



**Wicomico County
Voters' Guide
2018 Primary Election**
League of Women Voters of Maryland Education Fund

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All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for a particular office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates who will appear on the Primary Election ballot are printed exactly as submitted. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 400 characters and additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond before we prepared this *Guide*, "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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Voting Information

Early Voting

Where: Wicomico County Youth and Civic Center, 500 Glen Avenue, Salisbury
 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.

Wicomico County Board of Elections
 345 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804

Phone: 410-548-4830 Email:

election@wicomocounty.org

Website: <http://www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/elections>

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 – P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
Phone : 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) Toll Free: 800-222-8683
Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258

Rumors about the election?

http://www.elections.state.md.us/press_room/rumor_control.html

STATEWIDE OFFICES

GOVERNOR / LT GOVERNOR

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

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

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

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

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

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

No response received by deadline.

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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 were 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 depolarize 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: see [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>

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QUALIFICATIONS: 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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QUALIFICATIONS: 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: see [Maryland Manual](#)

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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.

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.SENATE.GOV/](https://www.senate.gov/)

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30 years of government and non-profit experience. I served on a Congressional staff and as a presidential appointee at Social Security

Administration. As a former Army officer, I understand national security issues as well as the need for sound foreign policy based on our national interest. I have real world experience and academic knowledge which is necessary to serve in the US Senate.

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: National Sovereignty is connected to the ability of a country to protect its borders. I support enhancing our border security through a variety of means including building a border wall and increased border agents. I am against current policies of the diversity lottery and chain migration. I am against a pathway to citizenship for undocumented people. I would support permanent residency status.

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Advocating Success, not subsistence. The American Dream has been not possible for a lot of Marylanders. As your next United States Senator, I want to

promote a vision of economic success. I believe limited government intervention is important so people can build a legacy of wealth creation to pass onto their children and grandchildren.

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

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

The current administration had made a start with important policy changes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: State chartered bank/bank account: portfolio-student & business loans/grants; entitlement program recipient accounts; local infrastructure grants; Outlaw 'Payday' loans & check cashing services; Legalize Cannabis; Protect Dodd-Frank/CFPB; End 'Right to Work' laws; Universal Basic Income; Small business: tax reform/incentives; Women/Minority businesses; Pub. Ed. & tuition; Ntl. Def. & Cyber Sec.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: As the holder of a master's degree in education, I am passionate about considering innovative ways to make our educational system for dynamic and forward-thinking. Students must have experiences that will allow them to excel in the classroom, the lab and in the art room. And we must reward classroom teachers who inspire in the classroom and foster students' academic and artistic passions.

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

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: If trash or garbage is in the street when it rains it will wind up in the ocean. Trash, garbage, unused items left to disintegrate are around old industrial areas, abandoned homes, and heavy commercial areas. Tons of stuff wind up in sewers heading to Baltimore's harbor and then the ocean. Sewage plants can be the worst. America has to stay on top of this because we have to. Little things count.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will listen to the people of Maryland and work endlessly in resolving their issues. Therefore the people of Maryland's priorities will be my priorities. I will have an open door policy and will publicly post on my Senate website the status of each issue presented (names will be kept confidential). Nobody will fight harder in resolving issues.

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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 in a wealthy society.

DISCRIMINATION: I favor a guaranteed job or retraining for any American able to work. Employment in decent jobs (higher minimum wage + variable earned income tax credit = living wage income level is the way to cut through most of the impact of discrimination and poverty. We also need strong targeted laws, but going after the core economic reality is key to change.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: Immigration laws in the US should be changed to: 1 allow children of immigrants who were born outside of the US, but raised in the US (Dreamers) should be allowed to stay in the US; 2 misdemeanors and small crimes by immigrants should not warrant deportation; 3 deportations should apply to those who commit violent crimes in the US and will be subject to imprisonments 4 open doors to asylum seekers

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Fund procurement opportunities for MWOB/MBE/MWBD in Maryland. Fund organizations of color committed to fund entrepreneurial and STEM education. STEM Education for Early Learners. 3 Pre-K and 4 Pre-K Programs. More monies in STEM programs and STEM Elementary and High Schools. Invest in Smart

Schools - more Tech in Schools. Extensive background checks on gun sales. More federal dollars for HBCU's.

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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. Televised 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: 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 Untied 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 though 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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Maryland General Assembly

Senator District 37

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: 40 years experience as a Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist with the State, 20 years as a State Delegate for 37B and 4 years State Senator District 37. Understanding of and expertise and experience with various levels of government and many community organizations. Background in Family and organizational systems theory

REDISTRICTING: Independent commission and I have fought for single member districts as I believe that is the only way that all minorities will be truly represented.

ENVIRONMENT: Maintaining and sustaining the value of the Chesapeake Bay, our estuary, with continued focus on upgrades to our wastewater treatment systems, failing septic systems assistance, investment in sustainable oyster futures and a multi state and business engagement with the Conowingo Dam.

DISCRIMINATION: Inclusion of and engagement with all to promote an integrated approach. Clearly articulated guidelines and a system for a fair while due process. We reviewed and strengthened the sexual harassment policy this year and established reasonable changes. The experience is a good model to use for future. Continued focus on community development that uses an integrated approach and the Two Gen model.

EDUCATION: I believe many of the policies passed this year are significant for Maryland. The constitutional Amendment to assure that future Casino revenues go to a locked box. Additional funds for safe schools and elements of the Knott commission and Kirwin Commission. Innovation for locals to regionalize if desired.

HEALTH CARE: The continued cost of care is a challenge as we have expanded coverage for many citizens. How we shape the community delivery system with the workforce shortages as there are not adequate resources for children and adolescents with psychiatric and behavioral issues in the rural areas. I have begun those conversations to develop that system.

TRANSPORTATION: Gradual restoration of Highway user funds for safe roads and bridges. Continue efficiencies in the Transportation Trust Fund and the system

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 20+ years experience in public health at the state and regional level and worked with legislators throughout my professional career. I have known what it looks like when a legislator knows the needs of the district and fights for them. I know the business of government: the importance of jurisdiction, funding streams, and permitting. When I don't know the answer, I do know the questions.

REDISTRICTING: I am in favor of districts that are compact and contiguous, and reflect more nearly county and municipal boundaries rather than voter registration, previous

election results and office holder's addresses. According to a February Goucher College poll, over 70% of Maryland residents agree.

ENVIRONMENT: To achieve the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint adequate financial support for cover crops and drainage control structures for use by Shore farmers is needed to decrease the concentration of nitrogen. Strengthening the forest conservation act and replacement of priority forests will further sustain and improve air and water quality. Increased reliance on sustainable energy is needed.

DISCRIMINATION: Policies which remove barriers to voter registration and make voting more convenient are important for providing truly equal opportunity for participation in the democratic process. Voter ID bills which continue to be introduced in the General Assembly would achieve just the opposite and must be opposed as a practice that discriminates against and disenfranchises the poor.

EDUCATION: I am in favor of updating the funding formula for State support for k-12 education to devote more resources to at risk youth, those living in poverty and special education students. I am in favor of early childhood education programs for 4 years olds based on ability to pay. Reforms should be supported through both state and county funding sources.

HEALTH CARE: The establishment and funding of a reinsurance pool will stabilize the individual market place. I support the creation of a public option for health insurance while working on a system for health care for all in the longer term. A state level commission to control prescription drug prices is essential to make this very important component of health care affordable for all.

TRANSPORTATION: Of particular concern to rural areas of the state was the 2010 reduction by 90% of highway user revenues for most jurisdictions. The past two legislative sessions have produced improvements providing increased local transportation aid. I am in favor of continued progress in restoration of the highway user revenues.

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Senator District 38

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 have spent my entire professional life in Public Service. Most of that time has been spent working constituent issues on Capitol Hill, in the Bush Administration and for Governor Robert Ehrlich, and in the MD Legislature. I also grew up in District 38 and worked in my families business. As state Senator I can be a stronger partner to Gov. Hogan and a stronger voice for all of District 38.

REDISTRICTING: I support Governor Hogan's plan to establish an independent bipartisan commission to address the issue of redistricting. We must empower the citizens to pick their legislators and not legislators to pick their voters.

ENVIRONMENT: We must protect our natural resources and our unique shore way of life. I have constituents who derive their income from the bays, the ocean and the fields and farms. Keeping our local waterways clean is my top environmental priority. I advocated for \$52.9 Million in the FY-19 Budget for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund. I cosponsored legislation to oppose offshore drilling.

DISCRIMINATION: I have always worked towards equality for all. I have also made many efforts to protect those who may have experienced harassment whether due to their sex, sexual orientation, color or creed. As a member of the Women's Caucus, I worked on strengthening discrimination and harassment policies impacting the Maryland General Assembly, its employees and lobbyists.

EDUCATION: I supported the Governor's historical support of education with an unprecedented \$6.5 billion commitment. I also intend to continue to focus on Pre-kindergarten expansion, teacher recruitment (and retention), and Career and Technology Education. I also support capping tuition rates at 2%, increased funding for

community colleges, the Nonpublic Student Textbook Program and the Kirwan Commission.

HEALTH CARE: As a member of the Health Appropriations Subcommittee I worked to protect Marylanders from a 50% increase in their insurance rates with the passage of reinsurance legislation (HB 1795). I cosponsored legislation which passed (HB 1349) that would increase the reimbursement rates for community pharmacists who have fought to survive as drug prices skyrocket while their reimbursement have plummeted.

TRANSPORTATION: My District is primarily rural. I will continue to work to fully reinstate the Highway User funds to Rural Maryland. These funds were depleted and raided through the years and we must restore them to their original formulas so all Marylanders will receive their fair share. I do not support using previously committed transportation funds to bridge the gap when deficits occur.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: This legislative session, I sponsored and passed close to 20 bills. They ranged from protecting our coast, expanding access to higher ed, protecting our seniors, and improving public safety. I worked on such a variety of issues because as a father, grandfather, and public servant, I know the difficulties Marylanders face everyday. "Always working for you" is not just my campaign slogan for me.

REDISTRICTING: I am dedicated to fair and equal representation for our citizens through the redistricting process which renders representation reflective of their needs. I want to make sure the all regions of our state are fully and fairly represented in our redistricting process.

ENVIRONMENT: We must protect and preserve the rich natural beauty and resources of our state. I am proud of the many environmental positions and votes I have taken; from clean cars, renewable energy goals, offshore wind energy, and preserving farmland and open space. This year I sponsored legislation to hold oil companies strictly liable for any damages they may cause in the event of an oil spill.

DISCRIMINATION: This year, I sponsored and co-sponsored several bills to make community college more affordable, and to provide equipment to schools needed for job certifications. Additionally, the Banning the Box for Higher Education, SB 543, will help give want to turn over a new leaf and get an education regardless of past conviction, which is often higher among those who grew up below the poverty line.

EDUCATION: SB 1243 sets \$400 million per year in school construction funding as a new baseline for state budgeting, and, in this important time to ensure the violence prevention in our schools, also sets out another \$10 million school security. It creates a new process for the development of public-private partnerships for schools construction, largely developed based on local jurisdictions' priorities.

HEALTH CARE: I've worked with the Governor and other stakeholders to stabilize Maryland's healthcare market and stop rising rates this year. In prior session, I passed legislation to expand access to telemedicine, and continue to support medicare expansion. I also co-sponsored the Rural Health Collaborative Pilot program. It's important to expand access to healthcare, but I am committed to not raising taxes.

TRANSPORTATION: I strongly support roads and transportation infrastructure in rural areas, as well as urban and suburban areas of our state. I've always advocated for the increased use of mass transit, and seeking efficient usage of all modes of transportation. Through our Senate Bill 516, the Highway User Revenue Funds to local governments will be reinstated for the first time since the Great Recession.

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House of Delegates 37A

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: District 37A includes parts of Dorchester and Wicomico Counties. Qualified voters in District 37A cast votes for 1 candidate.

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: In 2014, I was elected as Ward 3 Commissioner in Cambridge, MD. Prior to that, I won election to the Board of Governors in a community the size of Hurlock. I also was elected to the BOD of a large co-operative in Baltimore. I often serve as treasurer for organizations. My career was as an analyst/engineer for the military. I am an experienced real estate investor and hold advanced degrees.

REDISTRICTING: I favor an independent commission to redraw district boundaries after the next census. Gerrymandering by the state legislature should be a relic of the past. Unfortunately, it is not and District 37A is a good example. The legislature clearly drew it to ensure a win by the Democratic Party. Let's take politics out of redistricting!

ENVIRONMENT: Two important challenges to Marylanders are global warming and restoration of the Bay. Maryland is vulnerable to sea rise and would benefit from less use of fossil fuel. Warming is best addressed at the federal level. The water quality of the Bay has improved and we should continue with our programs developed with federal and interstate cooperation as well as private organizations like the CBF.

DISCRIMINATION: There are anti-discrimination laws on the books at the federal level so that overt discrimination is no longer practiced. The insidious discrimination that some practice can only be eradicated by the acceptance of your fellow man as a child of God. Adherence to the Golden Rule would go a long way to resolving this age old problem. Teaching respect and acting respectfully are two useful potions.

EDUCATION: I am looking forward to the report from the Kirwin Commission which is looking at best practices. To implement them, we will need some state funding especially in rural areas. Revenue from casinos and other gambling was to be earmarked for education but has been allowed to be used for general funding. We need to "lockbox" that revenue. Student mental health screening would make schools safer.

HEALTH CARE: A major problem is the rise of healthcare costs which have outpaced the consumer price index. In 1960, healthcare spending was 5% of GDP. Today, it approaches 20%. Some of the increase can be explained by expensive technology, litigation, greed by pharmaceutical and insurance companies, and over-regulation. I would ask the state legislature to create a blue-ribbon committee to find a solution.

TRANSPORTATION: The state needs to restore the historic level of funding from the Highway User Fund to counties and municipalities. For 10 years now, the state has broken its pact with local governments. As a result, local officials have had to delay maintenance and to curtail other essential services. Other issues include structurally deficient bridges (5.8%), unlinked transit systems, and hazardous dams.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served 17 years as council member for the town of Hurlock, currently Council Pres. Member of Md Municipal League Legislative Committee Bd member for Dor. Co. Dept. of Social Services Transportation Committee for National

League of Cities Former member of Dor. Co. Planning and Zoning Member of National League of Cities Economic Development Committee

REDISTRICTING: Fairness and balance between the candidates

ENVIRONMENT: Chemical run offs into waterways and bay. I would advocate for stricter laws that protect the bay.

DISCRIMINATION: Simply, zero tolerance.

EDUCATION: I support polices that would give educators the tools to do their jobs. Funds would through special legislation.

HEALTH CARE: Cancer, diabetes, kidney failure, and heart disease are just a few health challenges. I would promote and seek funding for research.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation are my priority and mass transit.

Transportation should be funded by the State by increasing the current funding.

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House of Delegates 37B

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: District 37B includes all of Talbot County and parts of Caroline, Dorchester, and Wicomico Counties. Qualified voters in District 37B cast votes for 2 candidates. The 2 candidates who receive the largest number of votes are elected EXCEPT that each person elected must live in a different county.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of 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 am the incumbent representative and a 3rd generation family businessman. In my first term I have listened to my constituents and educated myself on the concerns of our community. It has been a priority of mine to then find solutions and develop common ground with elected officials and government employees in our State. I respect the duties of this office and know how to get the job done.

REDISTRICTING: I support non partisan redistricting efforts that deliver compact districts and give voters fair elections. This is a problem throughout the country and Maryland has the distinction of having some of the most gerrymandered districts in the nation. I join Governor Larry Hogan in demanding politics be removed from the process and in doing so protect our citizen's rights to free and fair elections.

ENVIRONMENT: Our State must continue to improve and replace aging municipal stormwater and sewer systems. In addition we must continue to hold the EPA and States along the Susquehanna river to task for out of State pollution that threatens the health of the Chesapeake Bay. I voted for the FY2019 Budget that provides historic funding levels for environmental stewardship and 1.2 billion for Bay restoration.

DISCRIMINATION: I uphold those policies that guarantee each Citizen the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As a businessman I believe we must honor each persons contributions to society free from acts of discrimination and prejudice. For those Citizens who need a helping hand up, I support those safety net policies that provide safe housing, welfare, and apprenticeship training.

EDUCATION: Control should be returned to local Boards of Education and the classroom must be returned to the teachers free from overbearing State and Federal regulation. I voted for the FY2019 budget where Governor Hogan continues to fully fund every formula based mandate for education. I support a well funded education system that empowers our teachers to meet each child's educational needs.

HEALTH CARE: The Federal Government has failed in delivering on the promise of affordable healthcare. As a businessman who offers these health benefits to employees I see firsthand the financial dysfunction. Maryland should attempt to stabilize the market from catastrophic increases in premiums and deductibles. In the long term the only solution is a system built on free market competition and consumer choice.

TRANSPORTATION: The taking of Highway User Revenues (HUR) by the O'Malley Administration to balance their budget ranks as one of the top issues facing County and Municipal elected officials. These monies pay for local road construction and repair projects. I join Governor Larry Hogan and our House Republican Caucus in calling for the restoration of these dollars desperately needed in our jurisdiction.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a community leader most qualifies me and has prepared me for the duties of this office. For 4 years I served on the board of directors for Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce and for my last year on the board I was vice president. I also served on the board of Cambridge Main Street and have lead several community fundraising efforts raising tens of thousands of dollars.

REDISTRICTING: I still support Governor Hogan's efforts to finally draw responsible and fair legislative districts. The illegal gerrymandering practices of the O'Malley Administration must be overturned.

ENVIRONMENT: Continuing the progress of bringing the Chesapeake Bay back to health and protecting our disappearing shorelines. To do that we must stop blaming our farmers and our Waterman for the poor condition of the Bay and start dealing with the very real issues of pollution and to stop burdening our farmers and watermen with unnecessary regulations and start dealing with a problem for what it is.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination, in any form, cannot be tolerated in our society. I will support any policy that protect the individual's right to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness without infringing on the rights of others.

EDUCATION: I will support any education policy that gives the classroom back to the teacher's and back to the parent's and take it out of the hands of the special interests and bureaucrats. Our schools need to B places where learning is top priority. This can be done with very simple common-sense reform that don't require serious additional funding.

HEALTH CARE: The most serious health care issues in the state of Maryland are cost and access to health care for our veterans. I am a strong supporter of Governor Hogan's efforts to control costs and I will work with our veteran groups to increase access to health care for them.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to continue to restore transportation funding to the Eastern Shore. We can ensure that continues by working together as a strong delegation from the shore to push for funding our ever-growing transportation needs and aging infrastructure.

Johnny Mautz

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am seeking reelection to the House of Delegates. I grew up working in our family restaurant in St. Michaels, which I currently oversee. I have 16 years experience serving as a Counsel and Legislative Director in the U.S. House of Representatives and three years experience serving as Special Assistant in Governor Ehrlich's Office. I am married and our two children attend public schools.

REDISTRICTING: I support Gov. Hogan's effort to create a nonpartisan commission to reform our legislative districts, which are renowned for being contorted and disfigured. This has been done to preserve political power at the expense of our citizens. I also support single member state legislative districts. This nonpartisan commission could easily resolve these issues, and I support reforming redistricting.

ENVIRONMENT: Our greatest environmental challenge stems from pollution that is dumped into the Chesapeake Bay from other states and from the outdated Baltimore City sewer system. I intend to support efforts to hold the Conowingo Dam to modern environmental standards as it goes through relicensing and will support efforts to hold neighboring states and Baltimore City accountable for its pollution.

DISCRIMINATION: I support balanced proposals to help ensure equal pay, diversity in the workplace and affordable housing. While there are disparities throughout society, I strongly support efforts to provide workforce training and balanced proposals that help individuals overcome past mistakes to secure sound future employment. I have also supported proposals to support employment for the disabled.

EDUCATION: I support universal pre-K and efforts to better prepare our students for the workplace. There is no easy solution to securing funding for universal pre-K. I also support dual enrollment programs where students earn college credits while completing high school. Promoting dual enrollment has a minimal cost impact and workplace training requires linking students with local businesses.

HEALTH CARE: Independent health care insurance rates are astronomical; I support creating a pool for independents. We are facing a mental health treatment crisis largely due to a lack of providers because of onerous credentialing procedures - I support changing these procedures. We need beds for addiction treatment and should utilize obsolete facilities. Independent pharmacies also need our support.

TRANSPORTATION: Our top transportation priority is to restore Highway User Revenue funding to county and local governments. Governor Hogan has started this process but we have a long way to go. Another key transportation priority for our area is to develop a comprehensive dredging plan for our navigable waterways - this will be costly but is possible with the support of our Federal Delegation.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have extensive experience in various industries and am a street philosopher. I spend my free time reading anthropology, history, philosophy, and literature. I debate ideas, not people. I think identity politics has its place and is important to specific groups, but white nationalism as identity has changed the debate from ideas to emotions only. We need to discuss emotions and ideas, not or.

REDISTRICTING: I prefer we undo the gerrymandering. I live in a gerrymandered district which means there is no chance of me being elected.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate Change. We need a massive overhaul of our system, including our infrastructure, transportation and energy systems.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe the economics of our system causes the discrimination. 400 characters is not enough to address this completely. Discrimination is a problem, and I will be looking to address it on the campaign trail and if I get elected or not. It should be the duty of all honest people to end discrimination.

EDUCATION: We need to ensure that children are able to get an education in a safe environment, and we need to enact policies that ensure that. This includes being well fed. We also (on the Shore) have an issue with access to broadband. This is an educational issue. My understanding is the funding is available for this, but local officials need to work with the state to see that this infrastructure happens.

HEALTH CARE: Medicare For All with an employer tax for each employee will save companies that currently provide healthcare a good deal of money. If we leave the moral question of "who gets healed" to the unthinking and immoral "free market" than we have sacrificed our morality on a basic level. If we choose to sacrifice our morals for that question, I don't understand why we think we have any morality at all.

TRANSPORTATION: We need a complete overhaul of our transportation system. We have been putting an adhesive strip on cancer for too long. Multiple roads are closed on the shore a few days a year for high tides. These tides are not going to become more infrequent or lower. We need to fund this by increasing taxes. Climate change isn't going away just because people pretend it isn't real.

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House of Delegates 38B

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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No response received by deadline.

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Democratic Candidates

There are no Democratic candidates.

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House of Delegates 38C

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.

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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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Jim Shaffer

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QUALIFICATIONS: The understanding that we have the technology today through our smart devices that allows the voters to be engaged with the political process. That voters should have a voice to regulate government activities. It is the voters tax dollars, Rights, and Liberties that are being abused. The Popular Vote has more authority than the entire General Assembly. Utilizing the Popular Vote is our future.

REDISTRICTING: To remove the political parties out of the process. That a separate commission be established possibly one that is separate from the State. That both parties want redistricting to favor themselves. This creates division and only the voters lose integrity. Voting integrity is paramount the evolution of our entire voting system is a must, The archaic methods used today are not secure.

ENVIRONMENT: The restoration of the Chesapeake Bay has not been sufficient. With minimal cost to the tax payers I have a sound plan that will allow corporations to pay the cost. With a caisson system of sludge removal from the Patapsco River dredging is not needed. The reward to corps. that finance the clean up they can develop the underwater mall that was proposed years ago. Toxins leach into our Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: In 2004 I gave over \$14,000,000 of humanitarian aid to my community. Understanding that the poor have no discrimination problems. That humanity simply needs to unite and find the love for their neighbors in their hearts. All religions have a common sharing of the essence of the same Spirit. There is allot of money in religion? Gender is a private choice any law is discriminatory. Race/Americans ?

EDUCATION: I am Applying for Federal Non Profit status for recreational marijuana as a W-12. All proceeds will fund our First Responders, Schools, help eliminate property tax's for the elderly and poor first, then others, and support locally The Ed Tinus Worcester County Orphanage fund. The Orphanage will house a Food Back for the needy. Simply put those who smoke cost us tax payers unwisely spent money.

HEALTH CARE: Dependency on the Federal government to solve the problem of Health insurance cost. Passing the buck does not insure Maryland citizens it groups them into a National pool that only the Providers profit from. The national uniform policies are generic Maryland now has a dependency problem with the Fed. Heroin dealers must face severe prosecution penalties. The users lives are at risk everyday.

TRANSPORTATION: The Eastern Shore is most in need of infrastructure. Our roadways have always been at the back of the funding list. In the event of an evacuation emergency we are grid locked with no where to go. The Eastern Shore needs a 707 Northern Bay bridge beltway system. Thus relieving the bottle necking of the Rt. 50 spans. Including a throughway to the Chesapeake Bridge Tunnel.

Democratic Candidates

There are no Democratic candidates.

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COUNTY OFFICES

Wicomico County Executive

DUTIES: The County Executive is the chief administrative officer of the County. The County Executive provides executive direction to all county departments and proposes plans, programs, budgets, policies and legislation to the County Council.

SALARY: \$85,000.

TERM: Four year term.

HOW ELECTED: The County Executive is elected at large at the same time as the members of the General Assembly, in Gubernatorial elections.

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.

Bob Culver

No response received by deadline.

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Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

John William Hamilton

QUALIFICATIONS: Growing up in a great family as a 5th+ generation Eastern Shore native is my most important experience. Along with that though being an Eagle Scout, 4 yrs of college on scholarships, work experience, and overcoming personal adversity have all shown me that the important traits of a leader are caring about people, being honest, and doing what's right whenever and however you can.

BUDGET: The only budget item I plan to increase is educational spending to at minimum stay competitive with our neighboring counties. Aside from that we have to fund what is required, but I am dedicated to reviewing every dollar spent, first for necessity and then for best technology and technique. I fully believe there is plenty of money that can be saved in government, and I intend to find it.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I agree with much of the county's land use policies. What I would change is the timing of certain projects which could be done immediately instead of at some point in the future. For instance, fixing drainage and stopping wastewater from being deposited into our waterways from runoff or sewage is easily identified as a fixable problem that affects our environment and could be fixed ASAP.

EDUCATION: Our public schools are at a crucial time in their development. With school safety a top priority we have a responsibility to our community to update our buildings, training, and awareness. Everything that we can do to prevent incidents at our schools needs to be done. Another important issue is retaining good teachers. We need to have competitive employment to retain every good teacher we can.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: New business and new people go hand-in-hand. We need to invest in our community to be able to draw new citizens and keep current ones so we have employees for a growing economy. Investing in county-wide fiber optics, sewer/water, better schools, awesome rec areas, and business incentives will help grow both sectors evenly. Making our community better for ourselves also draws new business.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: It is very important to understand the housing needs of the community we live in. Continuing current affordable housing programs and finding new initiatives is the very minimum we can do. Guess work doesn't cut it when it comes to housing. We need to have a way to customize help received and do it in a timely manner so each of our citizens always has a home or a path to one.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Many public facilities are already being updated or renovated. Proper planning and upkeep could have avoided the need for many improvements. Including room for future growth in projects and doing timely upkeep with a county maintenance team would eliminate later large repairs and additions. Money saved from renovating could then go to new infrastructure instead of the old.

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Wicomico County Council At Large

DUTIES: The seven-member County Council is composed of two at large members and five district members. The members are the legislative body of the county and are vested with all the law-making powers.

SALARY: \$16,000.

TERM: 4 years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: The County is divided into five councilmanic districts. Each district is represented by one council member who must reside in that district. In addition, there are two council members who may live anywhere in the county and are elected at large. Voters may vote for one candidate from their district and for two candidates running at large.

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 2.

Julie D. Brewington

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a native to Wicomico county and local business woman, I am deeply invested in this community. I have spent the last decade taking up issues that the community has expressed specific concerns about, such as taxation, public education, representation, infrastructure issues, and business development. Most recently I was voted highest vote getter for the Wicomico Republican Central Committee.

BUDGET: In 2017, a budget imbalance of \$72,886 was recognized and amended and while I support a balanced budget, I overall support lower taxes for residents, as Wicomico is on the higher end of the tax scale for Maryland counties, which impedes business development and jobs. Moreover, I fully support the tax revenue cap, as there is an push to review and repeal it in this county.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I believe that septic laws, development rights, subdivision regulations, and Ag use transfer tax/laws all need to be revisited for the growth and personal welfare of Wicomico county residents.

EDUCATION: First and foremost, we need to ensure public schools are safe and secure, is of the highest importance to the welfare of our children and Wicomico county residents. I fully support local safety officers be at EVERY Wicomico school and funding for such should be made available. I also support local school safety assessments, one entrance access, metal detectors, and anything else deemed necessary.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We know that the government can only do so much to encourage businesses and economic development. However, we do know that tax exemptions for new businesses, grants where possible where an employer can show hiring growth, lower taxes in the county in general to attract people and businesses, as well as minimizing government regulations, requirements, and taxes in general spawns growth and jobs

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I believe in market principles. The best way to increase affordability is to increase competition and help to create an environment of healthy job growth, including higher paying opportunities for local residents, while keeping safe and fair housing laws protected.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to make sure that the gas tax is affordable, reasonable and accountable to the counties in Maryland. That public transportation models are sustainable and not tax subsidized. That our roads are safe to reasonably travel and that if construction is needed, contractors who are hired are held to an accountability and liability in the event of faulty construction.

John T. Cannon

No response received by deadline.

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Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 2.

Jamaad Gould

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QUALIFICATIONS: I think the experience that most prepares me for office is the experience learning the people that live in the area. Politicians are servant leaders and I think that often gets over looked as many forget that they are supposed to know, understand and serve the people that elected them. I am still very much in tune with the people and the experience of knowing them is the most essential.

BUDGET: Children are our future and it because of that I believe the capitol improvement project budget should be increased to help create more safe spaces for children to learn and flourish.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: With the extensive worry about the dangers of CAFO's I think the county should institute a bill stating that chicken farms should be built a certain distance from residential areas.

EDUCATION: Education must be a high priority for society to flourish. I want work closely with the board of education to increase after school programs for students, bring innovative teaching methods to the county, and hire and retain teachers.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Clean renewable energy is the way of the future. The county government should focus on bring more clean and renewable energy projects and jobs to the county. It would not only stimulate economic development and job growth but will make a leader and the state and increase the population.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We are currently facing an affordable housing crisis. We must work with the city and town governments to create more affordable housing to help fight this. No one entity will be able to do this so it must be a collaborative effort from all parties.

INFRASTRUCTURE: With an ever growing population it is time we invest in a true public transportation system. Shore Transit has sufficed for a long time but it is now time to grow that by increasing stops and streamlining trips.

William R. McCain

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been the President/CEO of a real estate valuation company for 30 years. I also served a prior term on the Wicomico County Council from 2006-2010

and was Vice President for two years. In addition, I have held numerous leadership positions in several organizations within our community. This experience as a businessman, politician, and community leader prepares me well for the County Council.

BUDGET: The county must increase its education budget beyond just a maintenance of effort system. A strong educational system is the single most important economic development driver. The county needs to make education its number one priority and fund the Superintendent of Schools' Achieve! 2.0 strategic plan. County also needs to provide funding for new Sheriff/Public safety facility.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The county needs to complete its tier mapping plan. Also, current zoning classifications have become dated and need to be reviewed, analyzed, and updated.

EDUCATION: First, I would take steps to educate our population on the state of our schools so citizens can make educated decisions. We also need to publicize and promote our superior accomplishments of so many of our students. I would work with the Chamber of Commerce and Greater Salisbury Committee with their education committee and other community organizations to bring everyone together to work positively

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: As stated earlier, enhancing our school system will promote economic development. We need to provide WorWic Community College appropriate funding to continue its excellent responsiveness to our community job needs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Actually Wicomico County's housing is among some of the most affordable across Delmarva. However, like most real estate markets in our region, our inventory levels are lower than typical. Our overall housing inventory is becoming aged and we need to promote new construction.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The single most important infrastructure need is county sewer. Wicomico County does not have public sewer. We have to address aging septic systems that need to be replaced. In addition, new construction can only successfully take place if public sewer exists.

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Wicomico County Council District 1

Republican Candidates

There are no Republican candidates.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Marvin Ames

No response received by deadline.

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Ernest Davis

No response received by deadline.

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Eugenie Pinkett Shields

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a community activist and volunteer for over 36 years. I served on the Salisbury City Council for 10 and half years. By being on the other side of the table I learned about budget, bond bills, waste water treatment plants, writing legislation, and learning about many concerns of the citizens not just in the district that I was representing. I brought a common sense approach to the council

BUDGET: The County should increase funds per student in education. They should fund crime prevention measures before a crime is committed especially with our youth. They should fund youth employment during the summer for low income youth. They should decrease spending on consultant fees especially when they already have a 20-year plan written. Look at staffing in how they can decrease staff in Executive

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: County should look at our zoning laws to make sure that our water is protected from pollution. They should look into certain lands that should be preserve from development. The preservation would protect the natural habitat of the animals that live in the wooded areas.

EDUCATION: I support public education. I believe all children should have equal education. The County should make sure that the Board of Education includes an increase in dollars per student. Safety is a major factor now since they basically took discipline out of schools in the early 70s. We should metal detectors in entrance ways of the schools. We are a diverse community and there is a need to hire more m

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The County should support small business growth. The County and the City of Salisbury share the Salisbury Wicomico Economic Development Office, which is doing a great job. The County should give incentives to companies to locate here. One problem, however, many students that graduate from our local colleges relocate to other cities for better paying jobs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: County is on the right path in affordable housing with the newly apartment complex on the Westside of the county. When developers approach the County for such projects the county should continue to support such development as long as there is support from the community.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The City of Salisbury had the developers do a traffic study, improve the roads, etc. The County should do the same. The highway user funds are being increased, these funds should be used to paved the badly needed roads in the neighborhoods.

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Wicomico County Council District 2

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Alexander W. Scott

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Wicomico County Council District 3

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Michele Gregory

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've been an early childhood educator for over 20 years and a business owner for the last 8, until it's recent closure to focus on caring for my disabled son and running for office. I've worn many hats in my life, as a wife and mother, an underpaid early childhood educator, a business owner, an advocate for my disabled son, and an activist in the community, fighting for economic and social justice

BUDGET: Our educational programs within the county are ridiculously underfunded. Currently we only spend the mandated minimum allowed per student. This is unacceptable. Education is the root to all other issues. We must provide a livable wage to our teachers and fully fund our schools. We must remove the revenue cap put in place over 20 yrs ago & start investing in our youth. Universal preschool is a must

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need more affordable housing for our communities. We must also protect our environment for our children by making sure our protected land stays protected from developers. Currently, our Comprehensive Plan is an almost 250 page document that details every aspect of development. While there are good policies in place, we need to make sure these policies don't leave out the disenfranchised.

EDUCATION: We currently spend the mandated minimum on education as noted above. If we want to lift more families out of poverty, this must change. Our kids need to start with universal preschool and developmentally appropriate practices. We need to increase funding for teacher salaries, infrastructure, and quality materials. We have some very dedicated educators and we must give them the freedom to teach.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We need a livable wage and stronger unions. Currently, there is no county in our state that allows a family to live on less than \$15/hour. We must pass a county minimum wage of at least \$15/hour and make sure we remove as many barriers to organized labor as possible. Strong unions built a strong middle class in our communities and we need to bring them back to rejuvenate the work force.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Economic justice in our communities is a big part of why I'm running. Currently we have too many homes being bought up by rental agencies and then families are being charged exorbitant rent. We need to encourage home ownership by making it harder for these agents to do this, as well as ensuring developers do not price our families out of new housing. We must protect the working families homes.

INFRASTRUCTURE: As a rural county, we don't have many issues with traffic, but we need to make sure we're working with state officials to maximize our funds for repair & maintenance, and watching traffic patterns closely for possibilities for improvement. I know of several places along main highways that have been a constant source of danger with many deadly accidents, something to work on with state officials.

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Wicomico County Council District 4

Republican Candidates

There are no Republican candidates.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Josh Hastings

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QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up on a Wicomico County farm and I currently monitor land use policy for a regional nonprofit. I have two Bachelor's degrees (Business & Political Science) and a Master's degree in Public Policy. I'm serving a 2nd consecutive year as the Chairman of the Rural Maryland Council. I'm a 2016 Institute for Policy Studies-New Economy Fellow and a LEAD Maryland (Class VIII) alumnus.

BUDGET: I'm still listening to the public and evaluating the needs of the County, but generally speaking, I strongly support investments in education, infrastructure, and parks.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The County has lost many hundreds of acres of agricultural lands to sprawl development. Sprawl is a major cost to taxpayers and growth should occur within the Priority Funding Areas and town centers as much as humanly possible.

EDUCATION: The first step is to listen to educators and hear what concerns they have. My twin sister and brother are both Wicomico County educators and its heartbreaking to hear some of the stories they tell. No teacher should have to spend money on school supplies. Every child, educator, and support staff should feel 100% safe and supported. I will continue to listen to our community.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We should recognize that a global job market means that we have to be flexible in our approaches. Employers want to be in an area that has strong public schools, an educated workforce, access to natural resources, and a overall high quality of life. Wicomico County has more promise and potential than any other county in the State. We need to allow ourselves to invest in ourselves.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I don't have a solid plan in place, yet, but I greatly understand the importance of affordable housing and will seek out before I speak out. Salisbury's housing stock needs to be improved and we need to continue to increase downtown density.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We strongly need options for seniors. We need to replace our Shore Transit buses and build sidewalks. My elderly father can't get around the County and get back/forth to doctors visits since he is unable to drive. We need to support the City of Salisbury in their downtown improvements. Overall, I want a more vibrant, walkable, and safe Wicomico.

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Wicomico County Council District 5

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Joe Holloway

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No response received by deadline.

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Democratic Candidates

There are no Democratic candidates.

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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.

Kathleen L. Beckstead

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Matthew A. Maciarelo

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Wicomico 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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Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

W. Seth Mitchell

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QUALIFICATIONS: Law Clerk Circuit Court 1987. Assist. State's Attorney Wicomico County for 3 years responsible for Court & Jury Trials Assist. Public Defender, 8 & 1/2 years, including Death Penalty & murder trials and lesser offenses. Trained Assist Public Defenders Awards Outstanding Assist Public Defender Award. Lecturer Crim Law UMES 1999 Private Crim. practice Won 2010 Primary State's Attorney for Wico.

DISCRIMINATION: Case review of Staff and open door policy to public. Discontinue "Broken Windows" & " High Point" policies that target less affluent neighborhoods. Discontinue demands for high bail as a form of punishment with use of alternative policies to promote defendant's court appearances. Discontinue current policy of duplicating same criminal actions via Grand Jury while Preliminary Hearing pending.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: I advocate for Suspended sentences in non-violent cases, Probation (supervised or not) without incarceration should be considered . fines & community service should be considered in many criminal cases with a strong diversionary program to relieve the demands on the Courts while still maintaining the integrity of our laws. Local incarceration with work release, in lieu of prison can also work

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: Emphasis should be placed on the highly addictive and potentially lethal substances, such as Heroin and Cocaine with an incentive for those addicted to seek treatment. Relapse rates are high and that fact should be considered when dealing with offenders that may be in violation of probation. Those distributors selling for profit while not an addict themselves deserve harsher penalties.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Domestic violence charges require a balancing act to protect the victims while assuring defendant's rights are protected. State's Attorneys office should have quick contact with victims of domestic violence to help assure their safety while also calculating the likelihood of a successful outcome. Establishing safe spaces for victims while documenting evidence is a crucial component to build trust

OTHER PRIORITIES: A Life-long resident of Wicomico County; I have served as both a prosecutor, in the State's Attorneys Office and as an Assistant Public Defender before beginning my private criminal law practice. My 30 years of experience provides a unique perspective which will contribute to the effective administration of the State's Attorneys Office while striving fair and equal justice for all.

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Wicomico Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

SALARY: \$112,000.

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 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.

Shawn A. Bradley

No response received by deadline.

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Christopher S. Welch

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Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: The Clerk's Office is responsible for filing, organizing, and accessing the County's most important legal documents and is overseeing implementation of the new electronic filing system. As an attorney, I have prepared and filed a variety of legal documents for over a decade, I have used e-filing systems for over 5 years, and I have already filed hundreds of documents with our Clerk's Office.

AREAS OF NEED: With the upcoming retirement of our longstanding Clerk, the Office needs someone with experience filing legal documents at the Circuit Court and working with the new electronic filing system to ensure a smooth transition. I regularly e-file documents with the Clerk's Office and work with the clerks in the courtroom. As a candidate, I offer a friendly, familiar face with the right experience.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: With nearly a decade of experience in public service, I have assisted countless citizens with navigating our court system and preparing their own legal documents. As Clerk of Court, I will ensure that all patrons receive the assistance and resources they need to properly file legal documents with the Clerk's Office. I also hope to increase legal resources available at the nearby public library.

PRIORITIES: I have three very specific goals in mind. First, I want to improve access to public resources so that citizens may file their own legal documents when appropriate. Second, I want to work closely with the legal community to make the most efficient use of our new electronic filing system. Third, I want to improve cross-training and technological skills within the office to increase flexibility.

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Wicomico 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: \$105,000.

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

There are no Republican candidates.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Karen A. Lemon

No response received by deadline.

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Wicomico 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.

Grover Green Cantwell, Jr.

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/mpecb6>(Grover Cantwell)

Campaign Email: greatart@comcast.net

Campaign Phone: (410) 742-6736

QUALIFICATIONS: Life experiences

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

COURT NEEDS: Being reconized

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Mark S. Bowen

Campaign Facebook: <http://markbowenfororphanscourtjudge>

Campaign Email: hawkster60@comcast.net

Campaign Phone: (443) 614-7965

QUALIFICATIONS: This position closely parallels my 31 years of experience as Clerk of Court. I often research the Maryland Rules and the Annotated Code. I weigh the facts presented to me, interpret the Rules and the Code, and I make an unbiased decision. I will do the same thing as an Orphans' Court Judge. I will not make a decision based on feelings, rather I will make a decision based on the facts and the law.

DISCRIMINATION: I promise to adhere to the oath of office. Part of the oath states, "That I will to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality

or prejudice, execute the office of Orphans' Court Judge, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State." I have lived up to this oath for 31 years as the Clerk of Court and I will continue to as an Orphans' Court Judge.

COURT NEEDS: The Orphans' Court for Wicomico County runs very smoothly. There is already in place training for newly elected judges and there are conferences where judges from other jurisdictions get together to develop best practices. Additionally, there is a Maryland Conference of Orphans' Court Judges that make recommendations for legislation and policy that affect Orphans' Court operations.

Melissa Pollitt Bright

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Campaign Email: melissaorphanscourt@gmail.com

Campaign Phone: (443) 735-2631

QUALIFICATIONS: With 24 years on the Court, I have taken advantage of as many opportunities as possible to grow my skills through continuing ed at state and national levels. I chair the state-level Education Sub-Committee, tasked with helping all our judges stay well-informed on changes in law and appellate decisions. I see my job as a sacred duty to the departed and a stewardship of justice for the living.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland Orphans' Court judges recently completed a mandatory course on workplace discrimination. It is our job to make our courtrooms fully accessible to all and to see that justice is truly blind to anything other than our common humanity. There is no place for discrimination in our courts and we must see that it is eliminated. The judge bears the ultimate responsibility in each courtroom.

COURT NEEDS: The Orphans' Courts in Maryland suffer from obscurity - we need to be more publicly visible. Greater public awareness of the impact of our courts on families' lives would help garner support for greater resources to help us stay on top of changes in the law. More importantly, people need to know why they elect us, and to understand that our job performance is completely non-partisan.

Dean Jones Evans

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Campaign Facebook: <http://Friends of Dean A. Evans>

Campaign Phone: (410) 603-7570

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a people oriented, person all my life. As a Pastor, Salesman, Director of a Substance Abuse Program, I've educated myself to be the best I can be. From Duke University, Eastern Shore College, North Carolina College of Theology, where I received my Doctorate in Christian Counseling. Dealing, with grief, substance abuse and struggling families for forty five plus years.

DISCRIMINATION: By having a college of Judges, that reflect the community they serve. Who allows the Law which is blind to race, gender, disability, or poverty, to effect opinion on all cases. But always remember that love, mixed with God's grace to always to be present.

COURT NEEDS: This being my first time running for Judgeship,for Orphan's Court, I've been surprised that most people have know Idea what the court does, the Role of the Judge and their rights. The solution is Education.

Peter D. "Pete" Evans

No response received by deadline.

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Wicomico 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: \$95,000.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

Questions

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

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?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Mike Lewis

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

Wicomico County Republican Central Committee

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

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: The nine members of the Republican Central Committee are elected at large 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?

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

Wendy Anspacher

Campaign Facebook: <http://Wendy Miller Anspacher>

No response received by deadline.

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

Muir Boda

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/muirboda

Campaign Phone: (443) 397-0247

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been working with candidates for many years in helping them run their campaigns. I have served as the Vice-President and Treasurer of the Wicomico County Republican Club. In 2016 I helped secure and operate the Wicomico County Republican Campaign Headquarters.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Ensure that all primaries remain closed.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Primaries should not be open. Sharing Republican ideals is the best way to bring people into the party.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My priorities is work on training and assisting candidates for office. Ensuring we have successful headquarters during elections.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: It is important that the individuals understands the role and responsibilities of that particular office. We certainly do not expect people to experts of all things but that they have the ability to work with people and build consensus but also stand in principle.

The following candidates did not submit responses to questions by the deadline:

Shawn A. Bradley

Julie D. Brewington

Larry W. Dodd

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://@LarryDoddforWicomicoCounty>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/@LWD7734

Joan Frances Gentile

Campaign Facebook: <http://JoanGentile>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/JoanGentile

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

David L. Goslee, Sr.

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Campaign Phone: (410) 430-9645

QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent approximately 36 years in law enforcement. During this time I owned and operated several business successfully among which was a private detective agency; Salisbury Mall Security; D & G contractor's. presently owner of D. O. T. training and Services LLC. all of which were operated successfully

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No Opinion

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I feel that any individual should have a party affiliation as we operate in a two party system

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Economy security of our borders physically. School security better cooperation between agencies so what happened in Florida would not have happened

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Personal interviews by the representative parties Central Committee's. Then the central committee's review all information ie; resume's; letters of recommendations as well as hearing from friends and coworkers then make a recommendation to the respective party for-nomination then when appropriate send to ballot.

The following candidates did not respond before the deadline:

Jim Jester

Linda Raye Luffman

Mark G. McIver

John Palmer

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

Nate Sansom

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/sansom4central>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/nathanielsansom

QUALIFICATIONS: Having set the record for being the youngest MDGOP Central Committee member in state history after being sworn in at 17 years of age, I offer a unique perspective as I can effectively communicate with millennials. I've also gained invaluable expertise as a Central Committee member and have become adept at reaching voters through social media.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I will continue to encourage all eligible voters to do so. In addition to encouraging political participation, I will continue to help diversify and expand the Republican Party.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: 1. Continue to defend our Constitutional rights and conservative values. 2. Expand the party by engaging potential voters.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: If such a vacancy were to occur, I would work with my fellow Committee members to find an appropriate replacement. Personally, I would consider factors such as: how well the candidates interviewed before our Committee, their stance on fundamental issues, their educational and vocational background, and their personal character and integrity.

David Louis Snyder

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/makewayforawinner/>

QUALIFICATIONS: As I have been a staunch conservative the majority of my life, I believe I have learned much through experience. I am a Notary Public. Past Business Owner and Employer. Have been a member and on the boards of numerous local civic organizations, to include serving currently as 1st Vice President of the Wicomico County Republican Club and have done so for many years.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Alexander Hamilton remarked about the Constitution that at last people would impose on themselves a government by "reflection and choice" instead of by "accident and force." We're back to accident and force, or more accurately, accident and money. Nominating conventions two candidates could be picked. After the primaries, whoever won would be the party's nominee.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: The conventional wisdom holds that the parties need independents to win general elections, but the reality is that they're increasingly devoting their resources to getting their own voters-out to the polls. I have taken the opposite path to change the voters mind and vot GOP . I have done voter registration for years and changing of party affiliation.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Maryland's Republican Party is trying to break the veto-proof majority Democrats have held in the state legislature for nearly a century, hoping to use the popularity and fundraising prowess of Gov. Larry Hogan to oust a handful of Senate incumbents and increase the governor's ability to block legislation he opposes. Republicans are targeting six seats this is where I will focus my attention.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Focus more on accomplishments rather than experience, knowledge, and skills. Place a high value on attitude, work ethic, and motivation. Conduct reference calls to check the facts. [[Back to Table of Contents](#)]

Wicomico County Democratic Central Committee Female

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

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary, with 4 men and 4 women elected at large.

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 4.

The following candidates did not submit answers to questions before the deadline:

Carissa Antonis

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Campaign Instagram: @carissaantonis

Michele Gregory

Campaign Website: <http://micheleforwicomico.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/michele4wicomico>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/michele4wcc

Amanda L. Jackson

Crystal Jones

Sarah Meyers

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Wicomico County Democratic Central Committee Male

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

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

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary, with 4 men and 4 women elected at large.

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 4.

Jake Burdett

Campaign Website: <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ575mZyUg-VXd3c6UjA0Fg>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/jake.burdett.92>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/jake_burdett

Campaign Instagram: [@jakeburdett_](https://www.instagram.com/jakeburdett_)

Campaign Email: jakeburdett12@yahoo.com

Campaign Phone: (443) 833-5051

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a 20 year old student. My generation has been screwed over left and right by the older generation, whether it be through the high cost of college education, dealing with the results of climate change, or graduating into a stagnant economy on the verge of collapsing. We need young, energetic & passionate people such as myself who aren't afraid to bring radical and necessary change to the country.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I think the process should be made more open. I'm a Democrat, so I'd start with getting rid of superdelegates altogether. Superdelegates are inherently elitist, and there's no reason some individuals votes should be given more weight than others. I would also make the DNC a public institution rather than private, so if they interfere in the primaries again legal action can be taken against them.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I would open the primaries to allow independents to vote, as suggested here. I would also run as an outsider who wants to reform the Democratic Party from within, whilst calling out the blatant corruption of most elected Democrats. In this way, I would gain voters trust because they'd see I see past party lines, and I'd also give them a reason to vote for an honest Democrat such as myself.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: As a Democrat, I'd like to make the Democratic Party more bottom-up and grassroots instead of top-down. I'd also like for the Party to be taken over by candidates who don't take corporate PAC money. If this happens, I believe elected Democrats will no longer have a reason to not represent their constituents, and the Party can finally get back to its working class roots from the FDR days.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I will look for candidates who don't accept corporate PAC money, who want to get money out of politics, get single payer healthcare, make college tuition free, make the minimum wage a living wage and chain it to inflation, end US imperialism, move towards green energy with a Green New Deal, rebuild infrastructure with a new New Deal, end the drug war, stop systemic racism, get police reform, etc.

Matthew Davidson

No response received by deadline.

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

Mike Folkoff

Campaign Facebook: [http://Mike Folkoff](http://MikeFolkoff)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a homeowner for almost 30 yrs; my children graduated from public schools. There is no question that an effective education meeting individual student needs is key to our County' s economic future. As a career educator, faculty and administrator at Salisbury University, I have seen the faculty, student and government side of education. I serve helped design Shore Transit

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The primary process should be an eight month period from Jan 1 to conventions in August and be publically financed to eliminate the dominance of special interests with unlimited deep pockets. Presidential campaigns begin on Sept 1 and end on Nov 1, leaving time for the public to make decisions and reflect in the absence of the worst of the hyperbole, over-statements and inflated discourse.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I do not think it wise to consider unaffiliated voters as outsiders. We need independent thinking and response to avoid a stagnant political process. I am much more concerned about eligible voters who do not vote. A longer early voting period combined with easier access to voting places is key to getting out the vote. Maybe they are right. Both parties are wrong. Neither party is appealing.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My Democratic party will continue to use government to level the playing field for all citizens, by supporting K-12, vocational and higher education. Public funding of the judicial system, social services and health services is the safety net of a just society. Private wealth depends on educated employees, rides on roads paid by taxes and expects to be protected by police and fire services.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Earle Hatton

Campaign Facebook: [http://Earle Hatton for Democratic Central Committee](http://EarleHattonforDemocraticCentralCommittee)

No response received by deadline.

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

Gains Hawkins

QUALIFICATIONS: Current member of Wicomico County Democratic Central Committee and president of the Wicomico Democratic Club. Past treasurer for four Democratic candidate campaigns and served on campaign committee for other candidates.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Re-examine Super delegate designation

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Primaries should be left to those identifying with their respective party. Unaffiliated voters with historical bias for one party can have inappropriate influence over a primary election of the other party.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Universal pre-K, reduced tuition for community college and

four year public colleges, universal health care, regulations restricting access to AR 15 style weapons, clean air and water regulations, live able wages (minimum wage of \$15 in urban areas, \$12-13 in rural areas), elimination of septic systems in all Maryland municipalities

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: past voting record (if possible), thorough background check--is she a decent person.

Jared Schablein

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Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/jaredschableinforwicomico/>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/JaredForWCDCC

Campaign Instagram: [jaredforcentralcommittee](https://www.instagram.com/jaredforcentralcommittee)

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Campaign Phone: (443) 669-4444

QUALIFICATIONS: Currently, at the age Nineteen, I am the chair and a founder of the Lower Shore Progressive Caucus which serves the bottom four counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. I also currently serve as a board member of both Our Revolution Maryland and Progressive Maryland. These roles have matured me and given me the tools needed to be a successful public servant and committeeperson.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The Democratic Party needs a lot of reform when it comes to the nomination process. We need to end the use of superdelegates, enact same-day registration and same day party affiliation changes, More transparent and oversight on DNC Spending, no insider politics, or it's my turn mentalities and a bigger focus on funding for state and local parties.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I am a firm believer in Open Primaries, and if elected it will be a top goal of mine to reform the Democratic Primary in both Wicomico County and the entire state of Maryland to allow both Democrats and Independents to vote to decide our party's candidates. Also the Progressive agenda I built my campaign and morals on is supported across party lines by people of all backgrounds and regions.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My Priorities include many progressive reforms to get the party back into touch. This includes expanding community outreach efforts to start listening to working Wicomico Families, empowering fellow Millennials and being a source of youth representation within the state and local party and having a bold progressive agenda to address the economic, social, racial, and environmental injustices.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: The criteria I would use to fill a vacancy includes a history of services to the community, commitment to progressive ideas, and a bold outside the box platform to address the economic, social, racial, and environmental injustices we face. The status quo has failed Wicomico County, and we need leaders who are going to catch us up with the rest of the state.

Ivory P. Smith, Sr.

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Campaign Phone: (443) 944-6701

QUALIFICATIONS: By being involved in civil rights for over 25 years I ran for Democratic Central Committee office 2008 knowing that we need a change in our local politics knowing that we need someone strong. I have worked on State and local candidates campaign I have work with DePalma and Clinton campaign which is gave me experience and expertise and other areas of politics

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I wouldn't make any changes and the current procedure or process of electing the president

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: First I will let them know that I am a honest person and I am for the people even though I may be a Democrat I'm a people person first party II because if we don't take care of the people a party will be a sham.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My priorities is the people in the state the people and my local area hit make sure that they have the access that they need two jobs, Healthcare ,education

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Find out what experience do they have in local politics have you ever ran for political office before but more or less what will they do for my county and for the state to make it a better place for everyone

J. D. Wilkins

No response received by deadline.

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Nonpartisan Offices

Wicomico County Board of Education

District 1

DUTIES: The Board of Education is responsible for the supervision of the public schools, including the selection of a Superintendent, approval of the annual budget, and establishing general policies governing the school system.

TERM: 4 years, no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: This is the first election in which the members of the Board of Education will be elected rather than appointed. The Board is comprised of six members, one elected at large and one from each of the Council districts.

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.

Ruth Angelot

Campaign Email: ruthangelot@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have attended the K-12 public school system throughout all my school years. Because it has not been long since I graduated the system, I believe that I can use my personal experiences to help improve public schools in Wicomico County.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: I would rank the priorities of the education needs high on the budget because I believe that public education is the best way to contribute to the future since children are the future. Neglecting schools and teachers leaves prevents children from gaining all that is needed to help create a brighter future for everyone.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Personally, I believe that national and state standards should be one

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: No response received by deadline.

SCHOOL SAFETY: No response received by deadline.

PARTNERSHIPS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES: No response received by deadline.

Michelle Bradley

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Campaign Phone: (443) 735-9564

QUALIFICATIONS: My Masters degree in Teaching Art Education gives me the curriculum building and implementation experience to understand age appropriate developmental learning K thru 12. I also have the front line staff experience of running a birth to 3 program under federal regulations that cement my understanding of the importance of environmental learning in various socio economic backgrounds.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Student teacher ratio is the most important to effectively reach children on an individualized level. With the recent condition of MD public schools coming to light the safety and modernization of school buildings would be second. Teachers are intrinsic learners and always strive for the best for themselves and their students and exemplify this when pulling money out of their own pockets.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: National and State standards are the minimum to ensure quality education for each child in their own county. That being said standardized tests should not be the only indicator of a student or schools success.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I whole heartedly believe in CTE programs. I will continue to encourage a college education it does not mean that the career tech schools should be ignored. Their importance in society and economic development of local regions is understated. With a Masters in Education I do know everyone needs HVAC tech or auto body tech. It provides a services that will never die and they make more than I do.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety MUST be more than a tag line. As a parent of a child in MD public schools I know teachers are over taxed and it is a heavy burden to place policing on them as well. That being said the policy and procedures to file a bully report for a student are unrealistic. We are failing our children. We need to make sure our schools are safe environments for learning.

PARTNERSHIPS: On the Eastern Shore of MD we are the crossroads of MD. We have farms, big pharma, education, tourism & industries exploding. Partnerships and apprenticeships with local businesses as well as continued education with the local community college and 2 universities will keep students on the Shore to stay. Not take their skills else where. We need to harness the partnerships we have here.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are school safety, accountability & sustainability . Our students of all ages must feel safe in an environment to learn, we must hold our county accountable for spending & we must build relationships with all business available to all children no matter social economic back ground/developmental ability the opportunity to be productive life long learners and contributors to our county.

Allen C. Brown

No response received by deadline.

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

Wicomico County Board of Education District 4

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

Seamus Benn

Campaign Facebook: <http://Seamus Benn for Wicomico County School Board District 4>

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a part of the public school system since 7th grade. I current attend James M Bennett, as a senior. This, I believe allows me to have an unique perspective that none of my fellow candidates can bring to the table.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: My biggest priority is inclusion. We need to ensure that all students, especially those of the LGBTQ community, feel respected, and included.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: While we do need to know how our students are doing, I believe we spend much too much time preparing students for the tests and not life after high school, whether that is college or going directly into the workforce.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I believe we need to offer more CTE course.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We knew to educate and treat substance abuse for what it truly is, a disease.

PARTNERSHIPS: I believe internships and other programs like that absolutely vital to the furthering of our communities.

PRIORITIES: I want to be the voice for the youth. I want to be a direct line of communication from the student body to the board and ensure that all students feel equally represented.

David Plotts

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Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/davidplottsBOE>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/davidplotts

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Campaign Phone: (443) 880-0502

QUALIFICATIONS: With four children in the public-school system in this fall, I have a vested interest in my decision making. My education of a Master of Science in Management - Financial Specialization and a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Management provide a background for providing financial oversight and the ability to understand the technology of today's schools.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: There are many priorities, all dependent upon funding. You cannot educate students without proper teachers, reasonable class sizes, and adequate school buildings. All the expenses need to be weighed and adequately supported for success.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: National and state standards should be a benchmark for the school district to measure the students performance against. Standardized testing is necessary for this measurement, however too much testing harms the students.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Wicomico County has an excellent vocational program, Career Technology Education that provides the skills necessary for those not attending college. We must continue to invest in vocational programs, as they teach the numerous skill necessary for those critical careers not requiring college.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We must continue to build on the bullying prevention programs at elementary and middle schools, where there is a higher chance of success. With substance abuse on the rise, we must work with the health department and community experts. The larger issue currently is school safety and the risk of an active shooter situation. We must work diligently to protect the children using many methods.

PARTNERSHIPS: I would support the administration in approving partnerships between businesses, community organizations, and the schools. Many of these partnerships come directly from principles with community organizations in each school district. Every partnership big and small can be beneficial to the students educational experience.

PRIORITIES: We must close the budget deficit that currently exists, as of March. This may be through trimming programs or successfully receiving additional funding from the County. The funding is critical to the priorities of the Board, which include retaining and recruiting teachers and implementing universal pre-kindergarten.

Ann Brittingham Suthowski

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