



Carroll County

2018 Primary Election Voters' Guide

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About this *Voters' Guide*

This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Maryland Education Fund. 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 participation in the primary election and includes only those candidates who will appear on primary election ballots. A new *Voters' Guide* with candidates appearing on the general election ballot will be published before that election. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for the same office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates who will appear on the Primary Election ballot are printed exactly as submitted to the LWV. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 400 characters and any additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond by April 13 deadline, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Only voters registered with the Republican or Democratic parties may vote for candidates for most offices, though all voters may vote for Board of Education and some municipal offices. Unaffiliated candidates and candidates from the Green and Libertarian parties are not included in this *Voters' Guide* as they will not appear on the primary election ballot but will be in the Guide published for the general election.

Additional information on the candidates is available at www.VOTE411.org, which has any updates received after the April 13 deadline. Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. If the candidate submitted a campaign website, it is listed under her/his name.

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Three Ways to Vote

Early Voting

Where:

1. Westminster Senior Activities Center
125 Stoner Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157
2. South Carroll Swim Club
1900 W. Liberty Road
Westminster, MD 21157

When: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm from Thursday, **June 14, 2018** through and including Thursday, **June 21, 2018**. If you vote by Early Voting, you cannot vote by absentee ballot or on Election Day.

Carroll County Board of Elections Phone: 410-386-2080
300 South Center Street, Room 212, Westminster MD 21157-5248

By Mail (Absentee Ballot)

You may request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you or sent via an email link. Apply online or by printing out an application from the State Board of Elections website:

<http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html>

An application for an absentee ballot must be received by your local Board of Elections

- Tuesday, June 19, 2018, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax; or
- Friday, June 22, 2018, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website (you must still print and mail the ballot - you cannot return it by email).

If you hand deliver your ballot, you must deliver it to your local board of elections by 8 pm on election day. If you mail your ballot, the envelope must be postmarked on or before primary election day (June 26, 2018) and received by your local board of elections by 10 am on July 6, 2018.

NOTE: If you request an absentee ballot, you will not be permitted to cast an ordinary ballot during Early Voting or on Election Day - you will be provided a provisional ballot that will be counted only if your absentee ballot is not received.

Election Day Voting: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2018

ELECTION INFORMATION

Don't know your polling place? Not sure if you are registered?

Visit – <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/votersearch>

Maryland State Board of Elections
Hours: 8 - 5 Monday - Friday
P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-

Phone: 1-800-222-VOTE (8683)
Toll Free: 800-222-8683
Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258

Rumors about the election? Visit – http://www.elections.state.md.us/press_room/rumor_control.html

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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: [Maryland Manual](#)

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.

Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford

Campaign Website: <http://www.LarryHogan.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/LarryHogan>

Campaign Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LarryHogan>

Campaign Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/larryhogan/>

No response received by deadline.

Please check www.vote411.org for responses that may have been submitted later.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Rushern L. Baker III / Elizabeth Embry

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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.

Ralph Jaffe / Freda Jaffe

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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

Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull

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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 response received by deadline.

Please check www.vote411.org for responses that may have been submitted later.

Kevin Kamenetz / Valerie Ervin

Mr. Kamenetz, the candidate for Governor, died on May 10, after ballots had been printed.

Rich Madaleno / Luwanda Jenkins

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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.

Alec Ross / Julie C. Verratti

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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.

Jim Shea / Brandon M. Scott

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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.

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah / Sharon Y. Blake

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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.

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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: [Maryland Manual](#)

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: 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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Campaign Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mscomptroller>

Campaign Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/MsComptroller>

Campaign Email: Mscomptroller@gmail.com

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.

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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: [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.

Craig Wolf

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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 scarcity 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 discri

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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QUALIFICATIONS: Vietnam combat veteran; careers in journalism, public relations, advertising, Capitol Hill press secretary for Congress, four winning PR political campaigns at local, State, and Federal levels 1974-78, '90, '92; prodigious researcher

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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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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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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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 is 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.

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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.

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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. Televisе candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records,proceeding

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U.S. Representative District 1

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

Term: Two years

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: <https://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: My qualifications are very simple i am a concerned citizen of this wonderful district and i truly love this country. As a father I worry about my children, and the future of the nation's children. I am also a decorated disabled veteran and a former federal law enforcement officer so a lot of what i will bring to the office is life experience, and common sense solutions for bipartisanship.

HEALTH CARE: I fully and wholeheartedly advocate for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) we need to repeal Obama care this law has had such a economic impact on so many working class families and single parents.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is a very sensitive subject in my view i support the EEO law on discrimination taking place in the work environment and the fair housing act.

ECONOMIC POLICY: NAFTA was a huge economic problem through taxes for the U.S we were losing I truly believe to strengthen our national economy is to bring it all back home put our hard working american citizens back into the work force and export our goods. We need to cut foreign aid to countries that hate us for our chose of religion and women's rights and rebuild our nation's roads and bridges.

IMMIGRATION: Illegal immigration is a huge problem and i do not support sanctuary cities we have seen the problems that sanctuary cities has had in other states. I support legal immigration this nation was built by immigrants i want strict vetting and i want to know who is our neighbors in the very towns our family lives in.

ENVIRONMENT: The Most pressing environmental issues we are seeing today is air, land, and aquatic pollution. and the depleting of our aquatic resources by over fishing. How to enforce these issues is by letting the EPA and Local DNR do there job and properly funding the agency.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Other priorities are building the local skilled trade work force and funding

programs for single mothers to further their education and to give a promising future to their children. Protecting our rights and 2nd amendment, protecting the water-man, renewable energy, uphold the Constitution, Putting the American citizens first, protecting our children while being in school, more armed citizens!!

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having raised my family in the 1st District, I understand the difficulties that face families in today's economy and culture. As a practicing physician, I have first-hand experience with the problems people have dealing with insurers, the high cost of health care and the difficulty finding providers, especially for our seniors. As a veteran, I know how hard it is to find the benefits they earned

HEALTH CARE: We have to bring down the cost of health care and health care insurance, which was a failure of the Affordable Care Act. We can do this by opening up price transparency in the health care system, by bringing down the cost of drugs, and most importantly, by re-establishing high risk health insurance pools in which the cost of high premiums are brought down by sharing the cost among everyone.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in any form should not be tolerated in a free society like America - which was established on the principle that all people are created equal - and should therefore be treated that way. One policy that I support is the conscience protection laws that are unfortunately necessary at the state and federal level for freedom of religion protection.

ECONOMIC POLICY: The tax reform passed last year was essential in re-establishing America's pre-eminence in the global economy. Lowering our business tax rates to be competitive world-wide will result in millions of jobs returning to the United States. I support the proposals to increase investment in our infrastructure which has fallen so far behind - including public-private partnerships and rural broadband.

IMMIGRATION: We have to enforce our current immigration laws while offering continuing temporary legal status to DACA recipients. We should end the diversity visa lottery and shift to a merit-based system like Canada. Finally, we have to recognize that many industries in the 1st District, like seafood processing and tourism, depend on temporary foreign labor - so we have to enhance the H2B visa system.

ENVIRONMENT: The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and an economic boon to Maryland and the First District. That's why I have supported full and continued funding of the Chesapeake Bay Program in the federal budget. We have to work with our upstream states to make sure that progress continues, and we have to come up with innovative affordable solutions to the problems of the Conowingo Dam sediment.

OTHER PRIORITIES: American defense strength has to be restored. It has languished under the last administration, and that has led us to a more dangerous world situation in areas like Eastern Europe, the South China Sea, and the Korean peninsula. American pre-eminence in the world has to be re-established, as we are the leading force for freedom and liberty throughout the world - much of which looks to us to lead.

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QUALIFICATIONS: PRMC my birthplace my primary and high school education was through the Wicomico County public system, , the vocational technical education was pursued my further education. I After several years of military service in the United States Marine Corps, which provided further leadership educational venues, as well as. the opportunity to actually lead Men and women of the Corps.

HEALTH CARE: A Health Care system should be available to all Americans regardless of financial status, which should include but not limited to age, gender, disability or preexisting condition.

DISCRIMINATION: Equal opportunity across the board and legislation to level the existing field for all.

ECONOMIC POLICY: The national economic policy is relatively stable, however the economic policy and direction of those in the legislative branch of Maryland's first district should be more concern for our present and future strengths, infrastructure, and compromises.

IMMIGRATION: America is the land of opportunity and has provided opportunities for many persons of different social, and ethnic backgrounds. This policy may need to be revisited as the result of illegal refugees, immigrant, and undocumented persons.

ENVIRONMENT: The most pressing environmental challenge of a list of issues to pick the most pressing would depend upon the subject and its context.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As I have lived on the Eastern Shore of Maryland most of my life, a concern of mine is the Chesapeake Bay, its future and condition.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've spent my adult life running towards difficult problems. 9/11 led me to study Arabic, teach English in Syria, and join the Army. I served as a intelligence officer and U.S. Army Ranger through four combat deployments to Afghanistan. Afterwards, I worked to identify insider fraud at an investment bank. Our country and our district need leadership, vision, and action - right now.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare is a right. I want to allow any individual or business to purchase Medicare coverage; convert Medicaid into a branch of Medicare, so each enrollee receives equal benefits and states can go back to education and transportation; convert CHIP into MediKids, so every baby receives comprehensive healthcare until she is an adult; and permit Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination of any sort is abhorrent and contrary to our ideals. As an Army

Ranger, I fought to protect and defend our Constitution, which ensures equal protection under the law for each American. I support prohibiting all forms of discrimination as I believe this will make our nation stronger and more just. Similarly, I firmly support guaranteeing women's right to equal pay for equal work.

ECONOMIC POLICY: The next generation of software developers, solar panel technicians, or cybersecurity experts can learn, work, and grow businesses in MD1. Let's invest in tomorrow. Let's invest in solar jobs, MD1's burgeoning ecotourism economy, and technologies and sustainable practices that protect the Bay and allow farmers to increase harvests and more effectively access markets near and far.

IMMIGRATION: We need a comprehensive immigration bill that honors our "nation of immigrants" history and protects Dreamers, offer a pathway to citizenship to aspiring Americans, and secures our border. Most people agree with these goals: the only thing stopping us is partisan politics. I will work with any other representatives to find common ground.

ENVIRONMENT: Sea-level rise is the one of the most pressing challenges facing MD1. To prevent disaster, we must convert our economy into a renewable one: it's cheaper, safer, and one of the fastest growing industries in country and state. Solar will soon enough be the cheapest source of energy on the planet. We should help fund installations because they provides clean energy and well-paying jobs.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Our district's drug-related deaths trend nearly 50% higher than the national average. We must join together—regardless of our differences—to face this challenge. We need a comprehensive plan that includes prevention, treatment, and recovery. To succeed, it must also have buy-in from federal, state, and local governments as well as healthcare professionals, insurers, and communities themselves.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a small business owner specializing in program management/federal acquisition, I know how the government works and have a proven record of navigating bureaucracy to save it money. As a middle-class single mom, former veteran's spouse, caregiver to parents, and more, I have perspective Congress sorely lacks, understanding of where we most need relief, and strong motivation to address our issues.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare is a right; misalignment of profit motive with our interests demands government play a role in guaranteeing universal access to affordable, high-quality care, including vision, dental, and Rx. I'll work to strengthen ACA, expand and protect Medicaid/Medicare and move towards a single-payer system like Medicare for All combined with cost-control policies such as MD's All-Payer system.

DISCRIMINATION: Every American deserves the tools, resources, and opportunity to provide for themselves and a family. I support comprehensive civil rights protections to prevent discrimination based on race, gender, religion, ethnicity, LGBTQ, disability, and poverty in credit, education, employment, housing, public accommodations, etc (e.g. Equal Pay Act, Equality Act, Voting Rights Act, Equal Rights Amendment).

ECONOMIC POLICY: I support revision of international trade agreements to include stronger, more enforceable labor protections and environmental provisions and adjusting taxes to remove incentives

to send jobs overseas. We must also protect unions and improve worker rights and labor standards at home and abroad. Investment in education and infrastructure (digital and physical) would create jobs and economic growth.

IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform which keeps families together, and creates a path to citizenship while protecting US workers and reducing exploitation of immigrant workers. We must preserve DACA, TPS, and programs which protect the dignity of working people and allow them to live and work without fear. Cost effective, humane, and sensible/sane border security measures help achieve this.

ENVIRONMENT: We have many pressing environmental challenges- climate change, global warming, and rising sea-levels, pollution, soil erosion and degradation, deforestation, biodiversity loss, etc. We must curb climate change, limit pollution, protect our environment, and invest in clean energy, sustainable agriculture, and environmental preservation/restoration, especially for the Chesapeake Bay- to name a few.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Anticorruption measures and removing big money from politics would help ensure that our government works for ALL of us. Legislation passed should stand on its own merit, and running for office shouldn't be the dream of only a privileged few. I'd also like to strengthen our social programs, improve public education, and address caregiver issues, family leave, student debt, and the opioid crisis.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was Talbot County Attorney for nearly 25 years, working with Democratic and Republican County Councils to get results for the people. I helped protect the Bay, affordable healthcare, jobs, and tax payer interests. I know how to make government work for the people because I've done it. I've always stood by the people I represent, and that is what I'll do as your Representative.

HEALTH CARE: We are the richest nation in the history of the world. Yet, we are the only industrialized nation that does not provide universal healthcare to its citizens as a right. We can and must do better, but it requires taking on the insurance and the pharmaceutical lobbies. We must move to a universal system that allows the same quality of care for all Americans without the risk of bankruptcy.

DISCRIMINATION: It is our role as community leaders to loudly say that discrimination has no place in our society and to do what we can to combat it. We must ensure that all communities receive fair treatment by law enforcement, the courts, and local governments. We must make sure that employers who discriminate are punished. We must stand together as a community, in solidarity, in protection of each other.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Working families are the backbone of the First District, and they deserve the

unwavering support of the government. When working families succeed, we all succeed. To combat the effects of decades of wage stagnation, we should start by raising the minimum wage to \$15/hr. This would reward a fair week's work with a fair week's pay, and give higher paid employees increased earning potential.

IMMIGRATION: It would be impossible, as well as inhumane, to deport everyone who is currently undocumented in our Country. Instead, we should welcome these individuals out of the shadows. We must uphold the bargain we made with the Dreamers and provide them a secure home in this Country. We must stand against this Administration's wasteful endeavor to build an ineffectual wall against an imaginary enemy.

ENVIRONMENT: I will work in partnership with our farmers and civic leaders to speed the Bay's recovery from decades of pollution and protect it from the anti-environmental policies of this administration. I will demand full EPA funding and national support for the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort. We must address climate change in a serious fashion by moving to a non-fossil fuel based energy system.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Funding affordable education is an investment in our people and our Country. Education is more important today than ever before. Yet, for far too many, attending a trade school or a 2 or 4-year college is out of reach. We must make sure that investing in the next generation is at the top of our agenda. This means making college more affordable for current and future students.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 34 years of Federal Experience managing worldwide operations for the Department of Defense and preparing Federal Budgets. I developed legislation, interacted with Senate and Staff members and gave testimony to Congress. I will immediately address our priorities. My proven ability to create efficiencies and reduce costs will allow me to address waste in the Federal government.

HEALTH CARE: I support affordable care for everyone including those with preexisting conditions. To be successful, we must increase participation and reduce costs. I endorse Medicare's negotiation of drug prices currently prohibited by law. In addition to drugs, we need standard costs for procedures and tests . By reducing costs, we can stabilize premiums, ensure consistent care and expand enrollment.

DISCRIMINATION: I strongly endorse Federal laws which prohibit discrimination based on religion, age, sex, income level, and disability for housing, education, hiring, and employment. I am against discriminatory workplace or other unfair practices. I supported these laws as a Federal employee and supervisor for my entire career and as a Realtor and will continue to fight for equal rights for all.

ECONOMIC POLICY: The national economy can be strengthened through permanent tax reductions for the middle class and increase of current corporate tax rate. Permanent cuts for middle class will improve spending power, grow the economy and fund additional infrastructure for roads, bridges and better education. Also, an increase to minimum wage and tax credits for college tuition will grow our economy for everyone.

IMMIGRATION: President Trump's decision to remove DACA provisions without a solution is an embarrassment. As the grandson of Polish immigrants and someone proud of the people who founded this country, we must open our doors to others and provide reasonable protection to our citizens. These goals are consistent with our heritage and status as leader of the free world. I support

DACA and a more open society.

ENVIRONMENT: Global warming, renewable energy sources, and protection of natural resources i.e. Chesapeake Bay and National Parks are critical issues affecting our country. I support control of runoff into our environment along with efforts to fix the Conowingo Dam. I endorse wind and solar energy which will create jobs. I will vote against environmentally harmful oil drilling offshore and other practices.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Drug addiction is a major issue. As a country, we must support our families and friends dealing with this disease. We can do this together by drug interdiction and extended treatment. We must also address the Federal deficit which will grow to \$27 Trillion in ten years and cost \$800 Billion in interest annually. I will address deficits through efficiencies to prevent future cuts to Medicare.

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U.S. Representative District 8

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: <https://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

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a classical singer, entrepreneur, former music educator, single parent, and former spouse of a veteran has prepared me for the duties of this office by allowing me to understand humanity at a variety of different levels. I have learned persistence, acceptance, discipline, patriotism, bravery, teamwork, being self-motivated, follow through and

HEALTH CARE: More subsidies to help the self-employed pay for health insurance because without the subsidies to offset the cost of individual plans many entrepreneurs simply can not afford the cost of insurance. Assistance for senior citizens on Medicare. Prescription medicine costs lowered. Affordable access to mental health professionals. Community access to preventative care.

DISCRIMINATION: Policies that do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

ECONOMIC POLICY: America's interaction regarding foreign policy needs to be exact, effective, accountable and show proven results. Regarding our military, I am the ex-wife a Navy veteran. We need to do more to support our active military and veterans who transition into civilian life.

IMMIGRATION: I support LEGAL immigration. We should explore allowing illegal immigrants who have been law abiding citizens and working a road to citizenship where their positive contribution to their community should account for something. My father was a lawyer who worked with immigrants to gain citizenship legally. His family was also immigrants.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change. Offer business owners and residents access to funding that will allow them to upgrade equipment to newer technology. Create more opportunities that will support our local agricultural based business through education outreach, in school farm to table projects.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My Five Pillars of Success for District 8 1) Strong Families/Stronger Communities 2) Excellence in Education 3) Superior Healthcare 4) Veterans Rights 5) Thriving Businesses and Economy

John Walsh

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the Pro-Job-Growth and Law & Order candidate. For 25 years, I have been an attorney and law professor active in political reform promoting both Job Growth and Law & Order. A first-generation college grad, I hold degrees from Harvard, Cal-Hastings, Columbia, and George Mason. Since early 2016, I have supported Donald Trump by founding/chairing "Lawyers & Law Professors for Trump."

HEALTH CARE: We must reduce healthcare and drug costs by assertively promoting free-market principles and policies. We must also immediately close our southern border with Mexico and get tough with China to end the flow of illegal drugs such as the synthetic opioid, Fentanyl. The opioid epidemic is both a Law & Order and Health Care issue.

DISCRIMINATION: We must end identity politics as it has been orchestrated by the establishment elites. Next must come vigorous enforcement of the moral and legal principle that Americans should only be judged on the merit of their proven abilities. We must equally enforce Law & Order in all communities. The first civil right is the right to live and work in a safe, peaceful communities.

ECONOMIC POLICY: To allow free-market Job-Growth, we must cut taxes, eliminate burdensome

regulations, reduce/reform immigration, and demand reciprocal-fair trade. For Job-Growth in inner cities, we must vigorously enforce Law & Order. Safe communities are critical to economic growth. In our public schools, we should fund Gifted Education programs. Gifted Education programs will pay exponential dividends.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration reform is first about respecting Law & Order. We must secure our borders -- particularly our southern border-- to prevent illegal entry and the horrendous inflow of drugs like Fentanyl. Deport illegals (including Visa Overstays) who commit other crimes. Destroy and deport MS-13 gangsters. And reduce legal immigration to a merit-based system to protect American citizen workers.

ENVIRONMENT: By both stewarding and developing our natural resources, we allow for future Job Growth. We should embrace free-market development of new energy technologies.

OTHER PRIORITIES: By the 2016 founding/chairing of "Lawyers and Law Professors for Trump," I have championed Donald Trump's MAGA message: Pro-Job-Growth, Pro-Faith, Cut-Taxes, Pro-Freedom, Pro-Rule-of-Law, Deep State Reform, and Anti-Crime. And I have supported Trump's America First mission: Fair-Reciprocal Trade, Defeat ISIS, Support Israel, Immigration Restrictions, and Destroy/Deport MS-13 gangsters.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Author of LEAN FORWARD – ASK ME WHEN THE FEDERAL RESERVE AND WASHINGTON DO NOT HAVE CLUE ABOUT ECONOMY. Can anybody write this book?

HEALTH CARE: All efforts in healthcare so far have been tried for several decades and healthcare cost is rising at unsustainable level. So, I want to put different opinion in the issue of healthcare. I feel INSURANCE IS NOT A HEALTH SOLUTION. Healthcare is a government responsibility if it feels it has a right to collect taxes. No body becomes sick his or her entire life.

DISCRIMINATION: I feel, in some areas the issue of discrimination is over blown and in some area it has become permanent. It is a sad reality of America. Most other nations do not have this level of concerns on racial issues. Racial issue is a divisive issue but I will try to solve this issue through convincing legislation that works for all.

ECONOMIC POLICY: President Trump is dismantling some policies that were built by the efforts of several decades. One example is tariff regime is back and World trade is not a free trade. America will benefit from free trade although it has an issue of trade deficit. Free trade will benefit us in the long term if we calibrate our economy towards exports. But America should try to export what the World needs.

IMMIGRATION: We need to tighten the immigration. So, let us not blame Trump Administration for revisiting the immigration or becoming tough on immigration because immigration issue is a bi-partisan issue. But the fear is will he do it in a right way?

ENVIRONMENT: Environment is a concern unsettled in a global mind and we are the nation of immigrants and so it is not settled in the minds of Americans too. I understand the concern and I agree that we need to find solution. But I do not agree upon its measurements and its trade-off with energy. But I will do more research on this and try to get aligned with experts.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Infrastructure, poverty, debt and deficit, fair taxation, affordability and access, science & technology, innovation leadership, domestic and global tranquility and peace etc. are some of the other priorities. Thank you.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Representing Maryland's 8th in the U.S. House since January 2017, I recognize that I have spent my life preparing to serve in this capacity. As a local native, a professor of constitutional law for a quarter-century at AU and a Maryland State Senator for a decade, I have the passion for service to our community and the legislative knowledge needed to advance our priorities and values every day.

HEALTH CARE: I'm working to keep increasing NIH research funding, to guarantee the solvency of Medicare and to defend Medicaid by opposing work requirements and other poison pills. I seek to stabilize the ACA and bring down the costs of premiums and deductibles. I'm also fighting for lower prescription drug prices and the power of government to negotiate for them in Medicare. Organizing for single-payer.

DISCRIMINATION: I'm defending civil rights in every federal program and context and advocating voting rights for all. Played an active role in developing strong new policies against sexual harassment and race discrimination on Capitol Hill. Fight regularly on the Judiciary Committee to champion civil rights and liberties and to oppose efforts to weaken the ADA and undercut employee rights in the workplace.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I'm fighting for a Green Deal, a bipartisan infrastructure plan to reinvest in roads, highways, Metro, mass transit, water etc. in an environmentally positive way; a fair tax policy that protects the working middle class and opposes special-interest tax breaks and giveaways; revitalized labor rights; and a policy of free and fair trade that bolsters our living and working standards.

IMMIGRATION: I favor comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for 800,000 DREAMers, who are students, armed service members and workers who were brought here as children by their parents. I oppose President Trump's profligate border wall proposal and his efforts to curtail legal immigration and refugee admission. We can make common-sense progress when we reject extremist plans.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change must be the overarching context for public policy decision-making. We need to take urgent action to confront the profound damage caused by global warming, including taxing carbon pollution, dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and investing in renewable clean energy. Also we must address air pollution, deforestation, species extinction, and threats to biodiversity.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Nothing is more important to me than delivering effective and prompt service for the 800,000 people I proudly work for. Since I took office in 2017, my excellent staff has resolved 2,353 problems faced by seniors seeking Social Security checks, veterans filing VA claims, federal contractors awaiting payment, immigrants applying for citizenship, and so on. Our doors are always open.

Summer Spring

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Senator District 4

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was trained to lead at an early age. After high school, I joined the U.S. Air Force and was given the immense responsibility of serving as a Minute Man III Missile Technician. From 2011-2015, I represented parts of Frederick & Washington Counties in the Maryland House. For the last four years, I have represented parts of Carroll & Frederick Counties in the State Senate.

REDISTRICTING: I have consistently supported Governor Hogan's initiative to develop a non-partisan redistricting commission. Voters should pick their legislators, not the other way around. I will continue to work for voters to be represented by those who live in their communities. Your representatives should drive on the same roads you drive, shop where you shop and send their kids to the same schools as you.

ENVIRONMENT: For the last several years, I have worked to remove trash incineration from the Renewable Portfolio Standard, which allows them to receive ratepayer subsidies meant for clean energy sources like wind and solar. Currently, utility ratepayers subsidize over \$10 million annually for

dirty energy like trash incineration. This year I passed a bi-partisan amendment in the Senate to stop this.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that individuals should be judged by the content of their character rather than the color of their skin. I strongly oppose discrimination. I believe in a merit-based system, where individuals rise and fall based on merit. This can best be summed up as equality for all, but favoritism toward none. I abhor identity politics, which seeks to divide Americans.

EDUCATION: This year I passed an amendment in the Senate to ensure that School Resource Officers (SROs) or adequate police coverage is available at every elementary, middle and high school. I worked with my Senate colleagues to provide an additional \$10 million to assist local governments with this requirement. Parents shouldn't have to send their kids off to school and worry if they will come home safe.

HEALTH CARE: In 2016, Frederick County ranked as the sixth highest in Maryland for opioid deaths. I co-authored legislation to increase funding for drug treatment and required mandatory treatment within 72 hours if ordered by a judge. Prior to this, addicts were waiting weeks to get court ordered treatment. I also worked with Gov. Hogan to increase sentences for heroin dealers who sell lethal dosages of drugs.

TRANSPORTATION: I support Governor Hogan's efforts to widen I-270 by use of a public private partnership. In Virginia this approach has worked well to expand lanes and relieve congestion, without overly taxing state finances. This year I voted to restore Highway User Revenues to local governments. With eleven municipalities in my district, it is important to me that these towns have the ability to fix their roads

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a public high school teacher, I have experience in working with every different kind of personality, including sometimes reluctant participants. Working with parents, support staff, and administration, I can effectively teach every kind of student. My experience has prepared me to effect change by consulting with stakeholders and clearly communicating a well-developed plan for progress.

REDISTRICTING: I am against gerrymandering and I am hopeful that the US Supreme Court will outlaw it nationwide. Trusting states to redistrict fairly puts only the party with the most integrity at risk. On the state level, I am in favor of partnering with a handful of neighboring states to agree to redistrict fairly, together.

ENVIRONMENT: Clean water. We have made great strides in bringing back to health the Chesapeake and the Potomac. We cannot rest. Maintaining the health of these watersheds requires constant vigilance, especially in the wake of our current EPA administration. Maryland needs to commit to funding what the federal government won't: namely the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act.

DISCRIMINATION: Fully funding education is paramount. A free, quality education can reduce

opportunity gaps and can also reduce discrimination by providing enhanced opportunities for the traditionally marginalized. I support legislation that promotes pay equity, including a paid family leave policy that doesn't force new parents to choose between caring for their children and continuing their careers.

EDUCATION: Build more community schools and increase funding for personnel in all schools. Community schools serve as a hub for resources in areas of concentrated poverty. Counselors and school psychologists support healthy social and emotional growth of our children. The state legislature has already approved increased funds, we need a governor who will allocate those funds.

HEALTH CARE: A lack of access is the root of health care challenges in Maryland. Every Marylander deserves access to affordable quality health care. Preventative care is more cost effective than the emergency care that results from lack of preventative care. Access to quality health care must also include access to affordable addiction rehabilitation.

TRANSPORTATION: All Marylanders should have access to public transportation. Urban residents need mass transit. Suburban residents need increased commuting options. Rural residents need public transit options to navigate daily needs. Toll lanes on high-volume roadways create revenue, but also increase car traffic. Electric busses could alleviate car traffic and make use of toll lanes.

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QUALIFICATIONS: 30+ years human service experience & life-long Frederick County resident & community activist bringing first-hand knowledge & understanding of economic & service needs of all district residents, barriers to citizens, environmental concerns, & substance illness use crisis. 10 years service Thurmont Planning & Zoning Commission, gaining expertise in responsible growth planning. Green Team member.

REDISTRICTING: Support re-examining the congressional district lines to ensure all citizens have fair representation.

ENVIRONMENT: Developing waste reduction & management solutions, & renewable energy sources
Examine/ re-introduce legislature RPS @ 50-100% by 2030 Protecting MD from off-shore drilling & fracking Ensuring MD sets 50s mpg gas mileage standards in response to Federal standard reductions Attract green industry through tax incentives Assist farm community in meeting environmental regulations w/financial assist

DISCRIMINATION: Examine: eliminating cash bail training for police & sheriff's dept's around use of deadly force, unconscious racial bias, response & understanding of mental illness symptoms & disabilities Ensure all areas & lending institutions practice Fair Housing policies Address economic inequality in Maryland schools with programs to target concentrated poverty Increase public education diversity training

EDUCATION: Fully fund public school systems with designated funding stream, oppose funding of private/religious schools w/public funds Requiring Charter schools to meet same licensing & regulatory standards as public schools Increase state-wide APFO's/impact fees for residential development to ensure adequate schools

HEALTH CARE: Substance use illness crisis is a public health crisis Increased behavioral health, detox, inpatient, recovery, transitional housing & support services for impacted family members & coordination between law enforcement, criminal justice & treatment systems Lack of affordable health care, continue Medicaid expansion & strive toward single payor system Negotiate drug prices at state level

TRANSPORTATION: Widen 270 thru Frederick City Increase mass transit options & local transportation services for rural municipalities Fund through gas tax & without toll lanes or raising fees on citizens Increase bus lanes & commuter service on 270, 495, etc.

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Senator District 5

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.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've had the honor of serving in the Senate for four years and in the House of Delegates where I had served one term as well. Through my experience there, I've grown to have a better understanding of key issues Maryland as a whole. In my professional life, I work in marketing and advertising sales and have past small business experience which has helped me bring practical knowledge to the job.

REDISTRICTING: I support and have co-sponsored Governor Hogan's legislation to create a nonpartisan redistricting commission to draw the district lines fairly with common sense, geographic considerations in mind. Politicians picking their voters across the country have gotten us into a terrible mess and nowhere is that more obvious than the ridiculous districts brought to us by Martin O'Malley.

ENVIRONMENT: For Maryland and particularly for the Chesapeake Bay, the sediment buildup and overflow during storms at the Conowingo Dam make significant progress very difficult. We need to dredge the Conowingo Dam area and focus stormwater remediation on the large urban areas where pollution is the worst.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in anyone of those areas is already expressly forbidden in Maryland state law and our state constitution protects the freedom of conscience and religion. I support in both my public service and personal life - treating all people with kindness and respect. We should all be committed to the fundamental dignity of every life.

EDUCATION: I've been proud to support Governor Hogan's priorities which have included record funding for K-12 Education. An area of concern I have is the current education formula and the need to alter how it addresses school systems with declining enrollments. I support looking at outcomes when we judge educational success, not just how much money is spent. Above all we accountability and transparency.

HEALTH CARE: The overall cost of care - not simply insurance but health care - is rising all over the country. While there is not a silver bullet, part of the issue is a system with too many services mandated for health insurance plans without enough flexibility. Greater tax deductibility for health care costs would be a great measure for Maryland to pursue in addition to sensible legal reforms.

TRANSPORTATION: For many years, before Governor Hogan came into office, roads were receiving less than a third of funding from the Transportation Trust Fund - funded by our gas tax. Over half of the fund was going to mass transit, used by 9% of Maryland travelers. That's been realigned and significant investments are being made in expanding road capacity. I support the Hogan plan to correct traffic gridlock.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Jamie O'Marr

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Senator District 9

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: 4 years as Maryland Senator 13 years as Maryland State Delegate 8 years as Assistant to County Executive Charles Ecker - Legislative liaison During that time, I have introduced and tracked legislation, served on a budget committee and worked with constituents to get answers to their problems and concerns.

REDISTRICTING: I support a non-partisan redistricting commission as Governor Hogan has proposed. I would also support single member House of Delegates districts rather than the one, two or three person districts we now have.

ENVIRONMENT: With respect to the environment, we need to utilize the best science available to protect the quality of the Chesapeake Bay that are economically feasible and fiscally responsible.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland law currently protects citizens from discrimination based on a wide variety of factors. It is our diversity that makes us successful.

EDUCATION: As a former educator and parent, I believe our students need to receive the best education possible. I have been a strong supporter of computer science to help prepare them for the jobs of the future. Students must be able to read on grade level by the end of the 3rd grade as that is the transition from learning to read and reading to learn. I support the lockbox on casino revenues for education.

HEALTH CARE: Skyrocketing costs. We need flexibility in providing health care and should explore models that prove successful in other states, such as allowing doctors to form a membership practice in which patients pay a basic monthly fee to obtain services, including specialty needs for which there is an agreement for referral. These practices minimize the additional costs to pay for insurance.

TRANSPORTATION: We have highway needs, such as widening Rt. 32 and we need to assure the transportation trust fund (which is funded by gas tax revenues) is utilized to assure the highways are adequate and safe.

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Legislature is very similar except the client is the citizens of Maryland. I also understand the role of high-tech in our future and intimately involved on the front lines of cyber, the fastest growing field in Maryland.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering has been with us for 200 yrs. But it was never done based on party registration. The Democrats in Maryland, based on party registration, drew the maps to marginalize Republican, Independent, and Hispanic voters, which I think is racist and morally wrong. Since the democrat controlled legislature cannot be trusted with this process, I support a judicial commission.

ENVIRONMENT: Statewide, nitrogen runoff from Pennsylvania continues to threaten the Chesapeake Bay. Locally, toxic industrial mulching threatens our groundwater. I will be an environmental steward of our lands and waterways, including supporting environmental legislation that this is cost efficient, quantifiable and measurable. I feel strongly that our land and water are a legacy that we must protect.

DISCRIMINATION: It is 2018. There should be no room or acceptance or apologists for discrimination. All citizens have the right to be treated fairly both an opportunity and in the outcome. We as legislators should act to make sure this happening. I have a military background, I have zero tolerance for discrimination or discriminatory practices.

EDUCATION: Public schools are getting too big. It is too easy for kids to be anonymous or fall through the cracks. I support building smaller, community-based middle and senior high schools. I support no class larger than 30 students per class. And I support treating our teachers with dignity and respect (which includes salary parity). There is currently sufficient budget to accomplish these goals.

HEALTH CARE: No family, no parent, should have to choose between paying for health care and paying the mortgage. Middle-class families and small business owners are being hit the hardest. We must bring competition to the marketplace to drive prices down. Obamacare has been a complete and utter failure. Maryland should be a leader in this cause.

TRANSPORTATION: You cannot have growth without infrastructure. Roads are expensive to build and maintain. I support mass transit projects, I support ride-share, carpools, and more working-at-home. Anything and everything to reduce traffic and pollution. However, any project or subsidy must be measurable and cost-effective. I also support slowing down growth until the infrastructure is built out.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: For 20 years I have worked with governments, Fortune 500 companies, communities and nonprofits – facilitating collaboration to reduce poverty, increase education, improve health and the environment. With a technical engineering background and proven track record on partnership building, I look forward to working on innovative, bipartisan solutions in Annapolis.

REDISTRICTING: I support the establishment of an independent redistricting commission that will be responsible for drawing congressional and legislative district lines after each census. There need to be clear national guidelines, to which all states would have to abide, on representative fairness and a transparent process that ensures accountability.

ENVIRONMENT: An increase in sea levels due to global warming threatens 61,000 homes across Maryland at an estimated cost of \$19 billion in damages. Maryland can be a part of the solution by investing in renewable energy, expanding incentives for best-environmental practices and pursuing partnerships with environmental groups and other states that share an interest in a clean, vibrant Chesapeake Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: We need to ensure protections for women, people of color, individuals living with disabilities or mental illness. I will support policies to eliminate wage gaps, achieve universal pre-K and provide incentives and funding for job readiness and career training. I will also work closely with other delegations to eliminate discriminatory policing and rebuild community trust.

EDUCATION: I support the Kirwan Commission findings, which are vital for the 21st century needs of our students. Improved teacher salaries, smaller class sizes, manageable caseloads for support services, expanded career training and apprenticeships, universal pre-K, and supporting our most vulnerable students are all priorities. We can afford this by locking gaming revenue into general education funding.

HEALTH CARE: I believe that access to healthcare is a human right and that no one should be deprived of needed medical care. I am committed to ensuring the healthcare market in Maryland stays stable and bringing down the cost of healthcare and pharmaceuticals without compromising access to care. We must address the opioid crisis through coordinated addiction facilities and emergency naloxone access.

TRANSPORTATION: Our region has some of the greatest congestion in the nation and too many spend too long in their commutes. Investment in public mass transit like the Red and Purple Line, rapid transit buses, and increased MARC service are the start of addressing our infrastructure and community development needs. They will be a powerful economic engine by creating jobs and greater access to workplaces.

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House of Delegates 4

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over a decade of business and organizational leadership experience creating jobs, balancing budgets and meeting deadlines. That experience has prepared me to be an effective representative for Maryland tax payers and the challenges they face. My experience as a Public Official, leading a State Agency has enabled me to assist Marylanders with navigating state government.

REDISTRICTING: We need a non-partisan redistricting commission to draw congressional and legislative lines. The practice of gerrymandering for political advantage is wrong. I support Governor Hogan's plan and will continue to work on common sense redistricting legislation.

ENVIRONMENT: We need to address the Conowingo Dam and its failure to prevent sediment and other northern state pollutants from entering the Chesapeake Bay. Like most Marylanders, I'm concerned about the environment, however the policy of targeting Maryland Farmers for the actions of many others is wrong. When it comes to environmental remediation, Government should utilize common sense to ensure fairness.

DISCRIMINATION: All U.S Citizens should be treated equally under the law. Government should not be picking winners and losers, but rather ensuring that the rules are applied equally to all regardless of race, gender, religion, disability or financial status.

EDUCATION: I support increased funding for school safety that includes armed resource officers in every school along with increased structural security. I would fund these priorities by utilizing the savings that would come from amending the prevailing-wage laws that have made the cost of building schools unaffordable. Our kids should not be learning in trailers. We also need charter school options.

HEALTH CARE: The greatest health challenge Marylanders face is the cost of health care. With the implementation of "Obama Care" and the failed rollout of the Maryland Health Exchange, premiums and deductibles have skyrocketed. Health care has become simply unaffordable. Marylanders need more options and I'll work to ensure they have choices by supporting an increased marketplace.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to ease traffic congestion on I270. Many of our Frederick County Residents commute to work. I'll support Governor Hogan's proposal of widening I270 with a public-private partnership as long as there are no additional tax or fee increases for Marylanders.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a PTA leader, community activist, and former human resources professional with experience in advertising, web management, and engineering industries, I've had success dealing with complex, confidential and difficult situations that required sound judgement, a willingness to work with everyone, and a genuine desire to find common sense solutions that led people to work better together.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering is wrong. I support a national solution that will lead all states to draw fair and reasonable district lines in every state.

ENVIRONMENT: The most pressing environmental issue is protecting a sustainable supply of clean water. We need cooperation from every upstream community to do more to control agricultural and municipal runoff. We also need to continue to support the Forest Restoration act. I want to hear more from the experts about the best ways to protect water quality in the Potomac drainage and the entire Chesapeake Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: I support all policies that move us towards equality for all. I will support policies that address the discrimination that is implicit in underserved rural and urban areas: access to transportation, to health care, and to education.

EDUCATION: I support the Maryland State Education Association's campaign to Fix the Fund. Schools across the state must be funded equitably and must be held to the same standards. I also support hiring more support personnel at schools, such as counselors, nurses and homeless outreach agents. Teachers in our district should be paid comparable salaries to teachers in surrounding districts.

HEALTH CARE: Health care access is a serious problem - less than half of the primary caregivers in our area accept Maryland HealthChoice, the program for most Medicaid enrollees in my district. This forces Medicare and Medicaid patients to travel long distances to get care, and many lack available transportation. We need to attract medical professionals to our area and expand insurance, especially Medicaid.

TRANSPORTATION: We currently have major congestion issues, and many more homes are being built every day. Some roads can be expanded to handle the traffic, but that will take many years. We need to expand transportation options for commuters to DC and Baltimore areas. Currently Governor Hogan wants to roll back the gas tax - I'd like that money to be invested in public transportation instead.

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House of Delegates 5

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am one of the few legislators in Annapolis with actual business experience- over 20 years working in Accounting and finance and thirty years actively volunteering in our Carroll County Community. Elected to the Carroll County Board of Education in 1998 and served as President for two years. Serve as Delegate representing Carroll County since 2003 and serve as Chair of Carroll Hospice.

REDISTRICTING: I was cosponsor of Governor Hogan's Redistricting Reform Act of 2018 which would have instituted an independent, nonpartisan redistricting process to ensure free and fair elections in Maryland. This legislation would have, once and for all, removed the politics and politicians from the process of drawing their own districts. I support single member districts throughout the state that are compact.

ENVIRONMENT: Cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay by dredging the Conowingo Dam to allow control of sediment that flows from the Susquehanna River through PA and ensuring that all Waste Water Treatment plants in the state have been upgraded, using the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund, with new pollution control technologies and fines for those who continue to dump large amounts of raw sewage into our waterways.

DISCRIMINATION: We have plenty of policies in place to address discrimination of all types. We need to focus on people as complete individuals and stop being forced to look at each other through discriminatory lenses. We need to reject those who are constantly trying to divide us into different categories and check certain boxes. We are all human beings and God's creation.

EDUCATION: I support a focus on early literacy to ensure that our children are fluent readers by the 3rd grade and support focusing on individualized learning plans so that students can move along as they are ready. Focus current spending on student achievement not on additional seat time. Ensure that every student is college or career ready. Parental involvement is essential for success.

HEALTH CARE: The rising cost of healthcare and the cost of prescription drugs must be addressed at both the state and federal level. Our citizens must take responsibility for their own health - preventable chronic conditions such as obesity are very costly to our healthcare system. The opioid crisis is ravaging our communities and healthcare system. I am working in the Legislature to address these issues.

TRANSPORTATION: Carroll County's top highway projects are the widening of Route 32 from Route 26 to Route 70, widening portions of Route 97 in Westminster, widening Route 26 in Eldersburg and completion of the MD 30 Hampstead "Streetscape project". Streetscape projects in New Windsor and Sykesville are also in the Planning phase. Projects should be funded by motorists fees in the Transportation Trust Fund.

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QUALIFICATIONS: The first half of my career was in mortgage finance and real estate. I interacted with borrowers, buyers, sellers, agents and everyone involved in the closing of a transaction. I am very good with customers at all levels. For the past nine years I have worked in Human Resources with a concentration in IT recruiting. Human Resources is where the implementation of many laws occur.

REDISTRICTING: I support Governor Hogan's initiative of a non-partisan committee that will draw fair lines for the state.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe that we need to address the issues with the Susquehanna River and the

infrastructure issues in Baltimore City in order to make real progress with the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe we have very good policies and laws in place that address all of these issues.

EDUCATION: I fully support the School Safety bill that we passed in 2018. As we move through the provisions of this bill we will have armed School Resource Officers or other law enforcement professionals in our children's schools. I also support the computer science bill passed this year. I feel that we need to expand computer science and computer programming in K-12 education.

HEALTH CARE: Access to affordable health insurance is an on-going problem. The ACA has been a dismal failure. I believe we should open the markets nationwide and allow trade organizations to be considered groups and able to purchase group plans for their members. In addition I think that heroin addiction is a major problem and we need to be able to open up more treatment beds for those who want to get well.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe that we need to move forward with the priority road projects that every jurisdiction has been asking to have addressed for many years. It is time to be fair towards the entire state and not spend the bulk of transportation money on mass transit.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have run my own business for 25 years. As for public service, I have served as a Hampstead Town Councilman, Mayor of Hampstead, as Carroll County Commissioner, and for one term as Delegate from Carroll County. Those experiences have buttressed my conservative principles.

REDISTRICTING: Maryland has some of the most gerrymandered districts in the United States and it is an embarrassment to us all. As a result of O'Malley's unabashed gerrymandering, the Supreme Court has gotten involved. As the Governor says, Maryland needs a non-partisan panel to redraw the district boundaries fairly and constitutionally.

ENVIRONMENT: We have many environmental laws on the books already. What we need to do is reduce regulation of our agriculture industry because they are the ultimate conservationists.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe discrimination is wrong, and everyone should be judged on his/her individual merit. Current law is already clear about that.

EDUCATION: As a member of the Education Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, I have been the lead sponsor of successful legislation to reduce standardized testing in our public schools. I have also supported Governor Hogan's record funding of education. During my term, Carroll County has received significant supplemental funding for our schools.

HEALTH CARE: Rising health insurance premiums are killing folks. Congress needs to act to promote interstate health insurance competition to drive down costs. The reason costs have spiked so significantly is because of the failure of Obamacare.

TRANSPORTATION: Thankfully, Governor Hogan has placed an emphasis on funding transportation projects that people actually use, i.e., roads, bridges and the like. Under the last Governor, way too much money was spent on mass transit which is regularly used by an extremely small segment of the population. I applaud the Governor for his approach.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

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QUALIFICATIONS: In addition to my most important jobs of being a wife and mom, I'm a lawyer and an activist. I fight for what I believe in. As a delegate, I will do the same. As a lawyer, I advocate for my clients' interests in the same way I would advocate for my constituents' interests. I will always put people and issues over party.

REDISTRICTING: Maryland is so incredibly gerrymandered. We must have a non-partisan body draw new legislative maps.

ENVIRONMENT: For Carroll County, we need to make sure the we are taking care of the environment in a way that is supportive of our farms. Our farmers count on There are really exciting things happening with renewable energy, and I believe we can be aggressive in reaching 100% clean energy

DISCRIMINATION: A major area of discrimination that occurs is in pay. The problem is, it is both hard to prove, and the employer doing the hiring may not even recognize their own bias as a factor. A great way to address this is to prohibit employers from asking about pay history and publicizing what the pay is. This results in employers paying a position its value, regardless of who fills it.

EDUCATION: The Kirwan commission has recently come out with some great recommendations for improving our schools. One of my favorites is the expansion of pre-K. We know that exposure to Pre-K has benefits that stay with children throughout their school career. With all the changes recommended by the Kirwan commission, funding formulas will have to be re-worked.

HEALTH CARE: We must address the opioid epidemic and mental health treatment. We must look into pain treatment alternatives to reduce the prescribing of opioids. Additionally, we must make healthcare that includes mental health treatment accessible and affordable to every Marylander. I would support a Healthcare for All initiative.

TRANSPORTATION: I would love to see Carroll County get a Marc Train. This would allow residents of Carroll County to more easily commute to D.C., opening job opportunities. It is cleaner too, benefiting our environment. Of course, we must also repair and maintain our current roads, so commuters have a comfortable and safe commute. This should be paid for by maintaining the transportation lock box.

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

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

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REDISTRICTING: I fully support the bill governor Hogan proposed in his first year (HB458, 2015) to take the process of redistricting completely out of the hands of politicians. Maryland's third Congressional District was described as a "broken-winged pterodactyl, lying prostrate across the center of the state" by a federal Judge. Hopefully, a good Supreme Court decision in Benisek v Lamone will help.

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland is making significant progress in protecting and promoting clean air and water, although you seldom hear about the progress being made. We should follow the lead of Governor Hogan, whose common sense commitment to environmental progress is clear and substantive; last year, the Governor signed 20 pieces of environmental legislation into law, including the Clean Water Commerce Act of 2017.

DISCRIMINATION: The greatest source of discrimination I've seen is our failure to provide a decent education for the majority of African American children in Baltimore City. It's not a lack of funds! The City has the 4th highest per-pupil expenditure in the country & most highly paid teachers in MD. We MUST encourage innovation, but instead we forbid it! After 40 years of failure, how much worse can it get?

EDUCATION: Howard & Carroll have extraordinary public education. Not all of Maryland does. We have to support charter schools, encourage access to MANSEF options for children with disabilities, and embrace innovation where current public schools continue to fail. Educating ALL of our children

is paramount; public schools are critical, but cannot be allowed to preempt other options when they continue to fail

HEALTH CARE: Maryland has a Waiver from the federal government that gives us the flexibility to maximize the value of our health care dollars, and we should work to keep it. An excellent health care bill is the MD No-Fault Birth Injury Fund that would compensate the families that experience this tragedy expeditiously and without a 40% cut-out for lawyers. Despite strong bipartisan support, it fails each year.

TRANSPORTATION: Governor Hogan is doing an exceptional job with transportation. Despite the early efforts by the legislature's majority party to dictate what projects must be built, the Governor has maintained a fair and balanced approach to providing the important and necessary transportation projects (such as the Rt. 32 expansion) in each of the State's 24 jurisdictions. I support his efforts.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served 15 years in the Maryland House of Delegates. I have made the most out of supporting my constituents when they have unsolvable issues with the State of Maryland. My Experience includes working at the White House, Agency for International Development and Office of Personnel Management for Presidents Reagan and Bush. I also successfully ran a re-election campaign for Rep. Barlett.

REDISTRICTING: I support the legislative changes that have been offered by Gov. Larry Hogan, Maryland's Congressional lines are so bad that our fifth graders joke about them. We are better than this and should get rid of the traditional one party gerrymandering that happens here.

ENVIRONMENT: I'm happy to see that the health of the Chesapeake Bay is improving.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is against Federal Law and there are many state laws that address this issue.

EDUCATION: I would start with reforming how the local Board of Education and State Department of Education staff and attempt to micromanage what is done in the classroom. These entities receive and spend too much of the money that is intended for our classrooms. I also think that Howard County needs to refocus on how our school buildings are maintained - leaking roofs and mold in classrooms is unacceptable

HEALTH CARE: With the collapse of the Affordable Care Act we need to stop punishing those who can afford health insurance.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland Route 32 needs the safety improvements that are being performed between Route 108 and I-70, but will not be complete until the road is dualized all the way to Route 26 in Eldersburg. We also need to encourage the federal government to assist with widening I-70 between the 40 split and I-695. Mass transit needs to recover more of the cost from its ridership.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

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QUALIFICATIONS: State Delegate is a position in the public trust. It demands commitment, hard work, and selfless leadership. I am a 27-year veteran of patriotic, dedicated Federal Service. I have proven leadership at executive levels driving collaboration across global enterprises to successfully meet our nation's challenges. A lifelong learner, I have also earned a Ph.D. in engineering.

REDISTRICTING: I strongly support an end to partisan politics in drawing federal, state, and local districts. An independent panel should be formed to draw district lines that are fair, balanced, and unbiased. The panel should be transparent in its methods, determinations, and with the data it uses.

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland must lead the nation, and the world, to protect our environmental heritage. We must set a path to "clean living" and build a renewable, clean energy economy, modernize and expand our transit systems, preserve our forests and open spaces, and stop pollutants from entering our landfills, water, and air. We must support ecologically sound legislation and ensure enforcement of our laws.

DISCRIMINATION: No one should have to face discrimination. We must create opportunities for everyone to succeed and ensure universal access to fair paying jobs, quality education, public safety, healthy foods, health care, and to safe, affordable housing. To do this, we need to provide affordable transportation, end money-based bail, and allow all lawful income to be used to determine the ability to pay rent.

EDUCATION: Education is the key to our socioeconomic success and long-term prosperity. We need sensible, holistic solutions that work for our children, parents, teachers and communities. I support the Kirwan Commission findings - to close the opportunity gap, support families with young and special needs children, and recognize teachers as high-skilled professionals. We also need to "Lock-In" school funding.

HEALTH CARE: It is essential that we create an accessible, affordable, sustainable health care system. We need to expand the current hospital-based all-payer, rate-setting system to a broader patient population, group patients together to negotiate prices, provide wellness and chronic care management outside the hospital, and use data-centric approaches to coordinate care among caregiver professionals.

TRANSPORTATION: We must revitalize and modernize our transportation infrastructure - our roads, bridges, and public transit systems in smart ways that respect the taxpayer and the environment. We must ensure federal, state, and local funding for programs like the Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway; and, we must expand our network of safe, accessible pedestrian paths and bike trails in our neighborhoods.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've lived a life filled with experience in the failures of our government and the institutions that are supposed to be developed for its people. I believe that all the experience that someone needs is understanding, the willingness to listen to the concerns of others and the desire to do something to better the lives of the people they represent, and the ambition and willpower to fight for it.

REDISTRICTING: I support taking the power of redistricting away from legislators and forming an independent commission to handle the process of drawing Maryland's district lines using research drawn from U.S. Census data that gives adequate and accurate representation of the people from such districts.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe that because we have the technology available to move away from sources of energy that are strong polluters that we should be doing all that we can to implement renewable sources of energy, like solar, in place of natural gas. I also believe that we need to respect the Chesapeake Bay by combating climate change and instill regulations on the use of various chemicals in our soil.

DISCRIMINATION: I will support any and every policy that has the goal of setting equity standards in public and private institutions. That's only responsive, though, that's not confronting the root of the issue. Along with responsive policies I'd support preemptive policies such as researching early education programs that have the goal of instilling compassion for others regardless of who they are.

EDUCATION: Piloting programs to develop alternative methods to standardized testing, work with school boards to develop plans for reducing class sizes and developing more scrutinized hiring policies for teachers, policies that support equity in funding to support public schools in low-income areas, and lock-box status public education funding. I would fund them through gaming revenue & levying a carbon tax.

HEALTH CARE: Currently the most unaddressed issues is narcotics usage. I would address this by creating drug "safe havens" where narcotics users are overseen treatment by qualified medical health professionals that would put an emphasis on rehabilitation. I would also put more funding into the supply and use of Naloxone by emergency services personnel and introduce programs distributing fentanyl test strips.

TRANSPORTATION: I'm a proponent of expanding public transportation and using the best technology possible to develop a lasting infrastructure and, as best as possible, develop public transportation systems that run on clean energy. Public transit needs to become more widespread and accessible, reliable, and cost-effective for the users. To fund this, I would use a carbon tax and a reformed income tax system.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a mother of two who attended public schools in Howard County, and education is my top priority. My first career was in broadcast journalism, which provided me with an incredible education in politics, economics and current events, and I currently own and operate a farm and a small business, which has provided me an incredible education in perseverance, budgeting and creative problem solving.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering is wrong, no matter which party engages in it, and every attempt to disenfranchise voters is a threat to our democracy, no matter the means. I support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw districts. Given the complexity of the task, we need to ensure that the process is completely open and transparent from beginning to end.

ENVIRONMENT: With its 3,190 miles of coastline, climate change is a direct threat to Maryland. Scientists estimate that by 2035, 22 communities will experience chronic flooding. We need to support our two major wind projects and work towards producing 100% clean renewable energy. Solid waste is another big threat to our environment. As a start, I support a ban on EPS (Styrofoam) food containers.

DISCRIMINATION: There are a lot of anti-discrimination laws- and a lot of discrimination. I favor much stronger enforcement of existing laws, particularly in mortgage lending, and a focus on the factors that keep poor people poor; addressing needs in the areas of education, affordable housing,

health care, public transportation, good, family- sustaining jobs, food deserts, and an all-out crime fighting effort.

EDUCATION: I support the recommendations of the "Kirwan Commission", including universal pre-K, regardless of income. We need more accountability and oversight in school funding and to make sure the funds are spent in the classroom and not disproportionately in administration. Education needs to be our top priority, and should get the first dollars in the budget, in addition to all casino revenues.

HEALTH CARE: The biggest short term challenge is how to keep the individual market functioning in the wake of the repeal of the individual mandate. I favor a system similar to Massachusetts' which has a state mandate for most residents, but offers low or no cost plans to eligible residents who cannot get insurance through their work. We also need to explore large buying group options to force prices down.

TRANSPORTATION: Howard County is wonderfully situated between Baltimore and Washington but remains isolated by the traffic problem. Better commuter transportation linking Columbia, Baltimore and Washington DC should be a priority, along with much better service from lower income neighborhoods to shopping and jobs. Property values and hence tax revenues will rise as we create more walkable neighborhoods.

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COUNTY OFFICES

Carroll County Commissioner District 1

DUTIES: The County Commissioners are responsible for legislative and executive policy decisions affecting County government agencies. The County Commissioners are responsible for setting the tax levy and thereafter assuring that spending is limited to a set budget. The Commissioners provide leadership, define policy, and enact programs to meet community needs.

SALARY: \$45,000 per year

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One Commissioner is elected from each of the 5 districts in the county. (NOTE: We have used the best geographic data available to show the Council race for your precinct, but some addresses near the boundaries of a district may differ - check with the Board of Elections at(410) 386-2080 to be sure that the correct district is shown. To see the contest in any other Council district, type in an address near the center of that district.)

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: I have a legal education and 27 years of expediting government agencies and I know how to stop government waste. I have been a citizen activist regarding open meetings. I am a woman who stands on a firm foundation of faith and Constitutional principles to guide me. I have the character to limit my power as an elected official so that YOUR rights as citizens and taxpayer are preserved and enhanced.

BUDGET: Much would depend on budget justifications from County agencies. Emergency services and the Sheriff's Department need to be increased to pay for added responsibilities of provide Resource Officers in the Public Schools and competitive compensation with adjacent counties. Protecting women and children from sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking is a high priority for me.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I will increase citizen involvement in the planning process early on. Citizens don't like having plans dropped on them near the end of the process. County residents' opinions should carry more weight than opinions of government planners who do not live in the affected area. Citizens may not like what is going to happen to their property under the Comprehensive Master Plan currently underway.

EDUCATION: As a County Commissioner, my only official responsibility is to approve the budget request submitted by the School Board. If elected, I will vote for any fully justified responsible school budget.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The County has an Economic Development office which is responsible for encouraging both development and job growth. I am pro small business and agriculture, but against urbanization. I will fight alcohol and drug abuse so that citizens show up to jobs sober, not stoned.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: It is not the Constitutional responsibility of County Government to socially reengineer neighborhoods to meet artificial targets for nebulously defined "affordable" housing. I am against increased subsidized housing, as are most citizens, regardless of race or other factors, who live in the County. Nobody moves to Carroll County hoping for high density housing to pop up next door.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The best ways to address these issues is via the Budget. I will support any fully justified responsible budget after staff evaluates the comparative cost and benefits of mass transportation and public facilities versus other alternatives, especially alternatives which build communities rather than destroy them.

Stephen Albert Wantz

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QUALIFICATIONS: A County Commissioner should be well versed in every aspect of our County. I am a life-long resident with extensive volunteer experience and my record speaks for itself as your incumbent.

BUDGET: Increases in Education, Emergency Services and Economic Development. No decreases.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We passed the Master Plan in 2014 and we are very close to passing the Freedom Plan. We must continue our work on updating very outdated zoning categories.

EDUCATION: Work closely with our schools, and Board of Education with open and honest communication.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We must continue our efforts and work closely with our community business leaders, our towns and municipalities and our Chamber of Commerce to assure we are providing all the services we can.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Properly managed land development with the right infrastructure and amenities will allow for the right growth.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Continue to work with the State Highway Administration and our State Transportation officials to assure they continue their efforts in improving our major highways. In addition, it is essential to work with our state legislatures to continue the push for the return of Highway User Revenue which will allow increased spending on local roadways.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates for this office.

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Carroll County Commissioner District 2

DUTIES: The County Commissioners are responsible for legislative and executive policy decisions affecting County government agencies. The County Commissioners are responsible for setting the tax levy and thereafter assuring that spending is limited to a set budget. The Commissioners provide leadership, define policy, and enact programs to meet community needs.

SALARY: \$45,000 per year

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One Commissioner is elected from each of the 5 districts in the county. (NOTE: We have used the best geographic data available to show the Council race for your precinct, but some addresses near the boundaries of a district may differ - check with the Board of Elections at(410) 386-2080 to be sure that the correct district is shown. To see the contest in any other Council district, type in an address near the center of that district.)

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: I believe my years of public service have prepared me to continue as Commissioner. I am the current Carroll County Commissioner for District 3. Prior to this I was a Councilman for the city of Westminster, as well as a former Planning and Zoning Commissioner for the city.

BUDGET: I am always looking for ways to improve the working conditions at the Sheriff's department, the school system and for the county work force. We need to do what we can to keep county workers working in Carroll. We also need to help the volunteer fire departments recruit and retain firefighters.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We, the county are currently going through a comprehensive zoning text update. When that is finished, with citizen input, we can look at next steps. Next steps may include different zoning categories such a boulevard district and another residential district.

EDUCATION: I believe I already support education as much as possible within the scope of our budget. I support the public schools, the community college and the library system. I think everyone in Carroll should have the opportunity to improve themselves by taking advantage of a first-rate educational system.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We need to keep the government out of the way of potential business looking to expand into Carroll or come to Carroll. We are working to make the permit process faster and more user friendly. Businesses in Carroll have added 1320 new jobs and invested over \$332 million in the past 2 years! Therefore, I believe we are moving in the right direction.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We need zoning changes that give developers the opportunity to build diversified housing, as well as incentives for building affordable housing.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We, the county are currently working with the state to upgrade the major roads in Carroll; 26,32, and 97 are our top priorities. We are currently expanding fixed routes within our transit system. Additionally, the county is expanding high speed fiber optic internet to underserved communities.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent the past three and a half years as County Commissioner preceded by 38 years as an educator in Carroll County. Additionally, I am a lifelong farmer and Agriculturalist. I have served as ex-officio on the Veteran's Council, the Board of Education and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

BUDGET: There are many programs in the county budget that need to be increased. Examples of programs that need immediate attention are police, fire, education, drug treatment and infrastructure. These programs have a major and direct impact on the lives of our citizens.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: A large reason people move to Carroll County for the rural setting. We must continue to balance industrial, commercial residential and agricultural land use. The county is currently in the middle of comprehensive rezoning plan which I hope can accomplish the balance needed to preserve our way of life.

EDUCATION: Funding for our school system is critical to the outcome of our students. Our school budget is balanced by a combination of local and state funding combined with efficiencies in the school system. During my first two years in office we managed to increase the education budget by \$12.2 million. State funding needs to increase to maintain a top school system.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Carroll County has been very successful in attracting and expanding large businesses. Job growth starts with development of small businesses. We need a stronger small business incentive package to make Carroll County more attractive. We are fortunate to have a strong Chamber of Commerce and “The Miller” at Carroll Community College to help small business.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Our biggest drawback to affordable housing is the host of regulations that drive up the price of a home. Examples are septic systems and sprinkler systems which can drive the price of a house up by \$20,000 or more. We have almost regulated ourselves out of affordable housing.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Most of our traffic congestion occurs on state highways. We must continue to work with the Maryland Department of Transportation to prioritize and move projects through the funding process to provide commuters relief on Carroll roads.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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Carroll County Commissioner District 3

DUTIES: The County Commissioners are responsible for legislative and executive policy decisions affecting County government agencies. The County Commissioners are responsible for setting the tax levy and thereafter assuring that spending is limited to a set budget. The Commissioners provide leadership, define policy, and enact programs to meet community needs.

SALARY: \$45,000 per year

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One Commissioner is elected from each of the 5 districts in the county. (NOTE: We have used the best geographic data available to show the Council race for your precinct, but some addresses near the boundaries of a district may differ - check with the Board of Elections at (410) 386-2080 to be sure that the correct district is shown. To see the contest in any other Council district, type in an address near the center of that district.)

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: My background in business has allowed me to make key decisions with non-profit organizations as well as multi-million dollar corporations. These experiences have ensured that I have the knowledge and expertise to handle a wide variety of issues and challenges.

BUDGET: The present way they budget is haphazard and ad hoc. If elected I would offer a bottom up type of budget just like a typical family does and look at what is available. Not just rely on the budget director. Priorities would be the core functions including public safety, education, business development.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Recent developments have shown that land use policy in the county has been basically not been smooth and efficient. The process needs to be overhauled on a continuing basis that includes public input along the way at all critical junctures.

EDUCATION: Since the 2010 census it has been apparent that there is a need to seriously look at redistricting and facilities in the county. The can has been kicked the down the road and now with a new incoming superintendent and a school board redistricting committee are taking serious steps to address this. Once completed we have a better picture.. Any savings can be step increases, career and tech, etc.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The best way for a teacher, family, or law enforcement to afford a home is to keep taxes low, a favorable regulatory environment that is easy to navigate which will allow builders to want to meet the demand for first time homes.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The best way for a teacher, family, or law enforcement to afford a home is to keep taxes low, a favorable regulatory environment that is easy to navigate which will allow builders to want to meet the demand for first time homes.

INFRASTRUCTURE: If we keep taxes low and the regulatory environment better than surrounding areas. We will have businesses that want to move here as well as people which will increase the business industrial tax base and this must be accomplished with proper zoning, land use, and planning.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Experience includes local, state, and federal government; Greater Westminster Development Corporation with City of Westminster; both Houses of the United States Congress with Democratic Members of Maryland Delegation. Board of Trustees and graduate of St. Mary's College of Maryland, MPA in Public Administration

BUDGET: Basic services first, increase in education funding to reduce shortfall

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: No response received by deadline.

EDUCATION: No response received by deadline.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: No response received by deadline.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: No response received by deadline.

INFRASTRUCTURE: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 33 years experience working with counties and towns on stormwater management and other environmental and public health issues. I am well versed in collaborating with elected officials, town administrators, public works directors, engineers, and others on developing plans and projects that meet certain regulations but are also practical for a given jurisdictions.

BUDGET: Significant salary increases for Sheriff deputies should be a priority. Carroll has become a training ground for adjacent counties due to our low salaries, especially five years out. Reducing the CCPS funding gap should also be a priority. Attention to the capital budget is also needed as many infrastructure projects continue to be listed year in and year out, but no funding given or work done.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Some tweaking can be done to zoning to bring in more commercial/industrial land in the Designated Growth Areas as described in the 2014 Carroll County Master Plan. Otherwise, ready-to-build lots already exist at a couple business park locations. I would also support some zoning changes to agricultural land to allow more ground mounted solar panels and other sustainable energy generation projects.

EDUCATION: The Commissioners should play a supportive role when it comes to the CCPS, working with the Board of Education, the Superintendent and others to determine the level of funding needed to maintain our high quality schools and ensure buildings are sufficiently maintained. Any decisions regarding additional closures shouldn't be done until all limiting factors, such as zoning restrictions, are known.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: County government should continue to support the quality programs and initiatives already in place throughout different agencies. The county should also work with the state delegation to search out potential State grants and loans that support local companies. Maintaining good schools and quality infrastructure and recreational facilities also help attract companies and employees.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The County should leverage some of its funding with the many non profits in the county that help people buy a first home or stay in their home or apartment. The County might consider a reduction in the transfer tax for persons under a certain income buying a first home. Many of the more affordable houses and apartments are within town limits, so working with the various municipalities is a must.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Much of the traffic congestion in the county is on State roads (MD 140, 97, and 32) so working with the State Highway Administration and planning ahead is critical. It appears the county is receiving additional highway user funds from the State which can go towards some improvements. The issuance of bonds for facility upgrades often makes fiscal sense so work can be done more cost effectively.

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Carroll County Commissioner District 4

DUTIES: The County Commissioners are responsible for legislative and executive policy decisions affecting County government agencies. The County Commissioners are responsible for setting the tax levy and thereafter assuring that spending is limited to a set budget. The Commissioners provide leadership, define policy, and enact programs to meet community needs.

SALARY: \$45,000 per year

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One Commissioner is elected from each of the 5 districts in the county. (NOTE: We have used the best geographic data available to show the Council race for your precinct, but some addresses near the boundaries of a district may differ - check with the Board of Elections at(410) 386-2080 to be sure that the correct district is shown. To see the contest in any other Council district, type in an address near the center of that district.)

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: As a businessman of 25 years experience, I have learned to process all the information available, weighing the pros and cons before finalizing a financial decision. I understand budgets and managing a multitude of priorities simultaneously. I am persistent when challenged, yet humbled by life's experiences.

BUDGET: We have fiscally conservative commissioners and a budget director keeping them on track, so I don't think there is any room to cut anything. As far as increasing, unless there is economic expansion nothing is increasing.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I am for expansion of the commercial and industrial property tax base. Through I do believe in a balance in how we develop land with the preservation of our rural culture.

EDUCATION: Less students per class equals better education. Parents who use private or home school should get property tax credits, since education consumes 50% of the budget they are saving the county money. A community college annual fee spread out across 12 years of school to cover an associates degree, voluntarily and optional.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Upgrade the Career and Technology Center to provide businesses with a good work force. Make it easier for businesses to build and grow here. Tradesmen with degrees are great businessmen or women. Citizens who live and work here provide the county with income and property taxes just like businesses do. Marketing strategy needs to be made and executed.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: My research shows 60,000 county homes with a shortage of 4,000. If we allow the free market to supply housing for young couples, young professionals and senior citizens the county will gain revenue to relieve the pressure of raising existing home owners taxes.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I am not a specialist on traffic and transportation, but I am a businessman that

understands assets and liabilities. I would utilize the knowledge of people who made a career of these fields. Then analyze their advice to determine if we have the resources necessary to implement and whether or not there is a return on investment. To say otherwise, is just playing you for a fool or being one.

W. Paul Burkett

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No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 16 years as Councilman, 8 years as Mayor and 7 years as Planning & Zoning Commissioner for the Town of Union Bridge. 24 years in water treatment, the last 12 as Superintendent for The City of Westminster. I have been a truck driver, heavy equipment operator, auto body repairman, mechanic and farmer. These skills and experiences makes me uniquely qualified for the job of Commissioner.

BUDGET: Fiscal responsibility has been a strong point throughout my career in local government and will continue to be if I am elected. To answer this question without full knowledge of all the Counties programs would be speculative and irresponsible.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to continue with the Agriculture Preservation program, maybe even increase the rate at which we secure the easements. Country is one of the things that makes this County so desirable and we need to work to keep it as rural as possible with effective community planning,

EDUCATION: I would work with the School Board to provide adequate funding while encouraging fiscal responsibility. The relationship between the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education should never be adversarial. We all want to provide the very best education and learning environment for our children.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Continue to provide a friendly business atmosphere that benefits all parties involved. Assure that adequate infrastructure is available.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Affordable housing should be a part of all growth conversations. There are many good people in Carroll County that need this. We lose a lot of them to Pennsylvania, which contributes to the traffic issues on Routes 30 and 97. All residential development should take this into consideration during the design phase.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Realistic planning. We have to embrace the fact that all of these issues are growth related and cannot be solved by revenue generated by additional growth alone. We need to have honest discussions regarding the nature of growth in Carroll County that balances the need for growth while maintaining its rural appeal and resource protection.

Sean Shaffer

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QUALIFICATIONS: My training in electronics, radios and computers gives me an understanding of technology and proposed solutions or systems. I always had a problem-solving, analytical mind and

can understand or learn new systems or processes brought before the board. With my background I can propose solutions not being considered or new ideas to discuss.

BUDGET: Infrastructure and utilities need to be addressed. With rampant growth and inadequate services there will be difficulties in supplying the needs of future business and residents. We will need to address the ailing and aging public, as they are not able to afford the increasing costs of services. Our bargaining power and technology should be used to reduce overhead and bring down costs.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to stop using overlays or special tax districts, the zoning needs to be updated and redundant zones eliminated. The zoning board needs to stop issuing variances for every building permit application. Plans to urbanize our county and turn it into a suburb of Baltimore need to be scrapped. There hasn't been a comprehensive review of our needs and the means to achieve them.

EDUCATION: We need to focus on the material being taught and giving our students the skills and knowledge to compete in the job field after graduation. Where possible we should give college credit for material learned in high school and grant degrees to students who have earned sufficient credit. This needs to be done system-wide and not just for a privileged few. Replace STEM fads with real technology.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Businesses need to start hiring locally. Firms that continue to outsource placement to temp agencies and placement services should not be granted licenses. They need to be honest about requirements so we can educate our students for the positions available. What is the point of a job fair that results in not hiring local employees. Our job seekers are being told they have inadequate experience.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We need oversight of housing developments and the costs of housing, to watch the banks and mortgage firms to keep them from ripping off home-buyers. Foreclosed overpriced homes should be seized by eminent domain and returned to the homebuyers with a mortgage that better reflects the true value of the home and ability to repay. We need to develop SRO's and similar housing for homeless and victims.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Roads need a regular maintenance schedule for resurfacing and paving roads that are still dirt and gravel in some places. The CATS and busing needs to be audited and refined to better serve needs. Most facilities can still serve their function despite aging but there is property not being used and a review of needs and facilities should be done. We need to establish a real broadband network.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Paul Johnson

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QUALIFICATIONS: My successful 33-year career as a software engineer has taught me how to identify problems, look at correlations to other problems, lay out options, and find ways to resolve them. I understand how important trade-offs and collaboration is required to arrive at a solution that best serves our county.

BUDGET: Carroll public infrastructure assets require modernization and routine maintenance now and must be included in future budgets. Reduce growing the Assigned Fund Balance that require future budgets to pay for previous projects. Increase funding for Volunteer Length of Service Award Program, to keep LOSAP solvent for our emergency service volunteers.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Carroll can become the new hub for small Information technology firms facing rising costs and should be promoted as an alternative within this tech-rich region. Vacant schools are draining county resources and revenue and require immediate decisions. Empty buildings

are blight. Decisions to repurpose, lease or remove must be timely.

EDUCATION: Support and empower our superintendent and BOE to set CCPS priorities. Honor BOE negotiated teacher contracts and pensions. Work with Carroll's delegation to ensure that casino revenue placed into the State Education Trust Fund is not siphoned out into other areas and remains invested wisely for education needs only.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Promote economic growth by positioning Carroll County as a new hub for information technology firms. Carroll can be the affordable alternative to high business cost neighboring counties. Our quality of life is attractive to young professionals. IT firm's offer good jobs from entry to advanced levels with minimal water requirements.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The median value of Carroll County housing exceeds \$320,000 (Source: US Census). We can stop closing schools if we focus on housing that our young adult children, our teachers, and our public safety professionals can afford. We also need housing that our elderly parents can afford, to keep them nearby.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Many public modernization, maintenance, and replacement project needs are coming due and are not in current budget requests. We need to plan now, to start addressing these needs over time, instead of having them all come due at the same time in the future. East Middle School is an example.

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Carroll County Commissioner District 5

DUTIES: The County Commissioners are responsible for legislative and executive policy decisions affecting County government agencies. The County Commissioners are responsible for setting the tax levy and thereafter assuring that spending is limited to a set budget. The Commissioners provide leadership, define policy, and enact programs to meet community needs.

SALARY: \$45,000 per year

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One Commissioner is elected from each of the 5 districts in the county. (NOTE: We have used the best geographic data available to show the Council race for your precinct, but some addresses near the boundaries of a district may differ - check with the Board of Elections at (410) 386-2080 to be sure that the correct district is shown. To see the contest in any other Council district, type in an address near the center of that district.)

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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No response received by deadline.

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Dave Greenwalt

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QUALIFICATIONS: I first moved to Eldersburg in 1969 and have been active in the community ever since mostly with youth sports and adult recreation. In 2001 I began publishing the Eldersburg Eagle, having been involved in the newspaper business for over 45 years since the Sykesville Herald. I have been a frequent critic of our county government and now I want to step in to see if I can make a positive difference.

BUDGET: We need to look at the two threats against the youth of our county; the opioid crisis and school safety. A start would be increased education seminars of the danger to our youth and those in the medical field to cease the over prescription of opioid drugs. We need to examine the safety of entrances to our schools. I plan on a thorough review of the budget including a possible independent audit.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Our rural land preservation is a good one that speaks to our heritage and provides assurances to our future. However, we still need to provide more recreational facilities to meet the demand of today's youth and those in the future. I want to complete the rails to trails project and look at bicycle paths. The Springfield Hospital Center has acres that can be developed plus there are other options.

EDUCATION: I will organize schools in District 5 to raise funds independent of tax dollars for the purpose of affording after school activities. Years ago an Oklahoma Road Middle teacher organized a touch football league. For the cost of pullover jerseys and flags, shamefully, the teacher paid the bill. Also, there are opportunities for more countywide contests and games; on the fields and in the classroom.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We must be aggressive as possible to encourage business growth throughout the county, especially in the business parks. In District 5, the business parks at Progress Way and Enterprise Drive and the one at Exchange Drive have strong potential, but the county must encourage growth and stop putting up barriers. We need to seek those who offer career jobs with high salaried professional positions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I would take no steps to increase affordable housing and let the free market determine the cost of a home.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We must address the bottleneck at both of the bridges that cross the Liberty Reservoir on Rt. 26. I will meet with officials from the SHA to discuss the options of expanding the current bridges or adding a second one at each location. Rt. 32 also needs to be completed to four lanes from Rt. 26 south to Howard County. The upkeep of our recreational fields is left too often to parents and volunteers

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QUALIFICATIONS: In 2007, I successfully launched Upward Sykesville, to gain council seats and move Sykesville on a positive upward track. Elected for two terms, which included 6 years as Sykesville Town Council President, we made Sykesville the Coolest Small town in America. I am the only candidate that has this small-town turnaround experience. Let's make Carroll the best place to raise a family.

BUDGET: Immediately, we have an Epidemic in Carroll County dealing with the Heroin/Opioid crisis that our county folks have done a great job of slowing the progression of deaths. Depending on what the US Government and the State of Maryland provide, additional funding may be needed for the short term to combat this Epidemic. There are plenty of other needs in the County.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I am in support of the Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Program. They are almost three quarters of the way to fulfilling their goal of 100,000 acres to be preserved. We all are watching the Freedom Area Plan and Warfield to see how they evolve. The County must work with each town to help with that town's vision for growth. Lets make Carroll the best place to raise a family.

EDUCATION: We want spectacular schools. We have very dedicated folks that need more resources for them to be most effective. We must have a better working relationship between the Commissioners and the Board of Education. When the starting salary for teachers was one of the lowest in the State of Maryland it sent a strong signal that Education was not valued. I will work to make sure that does not happen.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We were successful in Sykesville. Creating the proper business environment is crucial in a vibrant community. We need proper growth so that local markets can thrive. I will work to listen to the local businesses and assist our staff in aggressively recruiting certain viable businesses to Carroll. I will work to help make Carroll more pro-business.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: My vision is to make Carroll County the Best Place to Raise a Family so housing is key. We all are watching the Freedom Area Plan and the development of Warfield. Warfield was designed to have 145 Town houses which will help finance the restoration of the historic buildings to be used for the corporate campus and a small amount of retail. I will work with Mayor Shaw to make smoother progress.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The County will need to continue to work with the State of Maryland to complete road improvements. Routes 30, 86, 140, 26, 32, 31 and 851 are all in line for improving. Internally County road improvements need to continue at an appropriate rate. I will continue these and improvements for the Ag Center and more Turf fields.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Served in Army for 30+ years. Garrison Commander, Fort Meade with over \$300M budget providing safety and security of 55,000+ population. President / CEO of Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation. Principal of ERA Advisors LLC, a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business. Serve on boards including Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council and Governor's Workforce Development Board.

BUDGET: Priorities evolve over time and having the ability to appropriately adjust is a must. The budget must be requirements based and not on the percentages. For example, the budget for our schools goes well beyond the current percentage allocated and must include other department

commitments as well ensuring a holistic effort that meets the current demands and supports the vision.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: As a principle, land use measures should be decided locally via planning and zoning within Carroll County. Bottom line – Carroll County knows best how to deal with local land use issues and can better respond to our residents affected. Carroll County should have as much flexibility as possible on how to comply with environmental mandates that impact our local land use.

EDUCATION: First and foremost, we must ensure open communications and transparency with ALL those involved with our schools. This starts with a strong listening / learning campaign in the neighborhoods and schools; second and concurrently establish a strong relationship with the Superintendent and Board of Education. We must instill confidence in our community that our schools are resourced appropriately.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Focus on leading growth that pairs infrastructure and development while maintaining public support for keeping Carroll County the place to live, educate our kids and establish a strong workplace environment. This approach will ensure a community that promotes growth while maintaining our great cultural integrity. We ARE NOT and WILL NOT be an extension or outgrowth of neighboring jurisdictions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The focus should not be on affordable housing, but on the vision and development of our County. With proper economic and business development the market will dictate the housing trends.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to focus our attention on improving our existing infrastructure and the transportation options we currently offer for more hours and diverse routes for our community and not focus on mass transit. I'm especially proud that we offer the Carroll County Veteran's Shuttle Transportation Program which provides our veterans and their caregivers free rides to VA medical facilities.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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Carroll County Circuit Court Judge

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

SALARY: \$154,433.

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

HOW ELECTED: The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. The General Assembly determines the number of judges in each circuit and county. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office. Each newly appointed Circuit Court judge then must stand for office at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. One or more other qualified members of the bar may also run to fill the vacancy. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots.

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 Maryland's court system and how can these be addressed?

Candidates

Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 20 years experience in areas including family, criminal, and domestic violence. My passion is public service, having served 14 years as a Prosecutor specializing in Domestic Violence. I trained hundreds of law enforcement officers and tried thousands of cases in Maryland courts. I was recognized nationally as trial advocacy expert, and trained prosecutors at the National Advocacy Center.

DISCRIMINATION: To address discrimination, we must elect judges representative of the people they serve. Representation begets perspective. As a single mother, who raised a hearing impaired child, with years of experience, I bring a perspective that has never been represented on the Carroll County Circuit Court. In over 180 years of the court's existence a woman has never been elected to the circuit court bench.

COURT NEEDS: In addition to diversity, judges need to be accountable for their rulings and behavior towards the citizens they serve. Judges are public servants and should be humble yet firm, not arrogant and bombastic. This begins with selecting the right candidates and continues with routine periodic training, and mandatory supplemental training for judges who disregard the law and rules of proper decorum.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a trial attorney since 1987 and have tried all types of legal matters, including civil, criminal, traffic, divorce and other family law issues, business and real property issues. I have tried numerous criminal and civil jury trials in this County and throughout Maryland. This experience makes me the most qualified candidate.

DISCRIMINATION: I would address diversity by waiving court costs and other fees based on an individual's financial ability. The Court should further encourage attorneys to represent citizens on a Pro Bono basis to ensure access for all. I regularly donate to the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service which provides representation for those in need.

COURT NEEDS: The Court needs to establish additional alternative dispute resolution options so less cases make their way through the system so that citizens are not mired in protracted litigation. Courts should resolve cases at a faster pace so that justice delayed is not justice denied. People demand and should receive expeditious resolution of their case, as this will enhance public

confidence.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate found highly qualified by the Trial Courts Nominating Commission. I was selected by Gov. Hogan from a list of four finalists and have been serving as a judge since February 1, 2016. Prior to my appointment, for over two decades I had a general practice of law exclusively in Carroll County where my clients consisted of County residents, small businesses and municipalities.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is best addressed by following the oath of office that requires any judge, to the best of their skill and judgment, WITHOUT PARTIALITY OR PREJUDICE, to diligently and faithfully execute the office they hold. A trial judge must apply, not create, the laws enacted by the Legislative branch while following controlling legal precedent of applicable Maryland and Federal appellate courts.

COURT NEEDS: Continuing to make more use of modern technology is the greatest need. For example, Carroll County recently converted to a paperless, online system for all court filings. This was a huge change with significant operational benefits. Similar technological advances have permitted more efficient “real-time” pretrial monitoring of defendants with substance abuse issues in criminal cases.

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Carroll County State's Attorney

DUTIES: The State’s Attorney’s Office is a constitutionally created independent agency. The State’s Attorney is the chief prosecutor for criminal violations; and educates the public about criminal justice issues, provides training to lawyers for future service, addresses inequality and promote fairness in the criminal justice system, ensures access to the criminal justice system, promotes professional relations with judges and attorneys, and seeks to further the efficient use of criminal justice resources.

SALARY: \$114,527

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

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.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have practiced law for 22 years, and have served as Carroll County State's Attorney since December 2014. Governor Larry Hogan has appointed me to the Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, and then designated me as the Chair of the Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks. I am proud of the work of our Office over the last four years in keeping Carroll safe.

DISCRIMINATION: I strongly believe that each individual deserves and should be expected to be treated fairly and equally under the law, and that is a belief that is shared by our law enforcement partners in Carroll County. As an Office, we always review cases to ensure fair and legal treatment, and will continue to immediately address any situation where anyone has failed to provide that to our citizens.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: Our ultimate goal is public safety, and our Office has many programs that serve that purpose that are alternatives to prison. We work extensively with Drug Court, and recently created our own drug diversion program, that seeks to provide users treatment and supervision in lieu of incarceration for non-violent offenses.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: I believe strongly in a three prong approach to dealing with our drug overdose challenges - enforcement, prevention, and treatment. I have not only seen that drug dealers for profit have been incarcerated for long sentences, but have created several educational programs that are now given in our schools. I have also created unique programs in our Office that address those looking for treatment

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Upon becoming State's Attorney, one of my first acts was to create a Special Victims Unit that has prosecutors and a domestic violence victim advocate that handle all domestic violence cases. I was also instrumental in creating a Domestic Violence Court Day that is held each week so that all of the service providers can be present to provide victims of domestic violence support in court.

OTHER PRIORITIES: No bigger issue is facing Carroll County than opiate overdoses. There is hardly anyone that has not been touched by this crises in some way. I created partnerships with our schools, health department, hospital, and police partners to identify innovative ways to not only get those in need of treatment to those that can help, but at the same time educate our children so they make good choices

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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Carroll County Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The County Commissioners are responsible for legislative and executive policy decisions affecting County government agencies. The County Commissioners are responsible for setting the tax levy and thereafter assuring that spending is limited to a set budget. The Commissioners provide leadership, define policy, and enact programs to meet community needs.

SALARY: \$45,000 per year

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One Commissioner is elected from each of the 5 districts in the county. (NOTE: We have used the best geographic data available to show the Council race for your precinct, but some addresses near the boundaries of a district may differ - check with the Board of Elections at (410) 386-2080 to be sure that the correct district is shown. To see the contest in any other Council district, type in an address near the center of that district.)

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.

Heather DeWees

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a successful educator and coach for over 20 years, I have developed emotional intelligence, conflict resolution skills, flexibility and a capacity for helping others to improve their performance levels. In addition to my expansive education, directing my successful youth basketball camps has allowed me to master budgeting, planning, supervision, evaluation and other administrative functions.

AREAS OF NEED: I plan to promote a professional environment by emphasizing teamwork and inspiring the staff to increase their opportunities to grow professionally and educationally. In addition to implementing professional development opportunities, I plan to strengthen the relationships between the Clerk's office and judges, create a positive work environment for the staff, and enhance the vision of the office.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: My goal is to ensure that every person who visits the office has an informed, welcoming experience. I plan to utilize social media to educate citizens about the Clerk's Office using various methods of communication that will provide valuable information to the public; and, I plan to participate in community outreach so that all the citizens of Carroll County know what the Clerk can do for them.

PRIORITIES: I plan to research and tour several other clerk's offices in Maryland to better understand their successes and bring them to Carroll County. Additionally, I will develop a mentoring system for new employees and facilitate exceptional customer service. It is important that I survey customers, staff and court personnel to gain feedback about the quality of service the Clerk's Office is providing.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Managing public land records, court documents & licenses; VERY IMPORTANT!

Not done well? People lose property, their rights, money. Needed: Strong management skills, a public servant. Experience: Pres Frazier Machine; VP Instant Access Networks; Asst Treas Westminster B&T, AWANA K-12 Director; County Commissioner; Planning/Zoning Commission Chair; Gov Ehrlich's Intergovnmntl Affairs Office

AREAS OF NEED: Accurate, timely, accessible, secure records, files & licenses, with outstanding customer service. Technology may increase efficiency & accessibility, BUT security measures are necessary to be **TIMELY:** monitor equipment & systems, good IT assistance, back-up power; **ACCURATE:** accountable, balancing transactions, cyber security; and **CUSTOMER FRIENDLY:** intuitive, live IT help, continuity of operation

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I agree with Sec Kelly Schulz, Customer Service is a must! Train in customer service skills & knowledge of areas of service, incentivize good performance, & celebrate excellent outcomes for continual improvement. Solicit suggestions from employees and those we serve. Budget priorities will also be given to enhance processes that improve accuracy, timeliness, accessibility and security

PRIORITIES: Administrative positions like Clerk of the Court should occasionally take a fresh look at operations without impediments like a "that's the way we've always done it" attitude, or perceived conflicts of interest; perhaps being too close to the Courts or law enforcement. I bring such a fresh look, plus experience to secure systems and manage people, paperwork & processes, prioritizing excellence.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I will bring 39 years of extensive experience, to this office. I started my current career in the Circuit Court, as a Courtroom Clerk handling both criminal and civil cases over the next 19 years. In 2008 I was promoted to my current position of Senior Supervisor of Court Operations for Carroll County Circuit Court and oversee a team of 10 Courtroom Clerks.

AREAS OF NEED: Increase public awareness of the role of the Clerk's Office; I realized that a lot of people were not aware of the functions of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. I would like to inform the residents of Carroll County and make them aware of the many functions of our office, including all the different types of cases Civil, Criminal, Juvenile, and the many functions of our Land Records Office.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: The State of Maryland Judiciary website www.mdcourts.gov offers a plethora of instructions and forms to the public on all the many functions of the Circuit Court Clerk's office. We need to make sure this information gets to the public to help them become better aware of the wide verity of services we offer to all the people seeking help.

PRIORITIES: I would like to establish open communications between the Clerk's Office and Attorney's and all outside agencies that we deal with on a daily basics.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Terrie Connolly

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have work for the Maryland Judiciary for over 30 years. I have had the opportunity to work and become proficient in the Criminal, Juvenile, Civil, Courtroom, Land Records

and Licensing Departments. I am currently the Senior Supervisor of Court Operations of the Criminal, Juvenile and Civil Departments. I am tasked with processing and maintaining court documents and overseeing staff.

AREAS OF NEED: It is extremely important for the Clerks to be properly trained and given the appropriate resources. I would like the Clerks to have additional training through the Judiciary's Department of Professional Development. I want the public to have confidence that when they come into the Clerk's Office, they are being assisted by a professional knowledgeable Clerk.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I do strive to provide resources to aid the public. I think it's important for people to know about these legal resources such as: the Family Law Clinic, family law forms, legal web sites, agency numbers the Judiciary's website <http://mdcourts.gov/>. Carroll County now has a new computer system that allows 24hr./7days a week access to file new cases and pleadings.

PRIORITIES: To ensure the public has fair, equal and prompt administration of justice when dealing with the Clerk's Office. We need to be responsive and adaptable to changing community needs. We need to effectively inform and educate the public and legal agencies. We need to administer justice with diligence and integrity. We need to listen to feedback, be accountable and to take action when necessary.

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Carroll 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.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have an Associate of Arts degree from Villa Julie College, now Stevenson University, with a concentration in Paralegal studies. I have served for over 28 plus years on the City of Westminster's Planning and Zoning Commission, serving as chairperson for last ten years. Served on the Wakefield Valley Task force. Board of Governors of Westminster Riding Club, Inc for over 30 years.

DISCRIMINATION: The Orphan's Court procedures are mandated by Maryland Code and Maryland Rules, and therefore does not discriminate based on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty.

COURT NEEDS: Currently the 3 Judges do not have a computer. We have just recently requested 1 to 3 computers to manage our court log and connect to the Maryland Judicial for training and

research.

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QUALIFICATIONS: 18 years of experience in the Orphans Court. I am a member of the Conference of Orphan Court Judges. I'm a member of the Maryland Association of Judges of the Orphans Court. I am a member of the National College of Probate Judges. I've attended continuing education seminars through the judicial system.

DISCRIMINATION: The court must remain impartial. I have always served in the past with the utmost integrity and ethics.

COURT NEEDS: The court needs to have members who are willing to go to continuing education classes. Members of the Court must act with integrity and impartiality in all matters.

Donald II Sealing

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the elected and current Clerk of the Circuit Court with over 40 years of experience in the legal field I feel qualified to be fair, impartial and just to any litigant who may appear before the Orphans Court.

DISCRIMINATION: If elected as a Judge of the Orphans Court, it will be my responsibility to treat each litigant who appears before the court with respect, regardless of their race, gender, religion or status in life.

COURT NEEDS: As the Judges of the Orphans Court, it would be our responsibility to sit as an impartial body and listen to any evidence and arguments and make the fairest decision based on the law.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Charles E. Harrison

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QUALIFICATIONS: Serving as Judge of the Orphans' Court for nearly two years provided exceptional hands-on experience to continue to serve in this capacity. Having a Masters Degree in the Administration of Justice and 28 years of service as a FBI Supervisor provided excellent experience in the judicial process, preparation of legal documents, interviewing and making objective, fact based decisions.

DISCRIMINATION: The Orphans' Court can take a leadership role by setting examples of non-bias, objective decision making. Judges must not prejudge people based on pre-conceived notions involving race, gender, religion and other factors. The courts must also make a concerted effort to establish and maintain diversity on the bench.

COURT NEEDS: If selected I will attempt to modernize court room operations by computerizing the scheduling of hearings and establishing timely case reviews to ensure cases move expeditiously through the judicial process. I would establish high work ethics and would schedule periodic training sessions for Judges to ensure they remain aware of current case law impacting upon the probate process.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Graduated Westminster HS 1972 Graduated 1972 UMCP. Paralegal Certificate 1993 Worked for Office of the Public Defender at the Court House in Westminster 1992-2015

DISCRIMINATION: I believe this question is beyond the purview of the Orphan's Court. I would certainly be opposed to any discrimination, due to cited reasons, or any reason, in the probate process.

COURT NEEDS: The greatest need is to make sure this Court, like every other court in Maryland, is non-political. I would like to see all candidates run on a non-partisan basis. Like the Board of Education. There's no Democratic or Republican way to handle probate. Orphan's Court judges don't make policy, they determine the law as applying to estates and wills that come before them.

Anita Riley

QUALIFICATIONS: My whole 'adult' life has been 'helping people' whether it be thru negotiations, arbitrations or mediation. I know what it means to make certain that people receive what is due to them whether it be because of a contract-- or otherwise. I listen, and fair and honest in all dealings.. I am a 5 year volunteer with Carroll County Mediation Maryland doing mediations @ Carroll County District Court

DISCRIMINATION: The only way to address these issues is to simply do the right thing. Be honest and make justice work. Anyone who comes before any court should be made to feel they are honestly being helped, given respect and without prejudice of any kind.. They should feel that they are a contributing part of the human race. No exceptions.

COURT NEEDS: Not certain of 'greatest needs' as I've never sat on the court to know the needs. What I can say, is that if I become part of the court and find issues of major concern that need to be addressed, I will get involved and will work diligently to correct. I would want to make certain that anyone who comes before Orphan's Court is treated fairly, respectfully and without prejudice.

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Carroll County Register of Wills

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

SALARY: Salary is based on the size of the county and determined by the Maryland Board of Public Works.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

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.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have the proven leadership skills to necessary to provide exceptional customer service and support to the public.

AREAS OF NEED: The public needs to be more informed about the Register of Wills office as well as the entire Orphan's Court system. I propose that the Register of Wills hold community meetings to educate the public about these offices and the services they provide. If elected I promise to hold these meetings throughout the county.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I would make myself available to provide meetings throughout the county. The Register of Wills should attend as many activities as possible to provide information **about the office to as many people as possible.**

PRIORITIES: My priorities are to get information out to all ages of the public to emphasize the importance of having a Will and the consequences of not having one.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been serving as the Register of Wills for 16 years. As an attorney, I am able to help people understand the law and I am able to work with both private citizens and attorneys in clarifying issues and helping to resolve them.

AREAS OF NEED: The Orphans' Court is an independent entity, coming under the County, whereas my office is a State agency. I serve as their clerk. We work together very well. Education in probate law is always important and I try to supplement the education provided by the Judicial Training Center. Their greatest need is in access to technology and I am working with the County to fill that need.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: People come into my office after losing a loved one. The last thing they want is a bureaucracy. My office is noted for our compassion and our knowledgeable service. All of my staff has had previous experience in probate law, either in the Register of Wills office or with attorneys in private practice and they are all caring individuals. We will continue to provide that compassionate service

PRIORITIES: My priority has always been and will always be courteous, professional caring service. I believe in treating people as we would wish to be treated. That was established from my first day in office and it continues to be true today.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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Carroll County Sheriff

DUTIES: The sheriff performs law enforcement functions, carries out court orders, delivers summonses, and executes bench warrants, and supervises the county corrections facility except in counties where a separate corrections department has been established.

SALARY: \$70,000 effective January 1, 2015.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

Questions

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

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?

OPIOID ABUSE: What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse in Harford County?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jim DeWees

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No response received by deadline.

Please check www.vote411.org for responses that may have been submitted later.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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PARTY OFFICES

Carroll 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 statewide 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.

Questions

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

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: What changes, if any, should be made in the party's process for nominating a candidate for President?

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: What steps will you take to appeal to voters outside the party, such as opening the party primary to unaffiliated voters?

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: What are your priorities for the party?

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

CANDIDATES

Members of this party may vote for no more than 9.

Katherine Adelaide

No response received by deadline.

Please check www.vote411.org for responses that may have been submitted later.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Over the last 7+ years I have been actively supporting Republican Party goals through local Republican clubs and Carroll County's Republican Central Committee to include constantly recruiting new voters. I have also been a proxy voter at two State Conventions, and was formerly a candidate for public office.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: In 2007 the State of Maryland chaptered HB !48 entitled Presidential Elections - Agreements Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. I do not agree with this State action. I believe that we should continue to uphold Amendment XII to retain what is called the Electoral College to assure that each state has representation in selecting America's Executive Officer and Vice

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I will seek to discuss with those outside of the Republican Party why they should become Republican Party members especially the importance of upholding our constitutions - State and National.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Reaching out to recruit all potential voters to become informed Republican voters... after all, if one is a citizen of the United States, one is already a republican... Article 4, Section 4, the United States Constitution.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: 1.) Does the candidate respect to whom the Oath of Office is sworn? 2.) Does the candidate truly respect the importance of our State Constitution. 3.) Will the candidate follow our rightful process.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an active member of 2 local Rep clubs I aided candidates' campaigns in a number of election cycles. I bring 25yrs business/mgmt exp as co-owner/operator of a successful & respected dairy farming operation in Carroll Co, w/elected positions in MD Farm Bureau. Now retired, I maintain membership in MFB & interest in farm community, & am active in several Christian ministries & area non-profit orgs

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response at this time.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No change in UAV access. Rep Party founded on same princip as US Const, but princip being trashed. All voters are harmed when votes once promised for good govt & fundamental values are replaced by self-serving votes exch for influence, favors & career aspirations. Candidates w/right values will earn UAV voice & votes. If Rep serve w/virtue & support US Const, then UAV will switch to Rep Party.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: To restore Rep Party strength in Carr Co & US by return to respected princip & values on which Rep Party was founded – values haven't gone away but have been pushed aside. Even Central Comm has strayed from its stated purpose & must re-focus to encourage & enable Rep voters who value Const fundamentals to become Rep candidates who will succeed as elected Reps to help guide Carr Co, MD state & US.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Criteria must be same whether candidate for President, Governor, Genl Assembly or elected position in smallest community. Must seek persons demonstrating values & ethics of Const & Bill of Rights, showing strength of character to stand against destructive "me first" sickness now running roughshod thru many elected offices. Find patriots who love the US & help them find courage to serve in office.

E. Scott Hollenbeck

QUALIFICATIONS: I previously served on the Carroll County Republican Central Committee and have been an officer of different Republican clubs.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No changes. The Electoral College works fine.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: The central committee is elected from registered Republicans during the primary. There should be closed primaries.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: To continue the Republican Party dominance and stronghold in Carroll County. To continue the Republican majority in Carroll County in both elected offices and voter registration. To promote the Republican Party at all levels of public school and in Christian schools/

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: My criteria will be the following: The candidate must be pro-life. The candidate must oppose funding planned parenthood. The candidate must be pro-2nd Amendment. The candidate must be in favor of concealed carry. The candidate must believe marriage is one man/one woman. The candidate must be a Christian. The candidate must be in favor of restricting illegal immigration and building the wall.

Karen Leatherwood

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QUALIFICATIONS: For the past dozen years, I have volunteered for numerous Republican candidate campaigns both locally and statewide. As a current member of the Republican Central Committee, I have served manning the temporary headquarters and the Republican trailer at local carnivals, worked on fundraising events and generally stepped into any role asked of me in service to the party and leadership.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I welcome those who support Republican Party principles to join our party. I am opposed to any form of open primaries.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: For 2018, the highest priority is getting Governor Hogan re-elected and to do what we can to get a larger number of Republicans in both the House of Delegates and the State Senate. It is imperative for a number of reasons, but better Congressional districts after the next census is critical. It is also important to elect fiscally sound Republicans in all of the local offices as well.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: If at all possible, I would look for someone that has experience in the political and/or business arena. I would favor someone that has previously run for office and has

shown they are willing to roll up their sleeves and work hard for the citizens of Carroll County. An ideal candidate would be someone that has the support of our existing delegation members and other elected officials.

Thom Meads

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a Carroll County Resident for the past 22 years. I have been involved in numerous community recreation programs. I am also an active member of Crossroads Church in Westminster and a regularly volunteer at Shepherds Staff. My background is in insurance, transportation sales and owning several small businesses over the last 30 years.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I want unaffiliated voters to know that the Republican Party of Carroll County and the State of Maryland is a party that is compassionate, conservative and believes in a government that practices fiscal responsibility.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: I believe our party needs some common sense conservative leadership. Agreeing to hear all opinions and to work together as a party, this includes agreeing to disagree sometimes and finding common ground to work together as a party. I believe our party needs to support financial accountability in the government, family values and individual rights.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would seek candidates that would work well with our other Delegates and Senators from Carroll Cty. I would like to know that they understand that TAX dollars are the people's money. That they support the values of strong families with one mother and one father. That our schools should teach our children to read, write, know arithmetic and to understand the history of our country above all else.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a 10 yr. track record of showing "RepubliCANTS" how to again be "RepubliCANS". Conservatives in Carroll County view me as the leader of the conservative arm of the Republican Party. As a successful private sector citizen, holding an MBA, & Engineering Degree, with a strong background in business law, I have consistently demonstrated the willingness to STAND & FIGHT bad liberal policies.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Current processes are imperfect, but proposed 1-man 1-vote schemes are dangerous. Why? Because America is NOT a democracy. We are a Constitutional Republic because our Founders viewed raw democracy as simply "Mob Rule". 1-man 1 vote systems will shift more voting power to dense urban areas that are overwhelmingly liberal, and render conservative rural areas irrelevant in future elections.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: In Carroll, collective bargaining units encourage liberals to switch to the Republican Party to vote against conservatives in primaries. Open primaries would ensure conservatives never again win primaries in Carroll County. Nonetheless, we can grow the Republican Party by reaffirming constitutional principles, & encourage Libertarians & Constitutionlists to return to the Republican party.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: The Republican Central Committee lacks conviction & spine. We should (1) Require candidates to sign affidavits affirming belief in the RNC platform; (2) Expose liberal

candidates who switched parties only to fool voters; & (3) Refuse to support new candidates with no track record of supporting conservative values. CCRCC fecklessness aids liberal candidates & hurts conservatives. Unacceptable.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: (1) Has the candidate demonstrated conviction to stand & fight for Conservative Values? (2) Does the candidate have the proven competence and business skills to perform effectively? (3) Can the candidate cogently articulate constitutional principles? (4) Has the candidate demonstrated ethical behavior, & respect for the God of the Bible in his private life? (5) Can the candidate win reelection?

Christopher Tomlinson

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have volunteered with and have coordinated numerous campaigns here in Carroll, including Hogan for Governor and Szeliga for U.S. Senate. I have helped Republican candidates run successful campaigns for town council and mayor, the General Assembly, U.S. Congress, and Board of Education. I also cover local politics as a conservative opinion columnist for the Carroll County Times.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I would like to fix many of the flaws that became clearly evident during the 2016 election, especially since we almost had a contested convention. I would like for all delegates to be bound to candidates in the 1st round. I also think that in order for a candidate to be considered, he or she should need to have won a certain number of delegates or a number of states in the primaries (besides 1).

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Over 600,000 independent or unaffiliated Maryland voters were unable to vote in our last Gubernatorial primary election. I would be open to entertaining the idea of allowing independent and unaffiliated voters to vote in our primary elections. However, I would not be open to allowing registered democrats to vote in a republican primary and vice versa.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My top priorities for the MARYLAND GOP are: #1 - Letting Maryland conservatives know that it is okay to be a "Hogan Guy" and a "Trump guy." #2 - Redistricting in 2022. #3 - Getting Larry Hogan re-elected!

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: For the General Assembly, I would look for someone who would represent Carroll's conservative values but who also has the ability to work with Democrats because that is who controls Annapolis. For non-General Assembly vacancies, I would look for someone who has already done great things for the community and who already has a proven resume of being involved in our county government and politics.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM CANDIDATES BELOW

David L. Jr. Braunin; Ryan Finch; William Harrison; Lawrence W. Helminiak; Brandon Matthew Holland; Douglas L. Johnston; Robert A. Kurland; Justin Mudgett; Fallon E. Patton; Seth Shipley; Christopher R. Weaver

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Carroll 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 statewide 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.

Questions

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

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: What changes, if any, should be made in the party's process for nominating a candidate for President?

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: What steps will you take to appeal to voters outside the party, such as opening the party primary to unaffiliated voters?

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: What are your priorities for the party?

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

CANDIDATES

Members of this party may vote for no more than 6.

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QUALIFICATIONS: The most important values of my profession as a social worker are service to others, integrity, and adherence to high ethical standards and I apply these values to all aspects of my life. My professional skill base includes assessment, planning, organization, advocacy, activism and securing appropriate resources. I believe these skills will enable me to perform the duties of my office.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I have concerns about the use of the superdelegate system for nominating a Democratic candidate for the presidency. I would like to see, at the minimum, the number of superdelegates substantially decreased but would be in favor of the superdelegate system being eliminated.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I strongly believe that Maryland's primary process should be open to unaffiliated voters. Our right to vote in all elections should not be suppressed in any fashion. I also believe that our Party should be engaged in community-based activities on an ongoing basis, not just during election cycles. No one should feel that they are only being courted for their votes.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Opportunity for all is the over-arching priority and must be created, advanced, and strengthened through the issues that are of importance to the Democratic party: civil rights, voting rights, education, energy independence, a healthy environment, affordable health care, immigration reform, jobs and the economy, national security, retirement security, and science and technology.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would like to know: the background and preparation of the candidate; his/her views on issues that are part of Democratic platform; if the candidate is a good representative of the needs of his/her constituency; that the person has integrity and is willing to be

forthcoming about their personal history.

Emily Shank

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QUALIFICATIONS: In addition to my most important jobs of being a wife and mom, I'm a lawyer and an activist. Activists fight for what they believe in with the goal of changing a system. As a lawyer, I advocate for my clients' interests in the same way I would advocate for my constituents' interests: by working collaboratively with the other side.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Understandably, after the 2016 election, many democrats feel the process was not transparent or legitimate. Although I supported Hillary, it is undeniable that she was a historically disliked candidate, even in her own party. The Unity Reform Commission has suggested reducing the number of Super Delegates, and making primaries more accessible and transparent. These are reasonable reforms.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I believe we need to have open primaries. Most voters want open primaries and I will take steps to ensure that when in office. I believe my campaign seeks reasonable reforms that moderates from both parties, as well as unaffiliated voters will agree with.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: We need to build the bench- not just for holding office, but for holding leadership positions. This requires engaging with all members of the party- moderates and strong progressives. We have to encourage passing the torch and resist the temptation to maintain the status-quo.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: A candidate's experience and ability to perform the job will be paramount. Their willingness to work with all parties is also of the utmost importance. Finally, we need to make sure people in positions of power do not feel beholden to anyone other than the public they are to serve.

Anne Gibson Stoner

QUALIFICATIONS: I am currently a member of the Democratic Central Committee. I am a life long Democrat and LGBTQ+ advocate. Membership in organizations like PFLAG, have provided me with opportunities to train educators and future teachers. As an educator, I have been a union member and served on the executive board of my local. I have consistently used my voice to help create positive change in my community.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: If a candidate does not officially become a member of the party, I do not believe they should benefit from the party's money.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: As a Central Committee candidate, I strongly encourage voters to register with a party so that their full voice may be heard throughout the election process. Simply put there is strength in numbers.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: I embrace the diversity of the Democratic Party. I am currently a Baltimore City Public School teacher. My job has afforded me the opportunity to work with families from all walks of life. Standing up for those that are all too often silenced for a variety of reasons must be a priority. However, we must insist that everyone feels welcome and not left behind.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I believe a good candidate is open to progress while respecting all voices in the community. Communication is the only way to effect positive change. I feel it is

important to support candidates with a strong belief in civil rights.

Raquel Walsh

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have held leadership positions in two local grassroots organizations; VOCAL Carroll County and Carroll Community Action Network (Carroll CAN). These experiences have increased my knowledge of local issues, and have proven my dedication to Democratic causes. I am passionate about the Democratic platform, and I pledge to support that platform in my community.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The Democratic party should use primaries to select convention delegates. Primaries are more inclusive than caucuses and allow maximum participation from voters.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I support open primaries. Every voter deserves to be a part of the primary process, and it is especially important in an area where elections may be uncontested by the other party. If a primary will determine an elected official, all voices deserve to be heard, regardless of political party.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My priorities for the party focus on increasing local involvement. My experience in local grassroots organizations have shown me that there are many people in Carroll County dedicated to upholding Democratic principles. Our Democratic Central Committee should continue its outreach and continue establishing itself as a presence in our county.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: When filling vacancies in the General Assembly or other office, I would first consider the candidate's commitment to Democratic values and the people they would represent. I would consider their previous experience, and whether I felt they could perform the position with dedication and integrity.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM CANDIDATES BELOW

Corynne B. Courpas

Anita Riley

Katherine Fisher Shaw

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Carroll County Democratic Central Committee

Male

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TERM: Four years.

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

Questions

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

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: What changes, if any, should be made in the party's process for

nominating a candidate for President?

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: What steps will you take to appeal to voters outside the party, such as opening the party primary to unaffiliated voters?

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: What are your priorities for the party?

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

CANDIDATES

Members of this party may vote for no more than 6.

Mitch Edelman

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QUALIFICATIONS: Served on CCDCC for four years. I was appointed to the Maryland Democratic Central Committee's Rules Committee and have served on that body for the last 3 years. In 2016, I completed the campaign manager training presented by the ASDC, the Association of State Democratic Committees. This work and training make me well-qualified to continue serving on the CCDCC.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: To assure that the primary election process protects party unity, our candidates, from President to county central committee should meet one requirement: anyone seeking the Democratic Party nomination for an office must be a registered Democrat, pledged to support the party's eventual nominee.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I support same-day registration to allow as many as possible to vote in primaries, as long as they register as Democrat or Republican. Independent voters have the broadest choice when both parties are represented in a general election. For that reason, I oppose open primaries where the top 2 vote getters, irrespective of party, run in the general election.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: The Central Committee's job is to get Democrats elected! This means: recruit candidates for every office from town council to County Commissioner. We need to get our positive message of optimism out to a public used to being lied to by the President and his party, that the Democratic Party represents their values and aspirations more faithfully than the party now in power in Washington.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: An applicant's integrity is critical. I will not support anyone who refuses to comply with ethics reporting laws or has a conviction for violent behavior or spousal abuse. Does an applicant's experience and background fit the office they seek? Can they build consensus? Work across party lines to produce results for the people they represent? Also, I consider what they want to accomplish in office

Frank Henry Rammes

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QUALIFICATIONS: Active as a Democrat since 2001. Been a member of the Central Committee since 2014. President of the Carroll County Democratic Club. Democratic nominee House of Delegates in 2006.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Lessen the number of non-elected Delegates; and forbid those chosen because of their work for the Party from pledging to a candidate until the Convention. Absolutely forbid the DNC from taking sides during the primaries.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Would consider opening primary to unaffiliated voters.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: As a Central Committee, our two main goals are to raise money to help support Democratic candidates in Carroll County. And to recruit those candidates to actually run.
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Intelligence, ability to serve, ability to run for election, and prior experience in Democratic and non-partisan campaigns.

Thomas R. Scanlan

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was appointed to the Central Committee in 2015 and have been an active member ever since. I create the eblasts the Central Committee sends out and often function as corresponding secretary. I am a Facebook administrator and also helped plan our recent Candidate Training workshop.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The Presidential nominating process must be fair, open, and transparent. In the 2016 election, many believed that the cards were stacked against their candidate. The Democratic Party must work to be sure that does not happen again.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Unaffiliated voter turnout in the general election is traditionally low in Carroll County. Perhaps an open primary would help encourage these people to vote. Through social media, candidate forums, and other platforms, all of which are open to the public, I want unaffiliated voters to see the values of the Democratic Party as aligning with common sense solutions to community problems.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My top priority as a Central Committee member is to increase Democratic voter turnout. We find it very difficult to recruit candidates to run for office because of the perception that a Democrat cannot win in Carroll. This has to change. Carroll County needs to send Democrats to Annapolis to get something accomplished.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Vacancies should be filled by appointees that have experience in public affairs. They need to have a track record of competence, public service, and integrity.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM CANDIDATES BELOW

Charles E. Harrison

Gregory Hutsell

Paul Johnson

Don H. West

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NONPARTISAN OFFICES

Carroll County Board of Education

DUTIES:The Board of Education acts to improve student achievement, optimize resources, provide a safe and orderly environment, strengthen productive community partnerships and engage in a process of school improvement for Carroll County Schools.

TERM: 4 years

Questions

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

BUDGET PRIORITIES: How would you rank the priorities of education needs, including teacher retention, class size, and school buildings?

STANDARDS AND TESTING: How should the national and state standards be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: What programs will you support to prepare students for employment, particularly for those not planning to attend college?

SCHOOL SAFETY: How will you address school safety issues such as gangs, bullying, and substance abuse?

PARTNERSHIPS: How will you promote partnerships with businesses and community organizations to improve the educational experience of our students?

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

CANDIDATES

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: According to the role established for the Board of Education in Maryland law, I am qualified to govern responsibly - to help inform the public concerning that role related to the issues at hand, and to be approachable by parents and community members, both in the Board setting and individually.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: I abide by the law and will work with the Carroll County Board of Education when reviewing any Carroll County educational needs of which the Supervisor and Board recommend the State should prioritize.

http://www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/subtitle_chapters/13A_Chapters.aspx#Subtitle04

STANDARDS AND TESTING: After reviewing the last report of testing results, and considering Maryland's decline in education excellence, a thorough review of the standards would seem appropriate. http://www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/SubtitleSearch.aspx?search=13A.03.04.*

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Any and all programs known, or yet discovered, which teach students the critical skills needed when choosing their adult ambitions - thereby enabling success in the workforce. One example known as "internships" has proven to be very successful for job entry opportunities.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Work with the State and Carroll County boards of education and Legislators to align State requirements that are in the best interest of what is appropriate for our local schools.

PARTNERSHIPS: As a representing member of the Carroll County School Board, social interaction is important so as to bring back information to share with the Board. The intent of social interaction is to positively enhance what the Board considers when "visioning" opportunities which will improve the students' educational experience.

PRIORITIES: § 4-108. Powers and duties of board. Each county board shall: (copy and paste this URL in your browser to read more)

<https://govt.westlaw.com/mdc/Document/N709DE330A7E011DBB5DDAC3692B918BC?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem>

Tara Battaglia

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a wife and a mom of three children. I worked as an Assistant Branch Manager of a finance company before I became a stay at home mom seven years ago. When my daughter started kindergarten, I got involved in the PTA and served as the PTA Treasurer for two terms. When our community school was voted to be closed, I filed an appeal along with other members of the community.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: The students need to be the priority at all times! The class sizes should never be over 20 students to be sure students are receiving the attention they need to understand what they are learning. Buildings should be on a maintenance schedule. There is no reason for schools to be in such need they are closed. Actual in classroom Teachers salaries are important and they deserve to be compensated.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: We need to get rid of standardized testing. This type of testing stresses out the students and the staff. Yes, test what the students have learned in their subjects, but all students are different and standardized testing is a cookie cutter test. Not all students will fit into that cookie cutter testing. Everyone learns differently.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Career and Technology programs are very important. I would like to see students use five hours of their Student Learning Service Hours in a small business setting, especially for those who wish to go into the Career and Technology Center to make sure that a particular course they are interested in is what they want to take.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We have a good security procedure in place in Carroll County. Police Departments do monitor our schools daily. Bullying needs to be addressed and stopped immediately once a complaint is filed. We need to do more about Drug Prevention. I would like to see all students before they graduate high school be Naloxone Certified.

PARTNERSHIPS: We definitely need to have better partnerships. With the Career and Technology programs, small businesses and corporations in the communities. We need to allow business owners to talk and teach students as well as our regular certified staff. Personal experiences can teach more than an instruction book.

PRIORITIES: Keeping communities together-if a school needs to close, we need to make sure communities are not divided up. Consistency in Curriculum- we should be celebrating different cultures and that creates diversity. Schools should be teaching subjects at the same time as another school. Field trips, projects should be the same for all students because it widens conversations of experiences with students

Patricia Ann Dorsey

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QUALIFICATIONS: My 39-year career in Carroll County as a classroom teacher, resource teacher, assistant principal, and principal and having a Master of Education degree and Doctor of Education degree in the area of education policy, planning, and administration make me uniquely qualified to serve as a member of the Board of Education. My experiences and education enhance my understanding of a school system.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: 1.Safe, secure environments that are conducive to learning 2. Competitive salaries 3.Educational programs that support the development of all students 4. Recruitment and retention of quality teachers and staff

STANDARDS AND TESTING: The national and state standards should be used as intended to

measure students' performance in various subject areas. The standards are based on what students know or understand and should be able to do in various subject areas. Our curriculum and instruction are based on these standards. The assessments measure students' progress. The aim is to make sure students are on track to succeed.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: To prepare students for employment I would support the Career Pathways offered to high school students. With the assistance of parents, counselors, teachers, and advisors the students choose a specific career pathway. Work-based learning opportunities are available. Offering hands-on opportunities helps students be prepared for future employment.

SCHOOL SAFETY: There are established policies in these areas and associated administrative regulations. I would suggest a review of the policies. I would explore data on the number of incidents related to these areas and see if there are emerging trends. I would look for how the topics are infused in the curriculum for prevention and how community agencies support schools and students.

PARTNERSHIPS: I would promote new partnerships with our schools including encouraging persons to volunteer, provide sites for students to complete student service learning, and serve as a guest speaker or resource for classrooms. I would support the Office of Business and Community Partnerships to help fulfill its mission. I would be available to attend receptions to show appreciation to partners.

PRIORITIES: I will work to manage the budget to meet system priorities and establish a caring, positive, working relationship with members of the community. I will be an active, reflective listener. I value education and have a passion for teaching, learning, and helping all students reach their full potential. Working together we can continue to build the future and meet the needs of all students.

Muri Dueppen

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QUALIFICATIONS: My diverse background includes earning a B.S. in Biology from the College of William & Mary; working as a wildlife educator at a small zoo; serving scientific societies as a nonprofit marketing/membership director; volunteering as an education advocate; co-founding local grassroots group VOCAL Carroll County; and raising two young adults, who attended CCPS since Kindergarten.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Great schools provide rigorous, innovative, and effective instruction in safe, supportive learning environments. They flexibly address the unique needs of every child. We must sustain and improve our super schools so that students have the opportunities and resources they need. This starts and ends with teachers so improving employee compensation is my top budget priority.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Achieving the right balance using the most valid tests is important. CCPS has reduced the amount of testing locally but the jury is still out on PARCC. It is mandated by the state of Maryland but is not required by federal law. Maryland needs to ensure that using PARCC is justified and not simply a continuation of the culture of over-testing.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Our Career and Technology Center is excellent but overdue for modernization and expansion. Some programs are in high demand with dozens of interested and motivated students left out. We need to increase access. This could include offering summer programs, expanding classroom-based programs in other high schools, or even distance learning options if the subject matter supports it.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Wrap-around services and positive partnerships with local law enforcement are important for addressing school safety. With new state law, school resource officers are a likely reality. Finding a way to hire crisis counselors is crucial. And, especially in high school, students should have an important voice as the key stakeholders who will soon have nearly full responsibility for their own safety.

PARTNERSHIPS: As a Board of Education member, I pledge to reach out to and include students, parents, educators, elected officials, senior citizens, the private sector, and other members of the public so that we can support and celebrate our schools together. Carroll County Public Schools already has several successful partnerships and is exactly the kind of community that could and should have many more.

PRIORITIES: Students must remain the primary focus and top priority of all decision-making. I have four straight-forward goals. They are: 1) Student-focused decisions, with learning first; 2) Continuous academic improvement for all students; 3) Attract, support, keep, and empower our teachers and other employees; so that 4) New graduates are ready for success!

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 20 years teaching experience and have held many leadership roles while teaching. I have also worked heavily during the school closing process to fight the closings. This gave me a strong look at the inner workings of the school system.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: The main focuses for budget priority are teacher raises and maintaining this along with being sure, in today's world, that school security is well funded.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Much of this is not a big issue for our county as most schools score well on these tests. We should work to not over-burden the schools with these tests however.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: All students need to succeed when they leave school, whether or not they attend college. With this said opportunities for job training must be available for those who do not attend college serving a broad range of interests.

SCHOOL SAFETY: This is certainly a highly important topic. Working with law enforcement to keep everyone safe along with promoting to all students to care about themselves as well as others is essential. In my teaching I promote this often because if we all work together students may be less inclined to make bad choices in their life.

PARTNERSHIPS: The school system has evolved over time to where being community connected is a necessity. Already being well known in the community will allow me to pull in businesses to tailor needs to different students.

PRIORITIES: Along with what I've already stated I will restore the faith that the community has lost in the board of education over the last few years. The public became alienated during the school closings process due to bad and secretive behavior the past board. This must be reversed.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have managed multi-million dollar projects and large staffs in a Healthcare Information Technology environment. I actively participated in local government, serving as a commissioner on the Cable Regulatory Commission and the CCPS Community Advisory Council, but most of all, I am a concerned parent of four amazing kids, one with special needs, who all deserve a top class education.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Both class size and school closure are my top priority. I feel that Class Size and School Buildings go hand in hand, and I feel the current strategy of closing schools to balance the budget is flawed and increases class sizes to unacceptable levels. Teacher retention is almost as important as poor teacher equal poor students Safety is also among my top priorities, as is technical/vocational ed.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Standardized testing is a good metric for a baseline analysis of our students, however, I feel that teachers are almost forced to teach strictly towards the goal of pass a test rather than educating. Teachers should be evaluated on the bigger picture rather than the score of a test.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I am the product of a technical education, so college alternatives are very important to me. I feel Carroll County needs to reinforce their technical/vocational training resources, and begin looking into alternatives. I personally benefitted from an apprenticeship, and perhaps local businesses can help fund and support programs that would allow students to graduate directly into a job and career.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We need to open the lines of communication between students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Students must not feel stigmatized for asking for help, and the school system needs to take them seriously. Access to mentors like I had in High School, could possibly prevent many such security concerns without a single dollar in cost. We also need random, physical security audits to ensure safety

PARTNERSHIPS: I look forward to working with local and national businesses to develop technical and vocational training opportunity that will serve both the students by providing them with a career right out of school, and businesses who could potentially train their next generation of employees. There is great potential for partnerships, especially in skilled trades with declining populations (ie Plumbing)

PRIORITIES: My priorities are simple: I wish to serve, not as a politician, but as a parent. I want to listen compassionately to our students, parents, and faculty to ensure that we can provide the best opportunities for the success of all Carroll County children. I want to be able to care and to translate that caring into action.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having served as a County Commissioner and advocate for school funding for more than 7 years, as an ex-Officio member of the Board of Ed several times and as a parent with eight children step-children in our schools, I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve on the Board. I am confident that I can help improve direction of the school system and advocacy for resources at county and state levels.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: The top three priorities for our school system to me are safety and security, compensation and retention of teachers, and education needs for the classroom. Class size is important not of top three concerns. School buildings need to be the least as long as they are safe. We must put the emphasis of resources back into the classroom and much less on buildings and corporate structure.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Standardized testing and national and state standards should not be used to ensure quality. Carroll County schools should strive to be high quality with true measures of student performance. Standards should be guides, and we should exceed them. Too much resource is wasted on testing and curriculum changes. Curriculum changes to meet test requirements cost millions and add to teacher burden.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We need to go forward with the improvement of the Career & Tech

Center, a project I have strongly advocated to do. This needs to include program expansion, reaching students at the other high schools and even training on entrepreneurship. We also need to build a stronger relationship with the business community and foster more internships as well. We can prepare students for college and employment

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety in all of its facets are critical to keeping children safe and providing quality education. I support the use of School Resource Officers and worked for funding them, along with other physical school improvements. I am also leading an effort to provide more resources to address drug education and treatment. All of the security issues are each high priorities.

PARTNERSHIPS: I am a strong believer in partnerships and have created many as County Commissioner including the Combined Education Committee. I also have strong relationships in the business community due to my own business experience and work with small businesses and the Chamber. All of this can help build effective partnerships for the school system. Students need to have real life out of school experience.

PRIORITIES: We need to have excellent schools that are properly funded, focused on the classroom, safe and places where the best teachers want to teach and our students are excited to learn. We can accomplish this with a Board of Education that is focused on those goals. I am committed to this and nothing less.

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BUDGET PRIORITIES: Career and Tech Center (We do not need a new building. We need to use existing, vacant class rooms and modernize the existing Tech Center.), facilities maintenance, teacher retention.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: They do provide accurate measurements of student performance, to some extent. They are accountable, structured and objective. But, do they measure student progress and proficiency over time? We need to understand that data from test results are great tools, but not the only tools. They do not measure social skills, work ethic or resourcefulness.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We need to insure that students can take advantage of the offerings at the Career and Tech Center. We need to emphasize the opportunities available through Career Connections—internships, concurrent enrollment, etc. We should help with job placement for summer jobs.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We had Crisis Counselors assigned to schools. We need Behavior Specialists, at each school, for both students and families. Teachers should not be armed. The school properties should not be “gun free zones.” Our local police should have a presence at our schools, along with well trained, and armed, School Resource Officers.

PARTNERSHIPS: As a third priority for use, the Dept of Rec and Parks and Rec Councils have spent millions of dollars and volunteer hours at our schools for tot lots, athletic fields and interior improvements Businesses have also provided internships, tutors, donations, career days and serve on advisory boards.

PRIORITIES: We need to insure transparency and fiscal responsibility. We also cannot forget extra-curricular activities. They are a major factor in college acceptance and teach lessons for life that are

invaluable in the working world.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have four years' experience serving on the board. I have served as board member, vice president and am currently president of the board.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: I plan to continue to find ways to compensate our hard-working employees, attract and recruit minority educators, increase learning for all students with the use of research and data to improve practice, while closing the achievement gap.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: The state set standards to ensure children all over the state are learning what they need to know to be career or college-ready. This is the minimum standard. In Carroll, we use the standards to determine what needs to be taught, but not how to teach it. Our local experts do that when they design curriculum.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I think preparation begins even in elementary school. Schools host career exploration activities with parents and community members. This continues as the students move into middle and high schools. I have participated and seen the value of holding mock interviews and portfolio reviews by industry professionals. Not every child is college-bound and we need to prepare them accordingly.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Carroll County is fortunate not to have severe gang issues. We must be vigilant to keep them out. We must continue the valuable partnership between our states attorney's office, the sheriff's department and the county health department. They bring invaluable knowledge, experience and expertise in matters related to student health, safety and well-being.

PARTNERSHIPS: Our schools work very hard to build and maintain partnerships with local community groups and businesses. These relationships often last for many years and are invaluable to students and families and are also beneficial to the businesses.

PRIORITIES: My three top priorities were mentioned above – employee compensation, minority hiring and retention and student achievement. To meet these priorities, the board of education must continue to improve its relationships with state and local governments. Only with these continued good relationships, can we solve these issues while maintaining local board of education control.

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