



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

About this Voters' Guide

This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Maryland Education Fund. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. The League offers this *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens in their decision making process as they prepare for participation in the general election. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for a particular office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates who will appear on the Primary Election ballot are printed exactly as submitted to the LWV. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 400 characters and any additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond by April 30 deadline, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Only voters registered with the Republican or Democratic parties may vote for candidates for most offices, though all voters may vote for Board of Education and some municipal offices. Unaffiliated candidates and candidates from the Green and Libertarian parties are not included in this Voters' Guide as they will not appear on the primary election ballot but will be in the Guide published for the general election. Additional information on the candidates is available at www.VOTE411.org, which has any updates received after the 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: Gull Creek Senior Living Community, 1 Meadow Street, Berlin

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.

Worcester County Board of Elections

100 Belt Street, Snow Hill MD 21863-1310

Phone: 410-632-1320

Email: Patricia.Jackson@Maryland.gov

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
Hours: 8 - 5 Monday - Friday.

Rumors about the election?

Visit – 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

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

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

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

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

No response received by deadline.

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

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Rushern L. Baker III / Elizabeth Embry

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Marylanders are sick and tired of Big Money in politics. I've introduced a campaign finance reform proposal that will 1) prohibit direct campaign contributions from corporations and PACs 2) establish a statewide public financing system for Maryland state candidates; 3) require Maryland Super PACs to contribute a portion of their total expenditures to fund the public financing system.

Ralph Jaffe / Freda Jaffe

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QUALIFICATIONS: Political science teacher since 1964. Taught in public and private sectors. Leading a movement which started in 2002 and is an evolving process to get rid of corruption in MD govt. and replace it with true ETHICAL reform. My website, [fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com](http://www.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 visit www.vote411.org for responses that may have been submitted later.

Kevin Kamenetz / Valerie Ervin

Mr. Kamenetz died on May 10. Please check www.vote411.org for updates on the status of this gubernatorial ticket.

Rich Madaleno / Luwanda Jenkins

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience serving the people of Maryland in the State Senate and the House of Delegates for the past sixteen years uniquely prepares me to be Governor. I have an extensive record of public and community service and accomplishment, and hold leadership positions in the General Assembly, as Vice-Chair of the Senate Budget & Finance Committee, and as a member of the Kirwan Commission on Education.

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Other priorities include building a strong economy with good-paying jobs and fair taxes, and continuing my effective advocacy of gun violence prevention laws, such as the assault

weapons and bump stocks ban. I strongly support public financing of state elections and getting big money out of our politics. I am the ONLY candidate for Governor who is participating in public financing in Maryland.

Alec Ross / Julie C. Verratti

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my entire career in public service. I came to Maryland as a public school teacher and went on to the highest levels of federal government working on innovation and technology. I believe that our government needs leaders who will push for new solutions in a constantly changing world. Talent is everywhere in Maryland but opportunity is not, and we can change that.

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: I am especially focused on the "rise of the rest" and how we empower more people from more zip codes to compete and succeed in the industries of the future. This is a holistic issue, and my administration will be focused on the many issues - like education, job creation,

support for small business, and inclusive innovation - that will create opportunity for all Marylanders in a changing economy.

Jim Shea / Brandon M. Scott

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah / Sharon Y. Blake

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

BUDGET: Education is my absolute top priority. As the only candidate who attended Maryland public schools (K-12), I am committed fully funding our schools, guaranteeing Pre-K, closing the achievement gap, expanding STEAM education opportunities, & providing free community college and retraining. I will restart Baltimore's Red Line and invest in transportation solutions that cut commute times in half.

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

ENVIRONMENT: Saving the Chesapeake Bay, reducing air pollution, and acting on climate change will be my top priorities. For the Bay, we will reduce water pollution at it's 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.

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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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 Trump's campaign promise to simplify the tax code and lowering the marginal income tax rates. When tax rates are reduced people will be motivated to work, save and invest which will help strengthen the national economy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: Maryland needs to look forward to high-growth industries and develop policies that attract those businesses now. For example, there is a revolution coming to the automotive

industry in connection with self-driving vehicles. Maryland should become the "incubator" for these technologies and create economic incentives to attract those high-growth businesses that will be the future's "job creators."

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

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

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: When we find discrimination it must be addressed quickly. In the Senate it is important to have 59 other Senators on your side to reach a solution. The next Senator must

communicate effectively with other Senators to elicit help and speed toward discovering solutions which will work. A working solution is key because most law breakers don't give a hoot what the law says or what words are on paper.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: While serving on active duty in the military the Department of Defense has a zero tolerance policy for discrimination & harassment therefore I would have the same policy. Many laws currently exist to protect individuals and I would ensure employers are adhering to the law. If laws

need to be strengthened then I would do everything to propose new legislation in protecting individuals from discri

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: The president's unwillingness to confront climate change. I will fight for federal resources that compel this administration to invest, especially in clean air, clean water, renewable energy and public transit. We've seen success with funding for the Chesapeake Bay. If the Trump

administration will not take steps necessary to protect our environment, we must encourage states to continue their work

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: The Affordable Care Act (ACA) needs to be strengthened. My belief is a single-payer ACA would be better for businesses and provide better services to tax-payers. Reduce Cost for

Prescription Drugs. Work with Companies to Reduce and Monitor Sales of Opioids. Get more federal monies to screen packages for opioid deliveries. Decriminalizing cannabis and removing it from being a Schedule 1 drug.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Educational equity, disability rights, domestic violence law reform, food insecurity, poverty and human rights issues are also very important to me.

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: SUPPORT: Comprehensive immigration reform. Promote humanity, productivity, justice, peace. Protect people, families, environment. Prosecute "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE networks"; unjust practices, victimization, deprivation,

destruction; threat, coercion; unjust arrest, detention, torture. Reduce fees, fast processing of citizen application/replacement card

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

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

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

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

Term: Two years

Base Salary: \$174,000

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

Website: www.house.gov

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Other priorities are building the local skilled trade work force and funding programs for single mothers to further their education and to give a promising future to their children. Protecting our rights and 2nd amendment, protecting the water-man, renewable energy, uphold the Constitution, Putting the American citizens first, protecting our children while being in school, more armed citizens!!

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

HEALTH CARE: We have to bring down the cost of health care and health care insurance, which

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: PRMC my birthplace my primary and high school education was through the Wicomico County public system, , the vocational technical education was pursued my further education. I After several years of military service in the United States Marine Corps, which provided

further leadership educational venues, as well as. the opportunity to actually lead Men and women of the Corps.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination of any sort is abhorrent and contrary to our ideals. As an Army Ranger, I fought to protect and defend our Constitution, which ensures equal protection under the law for each American. I support prohibiting all forms of discrimination as I believe this will make our nation stronger and more just. Similarly, I firmly support guaranteeing women's right to equal pay for equal work.**ECONOMIC POLICY:** The next generation of software developers, solar panel technicians, or cybersecurity experts can learn, work, and grow businesses in MD1. Let's invest in tomorrow. Let's invest in solar jobs, MD1's burgeoning ecotourism economy, and technologies and sustainable practices that protect the Bay and allow farmers to increase harvests and more effectively access markets near and far.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: I support revision of international trade agreements to include stronger, more enforceable labor protections and environmental provisions and adjusting taxes to remove incentives to send jobs overseas. We must also protect unions and improve worker rights and labor standards at home and abroad. Investment in education and infrastructure (digital and physical) would create jobs and economic growth.

IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform which keeps families together, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: The national economy can be strengthened through permanent tax reductions for the middle class and increase of current corporate tax rate. Permanent cuts for middle class will improve spending power, grow the economy and fund additional infrastructure for roads, bridges and

better education. Also, an increase to minimum wage and tax credits for college tuition will grow our economy for everyone.

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

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

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

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

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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

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?

HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 38A

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Charles James Otto

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QUALIFICATIONS: The experience I have spending a career in Agriculture bring a science and business perspective to the issues.

REDISTRICTING: The independent commission concept seem the most appropriate to remove the

highly charged political motives of the process.

ENVIRONMENT: The Conawingo Dam and renewing its ability to capture sediment and nutrients. Several options are being considered now and I look forward to scrutinize the proposals.

DISCRIMINATION: Jobs and economic opportunity.

EDUCATION: Providing adequate facilities that are capable of handling all of our current technology should recognize cost savings. This can be used on programs to allow students to be prepared for a productive career.**HEALTH CARE:** Access to appropriate health care in our rural areas, particularly primary care are our challenges

TRANSPORTATION: Maintain the integrity of our roads and Bridges.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Filed several lawsuits/ACLU to prevent discrimination in community election districts and local organizations - Fire Department Recommended to State Conference NAACP to require all high school athletes to maintain a 2.0 grade point average Investigated and received support for current state law CO2 detectors Terminal degree in Organizational leadership - Government - Public Policy

REDISTRICTING: None at this time

ENVIRONMENT: Influx of Industrial Poultry houses in and around minority and poor neighborhoods Contact pollution of waterways and the polluting of air - advocate for the Community Clean Air Act Recommend the constant monitoring of the drinking water in community

DISCRIMINATION: Inclusion of mandatory diversity training for all agencies The monitoring and reinforcement of the training process and the constant enforcement of the Title VII Civil Right Act of 1964 and the holding of agencies responsible for violations Expedited process to rule on complaints to the EEOC Equal pay for the same work for men and women with the same job description

EDUCATION: Equitable funding for schools Pay raises for teachers to ensure that they do not have to use their resources to teach our children Ensure that all graduating students are career, college and job ready to joining the work force Revisit all funding for projects in the county and state to ensure that special interest groups are not included in the process

HEALTH CARE: Continuous advocating for the Affordable Care Act to ensure that all citizen can receive proper health care. Encouraging young people to gravitate to health professions as a choice to ensure health personnel is sustained for years to come.

TRANSPORTATION: Increased transportation opportunities for those living in rural areas of the county. Lack of transportation prevents a number of individual from seeking employment which drains the community of much needed resources. The counties and towns should bear the responsibility to providing the financial resources for the project.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 38C

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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No response received by deadline.

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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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WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSION

DUTIES: The seven-member Board of County Commissioners is the governing body of Worcester County, empowered under "code home rule" with broad legislative authority, which limits the General Assembly's local legislative powers.

SALARY: \$25,000 (2014-2018)

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: The County is divided into seven County Commissioner districts, and one of the County Commissioners must reside in each district. All seven Commissioners are elected at large in the Gubernatorial Elections. The Board elects one of their members to serve as the President of the Board and one to serve as Vice President.

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?

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Merrill W. Lockfaw, Jr.

No response received by deadline.

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Joshua C. Nordstrom

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have held leadership roles in many of the organizations with which I am involved, including the Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the YMCA, Pocomoke Chamber of Commerce, and Worcester County Economic Development. Working with this diverse group of organizations - as well as my position in public relations - has given me a broad perspective on the needs of the people of Worcester County.

BUDGET: We should increase spending on education - specifically, providing funds for a path to college or technical school for many of our students. We also need to spend more on our infrastructure, including high-speed internet access throughout the County. These investments are the basis for greater economic development, as well as broader economic opportunities for our citizens.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Intelligent, practical use of our land and natural resources must be monitored and executed by good leadership. Much of our economy is based on tourism, as well as commercial use of the land and water, so protection of our environment is paramount. Worcester

County will continue to grow - both in population and business development - and smart policies will be needed to ensure its sustainability.

EDUCATION: We have incredible schools here in Worcester County, and those responsible should be celebrated. A teacher should never need to worry about receiving his/her scheduled pay raise, nor need to provide classroom materials. Adding basic life skills and civics courses will make for better citizens and smarter graduates, and technical education should be prioritized at the same level as a college track.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: As stated above, greater investment in our young people and our infrastructure are the two most important ways we can use our resources to foster economic growth. We need more jobs, but our citizens also need career opportunities in developing fields. Technology, renewable energy, and aerospace are just a few of the industries we should be increasingly invested in attracting to Worcester County.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: In most of our communities, lack of affordable housing is not the issue. The concern is that many affordable housing options have fallen below community standards due to neglect. Government and landlords must work together to improve existing properties, thereby increasing overall living standards. Where new developments are necessary, mixed-use, multi-functional communities should be prioritized.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Worcester County needs to fund infrastructure projects, both to improve services for its citizens and to attract more visitors to our area. Our area needs greater access to public water/sewer, and to address issues created by new development. We also need a more substantial, effective public transportation system, as well as funding for better access to County attractions via our local waterways.

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WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

There are no Republican candidates.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Diana Purnell

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No response received by deadline.

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WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Bud Church

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Campaign Instagram: Citizens for Bud Church

No response received by deadline.

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Gary A. Millhoff

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Currently, I am a Councilman for the Town of Berlin. In this position, I have become known as a calm and steady voice through the sometimes intense discussions that take place in local government. I work diligently to ask the right questions and ensure that the concerns of my constituents are heard. In May of 2018, I will graduate with a Master of Business Administration from Salisbury University.

BUDGET: Throughout my time on the Town Council, I have worked to scrutinize expenditures and will bring this same fiduciary responsibility to Worcester County to help secure a balanced budget.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Our economy in Worcester County is very cyclical, however, I believe by increasing light industrial zoning throughout the county we can bring more stable, year-round employment, to our area.

EDUCATION: Worcester County is one of the best school systems in the state. To maintain this, we need to continue investing in teachers, students, and facilities. School safety is also paramount. My focus will also be on increasing enrollment at Worcester Technical High School and increasing the investment in programs throughout the county that will help our children compete in the 21st Century.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I believe the government should play a role in the facilitation of economic development and job growth. This can be accomplished by keeping our taxes competitive, investing in infrastructure, and providing zoning opportunities for business to thrive.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Affordable housing in Worcester County is essential to preserving our culture. We should work toward accomplishing this by incorporating mixed-income housing throughout the county. The mixed-income housing program offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development can help ensure that our neighborhoods remain diverse and that the cultures of our communities remain intact.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Worcester County is experiencing growth and with that comes more traffic congestion. As a government, we need to increase accessibility by making our communities more interconnected. A more comprehensive bikeways program would allow citizens of various socioeconomic backgrounds to commute more effectively. Access to public facilities and open spaces for Worcester County residents are essential.

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WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Theodore "Ted" Elder

No response received by deadline.

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Virgil L. Shockley

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been running a farming operation for 45 years. I have served 16 years as County Commissioner from this district. I have served as Chairman of Tri-County Council and of the Maryland Broadband Cooperative.

BUDGET: Having worked on 16 budgets, I increased education funding, Sheriff's Department funding, fire and ambulance funding, while maintaining a low tax rate and keeping the local income tax rate at \$1.25.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I have done two County Comprehensive Plans and the Commissioner that will be elected in 2018 will be tasked with doing the next one.

EDUCATION: Having driven a school bus for 30 years, I have witnessed first hand the county public school system. Each child needs to be challenged and be confident that he or she is safe in school.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The County needs to have Broadband.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The county addresses affordable housing by adjusting the zoning code when the Comprehensive Plan is updated.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The dualization of Route 113 will hopefully be completed and the State can turn its attention to Route 589 and Route 90, including bridges.

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WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Chip Bertino

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No response received by deadline.

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Judy Butler

No response received by deadline.

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WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 6

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Madison "Jim" Bunting, Jr.

No response received by deadline.

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 7

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Joseph M. Mitrecic

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Campaign Facebook: <http://Elect Joe Mitrecic for County Commissioner>

Campaign Instagram: District 7

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former Ocean City Councilman, Ocean City Council President and I am the current Worcester County Commissioner for District 7

BUDGET: All facets of the County budget should be continually monitored. Too often the hard work that goes into a budget is forgotten until the next budget cycle. I look at the Counties budget continually during the year to make sure our expenditures match up with what was in the budget.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Worcester County has a terrific Planning and Zoning Department as well as Environmental Programs Department that will make recommendations for changes to our land use policy. The County Commissioners need to take those recommendations and the information supplied with them and use that to make the decisions that are best for our residents.

EDUCATION: I have and will continue to make Worcester County Schools a priority for the County Commissioners. Teaching our children and sending them out in the world with the knowledge they need to succeed is our greatest accomplishment. We need to continue to hire and retain the best staff from the Superintendent down. Our job as a County Commission is to give them the necessary funding to make this happen.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I do not believe it is the governments job to create jobs. We as Commissioners should create a healthy environment for business to flourish, and make Worcester County their home. Keeping taxes low and our roads in and out of the County up to date are just two of many ways we can lure new business in and retain the businesses that we have.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: With an expanding economy comes jobs, and with those jobs come paychecks. Continuing to make Worcester County a place to do business allows its residents the opportunity to be employed and to afford better housing. When the units that are undesirable are empty the landlords will have to update them for rental purposes.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The dualization has been a priority for me since first elected. This needs to be accomplished along with improvements to RT589 to allow for better movement into and out of Ocean City. This is also one of our primary evacuation routes, so this also is a safety concern.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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WORCESTER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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

SALARY: \$154,433.

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

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

Questions

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

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

Court Needs: What are the greatest needs of Maryland's court system and how can these be addressed?

Candidates

Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Mary "Peggy" Kent

No response received by deadline.

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Beau H. Oglesby

No response received by deadline.

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WORCESTER 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.

Kris Heiser

No response received by deadline.
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Bill McDermott

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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WORCESTER COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

Susan Richardson Braniecki

Campaign Facebook: [http://Susan Braniecki for Clerk](http://SusanBranieckiforClerk)

QUALIFICATIONS: With over 30 years of experience working in every area of the Clerks office along with my administrative leadership, I am more than qualified for this position. I enjoy my interaction with the public both I. The land records and licensing departments as well as the judicial departments.

My goal is to preserve the records for future generations.

AREAS OF NEED: No response received by deadline.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: Having recently automated the court filing and records section as well as some filings in land records, I hope to fine tune these applications to make them more user friendly as well as efficient.

PRIORITIES: No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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WORCESTER 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

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Aaron William Redden

No response received by deadline.

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Steven K. Sisk

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QUALIFICATIONS: over thirty years of broad-based management experience

AREAS OF NEED: Yet to be determined

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I would look to provide community outreach education

PRIORITIES: First to assess the needs then develop a plan to address any difficulties

Terri Delaney Westcott

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been working at the Register of Wills office for the past 18 years. As Register, I will bring extensive knowledge and experience in assisting the public and a professional relationship with area attorneys.

AREAS OF NEED: The Register is a clerk for the Orphans' Court. I would be delighted to assist and advocate in whatever areas the Court deems necessary.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: While there is always room for improvement, I feel that the office currently provides great service. I would be pleased to listen to the public and/or attorneys in order to make any changes that were within my authority and that would be beneficial.

PRIORITIES: One area I would like to address is educating the non-English speaking residents. Also, I would like to work with other agencies in helping to explain probate and why estate planning is important. I believe educating the general public would be beneficial to everyone.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have diligently worked the past 12 years as a Criminal Clerk for the Clerk of Court. My job encompasses processing criminal cases such as indictments, appeals, and expungements. We are adjacent to the Register of Wills, and we routinely field public inquiries for

their office. I possess the skill set, temperament, and dedication to excellence to advance the purview of the Register of Wills.

AREAS OF NEED: Increase term limits to 6-8 years with staggered elections for judges for continuity, creative solutions for archival space issues, digitize where feasible to increase efficiency and accessibility, promote public-service messaging about free attorneys, and keep abreast of opioid crisis and impact locally.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: Trust, tech and time comprise my three-pronged platform, which integrates remote and user-friendly technologies such as ordering documents online. Worcester County is among a handful of counties, which currently do not offer this service. A fillable PDF with document prompts and examples, similar to tax software, could assist the public in completing forms.

PRIORITIES: Register of Wills can alleviate stress on residents through an empathetic knowledgeable staff. Filing estates and wills are outside of most people's comfort zone. Concise, secure and user-friendly software, if implemented, could dispel unease and save time. Appointed Personal Representatives are not always local, so video conferencing could be cost-effective.

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WORCESTER 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.

Mike Diffendal

No response received by deadline.

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

Linda M. Hess

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QUALIFICATIONS: 12 years as Jygdg of Orphans Court. Last two years as Chief Judge

DISCRIMINATION: To be fair and just for everyone regardless of race, creed, gender, religion, disability or poverty

COURT NEEDS: Due to the nature of the Orphans Court, judges should be compassionate and understanding The heirs and family members depend on the judge to make the right decisions to bring closure to this fragile time in their lives. I also think the mandatory educational judicial classes are very helpful and would like to see more classes dedicated to wills and estates.

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No response received by deadline.

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John P. Quinn

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QUALIFICATIONS: PAST HEARING OFFICER - BALT CO., MD, ; MASTERS DEGREE: LAW/ETHICAL STUDIES - UNIV. OF BALT; MEMBER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE , OCEAN CITY - LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE; U. S. POSTAL SERVICE - REAL ESTATE OFFICER; AND MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION - CHAIRMAN - WOUNDED WARRIOR BENEFIT.

DISCRIMINATION: TREAT ALLPERS WITH EQUAL RESPECT MAKING DECISIONS WITHIN THE DUTIES OF THE COURT AS DEFINED BY LAW.

COURT NEEDS: No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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WORCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF

DUTIES: The Worcester County Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer in the county. The sheriff performs law enforcement functions, carries out court orders, delivers summonses, executes bench warrants, and supervises the county corrections facility. Worcester has no county police department.

SALARY: \$85,000; set by County Commissioners.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

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

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Scott T. Bernal

No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 23 years of law enforcement experience, 19 of which has been served in the Worcester County Sheriff's Office; the majority of that time has been in a supervisory role. I always have and I always will lead by example. The Sheriff's Office has provided me with knowledge, training and experience. I personally bring the perseverance, determination and dedication needed to protect all residents.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: I fully believe that law enforcement works best when assisted and aided by the public it serves. As Sheriff I would implement a new and improved Community Policing Program. This program would include the creation of a Community Action Team, Business Action Committee, Crime Watch, Citizen's Academy and an Explorer Post. Any resident who wishes to serve their community will have a chance to do so.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination, in any form, will not be tolerated under my administration. I will ensure that all will receive the same high quality of police service and are treated equally and fairly; regardless of race, class, color, creed or condition. I will also ensure that all hiring and promotional processes are conducted fairly and consistently for both sworn and non-sworn personnel within the office.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My campaign is based on five main platforms. 1. School Safety, 2. Opioid Addiction, 3. Fiscal Transparency, 4. Community Oriented Policing and 5. Second Amendment Rights. My top priority will be to ensure that each and every public school in the county will be staffed with a Deputy Sheriff during school hours. My ultimate goal is to have a full time Deputy and a marked car assigned to every school.

OPIOID USE: I will address the current opioid problem by implementing a plan of ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION and PREVENTION. We will aggressively identify, investigate and arrest the DEALERS that are bringing drugs into our county and selling them to our FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND CHILDREN. We will also continue to ensure that our CHILDREN receive education from an early age

about the danger of drugs and drug addiction.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a law enforcement professional for 36-years with the last 30 years being with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. I am the former Chief of Police for the Town of Snow Hill. I hold the rank of a Division Commander having led every division of the sheriff's office, including two multi-jurisdictional task force operations. I am a prepared, educated, experienced leader.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: We must improve communications with all parties, starting with the Worcester County Commissioners. We need buy in from elected officials as to direction and the public as to expectations. Utilizing social media and traditional media, speaking to local organizations will serve to enhance communication and trust from those we serve. Public safety increases with active, professional communication.

DISCRIMINATION: Screening of data and education of personnel must be ongoing. Any trends must be explained and vetted to insure that discrimination is not a source. Polices can be in place, but lack of review and enforcement render them moot. We must also recruit minority personnel into sworn positions. We have failed to hire a minority for 16 years and this must be addressed as we adopt better hiring practices.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The safety and security of the residents and visitors of Worcester County is the starting point. Providing professional law enforcement, enhanced investigative capabilities, while protecting our courts and ensuring prompt attention to civil process are all priorities. Conducting audits of all financials and asset deployment with an eye toward reorganization which will enhance all agency services.

OPIOD USE: We should be the primary point of entry for the Angel Project currently being administered by the Worcester Warrior group. By taking the lead, we can also set the example for allied agencies to follow. We also need to examine other programs, like the Deflection Model, being implemented in Montgomery County. Our focus must be prevention, intervention, and prosecution as we think outside the box.

George Truitt

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QUALIFICATIONS: My law enforcement career started when I was 19 years old as a U.S. Army MP. Law enforcement was always my chosen profession since I was a kid. I wanted a career that would afford me the opportunity to help and protect the community. I have received training in nearly every aspect of law enforcement. I have worked investigations from drugs to homicide. I have written policies, budgets, grants.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: There are many other improvements that I would like to make to include keeping the Sheriff Office open 24 hours. Residents are entitled to have around the clock access to the office if they need assistance. I would also like to open substations on the north and

south ends of the county. This would eliminate the long commute to Snow Hill to visit the office
DISCRIMINATION: I believe that deputies need to get out of the car and interact with the community. If you ever ask citizens about who is the officer that they trust, there is usually one name that is repeated. If you ask them why that officer, the response will normal be something to the effect that they stop and talk. Communication is essential to keeping our communities

OTHER PRIORITIES: School security is a high priority for me. I believe that it is unrealistic to believe that 1 deputy within the school can keep all of our children safe. I believe that there has to be more done to provide the school staff with the equipment and tools to protect themselves and the students until help arrives

What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse?More has to be done to get the drugs out of the schools, out of their neighborhoods and their homes. I will assign a narcotics k-9 to the schools. I will send a message that drugs will not be tolerated any where around our schools.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

There are no Democratic candidates.

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WORCESTER 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: All nine members 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?

CANDIDATES

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

Vanessa Alban

No response received by deadline.

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Beverly June Bigler

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No response received by deadline.

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Mary Burgess

No response received by deadline.

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Greg Demarco

No response received by deadline.

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Joseph A. Groves

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 30 years of experience in Senior Management and leadership roles. I have been actively involved in local politics for many years working on Local, State and National Campaigns.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I believe we should review the process annually to ensure it meets our party goals. Right now I do not believe we need changes in the process

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: We must begin to change the cultural of how we communicate to all voters. We need to develop clear goals so every one can understand the direction of the Party. We should work to change the process so all voters can vote in primary elections.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: To build a strong Central Committee in every County. We must develop measure goals to ensure we are not just meeting our goals, but exceeding them. We must have clear goals to ensure victory on every level

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: We should look to candidates that represent the Party in a positive light. The Candidates should be involved within our community and County.

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QUALIFICATIONS: 40 Years of civic involvement. 20 years a Republican. 20 Years Corporate Staff of Verizon Telephone Company 12 Worcester County Republican Central Committee Delegate to 2016 Republican National Convention Active in Republican Party ongoing

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I would make no changes in the nominating process for President of the United States. **PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I would not open the primary voting to unaffiliated voters.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Follow the 2016 Republican National Convention Platform. Control immigration, become energy independent, strengthen the military, America first.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Identify an individual who supports the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Republican Party Platform. Also a history of successful business leadership and civic activity.

Eugene Ashley Magee

No response received by deadline.

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Steven K. Sisk

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QUALIFICATIONS: 30 + years of multi dimensional management

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: NA

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Personal relationship development

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: illegal immigrants, taxes, jobs

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: NA

Loretta Spinuzza

No response received by deadline.

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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 the voters should have a voice to regulate government activities. It is the voters tax dollars, Rights, and Liberties that are being regulated . The Popular vote has more authority then the General Assembly. Utilizing the Popular Vote is our future.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Smart Devise Voting integrity. We must put in place a secure honest voting system. Allowing only U.S. citizen registered voters to vote. The archaic methods that we currently use are outdated. We must protect our votes creating stricter penalties from abuse. That those no matter what office they hold or seek are held accountable. We have a secure encrypted method our cell phones to vote.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: The Constitution states that all voters have the Right to Vote in all Elections. That a unaffiliated candidates should be engaged during the primary. That unaffiliated candidates have their own ballot. Open Ballots any party a voter is affiliated with

should have the choice of voting for any candidate. That the number of unaffiliated voters surpasses Maryland's party registration rules. **PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** To be transparent. To not have party sponsored candidates during a Primary leveling the other candidates campaign field uniformly. That both parties do wrongfully choose and endorse their inner circle candidates during the primary cycle. That both parties wrongfully are left to police themselves with out accountability sanctions in place. I am experiencing these unjust acts with my campaign.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: To allow the Central Committees to actually preform the job that they were elected to do. We also have the technology today for the voters to participate in this process through voting on their smart devises. This campaign has The Ed App that will enable all Maryland voters to be engaged while legislation is in or out of session. Our Popular Vote Revolution. Find out more at united-us.org

James Wahl

No response received by deadline.

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Harry Wimbrow

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TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: The 11 members of the Worcester County Democratic Central Committee are elected by party members in the primary. Of the 11 members, 4 are elected at large and one additional member is elected from each of the 7 Council districts.

WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT LARGE

CANDIDATES

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

Tom Butler

No response received by deadline.

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Judy H. Davis

QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived in Worcester County for over 18 years and have the community, the citizens and the children's need at heart. I am running for an At Large position for Worcester County Democratic Central Committee, which I am currently serving on as a nominated member.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Elimination of Electoral College process needs to be explored.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I think that would be a very positive move to allow unaffiliated voters to vote in Primary. Also very pleased with legislation being proposed for 2019 where people can register and vote on the same day.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Continue to reach out to young and disenfranchised voters to engage in the voting process. Develop a message for the Democratic Party that can be echoed nationwide. Communicate with all stakeholders, being sure to address minority citizens' concerns and issues.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Interest in helping the working poor, school funding, the environment, programs for the elderly including Medicare, and gun safety legislation.

Whitney Palmer

No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an 82 yr old widower, BS Mu Ed, M Mu Ed, 5 yrs Active Duty in US and West Germany as commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, separated as Capt to return to Public School teaching. I have served as VP Democratic Club WC, Auxiliary Member WCCC and as Member at Large WCCC since 2012. I was widowed by the death of my life's raison d'être on 9/27/'11, and have found a home in DCWC.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I stand ready to work to implement any changes directed by the Party writ large.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I participate in celebrations, protests, fairs, etc especially involving progressive values including environmental issues with an eye towards fostering

a generosity of spirit rather than divisive resentments.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: We need to return to inclusion as the primary instrument to realize the unity mandated by our name. More Bridges, fewer Walls!

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Actual knowledge outranks opinion. Knowledge frequently includes value judgements, but relies heavily on Science.

WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT 1

There are no candidates for this position.

WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATES

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

Roxie Vanessa Dennis

No response received by deadline.

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WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT 3

There are no candidates for this position.

WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATES

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

Christina Hulslander

Campaign Instagram:

QUALIFICATIONS: To be a good elected official it takes a commitment to the well-being of the entire group, vs. the interests of a particular individual. As the youngest of fourteen children, I was born into, and spent my entire life working for diplomacy in a “community”. I have always worked to make things better for those in my sphere of influence while serving in various leadership roles.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Technology has advanced enough to provide us the opportunity to move to a popular vote where each individual vote is counted and matters. We should move away from the Electoral College.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I believe we need civic dialog to come to resolution on issues that impact people regardless of party affiliation. Proceeding with respectful conversations is a foundation that is necessary for meaningful and effective leadership. Individuals have voting rights and I think it is reasonable to allow persons to vote one time in the primary for the party they are affiliated with or one time total.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: All citizens of our nation should have access to resources to facilitate a healthy body and mind, access to education, economic opportunities, and safe communities to raise their families and grow their businesses. All of these need to occur while maintaining a focus on

protecting the quality of our soil, air and water resources.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Civic engagement, a history of community service and strong leadership characteristics are important barometers of being successful elected official. When vacancies are being filled, nominees should be vetted by a committee of party members before appointments or candidacy for election.

WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT 5

CANDIDATES

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

Lanny Hickman

No response received by deadline.

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WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT 6

CANDIDATES

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

Chuck Herbert

No response received by deadline.

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WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT 7

CANDIDATES

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

Priscilla Zytkowic

No response received by deadline.

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