of an independent nonpartisan commission to draw the district lines. I believe the Governor should have the ability to approve the commission's plan and send it to the General Assembly for a vote. The Governor and the General Assembly should not have the ability to amend the commission's plan; just the ability to approve or reject it.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of the Chesapeake Bay is the state's most significant challenge. I support expansion of caged aquaculture, rotational oyster harvest of the public bottoms with the state and counties re-seeding the oyster bars after harvesting, and oyster shell recycling. I support dredging sediment behind the Conowingo Dam to improve its ability to filter pollutants before they enter the bay.

DISCRIMINATION: The State of Maryland already have laws in place addressing discrimination in the first 4 areas. The legal barriers are removed and now society faces personal biases that are in the process of slowly changing in which laws can't transform. I support

lowering taxes and reducing regulations to improve economic and job opportunity for all. By doing this, people can lift themselves out of poverty.

EDUCATION: I support creating an education lock-box of the gaming revenues to supplement tax revenues currently funding education. The increased funding would allow local school districts to improve school safety, increase counselors and security staff, and allow for smaller classroom sizes. Also I support tax deductions for families educating their children in non-public schools.

HEALTH CARE: The failing health care insurance market is our most significant challenge. Rising premiums and co-pays are pricing citizens out of the market. I support the "Copper Plan" (House bill 1509) which would create another option for health insurance covering the Affordable Care Act's 10 essential benefits while cutting premiums by 24%.

TRANSPORTATION: My priorities include expanding the capacity of MD Rt 5 between Great Mills Rd & Rt 249 (Piney Point Rd) to reduce congestion, & replacing the TJ Bridge between St Mary's and Calvert Counties. Both would be paid out of the Transportation Trust Fund. My record shows I'm strong on safeguarding the Trust Fund and fighting for balance between urban mass transit projects & rural road improvements.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: This election is about leadership. After five years and three deployments as a United States Army Ranger, I have learned that no matter your background, race, gender, or religion, you must work with people. Countless combat operations have taught me that everyone matters when trying to accomplish a mission. Elected office is much like working on a military mission: you are serving for a purpose.

REDISTRICTING: An independent state panel should adopt the "efficiency gap" and conduct redistricting in every state using a four-prong test. 1. Data should draw the fairest boundary lines as a baseline. 2. Factor "communities of interest" so elected officials represent districts with similar communities. 3. Competitiveness should be factored so districts are even. 4. A federal panel reviews the efficiency gap.

ENVIRONMENT: We must combat nitrogen, phosphorous, and plastic pollution in the Bay to protect a \$5 billion economic engine. When elected, I will work to: Increase the number of oyster sanctuaries; Find solutions to replenish the Lwives; Support legislation to fix the Conowingo; Find practical solutions to help farmers combat pollution without inhibiting the industry or overburdening the farmers.

DISCRIMINATION: Same-day voter registration; Universal pre-K; Ensuring the demographics of students enrolled in education programs such as STEM reflect the demographics of the community; Paycheck transparency to prevent wage discrimination

EDUCATION: Education is an investment in our future, and I will place it first in our budget priorities. Reduction in actual class size is the first priority, then disciplinary measures; Increase in ancillary services; Target poverty through increased engagement and achievement in high-poverty areas; Increase mental health professionals; Increase para-professional support, especially K-2; Expand Early Ed.

HEALTH CARE: Health care costs rising faster than GDP is the most severe threat to America. I will support the All Payer System to ensure health care costs are capped at 3.58%. I will find innovative solutions for transportation to allow seniors to attend doctor's visits. Lastly, actively push for medical directives to keep costs lower, especially end-of-life care.

TRANSPORTATION: There are four major transportation projects that impact 29B residents: Expansion of Route 5 and Great Mills Road; Replacement of the Thomas Johnson Bridge; Expansion of Point Lookout Road; a four-way traffic light at the intersection of 235 and Buck Hewitt Rd. Additionally, I want to find an innovative point-to-point shuttle system. I will propose legislation to move these projects forward.

House of Delegates 29C

DUTIES: Delegates share responsibility with State Senators for enactment of the State's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland. This includes the approval of all state taxes and the spending budget for all state programs.

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: There are three Delegates for each of the 47 Senate districts for a state total of 141 Delegates. Most of the Delegate districts are three-member at-large districts, but some areas of the State have a district subdivided into three single-member districts, or a one single-member district and one multi-member district.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

Questions

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

REDISTRICTING: What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

EDUCATION: What education policies would you support and how would you fund them?

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

TRANSPORTATION: What are your transportation priorities and how should they be funded?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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Democratic Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a proven record of community leadership: served as Treasurer & Pres. of the MOMS Club of SoMD; served as Treasurer & Pres. of the Chesapeake Public Charter School Alliance; founded and served as Pres. & serve as VP of the Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra & Choir Board; serve as Secretary on the St. Mary's County Arts Council. Education: BA in French, Yale University; MLS, UMD College Park

REDISTRICTING: Redistricting is an issue that affects many states in our country, and I believe should be addressed at the federal level. In the age of big data, we need to have a common standard which can be applied. In addition, district lines should be drawn by an independent, non-partisan group and approved by the voters.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed is crucial to our watermen as well as to our tourism industry, our local economy and our residents' quality of life. I will work to ensure that policies implemented across the state will take into account the necessity for clean water in our region, and I will support environmental standards that will keep our land, air and water clean.

DISCRIMINATION: I will support policies that will create equity in education and the workforce. I will advocate for policies that will close the achievement gap and policies that will address economic equity. I will work to protect the rights of all of my constituents regardless of race, gender expression, sexual orientation, religion, disability or socio-economic status.

EDUCATION: We need to ensure an adequate funding formula for our schools in order to maintain high quality education for all children. Once this is in place, it will be easier to recruit and retain high quality educators by offering competitive salaries. Furthermore, additional funds must be made available for school safety enhancement and student mental health and counseling services.

HEALTH CARE: The opioid epidemic needs a coordinated approach targeting both primary prevention & treatment. State and County Health Depts. are working to coordinate efforts to combat the problem. I will ensure these departments have the resources necessary to maintain and increase their efforts as needed. I will also work on increasing the availability of health care in rural communities such as ours.

TRANSPORTATION: For my district, the Gov. Thomas Johnson bridge is a huge priority. The current structure is inadequate for the needs of our community. I will seek federal funding to

supplement MD's infrastructure budget. In addition, public transportation in my district is insufficient for the needs of the community. We should make more coordinated use of what is currently available and expand where needed.

St. Mary's Local Leaders

St. Mary's County Commissioner President

DUTIES: The Board of Commissioners exercises both executive and legislative powers granted to it by the laws of Maryland, though the Maryland General Assembly retains power to adopt laws applying specifically to St. Mary's County. The Commissioners adopt a budget for all county functions, including education, fire protection, and road maintenance. They also appoint a County Administrator who oversees the work of county agencies.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

Questions

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

BUDGET: What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased?

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools?

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: What steps would you take to increase the availability of affordable housing for county residents?

INFRASTRUCTURE: How would you address issues such as traffic congestion, transportation needs, and improvements to public facilities in the county?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Randy Guy

QUALIFICATIONS: Have served as President of St Mary's County Commissioners the past Three plus years. Served on Board of Appeals 5 plus years, Elect to Central Committee for four years and served 26 years in the U.S. Air Force. It has been an honor to serve the people of St. Mary's County and hope to continue serving.

BUDGET: We must balance our budget yearly with the resources that we receive from the citizens. We must provide the needed services that they need to have a good quality of life. Good Schools, Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS services, Parks and Recreation facility's. Do to recent events, increase in school and law enforcement my need additional funds.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We have developed a master plan for the county the past

few years with master development around the town centers and major work areas.

EDUCATION: We have meet school MOE the last four budget cycles, plus Millions More for teacher salary increases and text books/computer soft wear upgrades. I have always said: Educated society is a successful society.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We are fortunate to have a large Department of Defense presence, but I see a need to expand Economic Development past DOD with concentration on small business that complements our DOD partner. That is why much has been directed to our local airport area with UAV Technology a big player. We have incorporated tax incentives at County level to attract new business and growth of existing business.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We have put in place tax incentives for three different rental/townhouse developments in FY 2018. We continue to update our development plans to attract developers to build affordable housing.

INFRASTRUCTURE: This has been a challenge since our state government over 10 years ago changed our share of highway revenue. We are constantly fighting with MDOT to fix and upgrade our highway system. We are presently working to complete FDR Blvd. This should help with traffic problems on RT 235.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the SMC Zoning Board of Appeals, as a member and as their Chairman. Also, I serve on the Planning Commission, as a member and as their Chairman for the past few years. I serve as the president of Christmas In April. I am a manager for the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Education. Leadership is very important in all of these jobs and has helped prepare me for this position.

BUDGET: The Board of Education and the Sheriff's Department are on my list of budgets to be increased. The BOE needs to provide quality education for all students, by educators that are treated fairly through equitable pay & benefits. Our Sheriff's Dept needs support to provide safety for children & citizens. I would have to review, with our budget office and dept heads, any decreases that may take place.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I would like to review, with LUGM and commissioners, any changes or ideas that may enhance our land use policies. Our county is rapidly changing, and we need to make sure our policies are compatible with the future. Working with the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals has given me insight on what is needed for our county's future. We need to make sure we can protect our county

EDUCATION: We have to make sure that we keep our present funding and find ways to increase it if necessary. We have to provide adequate funding to provide safe and secure, up to date schools. To ensure that our educators are the best we can provide for our children, we have to come up with the funding for competitive wages and benefits. I will work locally and with the state to provide what is needed.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Incentives. Work with the state (Governor's Office) to find ways to

provide incentives to bring/keep technological & commercial business opportunities to our county. Our Governor has been successful at this. We have a lot of open commercial space in the county. By working with our contractor community, find ways that would make it easier for them to utilize more of this space.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We need to work in conjunction with our state representatives to find ways to offer developers incentives to provide more workforce & affordable housing in our county. Work with developers to provide a percentage of their developments to provide this. Our Planning Commission has seen only a few of these opportunities. Our development district, with its high density zoning, is the place for this

INFRASTRUCTURE: I have tried from my seat on the Planning Commission to get MDOT/SHA/DPW more involved and aware of the traffic problems that impact our county. It's of local and national importance that we provide the road system, and oversight of its completion, that is needed to protect our count's investment in Pax River. I will be in Annapolis as often as necessary to make sure our message is heard.

St. Mary's County Commissioner District 1

DUTIES: The Board of Commissioners exercises both executive and legislative powers granted to it by the laws of Maryland, though the Maryland General Assembly retains power to adopt laws applying specifically to St. Mary's County. The Commissioners adopt a budget for all county functions, including education, fire protection, and road maintenance. They also appoint a County Administrator who oversees the work of county agencies.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Each Commissioner represents one of 4 council districts, but all voters in the County get to vote for the candidates from all districts.

Questions

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

BUDGET: What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased?

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools?

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: What steps would you take to increase the availability of affordable housing for county residents?

4INFRASTRUCTURE: How would you address issues such as traffic congestion, transportation needs, and improvements to public facilities in the county?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Eric Scott Colvin

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a graduate of the Citizen Academy and a member/former chair of the Commission for People with Disabilities, I have a strong familiarity with county government. I have a BA from Salisbury University in Political Science and History and an MBA from The College of William and Mary, and my career as a financial analyst is to help manage budgets (funded by taxpayers) in the millions of dollars.

BUDGET: The county government employees work hard and provide exceptional services to residents using tight budgets. Before any programs are decreased I would need to do a careful analysis of the success of the program, the usage by county citizens, and the funding requirements/sources for the program. The budget is a delicate balance and I am impressed and proud of the great work of our county staff.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: It is vitally important before making any changes to land use policy to examine any impacts it would have on property owners. St. Mary's County must continue to work closely in partnership with the base in order to ensure air space is protected in the AICUZ. We need to remain as flexible as possible to encourage creative use of the AICUZ space and help with revitalization in Lexington Park.

EDUCATION: The key to a good relationship between the Commissioners and the Board of Education is open communication. I will advocate that the funding for the BoE budget be the first area discussed in the budget process, not the last. The running of the school system is the responsibility of the elected BoE, not the commissioners, and I intend to respect that division of responsibilities.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I will rely on the Dept of Economic Development's Strategic Plan to Build an Innovation Driven Economy. I applaud the decision to create a more flexible economic development board. In all decisions I want to be conscious of any impact to our heritage of farmers and watermen. I am excited about the push to make a center of excellence for UAS and the expansion of the airport as a business hub.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Affordable housing is an important concern for St. Mary's County with critical ripple effects to our local economy. One excellent way to increase the availability of affordable housing is through the use of the Affordable Housing Project Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement. The idea is that a developer will build affordable housing on vacant property in exchange for future discounted property tax.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Traffic congestion is a huge infrastructure problem in our county. 1st, complete FDR Boulevard, something that should have been completed years ago. 2nd, I fully support Sheriff Cameron's re-instituting the Traffic Safety Council and will help to implement the recommendations in their strategic traffic safety plan. 3rd, work closely with our state delegation to advocate for a replacement bridge.

Mike Daras

No responses received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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No responses received by deadline.

St. Mary's County Commissioner District 2

DUTIES: The Board of Commissioners exercises both executive and legislative powers granted to it by the laws of Maryland, though the Maryland General Assembly retains power to adopt laws applying specifically to St. Mary's County. The Commissioners adopt a budget for all county functions, including education, fire protection, and road maintenance. They also appoint a County Administrator who oversees the work of county agencies.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Each Commissioner represents one of 4 council districts, but all voters in the County get to vote for the candidates from all districts.

Questions

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

BUDGET: What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased?

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools?

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: What steps would you take to increase the availability of affordable housing for county residents?

INFRASTRUCTURE: How would you address issues such as traffic congestion, transportation needs, and improvements to public facilities in the county?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: A 55 year resident of St Mary's County, attended Piney Point Elementary, Esperanza Middle and Great Mills High schools. Graduated from St Mary's College of Maryland and owned/operated a small business in the County for 37 of it's 53 years in

business. My service to the County includes, St Mary's County Planning Commission, Board of Education, Zoning Board of Appeals and County Commissioner.

BUDGET: With current challenges facing the Board of Education, the budget for school safety should be increased and the negotiated teacher agreement should be funded. The Sheriff's budget needs close review to make sure allotted funding meets the needs of making our County safe. The Homestead Tax Credit should be reduced from 5% to 3% to benefit more seniors and homeowners on fixed incomes.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: County completed a study of the land use polices in a document called the Zucker Report. This report contained over 200 recommendations to improve the process. The current timeline for permit approvals is to long and to cumbersome. The process needs to be more user friendly to the average citizen and not require the use of professional engineers and surveyors who drive up the costs of permits.

EDUCATION: The County already funds public education above State required levels but more funding is necessary due to safety challenges and attracting and retaining qualified teachers and staff. The current Board of Commissioners have raised per pupil funding from last in the State up five notches to 19th. While 19th is not acceptable it is better than 24th and a step in the right direction. We can do more.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The County currently provides a tax incentive for companies who expand or open new businesses that create 10 or more new jobs. These tax incentives will keep companies from leaving the area and encourage job expansion. Streamlining the permit process to gain faster approval of commercial properties will create jobs faster. Expansion of educational opportunities at CSM and Higher Ed Center too.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The County currently has 10 PILOT programs that reduce property taxes if property owners commit to lower rents for county residents. These programs insure housing for teachers, deputies, young professionals starting out the careers and other groups affected by the high costs of living in the county. This is another process that needs streamlining and faster approvals as rents are to high for most.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Completion for FDR Blvd is a priority to ease traffic congestion on MD RT235. FDR will provide an alternative route in case of disruptions on RT235. Improved bus transportation in the County and on NAS Patuxent River will reduce traffic on State and County roads. Thomas Johnson bridge replacement, improvements to RT235/4 and RT5/Great Mills road intersections are top priorities too.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a retired Navy civilian with almost 35 yrs of leadership & experience: Listening to and serving my customers & taxpayers; Solving challenging problems & putting solutions in place; Leading & working on diverse teams; Improving processes and

delivering results. I'm a mother & grandmother; community focused and active, having served on various local school & county organizations since the 1980s.

BUDGET: I believe policy & priorities drive budget. I'll use my experience to identify waste, reduce costs, innovate & increase efficiencies without impacting services. A fundamental value of mine—our County budget must take care of the people who serve us—public safety & health officials, educators, & county workers. When they know they're valued, they'll take good care of us, providing valued services.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: It's important to me to preserve & enhance our County's character and improve quality of life for all residents. The vision of the 2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan is an integrated approach balancing current & future needs. I will work to assure we continue with such policies, support our citizens with convenient & responsive services, affordable housing, well-paying jobs & healthy surroundings.

EDUCATION: I will ensure appropriate funding to achieve favorable outcomes that value our educators, increase parental participation, and encourage continued community & business engagement. I am committed to our public schools knowing they are a critical investment, building a foundation for opportunities and benefits that contribute to and sustain a thriving local economy, now and into the future.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I will strengthen & continue current efforts to create & broaden 21st century opportunities by leveraging our local knowledge, experience & resources; cultivating talent & innovation; promoting our products; and infusing the spirit of community into these efforts. I will stimulate school, business & other partnerships to foster internships, skills training & increase inventory of entry-level jobs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: This is a priority for me. I will work to eliminate barriers preventing affordable housing for residents and working families; create public-private partnerships to convert and build more; in new housing developments, let's require percentage of units set aside for residents with moderate incomes and disabilities; continue Patuxent Cove Apartments pilot and expand concept to other areas.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I will focus on the long-term and continue County and base collaboration: on 235 designate HOV/bus & bike lanes; bring MTA & STS buses to PAX; Expand STS routes & hours, establish defined bus stops. Proposed plans exist for TJ Bridge, Great Mills & 5, and to get them done, we may need to be creative in funding our local priorities. Increase broadband internet access & availability for all areas.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a retired federal government employee, I have worked in many capacities. As a Federal Business Financial Manager, I efficiently administered programs and policies, effectively execute budgets, and proficiently manage people. Volunteering on county boards and commissions have prepared me for the role of a County Commissioner.

BUDGET: I do not believe in arbitrarily decreasing funds in one program to increase another. I

believe in reviewing and understanding an entire budget, its purpose and the associated requirements before making a very educated and agreed to budget decision that affect every program.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: It is essential to protect our rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Growing up in St Mary's County, I understand the importance of the waterways to our area. For decades the waterways and Chesapeake Bay have been the primary source of income to many families. Storm water inspections is an area for stiffer control measures.

EDUCATION: As a Commissioner, I will insist upon higher recruitment standards. The children of St. Mary's County deserve the opportunity to receive a high quality education and our children deserve an opportunity to learn in a safe environment. I will also work to ensure our educators and support personnel are fairly compensated.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Economic development and growth is critical to Southern Maryland. We cannot totally depend on the Naval Air Systems Command for economic sustainability. I will work as a team member of the Board of County Commissioners to seek diverse economic development opportunities to create future jobs and economic growth.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Eliminating substandard housing and homelessness is a must for St. Mary's County. I will work with public and private homeowner partnerships to build and upgrade homeless shelter to 21st Century standards and secure affordable homes. I will push for home buyer education, counseling, and financial capability workshops.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Traffic congestion is an issue I will address additional commuter bus services with inter-connections; additional park and ride areas for ride sharing, particularly for those commuting to/from the southern corridor of the county (California/Lexington Park areas); Long range improvements include discussions with neighboring counties for support of a Light Rail System.

St. Mary's County Commissioner District 3

DUTIES: The Board of Commissioners exercises both executive and legislative powers granted to it by the laws of Maryland, though the Maryland General Assembly retains power to adopt laws applying specifically to St. Mary's County. The Commissioners adopt a budget for all county functions, including education, fire protection, and road maintenance. They also appoint a County Administrator who oversees the work of county agencies.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Each Commissioner represents one of 4 council districts, but all voters in the County get to vote for the candidates from all districts.

Questions

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

BUDGET: What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased?

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools?

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: What steps would you take to increase the availability of affordable housing for county residents?

INFRASTRUCTURE: How would you address issues such as traffic congestion, transportation needs, and improvements to public facilities in the county?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: A graduate of The Johns Hopkins University and 18 years of public service through the US Army, local, and County Service. My service as a County Commissioner has also given me the knowledge and understanding of the dynamic needs of St Mary's County. All of this knowledge, understanding, and life experience allows me to keep a balanced approach to keeping a responsible future for our County

BUDGET: Non-Profit Funding (Increase), Public Safety (Increase), School Systems (Increase), Roadway improvements and vital infrastructure (Increase). I do not see how any of the vital functions of County Government could be decreased without the quality of service to our citizens suffering. Increasing in one area means balancing in less critical areas to avoid tax increases. It also means accountability.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I have worked hard to ensure we maintain our rural legacy while keeping in line with planned and managed growth. If this was three years ago I would have a list a mile long, but significant changes to Land Use and Growth Management have been implemented. We have preserved more land than any other county in the State of Maryland. Growth will happen, but It's how you manage the growth that counts.

EDUCATION: I am currently working on a comprehensive tax reform package for St Mary's County that will help support the school systems long-term mission, negotiated association agreements. This will call for Tax cuts, Fee cuts, consolidation, and realigning how funds are allocated to support the school systems budget. This will ensure BOE is directly responsible to the people of the county for spending.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The current board has taken an aggressive approach to economic development. Offering the first tax break incentive package for businesses that move to the county and we have leveraged our aviation/technology ability to target those rapidly growing industries. This board has created the first technology incubator located at St Mary's Airport and empowered our staff to take bold steps for job growth

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Ensuring affordable and safe housing is important. I will continue to work diligently with our industry partners, non-profit groups, and the St Mary's Housing Authority. The housing options and programs they offer have been invaluable. This board of commissioners has issued millions in tax credits to help affordable and sustainable housing programs that also serve neighborhood revitalization.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Since taking office I have supported and aggressively pushed for the

completion of FDR Blvd. I am proud to say it will be finished in just under two years. Opening a major roadway that was long overdue. I will continue improving our STS transportation system as our ridership is growing. I have always been an advocate of fixing our outdated infrastructure. I will never kick the can down the road.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

St. Mary's County Commissioner District 4

DUTIES: The Board of Commissioners exercises both executive and legislative powers granted to it by the laws of Maryland, though the Maryland General Assembly retains power to adopt laws applying specifically to St. Mary's County. The Commissioners adopt a budget for all county functions, including education, fire protection, and road maintenance. They also appoint a County Administrator who oversees the work of county agencies.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Each Commissioner represents one of 4 council districts, but all voters in the County get to vote for the candidates from all districts.

Questions

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

BUDGET: What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased?

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools?

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: What steps would you take to increase the availability of affordable housing for county residents?

INFRASTRUCTURE: How would you address issues such as traffic congestion, transportation needs, and improvements to public facilities in the county?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Todd B. Morgan

No responses received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

St. Mary's County Offices

St. Mary's County Treasurer

DUTIES: The Treasurer is responsible for collection of the majority of all county funds, has custody of and disburses County funds such as: county property taxes, personal property taxes, revenues from permit fees, land-fill income, water and sewer payments, gambling and liquor license fees. Acts as agent of the State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the registration of motor vehicles.

TERM: Four (4) years as specified in public local law.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

Questions

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
- 2. CHALLENGES:** What do you see as the most important challenge for this office in the next year, and how would you address it?
- 3. OUTREACH:** Should this office work to increase public understanding of the income-based property tax credits that are available to low-income County residents? If yes, how?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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No responses received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

St. Mary's County State's Attorney

DUTIES: The State's Attorney prosecutes any cases in St. Mary's County in which the State may be interested. St. Mary's County State's Attorney Office has four Divisions: Circuit Court: Criminal Division, Circuit Court: Child Support Division, Circuit Court: Juvenile Division, and District Court Division.

TERM: Four (4) years. * Must be a member of the Maryland State Bar Association.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election

Questions

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

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you implement to prevent discrimination in law enforcement?

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: In what situations would you recommend alternatives to prison in sentencing persons convicted of crimes?

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: How will you address the growing problem of substance abuse?

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: How will you address the problems of domestic violence?

OTHER PRIORITIES: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Richard D. Fritz

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No responses received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

St. Mary's County Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the office that performs many administrative duties for the Circuit Court, including the maintenance of court records. Other duties include recording of deeds and collecting taxes and fees based on property transactions, issuing licenses for fishing, hunting, sales of liquor and marriage. The Clerk also performs civil wedding ceremonies and processes passport applications.

TERM: Four (4) years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

Questions

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

AREAS OF NEED: What are the areas of greatest need in the Clerk's office and how would you address them?

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: How will you improve service by the Clerk's office to the public?

PRIORITIES: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Pete Cucinotta

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a veteran and have 40+ years of professional experience in the criminal justice and court system. I have been a supervisor, administrator and manager. The last 13 years I have served the Circuit Court for St Mary's County as the Drug Court Manager. I have supervised large staffs, managed large budgets, and completed audits from federal, state and local agencies. I earned a BS and MA.

AREAS OF NEED: Complete the transition to the paperless file system (MDEC). Assure staff and customers fully incorporate it's capabilities into the management system. Support staff to improve morale and make sure staff are working on common goals. Bring staff positions to fully authorized levels.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: The Clerk's office has a variety of customers. The judiciary, legal community and general public. As our community changes we must become more sensitive to the special needs, particularly of the general public. In the areas of language or disabilities, the Clerk's office must be prepared to meet their needs. Many people may only have one encounter with the clerk's office in their life.

PRIORITIES: My priorities will be to assure the office delivers a level of professionalism and customer service which exceeds the expectations of all our customers. This will be accomplished by supporting staff, fostering a positive work environment, providing staff the tools to perform their duties and strengthening the relationship with all our customers.

Debbie Mills Burch

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have almost 29 years of service to the State of MD all revolving around customer service, starting with the MD State Police as a dispatcher, Exec. Admin. Asst. to Dir.(s) at DSS and the last 14 years with MD Judiciary as a courtroom, juvenile, criminal, civil and jury clerk. I am experienced in a wide variety of admin. duties, court functions and procedures and customer service.

AREAS OF NEED: The Clerk's Office is a great office. As with any State of Maryland Office, we can always use the newest in technology and updated technology/equipment. I would make sure that we can continue to obtain/maintain all updated programs, equipment and training as needed.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I want to continue to provide knowledgeable and accurate information in a prompt, professional and courteous manner all while maintaining the highest integrity of the Clerk's Office and its staff.

PRIORITIES: Maintaining its integrity and customer service.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Faye Wheeler

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QUALIFICATIONS: 25 Years with Clerk's office. Hired by Evelyn Arnold as Deputy Clerk, Civil Court and Juvenile. Under Clerk Joan Williams in 2009, I advanced to Lead Judicial Worker, this included all legal matters, Civil, Criminal and Juvenile. In 2013, became Acting Supervisor for Criminal/Juvenile/Jury, advancing to permanent supervisor in June 2013 to present.

AREAS OF NEED: Create a smoother flow of information and documentation between the Judiciary, State's Attorney, Law Enforcement, attorneys and all agencies by addressing issues before problems arise. Work to help secure from the Maryland Judiciary and Administrative Office financial support to the Clerk's Office to keep qualified personnel to discourage turnover.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: Insist all Clerk staff give the public courteous, professional and efficient service -- stressing that respect and kindness will go a long way. Though the staff is prohibited from completing forms or requests for documentation, research documents, or give legal advice to the public, they can certainly be helpful in pointing the public in the correct area/department or agency for searching

PRIORITIES: Smoother flow of information for everyone by working closely with all Judiciary to elevate issues between Clerk personnel and their offices. Work to improve all inter-office interactions and moral. Making the MDEC e-Filing system (recently mandated) more user friendly for all staff, pro-se litigants, Judiciary and attorneys.

St. Mary's County Register of Wills

DUTIES: The Register of Wills is responsible for administration of all estates. Admits wills to probate; appoints Personal Representatives; audits accounts; determines/collects fees, costs and State inheritance tax; maintains all records and a depository for Wills of the living. Acts as Clerk to the Orphans' Court.

TERM: Four (4) years.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

Questions

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

AREAS OF NEED: What are the areas of greatest need in the Orphans' Court system and how would you address them?

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: How will you improve the service provided by the Register's office to the public?

PRIORITIES: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Phyllis A. Superior

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QUALIFICATIONS: I began working in the Office of the Register of Wills in May 2003. In December, 2010 I was appointed Chief Deputy/Administrator. During my 15 years working in the office I have overseen every aspect of the office. Prior to my employment with the Register of Wills, I was employed as a Paralegal for the Law Offices of Karen H. Abrams for seven years.

AREAS OF NEED: As the population in the county increases, the number of contested estates has grown. As the clerk to the Orphans' Court, I plan to work hard to ensure that the hearings are scheduled and adjudicated in a timely manner. Along with my staff, I will strive to provide assistance to the families who have lost a loved one deal with the complexities of the probate process.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: As Register I will offer public speaking and educational services to the community. I would like to educate the public of the vast resources of estate records maintained in our office and assist them in their genealogy research. I will work with the Maryland Register of Wills Association for continued improvement in the services offered to our constituents such as the online estate search.

PRIORITIES: I look forward to providing the citizens of St. Mary's County the same efficient, professional and caring service that I have provided for the past 15 years and continuing the tradition of outstanding public service that the Register of Wills office is known for.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

St. Mary's County Judge of the Orphans' Court

DUTIES: The Maryland Orphans' Court is the state's probate court. It also has jurisdiction over guardianship of minors. The Orphans' Court supervises the handling of estates of people who have died – with or without a will – while owning property in their sole name.

TERM: Four years, no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide. Candidates for Orphans' Court Judge must be Maryland citizens and residents of their jurisdiction for at least 12 months before their election.

Questions

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

DISCRIMINATION: How can the courts address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

COURT NEEDS: What are the greatest needs of the Orphans' Court and how can these be addressed?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Albert "Allie" Babcock

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No responses received by deadline.

Bill Mattingly

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have four years experience as a Judge of the Orphan's Court. I very much enjoy helping people navigate through this difficult and stressful time in their lives. I am uniquely qualified to understand the delicate balance that is needed to make decisions related to this process. In the end the Will of the decedent is what must be adhered to. I believe common sense must also be used.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination has no place in the process. The facts of the Will should prevail. There must be no hidden agenda when administering the law. However, we are placed in this position to help everyone regardless of their race, gender, religion, disability or poverty. I adhered to these principles on the bench and will continue to do so.

COURT NEEDS: I served for four years and found the office and the staff to be very qualified. That being said, I do feel more training for the staff is needed to keep them current. Also, Judicial and probate continuing education is always needed. St. Mary's County is growing and with that comes more workload. The staff and the judges must always participate in continuing education for their positions.

Michael R. White

No responses received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Deborah J. Curtis

No responses received by deadline.

Julie Randall

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am married, have 3 children and 2 grandsons and have lived in St. Mary's County over 40 years. I recently retired as a Government Contractor, responsible for a \$155M+ organization. I have served as President of the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners and School Board. I currently serve the community as officer/member of many nonprofits and continue my lifelong advocacy for disabled citizens

DISCRIMINATION: Addressing discrimination must begin with the officers of the courts. They must not only uphold nondiscrimination laws, they must believe that discrimination of any kind has no place in our society. They must be a role model for the community in this regard.

Officers of the court must be first in recognizing discrimination and working to confront and eradicate it in the courtroom and community.

COURT NEEDS: The Orphans' Court needs educated responsible Judges whose business, leadership and community backgrounds support their ability to act as probate in St. Mary's County. This includes working closely with the Register of Wills to ensure estate distributions are made to the proper heirs and beneficiaries and carrying out the serious responsibility of jurisdiction over guardianships of minors.

St. Mary's County Sheriff

DUTIES: The County Sheriff is the Chief Executive Law Enforcement Officer for the primary law enforcement agency within the territorial boundaries of St. Mary's County. The Sheriff manages the crime and traffic enforcement efforts, crime prevention and control efforts, and coordinates law enforcement activities within St. Mary's County. The Sheriff has direct responsibility for court and judicial security and overall responsibility for county jail operations.

TERM: Four (4) years. * Must be 25 years of age and a state resident for at least five (5) years.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

Questions

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

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: How would you reach out to county residents to improve public safety?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you implement to prevent discrimination in law enforcement?

OTHER PRIORITIES: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Tim Cameron

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 37 years of progressive law enforcement and public safety experience, and currently serving my third term as Sheriff of St. Mary's County. As a career peace officer I have attended significant specialty law enforcement training, management and leadership courses such as the FBI Command School . I received my B.S.in Management and M.S. in Management from Johns Hopkins University.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: As Sheriff I have broadened the use of social media, our web site, and community meetings to engage the citizens of St. Mary's County. We routinely host and participate in a variety of community meetings with stakeholders to enlist participation in our community policing efforts. The Sheriff's Office utilizes a number of specialty platforms such as NIXLE.COM to securely pass along emergency

DISCRIMINATION: The Sheriff's Office commitment to bias and discrimination free policing begins with the screening process during pre-employment, reinforced during our entrance level academy with RITE training , during in-service training, and in our comprehensive agency policies and procedures prohibiting any type of discrimination, or bias based policing.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My goal has been, and continues to be, establishing our Sheriff's Office as a premier law enforcement agency that is responsible and accountable to the community. This is best accomplished by establishing a long term vision, strategic planning, and developing a Sheriff's Office reflective of its diverse communities. Working with our Citizens to improve the quality of life in their communities.

What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse?The Sheriff's Office has been a leader in engaging, and educating our community on the Opioid Public Health emergency. Through partnerships with local stakeholders we have held a number of educational summits, forums, and trainings. We support the use of Narcan in the community, have a drug take back program, and continue to investigate, charge, and arrest dealers.
www.sheriffcameron.com

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QUALIFICATIONS: My leadership traits have been developed through years of responsible and challenging leadership roles as a Commanding Officer for 150-300 personnel involving combat operations while deployed overseas as well as high-risk flight test operations. I also now have 12+ years of business experience developing and executing budgets, building teams and positive working relationships with other agencies.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: I believe that an expansive and effective community policing efforts are needed for better communication with communities and an ultimate improvement in safety for our residents. With adequate sheriff's office personnel, this could be done through visible patrols and face-to-face interaction with county residents. Additionally, school resource officers are needed at all middle and high schools.

DISCRIMINATION: I would ensure there is clear and ethical guidance for all personnel along with periodic training. Discrimination in any form cannot be tolerated and any complaint would be thoroughly investigated and I would provide the needed leadership and mentorship based on my experience leading very diverse workforces in highly stressful situations. Feedback to the community will be completed.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Improve retention through positive leadership and mentorship, effective liaison with Commissioners and the MD State Police. Provide an increased emphasis on recruitment, which will provide sufficient personnel for all departments. Fully fund the

renovation and expansion of the adult detention center. Require a minimum service obligation for officers graduating from the police academy.

What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse? For the opioid crisis in St. Mary's County I would have aggressive enforcement and pursuit of drug traffickers and a positive working relationship with the state's attorneys office that would hopefully result in an increase in convictions and jail time for offenders. Along with education and treatment, be an effective part of the fight against drug abuse.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Ted Belleavoine

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No responses received by deadline.

St. Mary's Party Offices

St. Mary's County Republican Central Committee

DUTIES: Voters participate in governing the national, state, and local party in their selection of members of the county party central committee. The county central committee sets local party policy and assists local candidates and chooses representatives to the state central committee. The state party committee, in turn, sets the state party's policies, assists state-wide candidates and selects Maryland's representatives on the national party committee. The national party committee sets the rules for nominating candidates for President and assists candidates for federal office. In Maryland, party central committees fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary.

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 1.

Bryan M. II Barthelme

No responses received by deadline.

Jacinta Bottoms-Spencer

No responses received by deadline.

Jennifer Hayden Boyd

No responses received by deadline.

Kevin Cioppa

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am presently the vice-chair of the St. Mary's County Republican Central Committee. I have served on the committee for approximately seven years. During that time, I have helped coordinate the schedule for our county fair and tables at early voting, primary day, and election day. I have also coordinated our party's presence at community events, such as Relay for Life and Juneteenth.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I would not make any changes in the party's process for nominating a candidate for president. I firmly believe that the primary system offers the fairest opportunity for all voices to be heard.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: While I understand the desire of unaffiliated voters to be heard during the primary process, I do believe that the nominee of a party should be chosen by the members of that particular party. I would hope that our party can do as complete a job as possible in communicating our message, intentions, and platform to all voters, including those who are unaffiliated.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: I would like our party to continue to grow. In order to do that, we must communicate a positive and coherent message to all voters. We need to emphasize our platform of economic growth and opportunity for all through lower taxes and decreased regulation on the business community.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would continue to have central committees send nominations to the governor and have the governor decide from there, as it presently works. I would be open to having that seat decided during the next election cycle, even if the presidential year is more immediate. However, I would not hold a special election just for one seat, due to the financial burden this would impose on the taxpayers.

Joe DiMarco

No responses received by deadline.

Cody Hance

No responses received by deadline.

Jodi Stanalonis

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No response received by deadline.

Karen P. Wathen

No responses received by deadline.

David Willenborg

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the Republican Central Committee from 2009 to 2012, and then again starting in 2014 to present day. I have gone to all but one MD GOP State Convention since my first, the fall 2008 convention. I have served as Communications Director, Vice Chairman, and two times as Chairman. Under my leadership our county won the MD GOP Outstanding County Award, and gained a GOP Voter Majority

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No changes should be made.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I oppose opening the Republican Primary to unaffiliated voters. The purpose of a primary is for a political party to select their candidates for the general election. I am against any changes that would allow that process to be manipulated by other political parties, or political organizations.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Increase the number of registered Republican Voters in St. Mary's County, and continue to support quality candidates as they run for public office.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Beyond meeting the legal requirements to assume the office I would be looking for a candidate that has a record of public service, would not be under the Hatch Act due to their employment, and someone who will represent the will of the voter. I would ensure that multiple candidates would be submitted to the governor, and that the selection process would be performed as directed by MD GOP bylaws.

St. Mary's County Democratic Central Committee Female

DUTIES: Voters participate in governing the national, state, and local party in their selection of members of the county party central committee. The county central committee sets local party policy and assists local candidates and chooses representatives to the state central committee. The state party committee, in turn, sets the state party's policies, assists state-wide candidates

and selects Maryland's representatives on the national party committee. The national party committee sets the rules for nominating candidates for President and assists candidates for federal office. In Maryland, party central committees fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary.

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 1.

Diana D. Donahue

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QUALIFICATIONS: I spent much of the over three decades in my career advocating for those in disadvantaged or powerless positions. I have also interacted with people from all walks of life. My life experiences have given me a sense of perspective, as well as an appreciation of the struggles many people go through every day to raise their families or even just to exist. I can use that perspective in office.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The Democratic Party should do away with the whole Superdelegate process. Each delegate should have one vote.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I believe unaffiliated voters should have the opportunity to vote in primary elections. I do not advocate opening the primary to voters registered as members of other parties.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My priority for the party is to put up candidates who reflect traditional Democratic values—strengthening the middle class, establishing a strong public education system, and providing help for those who, through no fault of their own, cannot currently help themselves.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would look at potential replacement candidates to determine what their values are and how they would approach problem-solving for their constituents, rather than who their sponsors are or how well they have supported entrenched officials.

Heather Marin Earhart

No responses received by deadline.

Laura Hart

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QUALIFICATIONS: I worked on President Obama campaign in 2008 and was Saint Mary's County canvassing coordinator for Obama for America in 2012. I have grassroots experience and organizing experience as a board member of Equality Maryland and the United ENDA Coalition. The role of a central committee member is grassroots activism and volunteer recruitment

something i've been doing for more than a decade.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I would like to see primaries organized regionally (such as middle Atlantic state) and have the order rotate. Too much influence is given to the early states, many of which have demographics that do not represent the country as a whole. All states should have closed primaries. Caucuses are not democratic. If you are not a part of a party why would you think you should have influence.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: The candidates are the ones who have to appeal to the unaffiliated voters. The central committee has to be focused on expanding our voting base.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Campaign finance reform, voting rights protection, medical care access to all, climate change, education in general and college debt.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: First and foremost is electability. We need people in office that reflect the political realities of St. Mary's County. We need people who understand this county's specific needs.

Caroline Miller King

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No responses received by deadline.

Jane Loughran

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QUALIFICATIONS: I graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a BA in Social Science with focuses in both political science and sociology. I have over 40 years of experience in for-profit and non-profit administration as well as volunteer serving on the Economic Development Commission, Housing Authority, Hospice of St. Mary's and CASA. Through these, I have demonstrated a commitment to the community.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

St. Mary's County Democratic Central Committee Male

DUTIES: Voters participate in governing the national, state, and local party in their selection of members of the county party central committee. The county central committee sets local party policy and assists local candidates and chooses representatives to the state central committee. The state party committee, in turn, sets the state party's policies, assists state-wide candidates and selects Maryland's representatives on the national party committee. The national party committee sets the rules for nominating candidates for President and assists candidates for

federal office. In Maryland, party central committees fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary.

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 1.

Bill Bates

No response received by deadline.

Michael D. Brown

No responses received by deadline.

Collin Jay Foster

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a DCC member, one must be engaged with voters, in tune with the party platform, active in the community, and dedicated to every race there is. At the young age of 17, I'm already doing just that. I'm currently registering young people to vote, hosting several candidate events for the public, actively involved in the 29B election, and much more.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: There's plenty of stuff that needs to get done in the party. Firstly, super-delegates should NEVER be part of the nominating process. Secondly, incumbents of any level of government should have NO effect on the primary process. Closing polls strategically in areas favoring one candidate over another and colluding directly with a campaign is absolutely unacceptable. We need pluralistic primaries.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Directly connecting independents and especially voters with low turnout with the candidates will be the best strategy for raising votes for the party. We need to learn our lesson for not listening to the populist movement of focusing on restructuring the US economy and strengthening job and wage growth. I will also encourage all primaries to be semi-closed as well.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Since I'm a candidate for a local party in a conservative area, let's start with simple, non-partisan issues to focus on first; ending citizens united, requiring tax returns for filing, ending gerrymandering, making an education lockbox on casino revenues, same day voter registration, paid sick leave, paying off any state and local debts, ensuring pension funding, and a strong infrastructure plan.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: If in any event that there is a Democratic vacancy, a

well known and highly qualified person must fill the seat. Depending on the seat, I will focus on the objectives of the seat, and how the party's platform intertwines with the task. Judicial and Sheriff appointments will not be politicized. Understanding our county's demographic, we need bipartisan support for the proposed individual as well.

Shane Mattingly

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent 30 years in my law practice helping everyday working men and women with their most serious problems. It's given me insight on the challenges we all face in leading productive lives. In addition, over those same 30 years, I've been active in many community service organizations ranging from the American Red Cross, Hits 4 Heroes and others, working to bring about positive change.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I would favor the reduction of the influence of superdelegates, increase party transparency, same-day voter registration and the increase of grassroots efforts.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Although I respect those who choose not to identify with either major party because of their legitimate concern that neither party has done enough to represent their concerns, I am not in favor of open primaries. However, unaffiliated and affiliated voters would both be better served with candidates and policies which address issues of better jobs, better healthcare, etc. in a bi-partisan manner.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: The party must focus on how to address the concerns of everyday people. How do we build a path to better jobs and a living wage? How do we work toward providing a better healthcare system which provides for our basic needs? How do we provide our kids a safe and productive education? How can we, as a nation, pull together and ensure that all have an equal opportunity at the American dream?

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: 1. What plan do they have to better the lives everyday people? 2. What experience do they have that would show they can execute that plan? 3. What talents, abilities do they have that would help them execute that plan? 4. Can they work together with others to execute that plan? 5. Do they have a passion to help others? 6. Do they have a good work ethic?

Daryl James Much

No responses received by deadline.

Sal Raspa

No responses received by deadline.

Matt Willett

No responses received by deadline.

Voting Information

Primary Election: 06/26/2018

Polls open - 7 am to 8 pm

Early Voting for Primary Election - Thursday, 06/14/2018 -
Thursday, 06/21/2018 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Early Voting Center is: Hollywood Firehouse Main
Building 24801 Three Notch Road Hollywood, MD 20636

Voter Registration Deadline: 06/05/2018

Online Voter Services: You can now register to vote, update
voter registration information and check your polling place
location on-line at www.elections.maryland.gov

VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS and POLLING LOCATION

Check with your [Local Board of Elections](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) at [http://www.elections.maryland.gov/](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) to
verify your registration status and polling location.

COME PREPARED TO VOTE

1. Read your sample ballot from Board of Elections.
2. Note your polling place location on the front; polling locations change!
3. Use this Voters' Guide to become informed on candidates and issues.
4. Mark your candidate selections and ballot question decisions ahead of time.
5. Bring your completed sample ballot with you

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in public policy debate and governmental decision-making. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. The League offers this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare for the primary election. **The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.**

The candidates' answers in the Guide appear as submitted. If answers exceeded the word limit, an ellipsis indicates words were cut from the end of the statement.

No write-in candidates will appear on the ballot but the list of filed write-ins will be available at each polling place.

In most areas of Maryland, the Local Leagues have been able to have Voters' Guides printed for distribution.

The Interactive Voters' Guide, published by League of Women Voters of Maryland is available at <http://www.vote411.org>.

The League thanks all candidates who submitted answers to its questionnaires.



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