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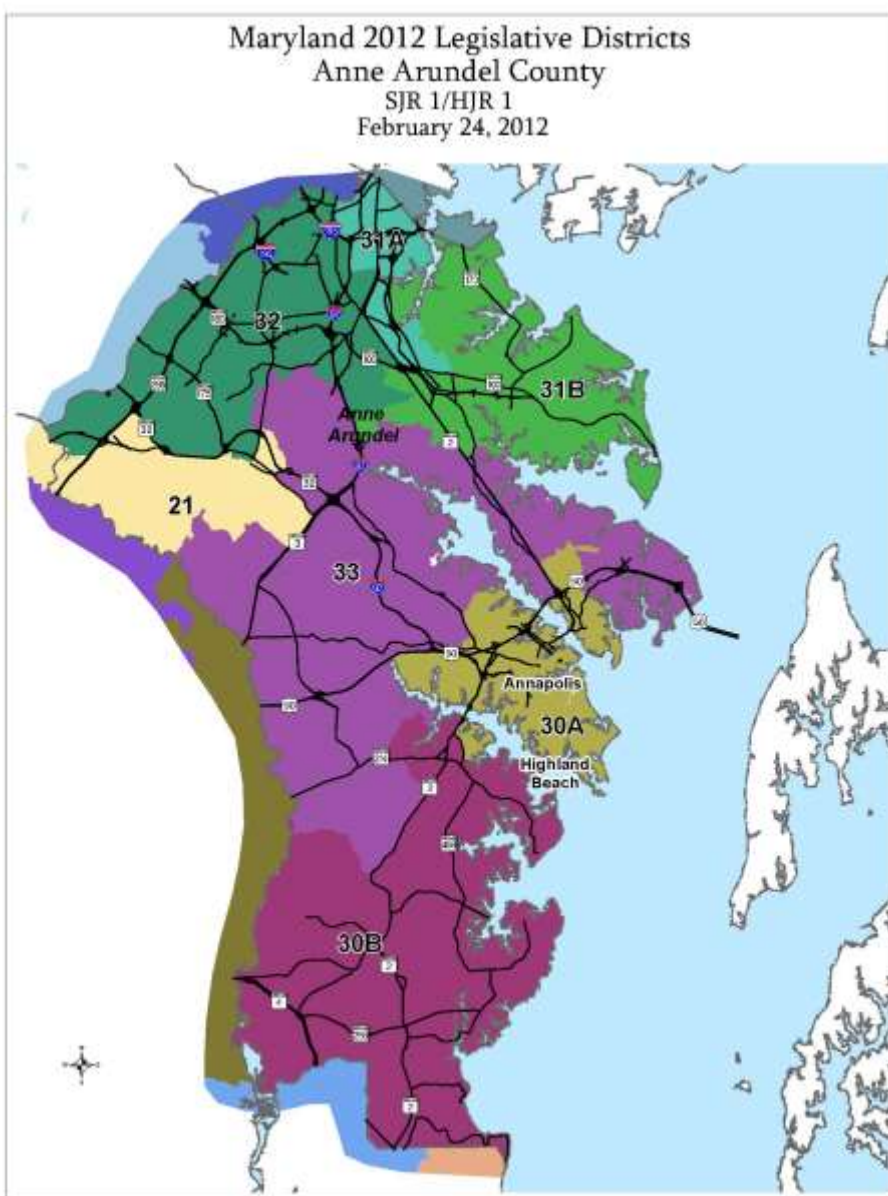
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**GOVERNOR DUTIES:** The Governor is the chief executive officer of Maryland and appoints judges to the state courts and the heads of statewide departments. The Governor also makes other appointments as provided by the Maryland Constitution or by law 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. Governor.

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

**SALARY:** \$149,500 per year.

**WEBSITE:** see [Maryland Manual Online](https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/html/mmtoc.html) (<https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/html/mmtoc.html>)

## Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

**Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford**

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No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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

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

infrastructure to create jobs, provide equity and reduce congestion.

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

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

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

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

the attempts made by Trump to undermine the ACA.

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

**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://fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com) documents everything

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** At 35, I was named the youngest-ever President & CEO of the NAACP. In my role there I advanced a strong, progressive agenda across the board. In Maryland these achievements were recognized in 2013 when I was named Marylander of the Year for my pivotal roles in abolishing the death penalty, passing the Maryland DREAM Act, helping pass marriage equality, and expanding voting rights.

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

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

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

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

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

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

progressive priorities I will enact as governor at [benjealous.com](http://benjealous.com).

**James Hugh Jones, II / Charles S. Waters**

No response received by deadline.

**Kevin Kamenetz / Valerie Ervin**

Candidate died after ballots were printed.

**Rich Madaleno / Luwanda Jenkins**

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

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

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

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

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

policies to end discrimination.

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

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

**Alec Ross / Julie C. Verratti**

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

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** There are practical ways we must address discrimination, but it starts with a set

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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,

# Governor/Lt. Governor

including solar and wind. I will also work to get more cars off of our roads and onto cleaner, mass transit lines.

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

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

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

**Krish O'Mara Vignarajah / Sharon Y. Blake**

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

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

**REDISTRICTING:** Gerrymandering and unlimited dark money are the greatest threats to the health of our democracy. I support independent experts drawing district lines in Maryland using transparent processes/formulas to ensure fairness. At the same time, I will work regionally on solutions to ensure

that our good government actions in Maryland do not adversely affect the overall balance of power in the U.S. House

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

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

improve accessibility.

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

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

## 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 Online](https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/html/mmtoc.html) (<https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/html/mmtoc.html>).

### Questions

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

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

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

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

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

**Anjali Reed Phukan**

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I also think it is unfair to tax retirement income. If we remove it all together we would increase our property and sales tax base,

hence bring up our net revenues. Lastly, I will increase transparency across the comptroller office, not just in the general ledger, but also in how the state audits and comes to final resolution with tax payers. I will lovingly enforce the law equally for all.

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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

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

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

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

# 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 Online](https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/html/mmtoc.html) (<https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/html/mmtoc.html>)

## **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**

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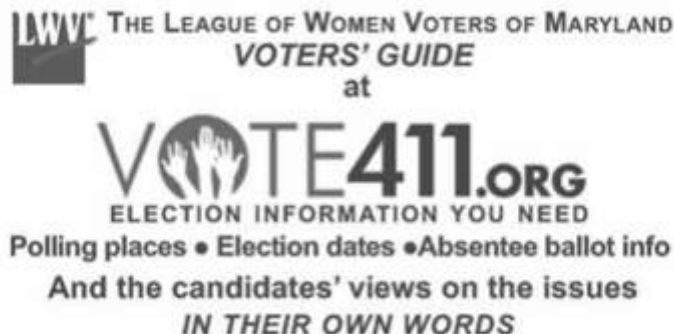
**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served as Maryland's Attorney General for the past three years. Prior to being elected Attorney General, I was Chair of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, where I sponsored many laws that now protect Marylanders and our state including the law prohibiting oil drilling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



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

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

**Term:** Six years.

**Base Salary:** \$174,000 per year.

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

## Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## Republican Candidates

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

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

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

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I am against raising taxes. I support a balanced budget amendment. I am in favor of bi-lateral Fair Trade policies. Keeping America Secure is a key focus of my campaign for US Senate. Our cyber infrastructure is severely

compromised with American companies being hacked by foreign countries. Our energy grid infrastructure is also at risk and should be priority of the national government.

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

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

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

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an American, son of a Veteran, son-in-law of a Veteran, a brother-in-law to a Veteran. These men not only fought for my freedom but yours as well. I am husband, father, father-in-law grandfather, Catholic, coach, union

worker, state worker, business owner, volunteer, and a lifetime Maryland resident.. All of these experiences have given me the insight necessary to represent Maryland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is the single greatest environmental challenge our country faces. We must use a combination of market forces and tax incentives to develop alternative sources of

energy, such as solar, wind and wave energy. And we must develop students who have the technical education to make Maryland a magnet for these industries. Fostering these businesses will benefit future generations.

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

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

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

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

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** As a Senator I pledge not to pick economic winners. As a former business person I know the hassles of making payroll every week. I still flinch when I hear tales of cost overruns, hostile bureaucratic interactions, fees,

and fines. I will work for one rule for everyone not 20 different rules. There is a reason that the contents of your wallet are called "your money". I will respect that notion.

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

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

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** While serving on active duty in the military the Department of Defense has a zero tolerance policy for discrimination & harassment therefore I would have the same policy. Many laws currently exist to protect

individuals and I would ensure employers are adhering to the law. If laws need to be strengthened then I would do everything to propose new legislation in protecting individuals from 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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**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.

## Brian Charles Vaeth

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## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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

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

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

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** We should modify our tax code to truly target middle-income and working

families, help small businesses & make smart investments in infrastructure & green technologies. Investments should address income inequality & raising wages. We need trade agreements that level the field for our workers, including robust & enforceable labors rights, environmental provisions & anti-corruption provisions.

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

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

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** Building inclusion & making change that addresses gender, race, religion, disability & social class requires that we first accept

this issue exists. We must define and obligate ourselves to the work of addressing these issues by clearly expressing their impacts, the generational results and solutions. These include greatly increasing visible programs and funding for cultural education & training.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** Work toward dismantling the police, the military, the vast surveillance state, and the prison systems. These systems carry out

discriminatory policies on a vast scale, such as mass incarceration of people of color, detention and deportation of immigrants, and the implicit support of incumbent businesses and the wealthy. The combined effect of the policies is a vast, gradual ethnic cleansing

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

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

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

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

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** all your questions are answered in great detail on my campaign website [www.segalforsenate.org](http://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.

**Richard "Rikki" Vaughn**

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

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

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

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

new industries like tech, and a national infrastructure upgrade bill.

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

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

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

## Debbie "Rica" Wilson

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

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

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

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

by despair. I will support fair policies that improve lives.

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

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

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

## Lih Young

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Reformer/advocate/activist.

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

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

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

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

**IMMIGRATION:** SUPPORT: Comprehensive

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

**ENVIRONMENT:** End: dependence/subsidies for fossil fuels, coal, nuclear energy, offshore oil drilling, spills. Curb carbon pollution, medical costs. Improve regulation/oversight. Promote clean air, water, renewable energy. Protect public health,

environment. Promote efficiency, technology, research. Reduce unjust practices, hacking, manipulation, obstruction; false excuses, distortion. Prosecute wrongdoers.

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

## U.S. Representative

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

**Term:** Two years.

**Base Salary:** \$174,000.

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

**Website:** <https://www.house.gov>.

### Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## District 2

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm a former Democrat turned Republican! I have had several career, educational, and life experiences that will help us better prepare for our country's future. In addition to my law and business degrees, I have worked to find equity in access to resources, communication, and truth. As congresswoman, I will fight to make sure that our congress represents the people first and not special interest.

**HEALTH CARE:** Crony capitalists (BigPharma/

Insurance Lobby/Paid Politicians) have destroyed our health care system. Both my parents and two of my siblings were surgeons, and they spoke about how different the practice of medicine had become. Healthcare is more about profiting even before Obamacare. But Socialized Medicine is NOT the answer. Individuals must have options. Free the market. Stabilize pricing.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There are very few policies that can address any lingering discrimination that exists in our society. We have many laws on the books already. We just need enforcement. My concern is that we are in a "cry wolf" scenario. We have become desensitized to real issues. What we need is 1) a stronger appreciation for our God given potential and 2) respect for each other to express that potential.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** We have lost our economic ladder. We must free the market place from burdensome regulations and taxes that favor the powerful incumbents that lobby congress to protect their market share. When innovative companies form and grow, citizens and families benefit. I support temp tariffs for some industries to help

rebuild our nation's economy, address currency manipulation, intellectual property theft.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration policy is the constitutional responsibility of Congress. I'd push to enforce the laws that exist on our books and support local and state governments who work to protect the safety and security of their citizens, like 287(g). I would support full funding of border enforcement and perimeter strengthening, increase criminal penalties for drug and human traffickers and gang violence.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Conservative and conservation come from the same root "conserve". Whether for our republic or our lands, it is a personal virtue not a government mandate to conserve our natural resources as it is for our nation. We have very strict environmental laws already on the books that need fair enforcement. We should allow regions to give guidance who have lived off the land for generations.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We have to emphasize American citizenship and national sovereignty. Our Country is exceptional and Americans have every right to defend it from enemies both foreign and domestic. We need to protect our civil liberties, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 10th. End government overreach and encroachment into the lives of private citizens. We must protect the Right to Life. Honor our service members and families.

**Hubert Owens, Jr.**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience includes manufacturing, banking/finance, and public sector (USDA and IRS). I also possess three master degrees covering IT, Business, and Finance.

**HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare needs to be more affordable with better access - everyone should have healthcare coverage. Prescription medication costs are too high and that also needs to be addressed.

**DISCRIMINATION:** My primary focus in this area is pay equality as well as setting a fair and equitable living (minimum) wage.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Need to reduce taxes on income, improve labor rights through living wages, actively negotiate trade agreements. Enact tax legislation to repatriate income from large corporations. Simplify all tax laws.

**IMMIGRATION:** The whole immigration system needs to be overhauled to improve the immigration process as well as handling of those who are currently undocumented.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I'm most concerned about water supplies and water quality and ensuring we prevent disasters such as Flint. We need better protections on water sources as well as updating the infrastructure for delivering water as well as removing sewage.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I'm interested in a national firearms license to have better controls on purchases and trades of firearms.

**Mitchell J. Toland, Jr.**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a political activist over the past decade, I felt a need to get more involved and take the message of liberty and Constitutional government to the people of my district. I hold a B.A. in Economics and Business and spent the first five years following graduation working at two CPA firms. I have the knowledge to promote a strong economic plan in Congress leading to economic opportunity for all.

**HEALTH CARE:** I believe every citizen should have the ability to receive the care that they need at an affordable rate. Unfortunately, unconstitutional government interventions in health-care over the decades have driven up the cost of coverage and decreased competition within the marketplace. The federal government has no authority here and we should allow free markets to improve and reduce the cost of care.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There are already countless laws on the books regarding this issue. However, contrary to popular opinion I believe this has resulted in more tension between various groups of people and is the antithesis of a free society. I personally am opposed to all forms of discrimination against any and all parties, but do not believe individuals should be forced to interact with anyone on private property.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** The economy can perform best when it allows individuals to voluntarily interact and exchange goods and services free of government intervention of any kind. A free economy where the government doesn't provide bailouts to failing companies, and pick winners and losers in the marketplace. Government should reduce taxes to a minimal level. This would provide the best opportunity for all Americans.

**IMMIGRATION:** The process of becoming a citizen is extremely burdensome, expensive, and time consuming. We should encourage immigration as a means of advancing our society and bringing skilled individuals into our workforce. We should

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reform the process of becoming an immigrant to make it more streamlined, and make sure that any changes ensure that those currently waiting in line remain at the front of the line

**ENVIRONMENT:** Republicans have a reputation of not caring about the environment, but in my case that couldn't be further from the truth. I believe we do need to care for the environment, regardless of what we are being told is occurring. We should all do what we can to ensure we leave the planet a cleaner place than was left to us. The truth of the matter is that the largest polluter on the planet is government

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We sit over \$20 trillion dollars in debt, and that is without accounting for the unfunded liabilities of the future such as Social Security. We must stop taxing our citizens, inflating our currency, and borrowing money from countries such as China, only to hand it over to dictators and countries hostile towards the United States. All foreign aid should be suspended until further debate by Congress.

## District 2

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

#### **Jake Pretot**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I pride myself on being an innovator and someone who thinks outside the normal box. Over the past 25 years I have been assigned the tough jobs of putting out fires and solving problems. My vast experience in multiple industries from military to telecommunications and private sector to government consulting means I can handle pretty much anything that is thrown at me.

**HEALTH CARE:** Our country made significant progress with the ACA. Women who now buy insurance on their own are no charged more than men for health insurance. Before ACA, roughly 35-60% of women's insurance covered contraceptives. Now most plans provide contraception coverage without cost sharing. I have spoken with many breast cancer survivors who say the ACA saved them from bankruptcy.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The push for privatization of our schools is what concerns me. We combat, we overcome discrimination through understanding and exposure. Our public schools are the best way to bring children together of different race, gender, religion, disability and socio-economic status. Our public schools often provide breakfast for students who would normally go hungry.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Education is the best way that we can strengthen our economy. We generally have failed to match industry needs with educational training. There is no reason why if Maryland needs software developers that we can't have software development coursework in the last two years of high school. Graduating students could start a good paying job straight out of high school.

**IMMIGRATION:** We must protect our borders. That being said, we must also be sensitive of those women fleeing extremely violent and abusive environments in Central America. We must provide humanitarian aid for those seeking asylum while at the same time increasing pressure on those Central American governments to ensure their safety. All illegals with jobs and without a criminal record should get a green card.

**ENVIRONMENT:** What is best for business isn't always best for our environment. Rolling back clean energy regulation is not the answer. We must continue to push forward on green technology, to become a leader in the world in green energy. Our Chesapeake Bay is under attack by those wanting to slash federal cleanup money to \$0. I will fight to fully fund the cleanup effort.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Increasing the minimum wage to a living wage is the single best thing we can do for the American people. Earning a living wage would mean parents would not have to work 2 and 3 jobs to keep a roof over their head and food on the table. It would also mean that parents would be home with their children after school. Those working and receiving food stamps would no longer need food stamps.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served in public office for nearly 30 years, including eight terms in Congress, where I have developed a reputation for supporting bipartisan, common sense legislation. I am an expert in national security issues and leverage my role as an Appropriator to ensure the Second District gets its fair share. I have also built one of the best casework teams in the country to serve my constituents.

**HEALTH CARE:** There is no question the Affordable Care Act is imperfect, but repeal is not the answer. We need to maintain its consumer protections and the individual mandate. I think we should consider a "public option" and allowing Americans to buy into Medicare at a younger age. I would also support expanding the exemption for

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small businesses to reduce costs for many American employers.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There is no place in our society for discrimination of any kind. That's why I support ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment and passing The Equality Act. I recently fought efforts to undermine the Americans with Disabilities Act, as another example. Raising the minimum wage and improving our education system would go a long way toward closing the wealth gap.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I believe the middle class needs to make more money, which is why I support extending tax cuts for the working class – not just the wealthy – as well as a minimum wage increase. Robust "Buy American" provisions and workers' rights will also help strengthen the middle class. I support investing in infrastructure to create jobs, as well as tax incentives for small business.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support the bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform package passed in the Senate in 2013, which included protections for Dreamers. We must work to secure our borders with a 21st century "wall" of technology and manpower and to deport illegal immigrants who have committed violent crimes. We should target businesses who knowingly hire illegal immigrants at the expense of American workers.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The progress we have seen in the health of the Chesapeake Bay is in jeopardy: the Administration has proposed eliminating the Chesapeake Bay Program and others have proposed removing core Clean Water Act protections for polluted streams, rivers and tributaries in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. As an Appropriator, I will fight for full Bay funding as well as these dangerous regulatory changes.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Both national and economic security remain top priorities for me: we must make sure we are prepared for the threats of tomorrow, like cyber attacks and nuclear weapons. Congress needs to stop the partisan bickering and find ways to create jobs and help businesses grow. Locally, we must provide communities with the resources they need to address the opioid epidemic and gun violence.

## District 3

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

**Charles Anthony**

No response received by deadline.

**Thomas E. "Pinkston" Harris**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a BS degree and two Master Degrees which gives me a well rounded education. I studied Economics at Hopkins. I'm retired from my own financial services business. So I know how jobs are created and how our economy works.

**HEALTH CARE:** We should be able to buy insurance across state lines. ' This would increase competition and keep prices low.

**DISCRIMINATION:** One thing more education on these subjects. People have to stop making everything about race. That's like crying wolf when there is no wolf.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I support the corporate tax cuts. America has one of the highest business tax rate in the world. Cut taxes that would incentivize businesses to bring the money home and expand.

**IMMIGRATION:** We don't need any new laws. We just need to enforce the old ones.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We should be good stewards of the planet. All nations should do their share of the heavy lifting equally. We have to stop running around like chicken little screaming, " the sky is falling". Scare tactics never works. We must throw out the Paris Accord . It was totally unfair to the USA.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We must continue to build our military in terms of cyber capabilities. We must also update our failing infrastructure .

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## District 3

### Democratic Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My professional experience as an Army Officer, federal consultant, small business owner, and non-profit leader give me a robust and broad understanding of the challenges and opportunities we currently face. Whether it be security threats, job creation, healthcare solutions, or education reform, I have spent my entire working in these realms and am best prepared to lead on these vital issues.

**HEALTH CARE:** We must continue to fight for the Affordable Care Act and ensure that every American is able to attain quality and affordable healthcare. I believe that healthcare is a universal right for every American, and in the country with the most advanced centers for medical research and innovation, I will fight to make universal

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healthcare a reality for every American.

**DISCRIMINATION:** A policy and program that I have unveiled is my 21st century jobs program to ensure that marginalized members of our communities are able to attain and retain new 21st century jobs. In Baltimore, much of the crime we face is due to the lack of living and family wage paying jobs in our city. I am also advocating for a complete review of our criminal justice system across our district.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** We live in a 21st globalized economy and as such we must operate like one. However, I believe that fair trade and protecting jobs is not mutually exclusive. I will fight to ensure that our current trade agreements not only are fair, but equitable for our economy. We also need to ensure that our transportation infrastructure, for people and cargo, meets the demands of our 21st century economy.

**IMMIGRATION:** As great grandson of an Italian immigrant, I firmly believe our country was founded by immigrants. The variety of cultures and ethnicities is what gives our United States strength. Call it amnesty, call it common sense, I believe that all DACA dreamers deserve citizenship. I also believe that we must reform our current immigration policies to allow immigrants an easier path to citizenship.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The most pressing environmental challenges we face are posed by people who refuse to believe in science. While we can argue positions and beliefs, you can't deny data. I will address these challenges and ensure our beloved lands and waterways are protected by being a vocal proponent and supporter of the various science foundations that fight for climate change regulation on a daily basis.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** An issue that is a priority to me is ensuring that our current service-members and veterans have adequate and responsive care not only now, but in the future. Our country has asked a small military fighting force to shoulder the burden of over 17 years of war, and it is our responsibility to ensure that they have every available resource to support them for the rest of their lives.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I bring over 30 years of combined federal government experience; public service as a Commissioner with the Maryland Veterans Commission and as a Member for the

Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans. I am the Executive Director for a nonprofit helping veterans. I am the best qualified and strongest advocate for veterans and the military running for the third district.

**HEALTH CARE:** Eradicate Opioid Addiction: This is a real problem! As a cybersecurity guy, there are ways which we can apply technology and big data to stop the sale of illegal prescription opioid at the point of sale. Available technology can help identify corruption with Medicare and other federal and state programs saving taxpayers millions (billions at the national level).

**DISCRIMINATION:** Legislative action and public leadership! The first step is to acknowledge the gravity of the problem. Education is always key and it must start at home at a very young age. We must build better relationships between communities and law enforcement, particularly in low-income communities and how we educate community members regarding the legal remedies for discrimination.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Improving infrastructure and productivity: Our national infrastructure is aging and much should be spent to maintain our road networks; electrical grids and water systems. Productivity ensures gainful employment for as many people as possible to provide for those who have trouble providing for themselves.

**IMMIGRATION:** For the pass, Congress has failed to come to an agreement on immigration - this is unacceptable! We must provide a path to citizenship to Dreamers and other eligible immigrants so that these future citizens can move on to continue being productive members of society. Only strong bipartisan support for comprehensive immigration reform will allow us to move forward as a country.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change (is a global and local challenge) - water rising levels are a threat to our coastal industry. This an all hands effort and the we can only remain committed to push for more common sense legislation at the federal and state level to help reduce or completely eliminate the emission of greenhouse gases.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Veterans and Military: We need to make Maryland more attractive to military retirees and veterans. The Department of Defense contributes \$29 billion a year to Maryland's coffers but personnel working at these facilities usually live across state lines. We want them to stay in Maryland, buy homes here and spend their money on our local economy.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prior to entering Congress, I had nearly 20 years of experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. I worked with the MD State Dept of Education, represented non-profit hospitals and senior living providers and championed efforts to protect consumers and ensure fair treatment in the workplace. This prepared me well for the diversity of issues one must manage as a member of Congress.

**HEALTH CARE:** I am a strong supporter of the Affordable Care Act and have opposed every attempt to repeal or defund this important law. That said, improvements could be made to further lower costs and expand access to care for all Americans, including passing legislation to help stabilize health insurance markets, provide premium rate relief for working Americans and to address the nation's opioid epidemic.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There is no question that our laws and governing practices continue to permit and sometimes encourage discrimination against racial and ethnic minorities, the disabled, the poor and other minority communities. We need to end racial profiling in our law enforcement, prohibit gender pay disparities and ensure low- and moderate-income Americans have equal opportunity to achieve the American dream.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** To combat growing economic inequality, we need to focus on economic policies which grow the middle class. These include ending tax breaks for the corporations who ship American jobs overseas, investing in national infrastructure, and raising the minimum wage. No American who works full time should have to worry about their economic security.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support a policy that considers both national security and economic interests, as well as the need to provide a fair, legal and humane framework for people who want to come to America. I support a solution for our nation's DREAMERS, a focus on punishing employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers, and a practical approach to addressing undocumented workers currently in the country.

**ENVIRONMENT:** There is no question the most pressing environmental problem is climate change. The government must act. We can invest in clean energy technologies; cap and reduce greenhouse gases; require utility companies to generate energy from renewable sources; develop capabilities to capture and store carbon emissions; and advance smart grid technologies so electricity is delivered efficiently.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** One of my top priorities continues to be ending the reign of big money in our political system. For too long, special interests have used our broken campaign finance system to corrode our institutions of democracy, blocking progress on the issues that matter most to Americans. That's why I introduced the Government By the People Act to return power to the people and fix our democracy.

## District 4

### Republican Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I come from proud a family that has been involved with public service for as long as I can remember. I want to work for you. We need to create more living wage jobs, improve our schools, and make public safety - especially getting guns off the streets, a top priority. With nearly a decade of government experience, I know what it takes to find solutions, navigate the complicated governmental

**HEALTH CARE:** Obama care was a disaster from the beginning ill-conceived ill investigated and deceptive than its nature with the cover story of trying to help of small fraction of uninsured parties this debacle has ruined far more families in America that it will ever while making the corporate healthcare industry and drug industries wealthy.unfortunately recent changes have only made matters much worse

**DISCRIMINATION:** we have seen great changes in the last decade in the government's policies towards discrimination including race-based, gender, and ethnic based discrimination you still have a long way to go our system set up where those with wealth, power and authority still flagrantly disregard and disrespect the principles of our found fathers the old boys network still discriminates indiscriminately.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** it appears our current leadership has sent a message to the world by restructuring the tax laws to benefit only the wealthy, engaging in a war against labor and labor unions, engaging recklessly in trade wars which I fear will have a devastating effect on our economy. In the administration is more concerned about a \$50,000,000,000 wall and infrastructure our states and nation which is not wise.

**IMMIGRATION:** My past record has always been proper immigration policies build a strong nation. However in the past corporate America has used immigration policies to benefit the bottom line while discriminating harshly against those they import for cheap labor even during this election cycle the current administration only wishes to fulfill campaign promises while turning the nation into a isolationist state

**ENVIRONMENT:** Environmental policies can only be addressed when the United States works with other nations around the globe to reduce toxics

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admissions work to clean up our respective nations water supplies and through long-term planning by responsible environmentalists and legislators. Our current administration does not want to work towards any of these goals separating us from the rest of the world.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our legal system is a shambles it's cloaked in secrecy laws have been changed without without the consent of the people turning all law in this nation over to international jurisdiction and our legislators and judges are now operating fictitiously under PRIVATE MERCANTILE CORPORATE COURTS outlined under Title 8, 22 & 28 USC which in December 26th 1933 49 Statute 3097 Treaty Series 881 (Convention

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### Democratic Candidates

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## District 5

### Republican Candidates

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

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

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

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** It's basic Economics 101, Lower Taxes and Higher Employment. Better paying full time jobs is very important to the

United States economy. The taxes paid will help with fixing our infrastructure with building state-of-the-art public transportation as well as lowering healthcare costs.

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

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

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** Will promote Jesus's teachings of Loving our neighbor as ourself & forgiving our enemies, those who have offended. Matthew 5 And support current Anti-Discrimination laws on the books, which great American leaders pushed for, such as Pres. Lincoln; Dr Frederick

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Douglass, my biggest hero; & Dr. Martin Luther King . Promote Biblical Truth that Everyone is Equal as God has ordained Galatians 3:28

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

**IMMIGRATION:** My solution to DACA/DREAMERS NO AMNESTY CITIZENSHIP! NO WELFARE! CANNOT STEAL ELECTIONS for DEMOCRATS! LIFETIME GREEN CARD which gives RESIDENCY /WORK PERMIT . NO FAMILY CHAIN MIGRATION. Only for Illegals physically here. STOP LEGAL IMMIGRATION until 2020!!! NO more ILLEGALS /GREEN CARD HOLDERS on WELFARE (75% currently). Must make Welfare illegal. E-VERIFY required for ALL EMPLOYMENT .

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

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

## District 5

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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

**HEALTH CARE:** HEALTH CARE FOR ALL: If you are accused of a crime and cannot afford a lawyer, you're provided a court appointed public defender

free of charge, whether you're guilty or not. How can we not provide affordable or free healthcare for our citizens? I will fight to ensure every citizen be provided affordable health care or free, when you cannot afford it. Health care should be a human right.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Steny H. Hoyer**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been an effective and bipartisan leader who works to deliver results for my constituents. Economic development continues to

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be one of my top priorities and I am proud to have helped create and save 23,000 jobs. I remain dedicated to ensuring all Marylanders have access to middle class opportunities.

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

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

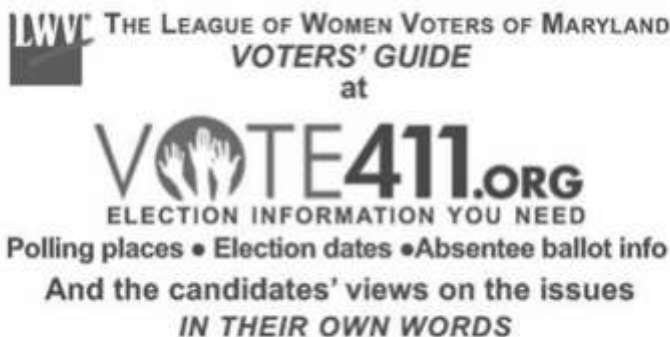
**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I launched the Make It In America plan, to focus on boosting a declining American manufacturing sector. Since then, 19 bills have been signed into law, including legislation to cut taxes and provide loans for small businesses, speed up the patent process, train

skilled workers, and end tax loopholes that encourage companies to ship jobs overseas. I began a listening tour to update the agenda.

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

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

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



**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.

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## Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## District 21

### Republican Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a private educator and civic and political activist for most of my adult life, I am well acquainted with the problems of government in Maryland, especially in the important field of education. This experience has allowed me to study solutions that will correct problems and improve government to make it more accountable to citizens, especially in such critical areas as public education.

**REDISTRICTING:** I favor a non-partisan commission with mandate to draw district lines that are concise and contiguous to communities and population centers that are bound together by such criteria as jurisdictional boundaries such as towns, cities, and counties and economic centers of activity.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The major physical environment concern and challenge in Maryland is care for the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries - to main a clean quality of water that eliminates pollution from wastewater drainage due to excessive, uncontrolled human activity. The main challenge is at the Conowingo Dam, to clean up the sledge backup that overflows into the headwaters of the Bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Cause of all forms of discrimination comes from low-quality, defective education of youth. Improving public education is therefore the main focus of attention to assure

correction - to assure equal opportunity for all by de-centralizing the excessive top-down administrative control to create more direct citizen accountability for quality and value at the grassroots level.

**EDUCATION:** I favor a policy of greater grassroots, citizen accountability for education, such as de-centralizing its top-down control, to allow more direct control from parents and local school districts. More funding is not needed, but a more uniform, objective per-pupil state-wide funding formula to reduce spending based on special political considerations.

**HEALTH CARE:** The main challenge in healthcare is to bring higher quality and more affordable services. Needed is ready access to a free-market, competitive system of health insurance, that supports individual choice of doctor, health plan and services. Other reforms are needed as well, such as limit on claims for "pain and suffering" to reduce the cost of insurance required for medical practice.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation priority is to reduce traffic congestion and improve the network of roads and highways. Funding should be through a dedicated tax on gasoline, whose revenue is not used for other purposes. Maintaining an efficient, affordable public bus system should be included as a high priority as well; along with reducing traffic congestion by limiting intensity of development.

### Democratic Candidates

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**REDISTRICTING:** National or regional agreement of nonpartisan districting.

**ENVIRONMENT:** - Climate change: switch to renewables - Clean up Chesapeake Bay: restoration of pollution runoff and protection of sea life - Overdevelopment of open space: protect open space from development and support smart growth

**DISCRIMINATION:** - Increasing minimum wage - Protect the Affordable Care Act - Support the Maryland Attorney General going to court to protect Marylanders' rights

**EDUCATION:** - Increased State school aid - Progressive tax policies - Reducing school overcrowding with more modern construction methods - Expand career and technical education

**HEALTH CARE:** - Trump Administration attacks on health insurance - Pass laws protecting health insurance in Maryland

**TRANSPORTATION:** - More transit, particularly MARC, Metro, and Purple Line - Combination of gasoline, corporate, and other taxes

## District 30

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have lived 47 years total in what is District 30, from south county to Annapolis. I have worked every level of job here during that time. 27 years as owner of Ron George Jewelers, taught courses to youth on virtue, volunteer to several charities, raised six children here. I have served 8 years here as the State Delegate, concentrating on constituent service dealing with every category of concern

**REDISTRICTING:** I was the lead sponsor of the Independent/bipartisan commission bills for creating fair districts in 2013 and 2014 when I served as a Delegate. I also lead the successful petition to get it on the ballot in 2014. I would even suggest that Judges should draw them, swearing an oath to creating a non-partisan solution.

**ENVIRONMENT:** My personal concerns to address include Conowingo Dam, as the sludge affects the Bay; Oyster Restoration, and I will continue my idea with the Navy of bringing wind energy to Greenbury Point. I have built a coalition on each of these issues. We are preparing plans on these and we will present our plans at the start of the 2019 session.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support Charter Schools, school tutors, and Community Center after-school tutoring and a return of trade schools to rise minorities up, fight poverty. I fought human trafficking in NYC in the late '70's and in the

legislature, will do even more. Teaching of Aristotle's virtues needs to return to our schools. I will protect aid to the disabled and their caregivers including our disabled veteran

**EDUCATION:** I find too many of our increases in education funding go to administrative jobs; I will continue to fight for funds to go directly to the classrooms and our teachers. I will help teachers by demanding more planning time for teachers and NOT forcing them to use new books or curriculum every year or two. These ideas let the teachers teach; they save costs and puts those savings in the classroom.

**HEALTH CARE:** We are still on course to have a severe physician shortage in our state. I will bring back the Doctors Caucus and the Physicians Advisory I formed as a Delegate and make Maryland more physician friendly. I will support an exchange that allows purchasing of tailored personal plans across state lines and end the monopoly of few insurer options in our state. This method lowers costs to consumers.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Maryland has seen an increase in road improvements under Governor Larry Hogan but a future governor could easily return us to once again to poor transportation funding. I support a true lock box on transportation funds that cannot be reversed. The next big phase of road work is on our aging bridges and we must be ready. I also will fight for existing funds to end gridlock on District 30 Peninsulas

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've spent over a decade working hand-in-hand with the General Assembly while at the National Aquarium, the USM Board of Regents, and the University of Maryland working to build stronger public schools, protect the Bay, and grow our economy. I've spent my personal time as a passionate advocate for the community: serving on the board my community association and President of our Democratic Club.

**REDISTRICTING:** An open, free, and fair democracy is a tenant of who we are as a People. A crucial element to that process is maintaining voting districts that accurately represent the community. I support non-partisan redistricting as a tool to protect the integrity of our democracy.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Bay is our greatest natural resource, our economic engine, and key to our way of life. As your Senator, I will help increase oyster populations, invest in clean energy jobs, and fight to protect our forests and critical areas. I'm proud

to be endorsed by both the Sierra Club and the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and will work with local environmental leaders in the Senate.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination – based on race, sex, religion, disability, income, or age – is unacceptable in all forms. While we've made tremendous progress over the past decades, we must do more to address discrimination by ensuring Maryland's Hate Crimes law is even stronger. We must also work to improve the inclusion of tolerance, empathy, and anti-bullying education in public schools.

**EDUCATION:** As a proud product of public schools, I believe that every child deserves access to a high-quality public education. As your Senator, I will be committed to expanding technical and career education to prepare kids for 21st century jobs, increasing teacher salaries to keep experience in our classrooms, and investing in universal pre-kindergarten. I'm proud to have been endorsed by MSEA.

**HEALTH CARE:** Access to affordable, quality healthcare is a fundamental right. We need to make sure our healthcare system works for all Marylanders. As your Senator, I will work to implement Medicaid buy-in options, invest in community-based healthcare, remove the barriers and expand access to substance abuse treatment, and expand home healthcare services that allow seniors to age in place.

**TRANSPORTATION:** District 30 is a bedroom community with a majority of workers commuting outside of the district every day, particularly to Baltimore City and Washington, DC, and currently, there are not enough reliable and clean methods of mass transportation available. As your Senator, I will work to increase rapid transportation projects that better connect residents to job opportunities.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a leader I know listening is how we find out what people need. Raising a child denied insurance at birth I learned to persist. As a negotiator I know precise language fuels reform. For 30 years I have served on teams. This taught me to engage colleagues and fight for the common good. I will listen to constituents, speak out for justice, legislate with clarity, and vote with conviction.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the creation of an independent redistricting commission. In addition to the Federal mandates concerning population and race, we must ensure communities of interest are preserved, practices which favor or disfavor parties or incumbents are prohibited, and the use of

partisan data is outlawed except to help with remediation.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We must restore the Chesapeake Bay and combat climate change. I support strengthening the Forest Conservation Act and creating a developer funded offsets policy for new pollution loads. I will facilitate Maryland's participation in greenhouse gas reduction agreements like the U.S. Climate Alliance. Let's restore our fisheries, protect our wildlife, and preserve our beloved Chesapeake Bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We all know what it feels like to be excluded. Some know much deeper, even fatal forms of discrimination. I support expanding the education and outreach mission of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights. I support programs that will educate all Marylanders, both young and old, about existing anti-discrimination laws and why they were enacted. Meanwhile I will facilitate even better legislation.

**EDUCATION:** I support increased public school funding for teacher pay, teaching environments, and early childhood education programs in alignment with Kirwan commission findings using the Education Trust Fund. I support improved school safety and curriculum reform. When we teach our children how to recognize all forms of hate and oppression, inside and outside themselves, we empower them to choose compassion.

**HEALTH CARE:** It is time to pass single-payer legislation and to treat addiction as a medical condition, not a crime. Administrative waste and insurance profits are killing our people. I support the Healthy Maryland Act for single-payer Improved Medicare for All right here in Maryland. We will fund this legislation and provide health care with the fortunes that are squandered by the current system.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Maryland needs a long range transportation plan to include public transportation expansion for all our human needs, including transportation for work, court hearings, doctors appointments, and social services -- funded by people getting to work and generating taxable income. All this is how together we can create healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy environment.

## District 31

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Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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No response received by deadline.

## District 32

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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**John Grasso**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** After serving two terms on the County Council and three terms in the House of Delegates, I believe that I am well prepared to be the Senator to represent District 32.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support a non-political commission to draw redistricting lines.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Fracking, drilling for oil, sediment from the Conowingo Dam into our Bay, improving the condition of the Chesapeake, are all areas we have addressed on the Environment and Transportation Committee. We need to continue our work to protect Maryland and specifically protect the Bay. I will continue to support our environmental community on their issues.

**DISCRIMINATION:** In the past three terms my votes have reflected my support for opposing discrimination. I noticed that you did not include Sexual Orientation on the list. Policies should not discriminate against citizens for any of these reasons.

**EDUCATION:** In a non-partisan vote the House and Senate just supported funding for the Kirwin Commission to improve our education policies and the Knott Commission to improve how we fund school construction and renovation. We will pay for these policies by finally putting the Casino revenues in a "lock box." That constitutional amendment will be on the General Election ballot.

**HEALTH CARE:** The most significant challenge is the change in Federal Funding for health care. Maryland reached insuring 94% of the population. HB1792 passed in 2018, supports the health insurance market stabilization by collecting 2.75% from hospitals, which benefit from patients having health insurance. We need to continue to educate our under served populations on prevention.

**TRANSPORTATION:** In the current term I served as Chair of the Motor Vehicle and Transportation Policy Subcommittee. I sponsored HB1468 to assist employers with transporting employees to job centers. This grant will allow transportation for employees that do not have access to public transportation. Maryland needs to do more to

promote safe, dependable mass transit. Or our road congestion will not improve.

## District 33

### Republican Candidates

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**REDISTRICTING:** Non Partisan citizens commission who will respect natural boundaries, communities of interest, current political boundaries.

**ENVIRONMENT:** How to find the most effective way to clean up the Bay. Current programs are still relatively ineffective.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There are plenty of laws in place to address these issues. They are making incremental advances. Discrimination continues to exist because of individuals who don't respect others. We need as leaders to show others the respect they deserve and hold individuals and institutions accountable for their actions.

**EDUCATION:** Gov. Hogan continues to set aside record amounts of money to be allocated to education. In Anne Arundel County, County Executive Schuh is allocating ever increasing amounts of the County Budget to education. We need to hold school boards, principles and elected bodies, city and county, accountable for their efficient application.

**HEALTH CARE:** The high cost of health care is causing many families to go without coverage. The recent report in the Evening Capital indicated that 400,000 less people are covered by insurance in 2018 than last year. We recently passed a stop gap measure in the Senate to keep insurance premiums subsidized for the 2019 Budget year.

**TRANSPORTATION:** My transportation priority is the additional bay bridge crossing. Gov. Hogan has allocated Five Million dollars to the an environmental impact study to try to identify the location of a new bay bridge. It has to have the least environmental impact and most logical location to improve traffic flow which is continuing to increase.

### Democratic Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a combat veteran and the sole female aviator in my squadron, I know how to excel in a male-dominated environment. While in the military, I also adjudicated administrative boards and non-judicial punishment. As a business owner in the accounting field, I am adept at corporate finance and best practices. I am also a mother of five, an active community volunteer, and a legislative activist.

**REDISTRICTING:** Fair districting is an essential aspect of the democratic process and allows true representation to occur. Gerrymandering only benefits those already in power and further disenfranchises minorities and marginalized communities. Districts should be cohesive in terms of their needs, concerns, and geographic boundaries, and should be drawn by an independent, nonpartisan commission.

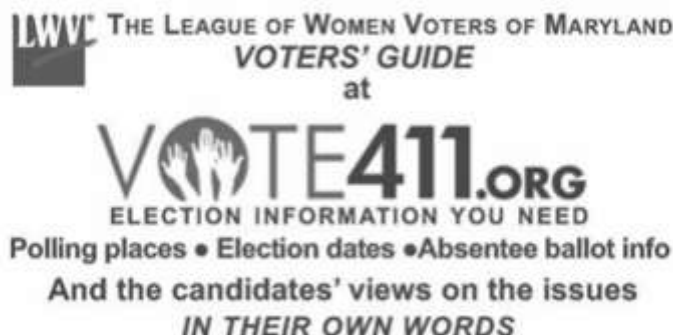
**ENVIRONMENT:** 1) The Chesapeake Bay is deteriorating due to runoff, pollutants, and waste and must be protected. 2) Developers must be held accountable for the impact they have on the environment. 3) We must ban EPS foam, which is NOT recyclable and poisons sea and plant life. 4) I will implement business recycling programs to put a stop to the millions of pounds of recyclable material that end up in landfills.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We must address the pay gap, which harms women, minorities and other underrepresented communities. Transparency in salaries is one way. Another is legislation to mandate equal pay for equal work. We can also address discrimination for Marylanders by implementing paid family leave, which just passed for state employees. Disabled and marginalized children in our schools need support and compassion.

**EDUCATION:** Our schools in AA County are suffering - temporary classrooms that were never meant to be used for decades, teacher salaries that are well below that of surrounding counties, and funding shortages. I will track down gaps in the budgeting process, like the Educator Trust Fund. We need to vote yes on the referendum in November that will send all casino money to schools as was originally promised.

**HEALTH CARE:** The opioid addiction is one of our greatest challenges. We need to treat addiction as a disease, not a crime. Studies have shown that pharmaceuticals are the most common gateway drug to opioid use and addiction. We need to stop overprescribing pharmaceuticals and reform our health care system to one that treats patients with a more holistic and less invasive approach. More beds are also crucial.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I believe that public transportation is deficient across the county and entire state. This needs to change, as many communities, which are often already marginalized, largely rely on public transportation in their day to day lives. In order to grow our economy and help Marylanders take care of their families, we must expand the public transportation infrastructure and make it more accessible.



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

**SALARY:** \$50,330 annual base.

**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

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

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## Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## District 21

### Republican Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I served as a Community Representative for former Delegate Don Dwyer, Jr., where I worked with the constituents in the minority neighborhoods to understand the community needs. This helped to craft bills in the House of Delegates to the needs of the communities. I also served as the Deputy Campaign Manager for Charles Lollar as a Candidate for the Federal House of Representatives, District 3.

**REDISTRICTING:** The people of Maryland deserve the benefits of redistricting reforms. I therefore, fully support the Governor Hogan's proposed legislation to create a non-partisan redistricting commission to draw a congressional and legislative boundaries.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The most significant environmental challenges are pollution, We never want to be like China or other growing countries. We need to improve our transit systems and rural buses so that many people can enjoy riding transit than driving their cars. We also need to teach about environment to our children and clean our rivers and the Bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** In this day and age, we ought to be ashamed that we are still talking about discrimination. I will pursue every means necessary that nobody is discriminated against base on race, sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability, or poverty.

**EDUCATION:** The standard advice usually given to high school graduates is this: go to college. That's not a bad choice, but it's also not the only choice. Vocational schools offer students the opportunity to learn in an incredibly career-focused environment with hands-on learning, industry professionals teaching courses, and sometimes built-in internships or co-ops. A typical undergraduate education is almost

**HEALTH CARE:** I believe that the most significant challenge to healthcare is how to maintain value-based as opposed to volume-based healthcare. I believe that quality always counts. However, as we move toward value-based healthcare, quality care becomes more important than ever because now it affects revenues.

**TRANSPORTATION:** As a former employee of WMATA and also a current employee of MTA, I have biased love for the transit systems. I believe that if we are able to convince the populace to keep their cars at home and ride the buses and trains, we have several benefits - we reduce pollution and we keep our cost of driving cars low. We must have a dedicated funding for better funding mechanism

**Richard Douglas**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** After 36 years here and two Senate bids, I understand Maryland from end to end. Having been a Senate lawyer, I understand the danger of an unresponsive, apathetic legislature. As a veteran of Iraq and submarines, I value teamwork and a sense of duty. As a small businessman, I have confronted numerous Maryland barriers to individual economic security. I want to remove them.

**REDISTRICTING:** Maryland's bizarre legislative map is often used by career politicians to excuse incompetence, indifference, and failure. But that map, however bizarre, is no obstacle to motivated

legislators willing to unite around solutions to the most important problem facing thousands of Marylanders: fundamental economic insecurity. Solving that problem depends on political will, not a legislative map.

**ENVIRONMENT:** A key challenge is the apathy of elected officials over the human cost of remediation. Baltimore's storm water consent decree, for example, is a massive unfunded federal mandate. Paid for by high water bills and the rain tax, it forces the elderly and poor into tax sale. Baltimore is a slow-motion Flint, but Maryland's General Assembly and U.S. congressional delegation don't seem to notice.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination is a consequence of economic insecurity. The key to ending discrimination is to eliminate economic insecurity by unleashing Maryland's latent economic potential. Maryland has the human capital and favorable geographic position required to compete with or overtake any state in the nation economically. It only lacks the will.

**EDUCATION:** Abraham Lincoln learned to read and write without a computer or a classroom. Today, basic requirements for learning, whether in public or private schools, are the same: motivation, parental involvement, trained and well-paid teachers, and a secure learning environment. I will use my voice and General Assembly vote to support these fundamentals.

**HEALTH CARE:** The most significant health challenge facing Maryland is a General Assembly which has lost its bearings on controlled dangerous substances like marijuana. The downstream effects of a General Assembly on the wrong side of this issue will be catastrophic for sectors of Maryland society least able to defend themselves. The General Assembly must firmly combat drug use, not enable it.

**TRANSPORTATION:** To move PEOPLE, I would support all feasible mass transit options, road, rail, and metro. To move CARGO, Maryland must seriously explore approaches like short sea shipping. I would also like to know more about CSX's justification for withdrawing support for enlargement of the Howard Street tunnel, as the project promised increases in cargo flow (and new jobs) from the Port of Baltimore.

## Democratic Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Most relevantly, my 12 years of experience as a Delegate with a proven track record of progressive accomplishment. However, my life experiences as the son of a single mother in a working class family, and now a father

concerned for the future of his own two children, have driven me to advocate for progressive causes such as paid sick leave and environmental protection.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support redistricting overseen by an impartial, non-partisan committee.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is the greatest challenge facing not only our state, but the entire country. I was proud to be the original primary sponsor of the Clean Energy Jobs bill, which increased Maryland's renewable portfolio standards, and to sign on to legislation this session that would've mandated a 100% renewable energy standard. I also believe we need to enhance and update our Forest Conservation Act

**DISCRIMINATION:** My record speaks for itself on this issue. I was an original sponsor of marriage equality in Maryland, I have supported affordable housing mandates, including properties around the Purple Line, and I have been a consistent advocate for women and minority business enterprise.

**EDUCATION:** I will use my leadership position as the Vice Chair of the Education Subcommittee to fully implement the recommendations of the Kirwin Commission and fix the funding adequacy gap for poor students across the state of Maryland.

**HEALTH CARE:** Disproportionate power vested in private insurance companies and unaffordable health care plans caused by federal instability are the greatest threats to Maryland health care. We need to continue doing everything we can to shore up the Affordable Care Act at the state level.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We should prioritize our limited transportation funds and invest in existing mass transit resources. In fact, I was proud to co-sponsor dedicated funding for WMATA this past session. Additionally, we need to invest in and expand Rt. 175 in Anne Arundel County.

### **Matt Dernoga**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been an environmental activist for over ten years, with experience advocating for state laws to produce more clean energy and reduce pollution. I also served as a policy analyst in local government for 7 years, helping to draft and pass legislation. My skills as both an organizer pushing for change and policy analyst working to enact change will suit me well in the Maryland General Assembly

**REDISTRICTING:** I support requiring compactness, maintenance of communities of interest, and accounting of political boundaries for Congressional Districts. Many states, including Maryland, include these some of these rules for state districts. However, our Congressional Districts are out of whack because they lack these

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safeguards. I think these changes are politically feasible.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change, the Chesapeake Bay, and pollution threats to public health. We must replace coal with clean energy, and put a moratorium on natural gas plants. We need to protect forests from development and better regulate agricultural pollution to restore the Chesapeake Bay. We need to better staff our agencies to enforce air and water pollution violations, with focus on environmental justice.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We need to expand statewide anti-discrimination policies. Currently race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and disability (from what I have read) are covered. However, source of income (for example possessing a Section 8 housing Voucher) is not a statewide protection. With respect to persons with disabilities, we need to better enforce ADA requirements to ensure access is provided.

**EDUCATION:** I support improving teacher pay, reducing class sizes, rebuilding our failing school infrastructure, and expanding after school programs for youth. Three revenue sources I would support are increasing the cigarette tax, requiring the casino money to go to education, and eliminating the estate tax cut for millionaires that was passed in 2014.

**HEALTH CARE:** The most significant health challenges I see are rising obesity and diabetes rates, and increased health insurance costs on the MD Health Exchange. We need to stabilize the health exchange in the short run, and move to universal health care. We also need to improve school lunches and restrict access to sugar-added beverages for youth in order to address increasing obesity and diabetes rates.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I will prioritize investments in mass transit and improved pedestrian access over road expansion. We need to support Metro, expansion of the MARC Camden Line, and greater bus transit with the Regional Transportation Authority. For Anne Arundel County, several residents have expressed to me a desire for more walk-able and bike-able communities, with access from homes to shopping centers and parks.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have had two careers, both of which have prepared me to be an effective delegate. I was a journalist for 15 years (1987-2002), including three on Capitol Hill, then worked as a legislative aide including three years in

Annapolis (2003-2010) before being elected to the Prince George's County Council. I am in my second term and currently chair the Health, Education & Human Services Committee.

**REDISTRICTING:** Legislative redistricting based on the 10-year Census should be a non-partisan process. I support creation of a redistricting commission every 10 years by the Governor, through executive order, so membership is balanced and it must adhere to the state's Open Meetings Act. That requires advertising meetings, posting agendas and minutes, and being as transparent as possible to maximize public trust.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The most significant environmental challenge we face is climate change. My environmental record on the Council earned me an endorsement by the Sierra Club. As a delegate, I will push the state to divest its holdings in fossil fuels -- including its pension funds -- and I will work to enact legislation adopting a 100% clean energy standard (wind, solar and ocean tidal) by 2035.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Maryland has strong anti-discrimination laws in employment, housing, and public accommodations. However, I believe the state should consider expanding the definition of public accommodations to include schools since that is where transgender students are the most vulnerable to harassment. Legal Aid organizations need more funding to provide low income people with the representation they need.

**EDUCATION:** Maryland has the highest median household income in the country and could afford to dedicate more to K-12 education. Maryland should spend more money per pupil, hire more classroom teachers and add more paraprofessional support staff, media specialists and school counselors. I support treating the Education Trust Fund as a lockbox and dedicating casino revenue on top of the baseline school budget.

**HEALTH CARE:** The most significant health challenges Marylanders face are obesity, caused in part by the lack of access to fresh foods, and a severe shortage of mental health providers. We must improve nutritional quality of school meals and improve access to Farmer's Markets. I will sponsor legislation providing loan forgiveness to MD medical students who choose psychiatry and stay in the state to practice.

**TRANSPORTATION:** My single transportation priority would be to expand funding for bus service. Bus service is the most affordable mode of public transportation, but the lack of connectivity both within and between jurisdictions, and the unreliable and limited service on nights and weekends makes it inefficient. The state needs to better balance its transportation spending between highways and transit.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the Co-owner of Bridge Stone Consultants, I have 17 years in education as a teacher in Title I schools, administrator and turn-around specialist, recovering lost funding due to non-compliance, restructuring failing SPED programs. Advocate for disadvantaged families. I have also worked as a Paralegal researching and writing briefings for attorneys in family courts. Annapolis is broken.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support a plan that is more inclusive of community transparency and collaboration that includes the voters opinions and is fully inclusive removing the essence of Gerrymandering. Lines should not be drawn to favor 1 candidate and make it impossible for a fair election. Courts need to review past and current redistricting and reverse any changes that disenfranchise the voters.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Obviously the The Chesapeake Bay is everyones talking point and should remain to be fully funded to reverse and restore our wildlife. But I would like the conversation with funding to address the displacement of our wildlife, moratoriums on corporate chicken farms, in/out of state pollutants with their infrastructure whose emissions impact our air/water and quality of life

**DISCRIMINATION:** As the only AA male in this race whose been asked to wait or run for school board instead. I believe it is my responsibility to be a reckoning voice for others, who are in any minority or majority status that has or will experience undue stress from others. I have dealt with this in other sectors during my career with tact and will bring the same integrity and grit to this office.

**EDUCATION:** I support the balanced oversight of all Maryland schools, our teachers and administrators rights to fair negotiations. Funding 21st century green, safe and community stakeholder schools that promote academic excellence with college and career options for all students.

**HEALTH CARE:** Access to quality/adequate care in both rural and inner cities, better mental health options for families, reducing long travel times by building facilities at an affordable cost to families to address non-emergency concerns in the community. We need quality/reliable transportation systems, more incentives for licensing workers and better housing options when they reside in those communities.

**TRANSPORTATION:** To continue and further enhancing programs for clean air on our highways and roadways that reduce carbon pollution, increase vehicle charging stations that do not place the burden on tax payers alone. Also ensuring we are careful not to privatize all parking in Maryland as others states and enforcing zoning to keep commercial vehicles out of neighborhoods.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am experienced and effective. I was the first in my family to go to college and I grew up with my mother who worked in a factory and as a hotel maid. Earlier in my career, I worked as a prosecutor, a defense attorney, and as an advocate for abused and neglected children. I understand the struggles of ordinary people and I am committed to public service.

**REDISTRICTING:** I have co-sponsored various bills to eliminate gerrymandering, most recently HB 1022. That bill would have limited gerrymandering congressional districts by requiring each district to consist of adjoining territory that is compact in form, and of substantially equal population. It also requires that due regard should be given to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Sustainable growth is our most significant challenge. Meeting the needs of our citizens and the global community while protecting the earth and its species for future generations is the challenge of our generation. We can act locally by controlling greenhouse gas emissions, smarter transportation and land use planning, and by taking the needed steps to protect the Chesapeake Bay from pollution.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I co-sponsored and voted for same-sex marriage legislation, fought to protect transgender people when they are looking for housing, employment and applying for credit, and co-sponsored Maryland's Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. This session I co-sponsored and voted to ban conversion therapy. I also worked to oppose bail provisions that unduly burden the poor who often cannot afford bail.

**EDUCATION:** We should continue to implement the Kirwan Commission recommendations, including improving teacher recruitment, getting more resources to students in low-income schools, and expanding career and technical education programs. We need to allocate enough funding from the general budget, and allocate all the state's casino proceeds to education (the Lockbox referendum).

**HEALTH CARE:** Maryland families are being hit hard by rising health insurance costs. I co-chaired the ACA Workgroup that developed legislation to prevent further excessive premium increases. We passed a bill that would create a reinsurance program that will allow insurance companies to curb premium increases and stabilize the individual insurance market. A fee on the insurance companies pays for the program.

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**TRANSPORTATION:** Maintaining Metro's aging infrastructure requires more money, but the transit agency is the only major subway system without dedicated funding. The General Assembly passed legislation to provide additional funding of \$167 million a year on condition that Virginia and the District contribute the same or more. Highway maintenance is important too and we need to fully fund the highway user fund.

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## District 30A

### Republican Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Anne Arundel County native; raised my family in Annapolis; spent my professional life in this area. As an attorney who's worked on public education & construction legislation, I'm familiar with law-making. I understand how to balance policy goals with constituents' interests & when another law isn't necessary. 23 years working with public schools gives me insight into how government works.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support redistricting reform in Maryland as proposed by Governor Hogan, and I would have voted in favor of the Redistricting Reform Act of 2018. The redistricting process must be submitted to an independent, nonpartisan commission. Particularly in Maryland, Republican voters and communities have been abused by the dominant party, to the point of de facto disenfranchisement. This must end.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We must renew bi-partisan commitment to & investment in the region's public infrastructure, including our natural resources. Beyond geography, this area's very identity is inextricably linked with the Chesapeake Bay and the Severn, Magothy, & South Rivers. This means matters affecting the health & use of our waters will always be important. Maryland must take the lead on protecting our waters.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Policies that strengthen protection of women from domestic abuse & other forms of violence, as well as harassment; that ensure women, minorities & all citizens enjoy equal rights & opportunities in our community and throughout our country; and that promote the ability of woman-owned & minority-owned businesses to participate in government projects that renew our aging public infrastructure.

**EDUCATION:** I support budget-responsible funding of public education, focused on programs & policies that have proven to be successful. Education should help students reach their potential as productive citizens with a vested interest in their own future & in the well-being of our entire community. We must emphasize CTE as well as traditional academic tracks. I also support merit pay. Casino \$\$ are key.

**HEALTH CARE:** We must support and enhance resources for behavioral & mental healthcare, including the programs and facilities for treating opioid abuse & addiction. Governor Hogan and County Executive Schuh have made these areas a priority, and I would want to push forward with the momentum of their initiatives.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Prioritizing Maryland's transportation issues depends on geography. Challenges & solutions for the lower eastern shore differ from those along the I-95 corridor & suburban beltways-and those in western & southern Maryland. For the Annapolis-Baltimore-Washington triangle, rail alternatives should have been embraced long ago. We should continue to explore them. Transportation \$\$ must stay "on task."

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I spent 25 years in uniform as a Marine officer, which included 10 operational deployments into complex environments. I've

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reinforced my professional experience with rigorous academic study at the Naval Academy, Georgetown School of Foreign Service, and Harvard Kennedy School analyzing decision-making at all levels of government, across a broad spectrum of federal, state, and local issues.

**REDISTRICTING:** Safe, gerrymandered districts contribute to polarized politics by forcing candidates to compete for the extreme end of their party in primary elections. We need to follow the leadership of the five states that have already established independent redistricting commissions and redraw our districts to represent communities without bias toward political advantage for one party or the other.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The most significant environmental challenge is our propensity to kick the can down the road to the next generation to address the causes of global warming and to mitigate its effects. I will support legislation to reduce our carbon footprint, protect our forests, convert to renewable energy sources, protect the bay, prepare for sea level rise, and regulate common-sense growth.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There is no room for discrimination in our workplaces, schools, or community. I will support legislation to encourage equal representation in our public offices, fair labor practices, a living wage, and subsidies to support the creation of opportunities for our most vulnerable.

**EDUCATION:** We need to pay our teachers a competitive salary with adjacent school districts. We need to resist Betsy DeVos's failed school choice initiative and her drive to privatize our schools. This starts with resisting candidates who support the deregulation of public charter schools, which drives special needs/ESL/average students out and creates white flight from our public schools.

**HEALTH CARE:** The repeal/replace/roll back of Obamacare and Medicaid/Medicare federal subsidies will have to be answered by replacement funds at the state level to keep from kicking hundreds of thousands off of healthcare. This will be extremely challenging as we attempt to make up close to \$3 billion in education funding shortfalls at the same time. This will require leadership and compromise at all levels.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need to connect Annapolis with Baltimore and Washington D.C. through affordable, effective options to enable our community to take advantage of opportunities in the region. This should be funded through a combination of federal, state, and county dollars. We also need to encourage our local governments to create a more walkable, bikable community and reduce the presence of cars downtown.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I work each and every day to ensure that every person in our community and in our State is heard and that their values are represented in the work of the State legislature. I believe it is important to work to bring people together - regardless of background - to make a better future for Annapolis. It has the highest honor of my life to represent my hometown in the legislature.

**REDISTRICTING:** I have always been clear that we need a national solution from the federal government on redistricting. The General Assembly passed legislation for a five-state compact for redistricting, however Governor Hogan vetoed that legislation.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We have made good progress towards cleaning up the Bay and expanding renewable energy opportunities in MD. Expanding solar, wind and other renewable options; broadening investment in natural oyster and aquaculture programs; and curbing the effects of climate change and greenhouse gas emissions will be priorities for next term.

**DISCRIMINATION:** One of the most important things we do in the legislature is to ensure that everyone has access to a quality healthcare system, a good education and a job to support their family: regardless of orientation, race or gender. Equal rights is my top priority. I have prided myself on being an inclusive leader in the House of Delegates, naming one of the most diverse leadership teams in the history.

**EDUCATION:** I look forward to leading our state's efforts next term to increase investments in career technology education, early childhood and STEM programs focused on getting more women & minorities in these fields. One of the things that we need to immediately fix from the Kirwan Commission initial report is that the poorest students in our State are not getting the resources they need.

**HEALTH CARE:** This year, we fended off Washington's attempt to undermine Maryland's health care system in the short-term but still have more work to do. We need to find ways to incentivize Marylanders to sign up for health insurance; look for ways to lower the rising costs of health insurance for middle class families; improve access for women's health and clamp down on rising prescription drug costs.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I have been disheartened that Governor Hogan has undone much of the work that the legislature did over the past ten years on broadening mass transit solutions in Maryland. This is an important policy that we need to work to expand for people to get to work and to school. Prioritizing these projects in our CTP is the first important step to expanding mass transit.

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are to increase affordable, accessible mass transit. For us to achieve supportive living conditions in MD, our residents need to have access to good jobs providing living wages AND affordable living conditions. Too often these two are exclusive of one another. We need an expansion of adaptable bus services and fixed transit options between metropolitan areas.

## District 30B

### Republican Candidates

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**HEALTH CARE:** The Rising cost of health of health care is negatively affecting our Maryland families. To help address this concern I voted to support HB1795 - Establishment of a Reinsurance Program This emergency bill requires the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to submit a State Innovation Waiver application for a federal Section 1332 waiver to establish a program for reinsurance.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation infrastructure is vital to the success of our businesses, schools, working families and communities. I am honored to support Gov. Hogans roads initiative. The funding for these initiatives is in the Trans Trust Fund (TTF), which can no longer be raided thanks to the bi-partisan actions of the legislature in 2015. I was proud to vote to stop the misuse of the monies in the TTF

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**REDISTRICTING:** Redistricting should be in the hands of an independent commission appointed every ten years to draw the congressional and legislative lines. The districts should be compact, contiguous and of substantially equal population. No more gerrymandering should be done to accommodate certain legislators or to favor one party. This process will be more equitable and give voters more power.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate Change and a Healthy Bay are the two biggest challenges. We need to adopt a high percentage of clean renewable energy to keep CO2 out of the air where it adds to climate warming. We need to keep nitrogen and phosphorus and sediment out of the Bay. Healthy forests will help by absorbing CO2 and holding soil

and pollutants.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Consciousness raising and diversity training should be mandatory for public employees, officials and teachers. Ugly incidents at schools must be dealt with by law enforcement where appropriate, but also with education for understanding. Discipline--consistent for all. Employers need education on making the workplace welcoming and fair to all qualified. Equal pay for equal work. Respect is key.

**EDUCATION:** We have some excellent teachers, but keeping them can be a problem if salaries are not high enough for a level of income commensurate with their education and responsibility. We need more money for school construction so schools do not have trailers outside for years. Public money should go to public schools. Education is an investment in our future. All four year olds need preschool education.

**HEALTH CARE:** Keep Maryland health insurance choices strong and affordable with reinsurance to stabilize health insurance costs. Children's health insurance program funded. Mental health care needs to be strengthened and school personnel need training to refer troubled students. Elder care facilities monitored. Opioid problem needs treatment facilities for addicts and law enforcement efforts for dealers.

**TRANSPORTATION:** There is tension between more roads and encouraging over-building and more car traffic. In rural areas, services like ride sharing and small van pick up need to be incentivized. More park and ride. Bicycle trails. Safety improvements to local state roads. Future projects: A new bridge across the Bay, location TBD. Interconnected mass transit. These projects would need federal contributions.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Over the years I have started 5 businesses and non-profit organizations in our community, and given countless hours of volunteer work on issues we care about. My achievements, successes and awards (including a resolution from the MD Senate and House) are available to see at [www.electmikes Shay.com](http://www.electmikes Shay.com) and I have first hand experience working with our local government on behalf of our communities.

**REDISTRICTING:** I have worked on local councilmatic redistricting and I would support concepts that have more common sense and less politics.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Smart growth and citizen planning is the first step to overcoming our environmental challenges. I'm a founding member on the leadership board of South Arundel Citizens for Responsible Development. For the last 25yrs

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we have been stopping inappropriate development and saved over 750 acres of important lands in our area. I will continue to fight inappropriate development and promote smart growth.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Healthy communities understand and support their diversity. Simply put, the issue of diversity should not be a partisan issue. I am running against an incumbent that has voted against equal pay for equal work. I will whole heartedly support all policies and legislation that support diversity and equality.

**EDUCATION:** I support the 7 areas of revenue enhancement by the Teachers Association that includes additional taxes on high income individuals, corporations, cigarettes and lockbox gaming. This would provide needed revenue for the maintenance of our schools and making sure the needs of our 88,000 school aged children are met. I believe teachers pay should also be in line with neighboring jurisdictions.

**HEALTH CARE:** The opioid crisis is among the largest current health challenge affecting Maryland. I believe that pharmaceutical companies that knowingly market, and doctors that over-prescribe these dangerous products should be held responsible. Their accountability should be what provides the increased services for mental health, rehabilitation and community outreach.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Much of the District I am running in (30 B, most of South County, including Mayo and parts of Edgewater) is underserved by public transportation. Our district has a demonstrated need for more access to public transportation. I will support an efficient and affordable solution to rollout on a trial basis to meet this need.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I know first hand to listen to the needs of constituents, review funding priorities and allocations, and negotiate solutions that fit our goals and objectives. As a military Veteran I've faced seemingly immovable and hostile situations that were resolved amicably. As a business leader, my hands-on experience in international agreements means I am a successful advocate for my District's needs.

**REDISTRICTING:** I fully support redrawing Maryland's congressional and legislative districts. I also support designating a totally nonpartisan and/or independent commission to perform this task. It is imperative that Maryland's districts follow a normative process and behavior that results in cohesion and equity for constituents. Maryland's

Third Congressional District is an example of our need for redistricting.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Ensuring the future security of our limited supply of drinkable fresh water is my first priority. Second is protecting our existing forests, wetlands and agricultural lands. We must limit MDE NPDES permits to reduce pollution of our water supplies. We must enforce existing MD NPDES permits for compliance violations. We must adhere to existing Forest, Critical Area and Agriculture legislation.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I would propose, support and oppose the following legislation: Support livable minimum wage. Support measures to eliminate food insecurity. Support equal pay for women. Propose MD Public Schools report discrimination violations, under Title IV of the the Civil Rights Act. Oppose Conversion Therapy for LGBTQ youth. Oppose immigrant detention and exile. Oppose the Discovery Doctrine.

**EDUCATION:** Include meditation, breathing and yoga instruction. Mandate Civics, Civil Rights, Consent and Birth Control instruction. Require MD Public Schools to report discrimination violations, under Title IV of the the Civil Rights Act. Update American and International history to include Sovereign Nation's Discovery Doctrine takings. Fund through public-private partnerships and the Education Trust Fund.

**HEALTH CARE:** Access to affordable health care for all is the most significant challenge facing Marylanders. I will support and sponsor legislation that ensures health care is accessible and affordable for all Maryland residents regardless of their ability to pay.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Maryland's future transportation initiatives must be dependent upon renewable energy. We could fund our transportation programs through federal grants that converting existing fleet and infrastructure to support and promote fossil fuel-free transportation. We should offer incentives for fossil-free vehicle ownership and use, and support vehicle and ride sharing programs statewide.

## District 31A

### Republican Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I learned leadership and vision during my time in the Army in both operational and strategic positions. I served as a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment and deployed twice to Afghanistan. I hold a bachelor's

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degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Business Administration. I work in the private sector where I focus on results and working through bureaucratic barriers.

**REDISTRICTING:** An independent group should be in charge of establishing congressional and legislative districts. Politicians should not be in the business of picking their voters and should be taken out of this process as we have seen how it has been abused for partisan gain.

**ENVIRONMENT:** So much of Maryland depends on the Chesapeake Bay. It is so vital to many sectors of the Maryland economy that its health and prosperity should be relevant to everyone. I will welcome partnering with scientific and ecological communities on joint private/public ventures to strengthen the Bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will always be in support of any legislation that echoes the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.

**EDUCATION:** I support the continued growth of charter schools within our state. These are funded by using current school taxes and would bring about competition in our educational system. More school options will give power to families, students, and teachers in having the ability to choose what is best for them while holding bureaucrats in the school systems accountable.

**HEALTH CARE:** The opioid epidemic is the most significant health issue of my lifetime. At the user level, we need stiffer penalties for dealers and those caught abusing. To get at the root cause of the issue, we need to go after doctors who are over-prescribing medications that create the addictions. Lastly, we need to make sure we have the infrastructure in place to support those seeking recovery.

**TRANSPORTATION:** No response received by deadline.

## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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## **District 31B**

### Republican Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As the House Republican Leader I've been one of Governor Hogan's strongest allies in the General Assembly. I have extensive experience in the private sector, especially related to manufacturing. In the community I have consistently worked to solve problems and help people. This year I received a public service award from the House of Delegates for my bipartisan work to pass good public policy.

**REDISTRICTING:** I'd like to see the Governor's independent commission bill pass, I've cosponsored it each year. Also I believe districts should be drawn evenly and fairly. I'd also like to see all House of Delegates be single member districts.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We've made great strides to better conserve our resources and clean up our environment in recent years. We need to continue to support Bay Restoration including holding our federal representatives accountable for their role in funding Chesapeake Bay clean up.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Maryland has made great strides in this area as well. I voted to modernize the state code to improve the definition of hate crimes this session.

**EDUCATION:** I continue to advocate for school choice for low income student in neighborhoods with poorly performing schools.

**HEALTH CARE:** We need to ensure our individual health insurance market is stable so that individuals can afford health insurance. We passed legislation in 2018 to help with this but likely need to do more. We also need to take another look at underlying health costs like the rising cost of pharmaceuticals.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need to more adequately fund local roads and continue supporting Governor Hogan's transportation agenda that fixes the top transportation priority in every area of our state.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** 20 years serving in the Maryland House of Delegates: a proven record of building bipartisan coalitions and enacting legislation of substance, such as panhandling prohibition, property tax relief for seniors and radium reduction in residential wells. Prompt and effective constituent service.

**REDISTRICTING:** sponsored legislation to establish a nonpartisan, independent redistricting commission, which the League of Women Voters testified in support of. Support single-member

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districts, which will help reduce the cost of political campaigns. Challenged Gov. Glendening's redistricting plan in court in 2002 and won, overturning a blatantly partisan plan with non-compact districts.

**ENVIRONMENT:** protecting neighborhoods from special interest zoning changes that aggravate traffic congestion and environmental degradation. Will sponsor legislation that provides incentives to counties that make sensible land use decisions that limit growth to areas already served by infrastructure, such as roads, schools and sewers.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Support after-school programs and the enhancement of a program I established at Anne Arundel Community College to help parents identify warning signs to help combat suicide, drug abuse and racism. Currently serve on the County Commission on Disability Issues and served on the National Council on Disability.

**EDUCATION:** Sponsored the first public charter school law and will work to strengthen the existing statute. Support programs that enhance parental involvement and individualized attention for at-risk students. Support stricter accountability requirements when additional education funding is appropriated. Favor budgetary support for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs.

**HEALTH CARE:** Support budgetary assistance for mental health programs, especially the identification of psychological problems in young children caused by the trauma of physical and mental abuse. Fought for the protection of residents from unhealthy toxic wastes in our air and water and will continue to do so.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Led the fight in the Legislature in 2003 and 2004 to establish a lockbox for the Transportation Trust Fund. Counties have still not been repaid for funds raided to help balance the state budget, and I will continue to fight for more road improvements to address the backlog.

**David Therrien**

No response received by deadline.

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 2.

**Harry E. Freeman**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As an U.S. Army Veteran, I have been provided a unique experience in service to others. Leading soldiers; having empathy towards others; analyzing situations at every level of risk and creating solutions; and willing to sacrifice personal interests so others may gain are

attributes that my time in the military, as well as my personal and professional life have afforded me to obtain.

**REDISTRICTING:** I am wholeheartedly opposed to politicians picking their voters. The Constitution gives state legislatures the authority to draw political districts, the state legislature also has the authority to hand that duty to an independent commission. Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, and Washington use independent commissions--so should Maryland.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is undeniable. The science is real--the effects are real. on the right course by requiring companies in Maryland to buy more energy from sources such as wind turbines, solar panels, and hydroelectric dams. As our society, community, and technologies evolve, so must our policies. This effort will only harness 25% renewable energy by 2020. We can do even better.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We are not born to hate, we are taught to hate--directly and indirectly. Equality laws and policies must not only address discrimination, but act on erasing it from our culture. Equal opportunity; equal pay for equal work; equal benefits; higher wages for the working families; affordable healthcare for all; and any other policies that can bring about equality to our friends and neighbors.

**EDUCATION:** We must: invest in public school resources, infrastructure, and maintain per-capita student funding equal regardless of the child's zip code; not discriminate or disenfranchise our Special Education students by failing to provide the medical or educational care they require; hold politicians and casino industry responsible for general fund mandates that were promised to fund our schools.

**HEALTH CARE:** Health care is a right for all. I support a Single-Payer system. Prescription drug prices are less affordable than ever before, and issues within the Individual Health Insurance Market financially placed on those who require it unfairly. Legislation must be passed to work towards making sure every Marylander has the health and medical needs they require regardless of financial status.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Improving our infrastructure; investing in the MARC, Metro, and AMTRAK, and High Speed Rails; providing safer pedestrian walkways and increasing bike paths and lanes. The local, state, and federal government has a responsibility and major financial stake in revitalizing and improving our transportation system. Our people, roads, economy, and environment will benefit from transportation focuses.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Hello! I am Karen Simpson. I am a Maryland native. I love Maryland. I am a domestic violence survivor who has become a #MeToo champion for women and children. I am a Maryland public servant with extensive experience working with State government to enact policies that help Maryland families.

**REDISTRICTING:** Both parties gerrymander and it has to stop. Our constituents deserve fair representation. Voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around. Maryland needs an independent bi-partisan commission that uses mathematical equations to determine districts.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Unawareness is at the core of every environmental debate—many people do not know what causes environmental problems or how to solve them. Public awareness campaigns, like the don't be a litter bug campaign, must be part of all environmental protection legislation to ensure every generation understands how to protect our land, water and air.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Maryland's most vulnerable citizens will always be my focus. My goal is to provide opportunity, equality, and fairness to everyone in our community. As a Delegate, I would sponsor and support legislation that is proactive and intentionally responds to discrimination based on race, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or poverty.

**EDUCATION:** I am a graduate of Maryland public schools. Our children deserve a good education in a safe environment. Our teachers deserve fair pay for their investment in our future. Education should be our top budget item. We need to collaborate with our higher education communities and local businesses to invest in our children.

**HEALTH CARE:** My daughter has Crohns disease. She requires infusions 8 times a year to help her live a normal life. Her treatments cost over \$15,000 each. No one should be a paycheck away from going broke because they get sick. I will sponsor and support legislation that provides affordable and accessible healthcare for everyone.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Public transportation is vital to our economy and environment and must be expanded—more people will use and fund the metro if gets them to where they need to go.

## District 32

### Republican Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a retired Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician I perform problem identification and resolution in extremely high stress scenarios. Since retirement I have been a Program Manager of programs valued at \$200M. I am responsible for cost, schedule, performance and risk of my projects and meet budgets, and execute contracts successfully. This is exactly what we need in the legislation.

**REDISTRICTING:** This is about fairness in our electoral process and neither party should dominate through unfair boundaries. We need to redistrict and follow a fair process that does not equate to law makers picking their constituents vice constituents electing their leaders. I would like to see single seat districts. My district is a prime example; we are not fairly represented in the current structure.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We must balance growth, development, infrastructure needs and environmental needs. D32 is over developed losing green space, creating hard surfaces that impact our storm water system. We need smart execution of improvements and ensure all people who impact the bay are doing their part (our PA and NY neighbors). our neighbors provide a large percentage of our Bay pollutants. We need to engage them.

**DISCRIMINATION:** This is a heart issue. It starts with respect and supporting open dialogues that are scary. We must focus on what unites us and is common. We are Americans, Marylanders and humans first. I believe churches, community centers and neighbors are the areas to create change. It starts with understanding we are not islands individually but part of communities that exist to take care of each other.

**EDUCATION:** We must focus on meaningful change not just adding money. We must allow parents to have the ability to hold schools and teachers accountable through school choice, vouchers, tax dollars that follow the student, etc. We need to cut all of the overhead in our school systems in order to provide teachers what they need to be successful. Be more student/teacher focus as the start point in all analysis.

**HEALTH CARE:** Access is critical in this discussion and should be the start point. We need to increase consumer options through cross state lines options,

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tort reform, and increased tax credits to assist doctors in making the decision to be doctors. We need competition to decrease prices. Insurance that costs too much or the deductible is never met is not insurance. We need more effective governance.

**TRANSPORTATION:** D32 is a hard hit area due to over development and BRAC. We need to repeal the road kill bill and reestablish priorities and budgets aligned with growth. The road kill bill is a formulaic approach that is lazy and ineffective. We must make informed and hard decisions. Citizens know what they need and should be engaged in this process.

## **Democratic Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My work and life experience has prepared me to serve others: \*Attorney with practice in trademark and copyright law \*Adjunct Professor at AACC \*Elected twice to AA Democratic Central Committee \*Mother, wife and community activist \*Board member of organization to help people with disabilities \*Former leadership positions within sorority, NAACP, boards and Maryland Bar

**REDISTRICTING:** I support changes that are drawn in equity based upon a neutral formula.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change and the preservation of our natural resources are some of the most significant environmental challenges. I will address them by supporting legislature that improves our utilization of our natural resources and decreases waste. Regulation waste and our lack of renewable energy sources is problematic. Laws cannot do more harm than good to our environment.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As an attorney and part-time professor, I am very aware of discrimination issues and it has no place in our society. The scars of discrimination are slow to heal and break the spirit. I support policies that empower all people and especially those who have a history of past discrimination. I support policies that anticipate and prevent discrimination.

**EDUCATION:** As a part-time educator, and mother, I am keenly aware of the challenges of our

students, instructors and staff. I support policies that ensure a safe environment for both. With respect to funding, I support utilizing the "lock box" on casino funds for education. Education is a priority for the betterment of our society and I believe in fully funding public education.

**HEALTH CARE:** Based upon my reading and listening to health care professionals or resource providers, drug addiction and mental health are two main challenges facing Maryland. I hope to introduce and/or support bills that would decrease our numbers of overdoses and deaths due to these two areas. The government must equip providers, likewise providers must adhere to their duty of care.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I commuted from downtown DC for many years and more often than not, I took public transportation. It is best for our environment, but it must be reliable. I support upgrading public transportation systems to attract more users and decrease the need for government funding. With this said, I do not support the Maglev or Hyperloop. I would prioritize current upgrades.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have experience in making fiscal decisions on the \$44.5 billion operating and \$1 billion capital budgets that affect all Marylanders with regards to healthcare, education, economic development, public safety, environmental stewardship, transportation, and infrastructure. I chaired the Anne Arundel County Capital Budget Subcommittee for 2 years.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support a transparent redistricting process that consists of an independent commission with input from residents to set the congressional and legislative district boundaries in Maryland.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Throughout my entire first term, I have received a 100% rating by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters each consecutive year for my strong record on protecting the environment and investments in renewable energy. Preserving and investing in open space and recreational areas in our communities is a priority that I have consistently supported.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Sadly, as we reflect on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., incidents of racism are prevalent in our schools and community that have caused trauma to children and adults. During this past legislative session, I was the lead sponsor on legislation to make it a criminal offense to place nooses and symbols of hate on properties to intimidate classes of people.

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**EDUCATION:** During this past legislative session, I voted for the 21st Century School Facilities Act which provides \$400 million in school construction. Through an ammendment that I offered on this budget bill, an additional \$10 million is allocated for school safety. In total, I voted for \$41,600,000 in school safety funding. Investing in cyber, apprentice training, and higher education are needed.

**HEALTH CARE:** Maryland has the best healthcare delivery sytem in the world, and I will continue to vote for funding for University of Maryland Medical Center Shock Trauma and investments in all other hospital systems. I will continue to vote for legislation to lower healthcare and prescription drugs premiums. Access to healthcare for all individuals is an important legislative priority to me.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Northwest Anne Arundel County is one of the most economic vibrant areas of Maryland, and investments in roads is a high priority to meet the demands of the growth. Expansions in public transportation are also needed to help relieve congestion and provide access for underserved communities to economic opportunities. The Transportation Trust Fund needs to be dedicated for the transportation needs.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have fought for our country overseas in the military and for our communities here at home. I've worked for the American public in the Senate and marched on our streets for the rights of the residents of Anne Arundel County. Those experiences have taught me both how to work within our political system, and to coordinate with civil organizations outside of government to bring about real change.

**REDISTRICTING:** Politicians should not choose their voters. Gerrymandering undermines democratic representation, denies communities their voice, and erodes faith in our democratic systems. Fairness must be an underlying principle of our democratic system. Therefore, I support tasking a neutral commission with the drawing of district lines, with a simple up or down vote in the General Assembly.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Less than 5 miles from Glen Bernie stand two outdated coal-fired power plants that consume about 4.8 million tons of coal each year. These plants pollute our water and air, and contribute to climate change that is already having

a devastating impact on populations here in Maryland. Therefore, I support a commitment to invest in renewable energy and expand our use of renewables to 50% by 2030.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We live in the wealthiest state in the wealthiest nation in the history of the world, yet 20% of our children will grow up in poverty. We also continue to suffer from systemic racism that sustains a cycle of poverty. We must enact policies that end the system of oppression, help working families improve their lives, enable all our children to pursue their dreams, and ensure equality for all.

**EDUCATION:** We are facing a nearly \$3 billion shortfall in education funding across Maryland, and the situation is even worse in some schools due to an unequal funding formula. We must support our public schools and ensure every child receives a quality education that prepares them to succeed in the 21st century.

**HEALTH CARE:** Health care is not a luxury, it is a basic human right. Yet today we see our national elected officials dismantling the Affordable Care Act and moving us backward on health care policy. We cannot stand idle while hundreds of thousands of people in our state lose their health care or fall into bankruptcy due to medical bills. It is time to provide guaranteed health care to all Marylanders.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We cannot afford to invest in massive transportation infrastructure projects that will never pay for themselves and that provide little to no benefit to our residents who will bear the greatest burden from their undertaking. Instead, I will pursue improvements to local transportation infrastructure that will have an immediate and measurable impact on people's daily lives.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a retired Army Colonel with 29 years leading organizations around the world, I served my country and now and ready to serve my community at the state level. I have been active in my church, a director in my home owner's association, a youth football coach, and high school PTSA President. I believe all of these experiences uniquely qualify me to serve as a state delegate for my district.

**REDISTRICTING:** Congressional and legislative districts should be contiguous based on a review by a bipartisan commission.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is real. I support tough emission standards and investment in sustainable energy resources that create jobs for the local economy.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will support policies similar to those used by the military services which address and denounce discrimination based on

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race, gender, religion, and national origin. I will support legislation to create opportunities for those with disabilities and programs to support moving people out of poverty.

**EDUCATION:** I would support programs which close the achievement gap and increase teacher pay and provide teacher incentive pay for high performers and especially those working in title one schools. I would use casino money which is supposed to be earmarked for education.

**HEALTH CARE:** Affordable healthcare for all citizens. We should a baseline level of healthcare for everyone. It's also important to provide treatment and education programs for drug addition.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I think we need to focus on creating a transportation system which connect all members of the community both bus, and rail.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I know my district and the people I represent. I live in the community, my children and grandchildren live in the community, Public Safety, Administration, education, and the well being of my constituents have been a priority since taking office.

**REDISTRICTING:** Fair and equitable boundaries to all parties with clear, distinguished sensibility.

**ENVIRONMENT:** My stand on the state of our environment and the need to preserve our bay along with pollution has been the same for over 20 years. I have been fortunate enough to be endorsed and supported by the Environmental Organizations and vote to maximize their efforts.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Coming from immigrant parents, I learned early in life to appreciate everyone based on their ability and no other factors. I have worked in very diverse communities, learned and help improve all challenges for over 40 years in the community. I have served on may boards and Comittee's, working to pass several anti-discrimination bills.

**EDUCATION:** I have worked and voted to make college affordable to everyone by keeping tuition cost under control. I have worked within our primary and secondary units to assist each child to get the best education. I have worked with employers to create apprenticeship programs viable and timely. I will continue to work through my committee to secure all funding necessary to support education.

**HEALTH CARE:** As a retired pharmacist I see each and every day the challenges my constituents face regarding healthcare. The cost, access, timely and efficient treatment and transportation when necessary. Maryland will continue to support

healthcare for everyone but we need more money for treatment of opiod and drug use, and affordable care for all citizens of the state.

**TRANSPORTATION:** My transportation priority is to stop Maglev, ensure our roads are safe for all citizens of the state and ensure funds designated for transportation are used in the way they were meant for.

## District 33

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a former high school instructor in Baltimore City, police sergeant in Washington, D.C., college educator, and businessman, I am in an excellent position to address the issues of our county. I have maintained the position of Director of Recreation and Parks in the county, hold a real estate license in Maryland, and was a legislative aide in the U.S. Senate enabling me be an effective legislator.

**REDISTRICTING:** Genuine redistricting in the county and state is badly needed and I support honest nonpartisan redistricting. This could be effective with the establishment of a nonpolitical authority comprised of astute citizens. Attention should be given to realistic geographic boundaries, population movement and centralized density. With this a better degree of fairness should result.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Since I am so conflicted as to the true challenges in our environment, I welcome more definitive information. However, with regard to the local government I strongly suggest that appropriate planning and zoning be addressed to ensure the most positive impact possible. To regulate our environs in an effective manner is essential to the well being of the populace.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination in any capacity and on any level is totally unacceptable. When discovered discrimination should be addressed and corrected immediately. This action should be taken by the government, and by all segments of the society. Anything less should not be tolerated.

**EDUCATION:** Education is a key component of my career and life. I have been privileged to have had many positions in the public, private, and college environments as an instructor. I vigorously support education accountability while engaging a prudent approach in the employment of resources for the classroom. This action must be supported in all aspects of academic endeavor.

**HEALTH CARE:** Of the multitude of issues in Maryland the most immediate of concerns is the illegal drug crisis. Because this may be both a criminal issue with regard to the providers of illegal drugs and a health issue for the drug user, the

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society must be willing to face this crisis in both arenas.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation challenges vary regionally, but a solution for our society as a result of technology is home and satellite employment. In each case the employee travels far less usually than commuting to a work site and this assists in alleviating vehicular traffic. This in addition to public and private business transportation will lessen the burden of excessive highway traffic.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a Maryland business owner and have been a legislative counsel/attorney. I am self-funding my campaign, refusing donations from special interests, developers, etc; I will answer only to my constituents. From my vast experience, I know how to get bills passed in a legislature. I bring fresh solutions to old problems and can devote 100% of my time to getting things done.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census. This process needs to be taken out of the hands of partisan politicians.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I am self funding my campaign so that I won't need to listen to special interests that want harmful development. The state needs to take a roll in protecting its natural environment by limiting development to avoid harm to the Bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Focusing on fairness and income equality would help to address discrimination. Make Maryland a destination for business. As of now too many job creators are either fleeing the State or not coming here at all. We must reduce regulations, offer incentives to all businesses in the form of tax reductions and not just to the chosen few such as the most recent tax package that was offered to Amazon.

**EDUCATION:** I support increased funding for education across the board. I also would like to see our teachers pay increased so that we are competitive nationally. I would also propose introducing legislation to increase the State's contribution to teachers retirement as well as exempting teacher's pensions from Income Tax.

**HEALTH CARE:** Using free market solutions that empower citizens to select the health care they want. I would also add that veterans should be given access to the healthcare facility of their choosing. It is my goal to increase access and availability of healthcare for all. I will also work to increase the availability of generic drugs as well as

having them covered by health plans. I support the efforts of local

**TRANSPORTATION:** I believe that Maryland needs to invest in the repair - and maintenance of - its existing roads and bridges. We need to fix what we have - including buses and light rail - before we commitment to the development of additional modes of public transportation.

**Michael Edward Malone**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience in the House of Delegates these past four sessions has taught me how to successfully prepare and pass legislation including making home invasion a crime of violence which passed during the 2017 session. I have also learned to work with others to make bad bills better and to pass significant legislation to improve Maryland for all.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the Governor's House Bill 356 as a co-sponsor. Furthermore, I introduced House Bill 1022 with 63 co-sponsors calling for Maryland's Congressional districts to be drawn so that each district would be "of adjoining territory, be compact in form, with due regard given to "natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions."

**ENVIRONMENT:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay and promoting forests within Maryland continue to be significant environmental challenges for Maryland. I supported forest conservation by voting for House Bill 766 which requires the state to study appropriate changes regarding forest cover and tree canopy in the state. As most know, maintaining forests within Maryland promotes clean air and water.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support legislation that discourages discrimination. By way of example, I supported Senator Astle's legislation (SB 528) which would prohibit a person from committing certain acts against another person or group because of another person's race, color, religion, gender, disability, or sexual orientation. I also supported unsuccessful House Bill 1695.

**EDUCATION:** I supported Governor Hogan's budget which provided historic levels of funding for K-12 education and unprecedented \$6.5 billion which is above and beyond the spending formula required by the legislature. Future educational initiatives will be aided by the passage of Senate Bill 1122 which I supported.

**HEALTH CARE:** The most significant healthcare challenge facing Maryland is the rise of health care costs. I supported House Bill 1795 which was a measure to curtail skyrocketing premiums for approximately 150,000 Marylanders and to prevent the state's health care market place from

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collapsing.

**TRANSPORTATION:** My transportation priority is to improve transportation throughout the state and in particular, Anne Arundel County. A step in the right direction was the passage of House Bill 807 (Transportation-Highway User Revenues/Distribution) which I voted for. The bill creates a formula by which local governments will receive additional highway user dollars.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** 16 year incumbent delegate, with service on the Environment & Transportation Committee (2003-2006), Judiciary Committee (2007-2010), and currently on the Appropriations Committee (2011 - pres). Elected by fellow delegates to serve as Vice Chair of the Anne Arundel Delegation (2013-2014), and ranking member on Appropriations (2012- pres), leading the Republican efforts on the budget the last 7 yrs.

**REDISTRICTING:** I strongly support electing members of the House of Delegates from single member districts, and I support Governor Hogan's plan to set up an independent non-partisan commission to draw the lines for both Congress and the state legislature.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I think continuing progress on cleaning the Bay is the most important goal. In addition to the program in place I would accelerate progress on oyster re-establishment, which I think is key. I would move forward with the introduction of the Asian oyster to help speed clean up.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I think sufficient laws are in place to prevent and punish the many forms of discrimination. I would support additional funding for more enforcement of those laws where necessary, but I think overall the state and counties have done a good job in prosecuting discrimination.

**EDUCATION:** With the state constitutional lockbox I think the state is stepping forward to adequately fund our 24 school systems, the state now has to set up guidelines and best practices for school systems to better management the money they will now be receiving. Anne Arundel County Public Schools is in the top 10 of all school districts, IN THE NATION, in money spent per pupil on "administration".

**HEALTH CARE:** The hospital assessment is a state tax on healthcare of \$350M which drives up costs for everyone and needs to be repealed. Obamacare is collapsing and an additional \$380M tax passed this year to prop it up will only make things worse. We need to eliminate Obamacare, reduce mandates and allow Marylanders to buy insurance plans across state lines to introduce more

competition and cost savings.

**TRANSPORTATION:** My priority is roads. 90% of the money in the Transportation Trust Fund comes from taxes and fees on motorists while 59% of the money goes to mass transit. The legislature just voted to take more. I am dedicated to building and maintaining roads including restoring state highway user funds to counties to improve our roads. Transit users should shoulder more of the cost of transit.

## **Connor McCoy**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a student, my recent experience going through the Maryland public education system and interactions with state universities gives me insight on the current status of our district's schools. My current life experience and age provides me with a unique perspective on current/potential issues relating to, but not limited to, technology, drugs, school safety, college tuition and the job market.

**REDISTRICTING:** I personally believe them to be fine as-is, but if new information were to come to my attention I would gladly review that data and possibly reconsider my position.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The single biggest environmental issue our state faces is the Chesapeake Bay and its water quality. I would have to review current programs and the budget towards them. I would gladly support efforts to improve existing programs or implement new programs.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I believe that we currently have the appropriate laws in place for a citizen to be adequately protected or supported. I believe that much of the discrimination issues we currently face are from the economic circumstances an individual might find themselves in. There are obviously exceptions, but they should be dealt with using existing laws on a case-by-case basis.

**EDUCATION:** I strongly support the introduction of local news and politics into schools. As a student, I largely had to find out all the information for running and state politics by myself with no prior knowledge from our education system. I also strongly support introducing trade skills and schools to high school students as college might not be the best choice for everyone.

**HEALTH CARE:** No comment. I am familiar with federal law, but need to do research on state law.

**TRANSPORTATION:** This to me is by far the most important category. I am in strong support of improving or passing new legislation to improve our existing infrastructure. I am also in strong

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support of increasing spending on successful, existing programs. Another important issue of mine is the Bay Bridge and traffic. We need to have a solution in the upcoming years to improve the current summer traffic situation.

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## District 33

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Working in non-profits, a training ground for improvisation and creative problem solving, where you often do everything with almost nothing, and working in arts education and arts administration, helping children and adults develop empathy while working on communication and team-building has given me a unique ability to frame an argument and work in coalition utilizing the strengths of a team.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support a trans-state coalition between our Governor and the Governors of other gerrymandered states to create a non-partisan third party to create fair districts. However this must reach across state lines, much like the coalition on gun reform which was initiated by the state of New York, and the coalition we have for maintaining the integrity of the Chesapeake Bay.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Maintaining and strengthening the health of the Chesapeake Bay is an ongoing challenge. We have a major issue with deforestation and storm water runoff and must hold ourselves accountable to the 1:1 replacement ratio as defined by our Reforestation Act but would extend reforestation beyond the district to utilize and revitalize urban areas with green spaces as well as a green streets initiative.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support policies of inclusion

including the use of preferred pronouns in schools and gov. offices for trans and gender non-conforming persons, a permanent ban on conversion therapy. I also support an expansion of affordable housing and housing assistance indexed by the local market value and decriminalizing the use of recreational marijuana to allow for the expunging of misdemeanor drug charges

**EDUCATION:** We have to lock box our casino revenue to ensure funds are bridging the gap between counties to attract and retain educators and support staff, and to invest in recruiting mental health staff for middle and high schools, establish a more autonomous classroom for educators. I will reinvest in vocational training, destigmatizing and gender-specifying career education by partnering with businesses.

**HEALTH CARE:** Rising cost of healthcare is a top concern for voters. We have to take a comprehensive approach to address the cost of prescription and generic drugs, to allow pharmacists authority to make cost saving recommendations, and to stabilize the markets, and expand preventative care which ultimately saves money. I will work to expand preventative care to include dental, vision, and wellness education.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Public transportation, sidewalks, bike paths and green streets are my transportation priorities. Many of our older communities lack a public access option. We also have decreased the catchment area for school buses and increased traffic because we lack safe walk/bike paths in many communities. I would expand the Reforestation Act to plant trees in under-served urban areas and along highways.

**Tracie Cramer Hovermale**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've always relied on a collaborative approach when seeking solutions while in the workforce or as a community volunteer; it's the only way to find sustainable solutions. I bring people together from all sides and with hard work and tenacity stay engaged until a solution is found. Given my background in antibribery and ethics; I pledge my commitment to transparency and ethics as your legislator.

**REDISTRICTING:** This challenge extends well beyond Maryland. Nationwide districts have not been drawn to ensure that every person's vote counts. It is critical to America that redistricting be done across the country based on common sense boundaries and designed so that all citizens are

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represented equitably.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Maryland must prioritize to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by embracing renewable energy, returning to smart growth development and investing in science and technology to determine efficient use of limited resources. Limiting impervious surfaces and forest decimation is needed to minimize runoff and protect our waterways. We must collaborate with other states in the region to find solutions.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination against any person relative to education, housing, the workplace, medical services, banking or the legal system prevents our society from being its best and cannot be tolerated. We must ensure policies already in place are enforced consistently and work together to strengthen policies shown to be ineffective and to identify new policies to fill gaps.

**EDUCATION:** Our future is dependent on children developing into critical thinkers and problem solvers who can lead into the future. We must provide the framework and foundation so all can reach their full potential by funding the public system first and by providing early childhood services and competitive compensation for teachers. We also must support affordable and accessible workforce retraining options.

**HEALTH CARE:** Given the situation with federal health care policy Maryland must be a leader and continue to move forward with the work done in this area. Aging, economic disparities, changes in the work environment and increasing costs have left many people to choose between medical care and other necessities. We are better than this and must continue as a state to work for affordable healthcare for all.

**TRANSPORTATION:** A reliable and efficient transportation system is necessary for economic growth and quality of life. Funding to maintain Metro and light rail is crucial. We need to evaluate expansion of bus routes and passenger and freight train capacity. Public transportation options are critical to reduce emissions and traffic. When available, we must work to secure Federal infrastructure funding.

**Pam Luby**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a very diverse professional background with firsthand experience with many of the issues that come before the General Assembly. As a business women and attorney, I worked for fortune 500 companies, nonprofit organizations, state government, and owned my own business. I understand the economic drivers and workplace realities that

promote or impede financial growth for Maryland families.

**REDISTRICTING:** I would support a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Reducing greenhouse gases, increasing Maryland's renewable energy portfolio and protecting the Chesapeake Bay. These challenges require a commitment at from every level of government which we have not seen because of a misconception that there is a tradeoff between economic growth and the environment. Educating people that healthy environment means a healthy economy will advance good policies.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Dealing with these issues requires a holistic approach to overcome the underlying drivers of discrimination. A fair and level playing field in the workplace in terms of pay and benefits, access to adequate housing, social services, child care, adult daycare, education, health care, legal services, financial services, transportation and a more equitable criminal justice system would be a start.

**EDUCATION:** Early childhood education, highly qualified, properly paid teachers, college and career ready pathways, more resources for at-risk kids and better governance and accountability. Increased funding for projects and restoring budget cuts which occurred this year are a start but the Fix Fund Act, and the Kirwin recommendations on funding formulas will further direct where the money should come from.

**HEALTH CARE:** Affordable and quality health care for all Marylanders. We need to protect Maryland's insurance markets from federal action through initiatives like health insurance down payment plans. Requiring more transparency for major drug corporations in price setting. Reducing or eliminating financial incentives to doctors for prescribing drugs and pursuing lawsuits for price gouging.

**TRANSPORTATION:** A safe, efficient and economical transportation systems that reaches both rural and urban communities is essential for economic growth. Neighboring states are implementing transit programs that reduce congestion, pollution, and improve economic development in their communities. Maryland needs to do the same by investing in an integrated transportation infrastructure that serves all of Maryland.

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**Duties:** As the chief executive officer of Anne Arundel County, the County Executive provides direction to all county departments, upholds county laws, and proposes plans, programs, budget, policies and legislation to the County Council.

**Salary:** \$142,000.

**Term:** Four years; limited to two full consecutive terms.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

## Questions

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

**CHALLENGES:** What are the greatest challenges facing Anne Arundel County?

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** What changes, if any, do you support in the county's policies and/or procedures related to housing, zoning and land use?:

**REPRESENTATION:** How will you engage diverse communities throughout the county in providing input to guide policy decisions?

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** There is a current countywide initiative whose mission is to "fight hatred and promote understanding." What specifically will you do to support this or related initiatives?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues will be your priorities during your term of office?

## Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

### **Steve Schuh**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served as Anne Arundel County Executive since 2014. I am a lifelong Anne Arundel County resident and small business owner. I know the County, its people and what they care about. First as a State Delegate and now as County Executive, I have proven experience in constituent service, the legislative process, and working with others and creating coalitions to get things done.

**CHALLENGES:** Our top challenges are to: 1. Intelligently manage our lands and waterways. 2. Uplift people with challenges, particularly those who suffer from homelessness and substandard housing, lack of job skills, the challenges of old age and addiction. 3. Reduce overcrowding in schools and accelerate school construction. 4. Encourage economic growth and job creation by moderating taxes, fees and regulation

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** I am committed to smart growth and preservation and support the current mix of 51% rural/protected and 49% developed/developable land. I support small area plans, and more public notice and increased public engagement. I am for policies that create healthy housing markets to moderate home prices, and my administration has entered into new P3 agreements to redevelop our public housing communities.

**REPRESENTATION:** We increased the County's engagement with diverse communities by creating a Hispanic & Immigrant Affairs Officer, Minority Outreach Officer, and the Anne Arundel United program. We initiated Spanish language TV, radio, website and mail communications. Our cabinet and

citizen commissions are the most diverse in County history and reflect the make-up of our County with 22% minorities.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** My administration created the Anne Arundel United initiative, and I am proud of its achievements thus far. These conversations and issues are critical, and I will continue to fund the program and to provide the human and other resources needed for the program to grow. Hatred has no home in our County. I will do everything in my power to create a jurisdiction that is safe and open to all.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Other priorities include cleaning our waterways and other quality of life initiatives. My administration will invest \$250 million in 300 waterway clean-up projects over the next six years. This is the largest such effort in County history. Other quality of life improvements include bike trails, boat ramps, swimming beaches, roads, parks and improving our roads and infrastructure.

## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### **Steuart Pittman**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have run businesses and nonprofit organizations for 33 years. I operate a south county farm that has been in our family for eight generations and Retired Racehorse Project, a national non-profit that is responsible for retraining and rehoming thousands of horses each year. I spent nine years as a community organizer, helping local groups to influence decisions made by their elected officials.

**CHALLENGES:** Our greatest challenges are fiscal. My opponent, the incumbent county executive, has used taxpayer-funded development subsidies to promote growth, but failed to adequately fund the schools, public safety, or infrastructure to serve

the growing population. We need to engage the public in the budget process and give them the data to make wise choices about how their money is spent.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** I oppose the county executive's decision to do our next General Development Plan without an update of our 16 Small Area Plans. We need input from those communities and we need to enforce the GDP so that development is limited to areas where it has community support. Our service economy requires that we create affordable more housing opportunities in the county.

**REPRESENTATION:** Having worked in Latino, African American, and low income white neighborhoods of Chicago and Des Moines, I appreciate diversity. County boards, commissions, and high-level staff positions will have far more women, more ethnic minorities, and more geographic diversity than exist today. Good policy

development requires creativity, and that rarely comes from rooms full of rich, white men.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Arundel United was a good idea that never took hold. It was perceived as a political move from the top down, rather than a community-driven effort. My administration will invite community leaders to make recommendations on how to move forward against the divisiveness and racial intolerance that persists in our schools and communities. I will follow their lead, but I will not be silent.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We spend too much time in traffic. After nine years of waiting, we will have a Transportation Master Plan when I take office in 2019. I will work with federal, state, and regional partners to implement that plan aggressively. We must also convene community and business leaders to address poverty, addiction, and mental health. New strategies to embrace the most vulnerable among us empower us all.

## County Council

**Duties:** The County Council is the elected legislative body of the county and is vested with the lawmaking power thereof, including all such powers as may heretofore have been exercised by the General Assembly of Maryland and transferred to the people of the county by the adoption of the county charter.

**Base Salary:** \$38,760 increasing 2% annually to \$41,133. Additional stipends for Chair and Vice Chair.

**Term:** Four years; limited to two full consecutive terms.

**How Elected:** Elected by the qualified voters of the councilmanic district in which the member resides, during the same election year as members of the General Assembly.

### Questions

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

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** What local legislation will you seek to sponsor, support, oppose or overturn?

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** What are your views regarding the supply of affordable housing in the county, and measures to increase and relocate affordable housing options for county employees and residents?

**REPRESENTATION:** How will you engage diverse communities within your district in providing input to guide policy decisions?

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** There is a current countywide initiative whose mission is to "fight hatred and promote understanding." What specifically will you do to support this or related initiatives?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues will be your priorities during your term of office?

## District 1

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

#### **Kimberly McCoy Burns**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a lifetime of experience serving as an advocate, in both law and in the legislative setting. I know how government works and how to get things done. I understand how to work with others to build a consensus to achieve results. District 1 needs and deserves an experienced advocate, for a change, who can get substantial things done and fix the problems and concerns we face in our communities.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** I will: - vote to end the

Rain Tax, which the incumbent fully supports and has repeatedly voted to maintain; - support the County's voter-enacted Tax Cap and will work to insure that your tax dollars are spent intelligently, effectively and fairly; - sponsor legislation to require accountability and demand openness in the zoning and development process; - oppose, vote and fight against MAGLEV.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** District 1 is a great place to live. People work hard to be able to afford to live here. Unfortunately, when it comes to government-subsidized housing, it is also the area that always seems first in line for programs to move people into Anne Arundel County from other areas. "Affordable Housing" must stop being a function of zip code and it is past time for the entire county to take on the burden.

**REPRESENTATION:** I will work to bring people together, regardless of their "community." The term "diverse communities" is used to divide people and pull them apart. What District 1 needs is for all our residents to work together. We should work together to build stronger neighborhoods and schools. Unlike the incumbent, I want to bring us together; not divide us with artificial labels.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** There is nothing "current" about a mission to build trust and understanding among people in our community. The people of District 1 have a long and strong proven history of working together to help and support each other regardless of economic and social factors. What is required is a Councilwoman to build on these efforts; not a Councilman whose words and actions seek to divide us by groups.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Development is swallowing up District 1 - traffic, built-over green space and similar problems are deeply felt in our neighborhoods. There must be a balance between growth and maintaining what is left of the charm and simple good life that has always been a part of our communities. I will fight to protect our area before it becomes just another paved-over suburban sprawl on a map. I oppose MAGLEV.

## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### **Sarah Lacey**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** With 20 years as an enlisted and officer in the United States Marines and 5 years as the current Councilman, I am fully prepared to fulfill the duties of this office. Our team has spent the last term working for every citizen. In addition, I have started community programs to aide neighborhoods that have been under served.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** During this term, I campaigned on and supported efforts to ensure our education system received necessary funding above MOE, public safety grew to address the needs of our communities, and small businesses were competitive and setup for success. During the next cycle, I would focus on efforts to combat crime and economic gaps caused by poverty.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I have sponsored and supported legislation for working for housing within our county. Quality and affordable housing is in need and our county should continue to promote access to these products. I would also fight to

increase the number of senior house to eliminate the wait list that exist for the population.

**REPRESENTATION:** I have held several community sessions to help educate and receive input on pending legislation. I spend several weekends a month working various communities to gauge conditions and needs of the area. I often reach out to community leaders and ask for input on gaps within the county. I also have a core team that is comprised of diverse leaders that I connect with for advice.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I proposed the resolution that initiated this conversation to deal with hatred and worked with the administration to create the Anne Arundel United. I have held several meeting with groups to have this effort lead and driven by the community. I've given personal testimony when it comes to the effects of bias and hatred.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** During the next term, I would like to focus on continuing the efforts I began during this term. In addition, I would like to focus efforts to improve the Brooklyn Park area and push the administration to enhance and increase the number of public safety officials so we can combat the opioid addiction and crime associated with it.

## District 2

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

### **Tom Gardner**

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### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### **Candy L. Fontz**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've been an active community leader for 20+ years. I was appointed by former County Executive Laura Newman as the Community and Constituent Services Liaison for the northern portion of Anne Arundel County, as well as the Community Liaison for Delegates Ned Carey and Mark Chang. I am known for my determination to find resolutions and my ability to work side-by-side with government and residents.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** Legislation should be based on feedback from constituents rather than personal opinions of an elected official. There are portions of Code that are outdated or need clarification. I would update the Animal Control portion that addresses reclaiming an animal during

a situation with extenuating circumstances. I will support bills that benefit our Police, Corrections, and Fire divisions.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Affordable housing is almost non-existent in our county and severely restricts residency for many. We must work on responsible growth within the area by reviewing the current Code as it relates to residential zoning, and consider offering density bonuses to developers. This will result in county employees and residents having the ability to live in quality neighborhoods at a reasonable cost.

**REPRESENTATION:** It is the job of good government to reach out directly to our communities to better learn their concerns and suggestions for improvements. I would continue to attend community meetings, host round-table discussions during times when most residents are able to attend and at locations that are in their immediate neighborhood when possible, and continue speaking with residents on a one-on-one basis.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Racism and hatred have no place in our county. I pledge to be actively involved in events and activities that spotlight the positives of our minorities, racially and multi-culturally. I will support initiatives that bring diverse groups together for the betterment of all. I will champion legislation that continues to improve diversity through inclusion and understanding.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We must address ongoing issues with zoning enforcement, specifically in the northern portion of the county. Current thinking is that these are nuisance issues and aren't moved through our court system because they are a low priority. A Zoning Officer, assigned to the District 2 area, would be able to address and resolve the issue through persistence rather than the legal channels, in most cases.

## Allison Pickard

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My professional experience in the private, public, and non profit sector working with services for the elderly, my community involvement and higher education provide me a unique perspective that lends itself well to County Council. My service on the AACo Board of Education and School Board Appointment Commission exemplifies my ability to represent my District with integrity.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** When elected, I will focus my energy to bring county resources and revenues to my district. I am committed to crafting legislative policy and incentives that will bolster revitalization to the greater Glen Burnie area. I am

also interested in focusing on the planning that goes into the General Development Plan/ Small area plan process.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** It is clear that AACo does not have enough Affordable/Workforce housing. We need to review the current barriers within county laws that make it difficult to increase workforce housing especially in areas that are also in need of revitalization. The lack of affordable housing was identified in the last General Development plan and should be a focus in the next GPD/Small Area Planning process.

**REPRESENTATION:** I am committed to holding town hall style forums but it is paramount to attend local community association meetings and events on a regular basis to ensure on going engagement. I have forged positive relationships in my district with veteran's groups, community associations, PTAs, etc. I will continue to build upon these relationships to ensure everyone has a voice. We must listen first.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I am committed to the mission behind this initiative. The County Council must ensure our laws promote equality and equity. We must also work to increase open and honest dialogue through public forums that bring diverse groups together with the goal of promoting understanding. There are good examples of these types of community events around the country like "The Longest Table".

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** 1. Bolster compensation within our public sector; fire, police, teachers, public works, etc. 2. Ensure that funds are allocated for the 12 priority schools in the Old Mill/ Glen Burnie clusters 3. Work to improve intra-county public transportation 4. Create a responsive constituent service program 5. Craft land use laws that ensure strong environmental stewardship

## District 3

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

### Dana Smallwood-Friia

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No response received by deadline.

### Nathan Volke

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a litigation attorney over the last seven years, and having interned for legislators at the county (Councilman Ron Dillon), state (Delegate Nic Kipke) and federal level (Senator Ben Cardin), I have seen first-hand what makes an effective advocate and legislator. Be well-prepared. Listen more than you talk. Ask relevant questions. Do not compromise your core beliefs.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** Taxes: Minimize the tax burden on families & retirees. Spending: Modernize government services & give our county employees

the tools they need to perform their jobs more efficiently. Development: Ensure that any new development is measured, transparent & carefully considered based on intensive community outreach & input.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** This is one of the most expensive counties in the country to live. I believe continued efforts to reduce our taxes would help lower that cost. More economic prosperity would also put more money in people's pockets to live. I want to make sure that our taxes, spending and economic prosperity benefit everyone in our county not just the well-to-do.

**REPRESENTATION:** It is crucial to hear from the people affected by new policies before they are enacted. One new way I'd like to engage the community is to offer open meetings at local coffee shops around the district where constituents can sign up to discuss issues they care about. I would also like to do more with online surveys to hear directly from constituents.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Hatred has no place in our county as I firmly believe we are called to love one another. To begin to understand one another so that we can love one another, it's my belief that we must start by listening to each other. So, as simple as it may sound, I want to listen first and hear from those in our community who feel they have been left out or not represented.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Healthcare: My son's recent birth and extended hospital stay reminded my wife and I just how important and expensive healthcare can be. I want to make health insurance more affordable for families. Public Safety: Increase resources for public safety, including hiring more police and fire personnel. Illegal Immigration: Enforce our laws.

## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### **Debbie Ritchie**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a Registered Nurse, recently retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs. I also volunteered as PTA president at Jacobsville Elementary, President of the county & state PTA, a 21st Century Education Foundation board member, and VP of the Board of Education. I graduated from Emory Maryland in 2017.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** I would like to see legislation and budgets that addresses the following: • Competitive compensation for our public servants (police, fire, educators, corrections, etc.) • Better infrastructure and public transportation • Increased recreational opportunities • Smaller class sizes in our public schools • Re-purposing empty commercial spaces • Being good stewards of our waterways and parks

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Many of our public service employees can't afford to live in the county. I would like to see developers set aside some units for those who work hard to make our county safe and educate our children. We would need to develop policies and guidelines for affordable housing.

**REPRESENTATION:** Community outreach has always been very important to me. I hosted outreach events at local libraries and public spaces during my time on the school board where citizens could come and ask questions and share concerns. I plan to do similar events when elected to the Council.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Fighting hatred and promoting understanding needs to start in our communities. A collaborative county-wide effort is a good start, but I will work to get the business community, faith-based organizations, schools, HOA's, recreation groups and others together from my district to have open dialogue and brainstorm solutions.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The General Development plan is a key issue. I want to ensure that we have reached a diverse group of citizens for input. Implementing into the GDP were applicable parts of the small area plans.

## District 4

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

### **Torrey J. Snow**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My education, as well as personal experience has given me significant comfort in engaging and connecting with people from all backgrounds. I spent nearly every weekend volunteering in underserved communities, since I was a teenager. I also made the transition from being an educator to a professional systems analyst. My entire job focus was crafting and maintaining sound policy and processes.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** My primary legislative goal will be to approve a General Development Plan that our residents are informed about and comfortable with. I'm also committing to look for ways to reduce the burdens and obstacles that prevent our residents from taking action to address local challenges. Finally, I will work to ensure that the pay for our educators and law enforcement have greater priority in budgets.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** After meeting directly with representatives from the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County, I am convinced that we are on a positive path. We have strong local

advocacy, and wise leadership. I would like to see the county council raise awareness to the resources that help residents achieve housing independence. There are opportunities to invest in programs that support this goal.

**REPRESENTATION:** I believe very strongly in the citizen statesman model. Not everyone needs to be experts on politics, but everyone should have a trusted friend who is. I already actively seek out these leaders and organize small-group meetings where they can connect with those who manage policy. I then encourage these leaders with strategies and tips to engage their own spheres of influence.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I have found that it is best to step beyond the paradigm of "town halls". Rather, I seek to make myself available in a variety of settings, such as parks, libraries, and community events. I believe our libraries and parks will play a key role in connecting people directly to one another. I actively encourage and support people who seek face to face dialogue with those who embrace different ideas.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My primary goal is to give our residents the confidence that they can not only understand their local government, but that they can play an active role in improving it. I will invite community stakeholders to participate in county council proceedings and assure them that they are not only heard, but valued for their work in our community.

## District 4

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

**Andrew C. Pruski**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As the former Four Seasons Community Association President, member and President of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education, and now currently my first term as a County Councilman, I have bring a wealth of experience to run for a second term. In addition to the aforementioned positions, I am also a former High School Social Studies Teacher and Eagle Scout.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** Within my first term on the County Council I lead the effort to pass numerous pieces of legislation including for veterans, small business, schools, and greater transparency in government. My goal is to continue my efforts to support our schools, public safety, and protect the environment. In particular I also think we need to address the affordable housing gap in Anne Arundel County.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Anne Arundel County clearly has a shortage of affordable and workforce

housing. I feel we need to do a better job of creating policy and initiatives to support more affordable housing for our teachers, police, firefighters, and those in need. I have worked hard to advocate for residents in need and have been successful in matching resources for those who need it.

**REPRESENTATION:** Currently I hold town halls and community meetings throughout the year. This has been very helpful in allowing me to be in touch with all voters in the community. In some cases I also have visited homes of constituents that contact me about concerns. I frequently use social media to engage and involve the local community.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** As leaders it is important that we lead by example. I have always involved youth in my campaigns or have them volunteer in my office. In addition, it is important that we promote charity and common understanding in our community. Each year I hold a community football game that benefits a charity in our community. Attendees include a range of diverse families that come together for a common cause.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I support greater transparency in our local government. In the last election, voters supported my charter amendment requiring the County Executive to hold public meetings, before he introduces the budget. I plan on continuing efforts to engage citizens and involve them in local government. I also want to make sure that our teachers, police, and firefighters are adequately compensated.

## District 5

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

**Amanda Fiedler**

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No response received by deadline.

**Michael Anthony Peroutka**

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No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

**Dawn Gough Myers**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have worked for the State of Maryland as a budget and finance expert for

almost 20 years. I have a law degree and an MBA, and over the course of my career as a public servant, I've drafted legislation, studied and implemented environmental, fiscal, education and smart growth policy, and ran complex government programs.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** I would bring fiscal responsibility to the county budget. Specifically, I'd ensure that education funds are spent in the classroom and on teachers where they have the highest impact-not on expanding administration. I would also address the dangerously low funding for our first responders, which is putting emergency services at risk. Lastly, I would slow development to sustainable levels.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** The supply of affordable housing in the county is inadequate. Teachers, Firefighters, Police Officers, and other public servants struggle to afford housing in the county. Many residents do, too. Few existing programs adequately address the issue, and one has been used to benefit gambling interests instead of helping citizens afford housing. This is an important issue that needs better solutions.

**REPRESENTATION:** I will engage diverse communities by talking with community leaders, having frequent opportunities for community meetings, and being accessible.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I would ensure this initiative has the proper resources, attend events, and encourage the County Executive to effectively implement the program.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our quality of life is being impacted by ever expanding development. Our schools are overcrowded and underfunded, our traffic is gridlocked, our first responders strained, and our environment is suffering. Our communities cannot afford to have any more poorly planned development foisted upon us. I also believe that the County has to do more to encourage the creation of good jobs with benefits.

## District 6

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

**Michael Christman**

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No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a former Education Law attorney I have significant experience reading and interpreting laws. As such, I am well prepared to create laws. My current work as a public school teacher has provided me valuable insight into the needs of youth and families of our county and it has honed my ability to be a resourceful and tenacious multitasker.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** I want to create a budget that better supports our schools. Classes in AACPS have grown too large and teacher compensation is not competitive. I would also create legislation that adds more teeth to zoning laws while slowing growth. As the County Council updates the General Development Plan, I want to ensure that it builds on the community input and the previous small area plans.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Housing in Anne Arundel County is expensive. As developers profit handsomely from building in our county, we must encourage, incentivize, or require them to provide affordable housing if they also want to profit from high-end projects. We are also fortunate that several nearby counties have successfully expanded affordable housing through policies that can serve as models.

**REPRESENTATION:** Engaging diverse communities is best accomplished through communication and listening. In many cases the communication will mean attending neighborhood meetings, listening to community members, or listening to community leaders. By emphasizing doorknocking in my campaign, I have already spoken with hundreds of people and attended meetings in all different parts of District 6.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** First, I will speak up when I observe racism or bias or when a county policy or practice unfairly impacts one group. I will work to amplify diverse voices so that all viewpoints are considered when creating new policy. Finally, I will work with the Board of Education to ensure that they are creating a safe learning environment for all students and fully responding when incidents of hate occur.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My other priorities include: 1) Increasing support for addiction recovery programs to stem our opioid and other addiction problems, 2) removing Anne Arundel County's 287 (g) program, 3) expanding our pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, 4) securing competitive compensation for county employees, including first responders, and 5) expanding protections for our LGBTQ neighbors.

**Scott MacMullan**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm qualified to represent the people in District 6 because of my extensive community involvement and service to District 6. Notably, I'm on the Mayor's Transition Team. Since I clerked for the former head judge of Anne Arundel County, The Honorable Nancy Davis-Loomis, I'm an attorney with a solid foundation of working with the Code of Anne Arundel County.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** A pressing issue for the County Council is the General Development Plan. This plan needs to have complete transparency and it needs to have teeth. I will build coalitions and fight to fund our schools for our children. The opioid epidemic has ravaged our County. We need to invest in first responders and long term treatment solutions. I will fight and advocate for stormwater restoration projects.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** As someone who cannot afford a house in my District, this is especially important to me. In the early 2000s the Council effectively repealed any meaningful affordable housing legislation for the county. I have sat with members of the Anne Arundel County Affordable Housing Coalition and I am committed to advocating for affordable, working class and lower-income housing.

**REPRESENTATION:** Engaging diverse people in their actual communities has been, and will always be, important to me. I am a former member of the Annapolis Human Relations Commission--which has the mission of ending discrimination and giving everyone a fair & equal opportunity, and I am a current member of the Bates Legacy Center. Every day in my practice I represent and advocate for diverse clientele.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I would support more initiatives and events that bring our community together. Further, I would support legislation that strengthens the state hate crime statute. Finally, I would take a vocal lead on speaking out against hate in our county. We must not just have initiatives for lip service; we must actually roll up our sleeves and get into the community to fight hate and promote understanding.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I would advocate for a memorial for those that died at the Crownsville State Hospital (established as Maryland's Asylum for the Negro Insane) and are buried at the patient cemetery. I would work with Janice Hayes-Williams on this matter. I want to continue to push for diverse representation on the Anne Arundel County School Board and in our County offices.

## District 7

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

#### **Jonathan Boniface**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** From leading the successful 5-year effort for a Crofton High School to serving on numerous boards, to graduating from Leadership Anne Arundel, I have thoroughly learned how Anne Arundel County works. I've attended or watched every County Council and Board of Education meeting over the past four years and will be fully prepared on day one.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** I will support fiscally responsible and conservative budgets. I will oppose tax and fee increases and push to use surpluses to better fund our public safety and first responders. I will fight to keep South County rural.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** As Anne Arundel County grows, affordable housing should grow as well. Having affordable housing for our workforce is a key ingredient in retaining those workers. Too often we lose county teachers, police officers, and fire fighters to nearby jurisdictions that offer more affordable housing and better pay.

**REPRESENTATION:** Accessibility. A good elected official is one who takes the time to listen to every constituent's concerns and help where he or she can. Getting out into the communities that make up the district and will be impacted by legislation is vital to making policy decisions. Input, positive or negative, helps a legislator shape policy.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** All people are created equal and it is through communication with one another that we build respect and understanding. We must tear down the barriers that divide us and work together to make our county a better place for all of us. I will lead by example.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Fighting the heroin and opioid epidemic will be one of my highest priorities. Better managing growth and development while keeping our revenue streams growing will also be a focus. I will fight to maintain term limits and work to lower our property taxes and fees.

#### **Jessica Haire**

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No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

#### **James Kitchin**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Most of my career I have been a high school teacher and I currently work as a public policy researcher at UMBC. These experiences have prepared me to prioritize investments in education and to make sure that the council's decisions are grounded in data, based on the most recent scientific evidence, and always are in the best interest of the public.

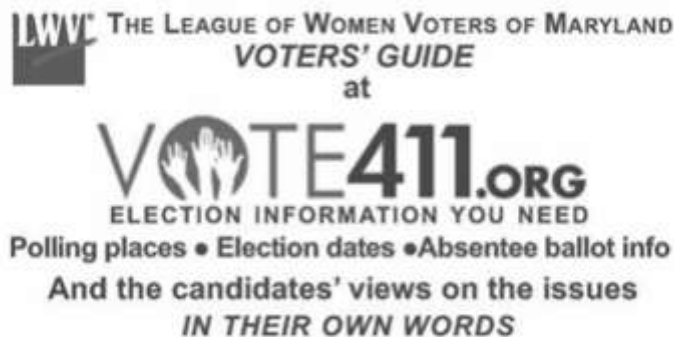
**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** My top legislative goal will be introducing campaign finance reform. Second, will be to reform the way we do development as the current system decreases our quality of life and strains our budget at the same time. Third, will be to make sure that our schools, police, and fire departments are adequately staffed and that these public servants are paid competitively compared to surrounding counties.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** We need more affordable housing. The waitlists for both HCAAC units and Housing Choice Vouchers are much too long. We also need to expand our view of affordable housing to include options that allow our public servants to live in our county. I would support inclusionary zoning ordinances as well as looking to provide housing allowances for public servants that live here in Anne Arundel County.

**REPRESENTATION:** As a public policy researcher, I have been trained to always think about how each policy decision affects every stakeholder – including the diverse communities of my district. I will hold bi-monthly town halls in which I will listen to the views of community members and will directly reach out to community leaders in regards to legislation that directly affects their stakeholder group.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** I would participate in this initiative's activities. But also, I believe that we need to make sure the county's policies are consistent with these stated goals. We are actively involved in programs that, I believe, negatively affect our Hispanic communities and we have an anti-LGBTQ resolution still on the books. We need to change this. We also need to have an empathy curriculum in our schools.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We need to continue our focus on addressing the opioid crisis, especially by providing a higher number of beds in treatment facilities. I think that our schools need to do a better job preparing our students for careers that don't require a college degree. We should prioritize using local workers to complete county construction projects by removing the ban on Project Labor Agreements.



**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

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

### Claudia Barber

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**Qualifications:** From 2005-2016, I served as an administrative law judge for the District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings. I received top performance evaluations. Many decisions were affirmed on appeal. I also have over 17 years of legal experience conducting jury trials and representing clients in state and federal courts in both civil and criminal cases. Rarely did I have a backlog of cases.

**Discrimination:** During my tenure as a jurist, I participated in many educational programs presented by the National Judicial College faculty involving implicit biases in the judiciary. The last course, The Neuroscience of Decision-Making, focused on all biases. This should be mandatory for judges. Every judge must be cognizant of real and perceived biases we have based on race, gender, poverty, and disabilities.

**Court Needs:** The greatest needs of Maryland's court system are maintaining a fair and inclusive jury system and judiciary. When the state fails to keep fair-minded jurists on the bench, litigants and the citizenry lose. When inequities are recognized in the courts, they must be immediately rectified. Another concern is restorative justice for those incarcerated for crimes that are no longer a crime.

### Robert W. Burton

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**Qualifications:** I have been trying cases in all levels of the Maryland judicial system (District Courts, Circuit Courts, the Court of Special

Appeals, and the Court of Appeals) for more than a decade and in cases ranging from personal injury to minor criminal matters, small estate settlements, contract disputes, collections, and more. I have represented parties on all sides and am respected by my peers.

**Discrimination:** While justice is blind and all people should enjoy equal protection under the law, promoting programs that provide expanded access to various court-based services, programs, and educational resources (legal aid, self-help clinics, the Office of the Public Defender, ADR, diversion programs, etc.) is vital to ensuring that parties can navigate the legal system as prepared and informed as possible.

**Court Needs:** Efficient management of crowded dockets is one of the continual challenges facing the court system. Electronic case management is already in use in AA Co. and continues to be implemented statewide. ADR and related programs to resolve matters before trial should be expanded as much as possible. Specialized case management tracks can also be expanded to improve efficiency in more areas.

### Mark W. Crooks

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**Qualifications:** I am an incumbent judge appointed after a lengthy peer evaluation and nomination process. I have presided over civil, criminal and family law hearings and trials. I spent my legal career as a state and federal prosecutor investigating and trying over 2000 cases. I am the only military veteran and lifetime public servant on the court. I was born in Maryland and I am committed to AA County.

**Discrimination:** As a judicial candidate campaigning to retain my seat on the bench, I must not be beholden whatsoever to any political party or faction. To the contrary, I must maintain no platform. Instead, I must be a thoughtful, patient fair and impartial jurist to ALL persons. As I have demonstrated, a judge must not be influenced by personal bias, but should strictly apply the law EQUALLY.

**Court Needs:** AA County requires a military veterans court in Circuit Court. Honorably discharged veterans deserve a robust court dedicated to addressing the special needs of former servicemen/women who now find themselves in harm's way. These courts are proven to reduce recidivism, cost taxpayers less money and turn lives around. We must also expand our drug treatment court to combat the opioid crisis.

## **Annette DeCesaris**

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**Qualifications:** My experiences have prepared me for the duties of the office of Judge for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County because I understand that, from my almost 18 years as an attorney involved in litigation and mediation, a Judge is to be an impartial and respectful listener to the facts presented and then apply the laws to said facts so as to reach the best decision possible.

**Discrimination:** Courts can address discrimination of any sort by ensuring that all people have fair and equal access to the Courts.

**Court Needs:** The greatest needs of Maryland's court system is equal access to the court system by all people. This can be done by Judges encouraging pro bono, self-help centers and similar no-cost access programs. It can also be done by waiving filing fees. The Courts can also provide equal access by getting involved in community outreach programs.

## **Kathleen Elmore**

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No response received by deadline.

## **Rickey Nelson Jones**

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**Qualifications:** My experience as a diverse, multi-state, attorney focusing on Civil Law, Criminal Law, Administrative Law, and Appellate Law gives me broad knowledge of the law. I have represented the corporation earning millions and the low-income person facing 10 years imprisonment.

Personal injury, contracts, real estate, civil rights, immigration, malpractice, etc. are some areas handled by me (not all).

**Discrimination:** Strictly enforcing our laws against discrimination is the best way to combat this unlawfulness. Taking statistics and history intimately into consideration when discrimination lawsuits are filed is critically important since such prevents viewing discrimination in a vacuum. Disparate impact is inseparably connected to disparate treatment. Being cognizant of what has occurred helps immensely.

**Court Needs:** (1) Diversity is needed. A diverse court is a responsive court, i.e., responsive by incorporating those whose tax money pays for the court and whose community frequents the court. (2) Fair sentencing is needed. The imbalance regarding race and socio-economic status is well documented and shameful. They are best addressed by diversifying the court and monitoring judges' sentencing practices.

## **Nevin L. Young**

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**Qualifications:** I am a graduate of St. John's College in Annapolis, and the George Washington University Law School. I have practiced law in Annapolis for 13 years in a broad range of cases both civil and criminal. I have far more courtroom experience than most of the other candidates. I also came to the law later in life and know what it is like to work at a career outside the law, unlike some other candidates.

**Discrimination:** A judge should never decide cases based upon any of these factors, and must always be careful to question whether bias might be creeping into a decision making process. Access to justice will remain an important challenge in terms of ensuring that even the poorest citizens have adequate legal representation. Judges should always be careful to guard the rights of all those before them.

**Court Needs:** The Courts are in the process of updating to electronic filing throughout the State of Maryland, and that will be a great benefit once the system becomes more familiar and the flaws in implementation have been addressed. However, we do a poor job in ensuring that pro se litigants and other persons have access to court information and scheduling equal to the access afforded to attorneys.

## State's Attorney

**DUTIES:** The State's Attorney's office serves as the county's chief law enforcement agency, prosecuting all criminal cases. The State's Attorney heads a team of prosecutors, victim advocates, case managers, investigators and other administrative staff. In addition to seeking justice in criminal cases, the State's Attorney's office provides training to lawyers, promotes fairness and ensures access to the criminal justice system, fosters professional relations with judges and attorneys, educates the public about criminal justice issues, and seeks to further the efficient use of criminal justice resources.

**SALARY:** \$170,518

**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

## Questions

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

**INITIATIVES:** What new programs or improvements will you seek to implement in the State's Attorney's office?

**PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION:** What steps will you take to ensure non-discriminatory implementation of prosecutorial discretion?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues will be your priorities during your term of office?

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

#### **Wes Adams**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a prosecutor with over 20 years of experience in multiple jurisdictions in Maryland. I have a proven record of success prosecuting, teaching and managing prosecutors, and building partnerships between law enforcement and the community at large. I am a recognized expert in homicide prosecutions, DNA and cell phone forensics and a leader in innovative criminal justice initiatives.

**INITIATIVES:** We improved technology, training & administration in the office, creating a foundation for our Intelligence Based Prosecution program. Going forward, we established the STING Unit, hired gang experts and analysts to harness and coordinate data to identify and prosecute the persons driving crime in the County. Our innovative Safe Stations Partnership has led to 12% decrease in opiate ODs in 2018.

**PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION:** I will continue to demand that my prosecutors evaluate cases based on individual facts, impact on the victim and community at large, basing sentencing recommendations on the nature of the crime, the State sentencing guidelines, the offenders' criminal history & any pre-sentence investigations. Additionally, we seek input from impacted & disenfranchised groups for fair sentencing recommendations.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** In addition to improvements in training, case prep and prosecutions, my office will continue to focus on crime prevention. In the past 3 years we have made over 150 appearances in local schools

teaching about drug misuse, teen dating violence, on-line safety, cyber-bullying, and peer leadership & mentoring. Long term crime prevention requires consistent presence & messaging with youth.

#### **Kathy Rogers**

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**Campaign Instagram:** N/A

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** 1. I was a prosecutor in this county for 28 years. I supervised the Child Abuse and Sexual Offense Units. I also successfully handled the most challenging murder cases. I served as a Deputy State's Attorney, supervising over 100 people in 3 different physical locations.

**INITIATIVES:** 2. I will take politics and politicians out of the Office. I will devote resources to fighting the opioid epidemic in courtrooms, which is where prosecutors should be focused. I will seek to have forfeited drug money returned to the Office as opposed to the county general fund to add additional resources.

**PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION:** 3. It is important for prosecutors to use their discretion impartially in handling their cases. In order to ensure discretion is being applied in a non-discriminatory manner, I will institute a comprehensive training program. Additionally all attorneys will have meaningful supervision and evaluations. My administration will be responsive to the public we serve.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** 4. I will bring integrity to the State's Attorney's Office. There will be no need for ethics legislation to be introduced regarding the conduct of the Office under my leadership. I will refocus the Office on prosecution, not politics. We will fight for victims of crime and justice for the county's citizens.

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### **Anne Colt Leites**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've dedicated my career to prosecuting crime and keeping AA County safe. My reputation as a fair, ethical and professional prosecutor resulted in the county judges appointing me to replace the retiring State's Attorney in 2013. I am running to regain that office. Currently I manage a team of 15 attorneys committed to seeking justice for victims of domestic violence, sexual and physical assault.

**INITIATIVES:** I will restore the gang task force to partner with schools & county agencies to disrupt & prevent gang activity. I will form community

prosecution teams to work with neighborhoods & police. I will restore community outreach programs to help citizens avoid becoming victims of crime. I will prosecute drug dealers bringing opioids into our county & expand treatment options for non-violent offenders.

**PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION:** The current S.A. ended formal training of prosecutors in 2015 and the result has been disastrous. A large number of cases are dropped or lost daily in the courts because the prosecutors are ill-prepared to handle them. I will resume the formal training that existed in the office for more than 25 years. The foundation for ethical, non-discriminatory practices is professional training and guidance.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My priority is restoring the office to an effective team that seeks justice for victims of crime in a professional, ethical & fair manner. I will stay on budget, unlike the current S.A. who overspent \$1million dollars of tax payer money while the county lacks funding for opioid treatment & schools. I will never play political games with our families' safety or with the rights of citizens.

## **Clerk of the Circuit Court**

**DUTIES:** The Clerk of the Circuit Court issues certain licenses and performs various court duties, including filing, docketing, and maintaining legal records; recording documents that involve title to real estate; and collecting related fees, commissions, and taxes. In this process, the Clerk's Office collects and distributes funds.

Under the Clerk are the Courtroom Clerks and six departments: Civil and Family Law; Criminal; Juvenile; Land Records; Licensing; and Trust, Adoption and Appeals.

**SALARY:** \$114,500

**TERM:** Four years; no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

## **Questions**

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

**PRIORITIES:** What will be your goals and priorities during your term of office?

## **Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

### **Doug Arnold**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 27 years of court management experience. We support families in wonderful ways like adoptions, wedding ceremonies, and passport applications. I work to keep our communities safe. We issue warrants and commit guilty parties to jail the same day ordered by the court. We protect the rights of victims of violence to gain restitution. I will serve you with fair, equitable and accessible justice.

**PRIORITIES:** I am committed to expanding services and ensuring that victims of crime obtain

notification and restitution. We lead the way in increasing our use of IT and data management to better our services, accuracy and support for victims of crime. I will do everything possible to ensure we have safer communities in Anne Arundel County, provide equitable access to justice and I'm dedicated to serving you.

### **Bonnie A. Shepke**

No response received by deadline.

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### **Scott Poyer**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the chief administrator of the county's

circuit court system. I have over 30 years of experience in Federal law enforcement and public safety. As a Senior Executive with the Federal government I was responsible for operations performing similar duties as the Clerk's Office but on a larger scale, and I earned many awards for service and innovation.

**PRIORITIES:** I will increase the focus of the

Clerk's Office on goals such as: • Partnership with other offices to eliminate the backlog of 11,000 unserved warrants; • Service to the public such as increased family services to victims of domestic abuse, which more than doubled in Anne Arundel County in five years; and, • Innovation such as simplifying the process for issuing business licenses.

## Register of Wills

**Duties:** The Register of Wills serves as clerk to the Orphans' Court, assisting the 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, and safeguards wills of living persons.

**Salary:** \$114,500.

**Term:** Four years; no term limit.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

### Questions

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

**PRIORITIES:** What will be your goals and priorities during your term of office?

#### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

**Lauren M. Parker**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Drafted Wills & Trusts for 25 yrs as atty- no job training needed-12 yrs experience as Register- Achieved 3 perfect State Legis. Audits-Staff & I work together to exceed public expectations-public satisfaction rating 99.24% & Atty. Satisfaction rating 95.73%. Created website for public for Case info & online

order system. Outreach programs created to inform clubs & civic grps regarding estates.

**PRIORITIES:** Maintenance of a well trained, knowledgeable, compassionate, computer savvy staff guaranteeing you efficiency & virtually no waiting time. Transitioned to paperless to save the public supply & storage costs. Preparing plan for making all ROW services to be Cloud based & available to public. Prepping estate paperwork E-filing project. Continued excellence thru caring public service & experience.

#### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

**Joseph J. Janosky**

## Judge of the Orphan's Court

**Duties:** Three judges comprise the Orphans' Court. Orphans' Court is the county's probate court, and also has jurisdiction over guardianships of minors. The Court supervises the handling of estates of people who have died (with or without a will) while owning property in their sole name. Orphans' Court judges are responsible for making sure that only appropriate payments are made from estate assets.

**Salary:** \$29,000

**Term:** Four years; no term limit.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

**Qualifications:** Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of the county for at least one year immediately preceding election. Anne Arundel County does not require Orphans' Court judges to be lawyers.

### 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.

**Maureen Carr-York**

No response received by deadline.

**Carl George Holland**

No response received by deadline.

**Nancy Phelps**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was first elected in 1998, & previously appointed Chief Judge by Governor Hogan. I maintained the Orphans' Court within

budget with fiscal responsibility. I have consistently served on the bench with professionalism, integrity & compassion for the families' of the deceased. I have knowledge of estate & probate matters. Previously, I was the President of the MAJOC and received numerous citations.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I believe that court matters should not be influenced by discrimination in any way. I understand the importance of truth and fairness in the courtroom, and make it my priority to treat everyone fairly.

**COURT NEEDS:** The Orphans' Court needs to maintain dedication to resolving probate matters expeditiously, fairly and effectively. I will always have the interests of the citizens of Anne Arundel County first. Public awareness of the Orphans' Court and estate planning for the family deserve immediate attention.

## Alan Rzepkowski

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a Judge of the Orphans' Court, I am completing a 4-year term of office and my experience has grown with regard to serving the public in this important role for family members who have are going through the estate process. My business and professional experience

have been useful in becoming an effective judge by carefully considering the facts and writing effective case decisions.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The Orphans' Court serves the families of those who have experienced the death of a loved one as the Personal Representative opens an estate and works to distribute the assets of the decedent. With regard to discrimination, all heirs, interested parties, and legatees are treated equally under the law and this subject is not an issue that is a consideration in the administration of an estate.

**COURT NEEDS:** The Orphans' Court is a court of the public for family members seeking the proper adjudication of an estate for the deceased. There are no specific needs of the Orphans' Court that need to be addressed.

## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

## Vickie Gipson

No response received by deadline.

## Torrey Jacobsen, Jr.

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No response received by deadline.

## Sheriff

**Duties:** The County Sheriff's office is responsible for enforcing the law, providing security for the courtrooms and operating the county jails. The sheriff carries out court orders, delivers summonses, deals with protective orders and other injunctions, and executes bench warrants.

**Salary:** \$128,064 (2014 figure; current year N/A)

**Term:** Four years; no term limit.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide. To be eligible for the office of Sheriff, a person must be at least twenty-five years of age and must have been a County resident for at least five years immediately preceding election.

## Questions

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

**TRAINING:** What plans do you have to enhance the training of deputies and other staff?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues will be your priorities during your term of office?

## Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

## Ron Bateman

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been the Sheriff for 12 years, having been elected 3 times after earning the trust and confidence of the people. My experience far exceeds the other candidates as it relates to managing a 9 million dollar budget,

managing over 100 employees, with a total of 38 consecutive years in law enforcement, to include retiring after 23 years from the police dept as a captain.

**TRAINING:** I have implemented the first ever advanced active shooter training in the courthouse to better ensure the safety of everyone who enters the Circuit Court building. My training includes state of the art special weapons and tactical training, first aid, legal issues, court security, handcuffing, and non-lethal weapons training. My training unit is staffed with SWAT trained personnel

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I have pitched a new idea to the Chief Judge of all District Court judges in Maryland, which was accepted and received, to reduce the growing number of Failure To Appear warrants. This idea calls for the courts to text reminders to people of their court date, time and

location. The Chief Judge agrees this will reduce the number of FTA's and is piloting this innovation in Anne Arundel County.

## **Jim Fredericks**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** 26 years of AA County law enforcement leadership and administrative experience to correct the outstanding warrant and court security issues in the Sheriff's Office. I have command & management experience in Personnel, Media Relations, Technology, Purchasing, Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Organized Crime. My integrity, honesty and accountability are key to success in office.

**TRAINING:** Currently, deputies are not properly trained in modern law enforcement best practices regarding use of technologies in warrant service, and response theories for active shooter. These are top training priorities to ensure safety of deputies in the performance of their duties, and the general public frequenting the Circuit Court in Annapolis. Current practices are obsolete and out of touch.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** #1 Warrant Reduction - With nearly 12,000 un-served warrants in Anne Arundel County, this reduction must begin immediately by implementing modern leadership and practices. #2 Addressing Failed Audits that uncovered gross administrative oversight issues regarding failed or improper collection of fees, and, failures regarding reporting of hours for a federal grant for child support enforcement.

## **Damon Ostis**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 31 years of law enforcement and investigative experience, 10 years of business experience and decades of community service consisting of coaching and mentoring our community's youth in sports and mission. I have a masters degree in Criminal Justice and have worked and formed relationships all over the world. I believe that these skills and experiences will transfer very well to our county.

**TRAINING:** I have been an instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for basic and advanced programs and have been loaned to the State Dept. to instruct the national police of several other countries. This experience will allow me to communicate with our training staff and to

effectively lobby for additional resources that will enhance the effort to improve the skill level of all employees.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Restoring the image of the Sheriff's Office is critical. The public and the those who provide resources, will better support a department they trust and respect. Improve overall safety for the residents of our county; modernizing the safety of the courts, assist the P.D. with school safety, & more effective methods of reducing a large number of outstanding warrants for people who fail to appear.

## **Beth Smith**

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### **Campaign Email:**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Sergeant US Army, Honorably Discharged Graduated 1st in Class, Federal Bureau of Prisons Graduated 2nd in Class, Police Academy Retired Lieutenant of AA Co Sheriff's Office Created 1st Sheriff K-9 Unit Co-Developed 1st Victim Witness Protection Plan Developed supervised Children's Visitation Program Developed programs to assist Senior Citizens 1st female ever to be promoted to Lieutenant

**TRAINING:** I will enhance training in court house building security to include court rooms, prisoner lock up, prisoner transportation, & common areas used by the public. Strengthen Deputies expertise in handling domestic violence situations to include the service of peace/protective orders. I will ensure that both Deputies & Civilian staff are efficient in the processing of all legal documents.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** It is a priority to secure the court house by adding Deputies & K-9. I plan on making proficient the processing, collection of fees, & service of all legal documents. I will streamline all landlord/tenant issues to include evictions. I will install a checks & balances system for accounting of all fees collected. I will restore the child support unit to meet & exceed all Federal/State guidelines.

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

## **James Williams**

### **Campaign Website:**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a retired command officer from a large police department. During my 27 years in Public Safety, 24 of which with the police department, I've gained extensive experience in the leadership, administration, and

management of a diverse, progressive agency. My current employment as a deputy has allowed me to gain experience with the daily operations of the Sheriff's Office.

**TRAINING:** I would implement training to help sheriff personnel to better understand and communicate with diverse cultures. Enabling deputies to communicate with citizens whom English is not their primary language, will help to strengthen community relations. I would also require additional training to enhance the

understanding of persons with mental disabilities and how to provide better services.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I will reduce the number of open warrants by working to eliminate the need for new warrants, i.e., better public transportation to those who do not have a vehicle. Better public transportation will provide the ability to attend court so citizens are less likely to receive a warrant for failing to appear. Domestic violence issues and reforming the Sheriff's Office will also be top priorities.

## Party Central Committees

**Duties:** The county central committee sets local party policy, assists local candidates and chooses representatives to the state central committee. The state central committee, in turn, sets the state party's policies, assists statewide candidates and selects Maryland's representatives on the national party committee. The national party committee sets the rules for nominating candidates for President and assists candidates for federal office. In Maryland, party central committees fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office.

**Salary:** None.

**Term:** Four years.

**How Elected:** Elected in the June primary by party members residing in the legislative district.

### 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?

## District 21

### Republican Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 1

**Scott W. DiBiasio**

No response received by deadline.

**James Rim**

No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 1

**Stacy Korbela**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/korbelacentralcommittee/](http://www.facebook.com/korbelacentralcommittee/)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served as the District 21 representative to the AA County School Board for 6 years, the MD Association of Boards of Education Legislative Chair for 2 years, & the President of the AA County Democratic Women for the past 18 months. I have built relationships with elected and appointed officials at the local, state, and federal level that will benefit the central committee.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** I would like to see the elimination of the superdelegate system.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I

would invite them to candidate events and trainings -- an educated electorate is crucial. However, I believe the purpose of the primary is to have party members decide who will represent their party on the ballot in the general election. Unaffiliated voters can already vote in the primary for unaffiliated races like school board, but shouldn't be voting to narrow the field for R/D races.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** I would like to see the local democratic party do more to identify and prepare candidates 2-3 years out and provide more funding for challenging races.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I would consider their experience, availability to serve (time commitment), reputation in the community, and evidence of past service.

**Eric Stanton Masten**

No response received by deadline.

## District 30

### Republican Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3

**Chelsea Gill**

No response received by deadline.

# Anne Arundel County Party Central Committees

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**Judi L. Gordon**

**Campaign Facebook:** Judi Gordon

No response received by deadline.

**Colin Nickerson**

No response received by deadline.

## Democratic Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3

**Dylan Andrew Behler**

No response received by deadline.

**Thea Boykins-Wilson**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** For 31 yrs., I have worked to advance the core principles of the Dem. Party. From educating on candidates, policy and voter registration to raising funds for candidates who stand for these same principles. These experiences have allowed me to advance to the Director of Civic Engagement for 2 non-profit organizations serving over 20,000 Marylanders. This office will allow me to expand this reach.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** The process does need to change. Change should begin with choosing, educating and empowering convention delegates -- allowing them to represent the interests of their regions while also having a freer hand to change their minds -- building new coalitions, compromises and unity within the party. Another idea is to make the primaries and caucuses proportional rather than winner-take-all.

## **PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED**

**VOTERS:** Although I believe that mobilization efforts to get every registered Democrat out to vote is most important, we are living in a time when we need a greater diversity of voices in the political process. Therefore, we must promote greater participation not have obstacles like closed Primaries to discourage voters. I am running to offer a skilled diverse voice for my party in South Anne Arundel Co.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** 1. To uphold the principles of the Democratic Party in my own personal example of service and commitment to the citizens of our community, while supporting and developing more like-minded and progressive candidates . 2. Strategize with other Central Committee members for the best way to develop and duplicate ourselves in others. 3. To organize efforts to get every registered democrat out to vote

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** 1. Examine background and experience, looking for respectability, skill, leadership ability. 2. Seek the opinions of others who have had 1st hand interaction and experience with their ability. 3. Collaborate with Central Committee members to evaluate whether their background aligns with Party principles, ensuring all citizens are equal before the law and have equal access to legislative processes

**Eileen Hoover**

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No response received by deadline.

**Brooks Schandelmeier**

No response received by deadline.

## District 31

### Republican Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3

**Alex Fakeri**

No response received by deadline.

**Corine Frank**

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No response received by deadline.

**Faith Loudon**

**Campaign Facebook:** [facebook.com/faithloudoncampaign/](https://facebook.com/faithloudoncampaign/)

No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3

**Christine Davenport**

No response received by deadline.

**Neal W. Duiker**

No response received by deadline.

**Robert Haynes**

No response received by deadline.

**Dawn Merino**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have lived in the district since 1995. During that time I have been active in the community. I have worked on several campaigns, Michael Gilligan, Shirley Murphy, Janet Owens, as well as several Judges campaigns. I have worked at the polls for several candidates. I have a keen interest in current events and politics.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** We must carefully examine the role of Super delegates at the convention. Voters votes matter and many felt that their vote did not matter because of the manner in which super delegates votes were cast. It seems that delegates to the convention should be obligated to vote for the primary winner for the district that they represent.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I have concerns regarding open primaries. There are too many strategies that can be used to influence the election. I favor a closed primary.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** We must register more voters and then get them to the polls. We need to have a strong platform. We need to dispel the notion that we are the tax and spend party. We have to restore people's faith in government.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** The candidate must be qualified for the office. They must have some experience that makes them suited for the job. They must have the time to commit to the office. We need people of diverse backgrounds with diverse experiences to adequately represent all residents of the state.

# Anne Arundel County Party Central Committees

## District 32

### Republican Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3

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**Michele Speakman**

No response received by deadline.

**David P. Starr**

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No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3

**Patrick Armstrong**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I studied politics for 15 years and worked on many campaigns. As a Health Policy Analyst, I know how policies are created. My job focuses on saving taxpayer money. I understand business, having been a manager at two major retail chains. I know the value of hard work, climbed the ranks from cashier to management, and trained other managers. My experiences make me the perfect fit for this office.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** The process of nominating a candidate for president should be updated. Our current rules allow the Democratic Party to essentially tell each state when to hold their primary or caucus, creating a wild calendar in which some states are valued over others. Delegate apportionment is also different depending on the state. We need a more clear-cut approach to choosing a candidate.

### **PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED**

**VOTERS:** Some states such as New Hampshire hold open primaries. I understand that each party feels it is their right to choose, from among their members, who will lead their party. However, this process simply is no longer working. I support open primaries, in which unaffiliated voters are allowed to choose to participate in a party's primary election.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** The Democratic Party has tremendous potential. The underlying values and policies that make up the core of the party are in line with the vast majority of Americans. The party must do more to advocate for itself and its core values. Too often the party is off message. Too often independent minded voters feel they are not welcome with the Democrats. We must do more outreach to bring in new voters.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Choosing a replacement to fill a vacancy is a sacred duty placed upon elected officials who must educate themselves to the desires of their constituents. I strongly believe that this process must be fair, unbiased, and free of back room deals. Appointments should always reflect the will of the voters as they are going to be subject to the votes and actions of the official once in office.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have always been an active member in any community i join, I started a church that would bring people together or help people in different ways. I believe with all my involvement in the community and being a business owner which puts me in a position to interact with people daily, I will strongly build the central committee. Central Committee our duties is to get democrats elected in office.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** n/a

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I believe all voters should be qualified to vote. I also plan to involve the immigrant communities to become more active and register them to vote, we have been organizing voter registration and we managed to be successful in the ones that we have held. I plan to bring in more people to the party. Be a voice to the side of the immigrant communities for the democratic party.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** To fundraise for the party To bring more people to the party To increase the number of voters in the Democratic Party To make sure democrats are elected in 2018

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** N/A

**Emil Yaw Donkor**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have lived in Anne Arundel County for 25 years. For 13 years I wrote a weekly column for the Maryland Gazette that brought me in contact with businesses, my neighbors and the community at large. I attended school and community events and witnessed changes in the community, the County and State. I can represent District 32 because I listened as residents told me what is important to them.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** We have many voters who identify as independent. Many are young voters who represent our future. We need to maintain diversity and inclusion in the Party so that

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everyone has a voice and an role. I support the Democratic Party and believe we more closely align with the needs and concerns of the young and diverse voters who don't currently identify with a political party.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I would invite unaffiliated and disenfranchised voters to learn about issues important to Democrats and to join the discussion on topics that impact everyone, like safety in schools. In some cases, this may mean removing barriers to participating in the discussion, including language barriers. I'm one person who feels comfortable asking, "What's on your mind?"

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** My priorities reflect core Democratic values-- a strong public education system and safety in our communities.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Vacancies in office should be filled by individuals who **have** served and represented the community through their activism. Consideration should be given to those who reflect and connect with the community they wish to serve in elected office. An understanding and knowledge of the legislative process and policy is important as well.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I currently serve as a member of the Executive Board (Secretary) of the Anne Arundel County Democratic Central Committee and I have served as an aide in the Maryland General Assembly for the past seven years. These experiences have given me a clear understanding of Anne Arundel County politics and the workings of the Anne Arundel County Democratic Central Committee.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** While the presidential nominating process is imperfect, I do not support radically changing the way that the party selects the presidential nominee. The only significant change to the process that I would support would be increasing transparency for the selection of "superdelegates."

## PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED

**VOTERS:** While increased electoral participation is an important goal, the job of the Anne Arundel County Democratic Central Committee is to promote the Anne Arundel County Democratic Party and its candidates. It is my belief that the best way to appeal to voters outside the party is to share the value-filled message of the Democratic Party and its support of working people and those in need.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** My main priorities for the Anne Arundel County Democratic party would be increasing voter registration and voter turnout throughout the entirety of the county. Reaching out to all voters and promoting the inclusiveness and "big tent" nature of the party would be ways to

both grow the party and strengthen the causes that we support.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** The main criteria that I would use for filling vacancies would be preparedness for the given office. For me, having prior knowledge of Anne Arundel County and a track record of local community service are also prerequisites that I consider necessities for any elected office.

## District 33

### Republican Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3

### James P. Appel

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served on the Anne Arundel Central Committee since 2007 and have extensive experience with local politics, fund raising and brand awareness through my terms on the committee.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** I would like to see a Nationwide primary day. Still use weighted system for states based on size, but have them all on the same day.

## PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED

**VOTERS:** Parties should pick their candidates. Changing your voter registration to vote in a particular primary is fast, easy and free. If voters chose not to register for a particular party, they should not be allowed to vote for that party's candidate.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** Small, more efficient government, lower taxes, and better funding for education and public safety.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Professional and personal experience, publicly stated views on issues and ability to serve their constituents.

### Susan McConkey

No response received by deadline.

### Anne Elizabeth Rutherford

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No response received by deadline

### Democratic Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 3

### Chuck Cook

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### Alexandra Matiella Novak

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**Background:** Legislation was enacted in 2017 changing the Anne Arundel Board of Education from an appointed to an elected body, and eliminating one adult Board position. Implementation of the new structure begins in 2018 with the election of four Board members, who will serve a six-year term. Three previously-appointed members will remain in office through 2020. In 2020, three Board members will be elected to a four-year term, and in 2024, all seven adult Board positions will be on the ballot.

**Duties:** The duties of the Board include, but are not limited to, the following: selecting and appointing the Superintendent of Schools; appointing personnel; continuous appraisal of the educational and administrative management of the school system; communicating and meeting with community members, staff and students; ratifying collective bargaining agreements; adopting policies, budgets, and courses of study; establishing school boundaries; making decisions on facility, procurement and financial matters; and deciding appeals.

**Base Salary:** \$8,000 per year.

**Term of Office:** Six years if elected in 2018, four years thereafter; limited to two consecutive terms.

**How Elected:** Elected by the qualified voters of the councilmanic district in which the member resides.

**Qualifications:** The Board is comprised of seven adult members, and one student member who serves a one-year term. Members must be residents of Anne Arundel County; elected members must reside in the councilmanic district they represent. The student member is selected by the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC), and is a regularly enrolled senior-year student of good character and in good standing in a public county high school.

## Questions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your educational background and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

**PRIORITIES:** What issues will be your priorities during your term of office?

**AREA OF NEED:** What do you consider the greatest area of need in our county's public education system, and how do you propose to address it?

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** What steps do you support to ensure an equivalent quality of education for students in every Anne Arundel County public school?

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** There is a current countywide initiative whose mission is to "fight hatred and promote understanding." What do you see as the role of the Board of Education in supporting this or related initiatives?

**COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Do you favor county-funded financial assistance for non-public schools? Please explain why or why not.

## District 1

### Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm a mom with a child attending two Anne Arundel County Public Schools. I am also a disabled U.S. Navy veteran with over 20 years of service to my country and community. I am prepared to humbly and effectively serve others, especially the students of Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

**PRIORITIES:** Optimizing safe learning is critical. Anything that disrupts safe learning in our schools should be addressed and eradicated. Hate actions like inciting violence, bullying, sexual assault and racism are intolerable. I plan to get them out of our schools!

**AREA OF NEED:** Protecting our students and preserving safe learning are great needs in our county's public education system. I am already addressing it. However, I plan to work with the rest of the board to ensure we take actions with a

sound accord that builds trust-relationships within the schools and our communities.

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** I recently reviewed the Anne Arundel County Public School's strategic plan over the next few years. Let's start there and be willing to adjust, as necessary. <https://www.aacps.org/Page/1690>

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** The Board of Education serves to oversee the established educational infrastructure of the public school system. The educational models and curricula in our schools already do these things. It is important that when hatred and misunderstanding are introduced, action is taken to correct complications.

#### **COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC**

**SCHOOLS:** Yes. Non-public Anne Arundel County schools should be able to request and receive available funding from the County. However, there should be prioritization based on need. There should also be a separate budget for non-public schools. The public school system is already greatly financially constrained.

**Sidney A. Butcher**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As the only candidate for District 1 that has been vetted and approved by the Anne Arundel County School Board Appointment Commission. I have been working on these issues since I joined the Board in February 2018. As an attorney I have worked with children and teachers during my career as a prosecutor. I have also worked with contracts, legal issues and acted as a mediator to resolve issues.

**PRIORITIES:** 1. Teachers morale - reducing classroom sizes and pay 2. Educating AACPS parents- making sure they are armed with the information to address their child's needs. 3. Addressing Achievement Gap in AACPS 4. Special Education - Making sure the IEP teams and parents of special education kids have the resources necessary for those kids to thrive.

**AREA OF NEED:** We need more money in our school budget, AACPS wants a quality education for all students but lacks the necessary funds. I plan to work with the County Executive, County Council and other board members to figure out a plan to get more money directed towards the school system.

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** 1. Fully-Funded the budget 2. Forums across the County to assist and educate parents 3. Working with other elected officials to make sure education is main priority 4. Creating an environment that attracts and retains teachers to Anne Arundel County 5. Cultural Awareness - educating students, employees and community

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** The role of BOE should be to provide a platform for all administrators, teachers and students to become more aware of implicit bias. We need to ensure that implicit bias training is made available to everyone involved in AACPS. This also includes outreach to the various communities that AACPS serve.

**COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC**

**SCHOOLS:** This is difficult question/issue, for several years the school budget has not been fully-funded and lacks the resources it needs. This money could be used to address issues within AACPS. However, many families across the County are not happy with their public schools and but lack the resources to send their children to private schools. Until we can fully fund the budget this is the best option.

**David P. Starr**

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No response received by deadline.

## District 4

**Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I earned a BA in Psychology at UMBC focusing my studies and research experience on child development. I homeschooled our four children with the goal of using a whole child approach to their education. With three of our children now in public school, I want to bring this experience to all students in our county. I constantly study best educational practices and know we can and must do better.

**PRIORITIES:** My top priority will be to comb through the budget and look for inefficiencies and misguided priorities. There is much evidence of outdated and low-tech systems as well as unrealistic academic demands that are driving too much of our manpower to central office to the detriment of our students. Then we must make our case to county government to fund our schools to the level that is needed.

**AREA OF NEED:** Our resources must be focused within our schools, not central office. It was not the curriculum that failed our under-achieving students, it was their support system that failed. We must adequately staff our schools and engage greater community support to lift all students to achieving their greatest potential. When their basic physical and emotional needs are met, students will succeed.

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** We need adequate staffing and greater community involvement, including parents, businesses, and organizations, to address the issues that stand in the way of academic achievement for many students. I want to bring back bonus pay to retain our most effective teachers in our most challenged schools. Student population need must be a priority in determining which schools need the greatest funding.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** We cannot deny the role our schools play in the character development. A greater partnership between schools and parents is needed in addition to our PTSAs, as well as more team-building and social-emotional skills exercises in our classrooms. This is not a political issue, but a practical one. Social skills do not have to be separate from academic skills and can be developed in the same lesson.

**COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC**

**SCHOOLS:** Financial assistance for students should only be in cases where our schools are unable to meet the needs of a disadvantaged student, which

I believe is the current practice. For example, for a student who has experienced trauma in the school. If managed effectively, I believe we have the resources and ability in our county to make all of our public schools the best option for all students.

**Julie K. Hummer**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a masters degree in special education and five years experience teaching students with learning and emotional disabilities. I am also the mother of five children with five very different personalities and learning styles. Children have always been my focus, especially the most vulnerable children. I bring experience in education from the teacher, student, and parent perspective.

**PRIORITIES:** Improve delivery of social/emotional support services by increasing personnel, particularly in counseling, special education, & English language acquisition. Increase teacher/staff compensation to bring system into top third of school systems state wide. Develop collaborative relationships with the new & veteran county elected officials so that budgets are crafted to meet real needs of schools.

**AREA OF NEED:** We must provide adequate social/emotional supports for our students. Adequate funding has to be provided for the needed personnel such as school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and special educators. The Board must craft budgets that include these resources, and then advocate with the county elected officials to see that these budgets are funded.

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** Resources must be allocated in an equitable way, not an equal way. Equal means each child receives the same thing; equitable means each child receives what they need. Many of our students come with greater needs than others, whether due to poverty, lack of opportunity, or limited English proficiency. We must be committed to meeting the needs of each child so he or she can achieve and succeed.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** The Board must publicly affirm and support positive actions within our schools and communities. Members must speak out at Board meetings, in the community, & in schools against any forms of hate or intolerance. Our students often are the leaders in promoting kindness and understanding; members must encourage & support their efforts & ensure they are given the freedom to speak out.

**COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC**

**SCHOOLS:** No. Public schools are required to teach every child, no matter their race, religion, or disability. Private schools do not have to accept every child, & unlike public schools, they are held

to no accountability standards for academics or achievement. Public funds should be used to educate EVERY child, and schools should be accountable to the public for how public funds are being spent.

**Donna L. Rober**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** • I am not an educator. I have taught adults in specific areas during a nearly 40 year government career. I am a mother, grandmother, relative, neighbor and friend who sees and hears a lot of what is happening in and with our schools. Most importantly, I am a concerned citizen with a desire to be a member of the school board team, setting vision, goals and policies for our public schools.

**PRIORITIES:** Setting, enhancing and/or rewriting goals and policies to insure student success should be the priority of the school board. Recruiting and retention of quality teachers, increased vocational training, more accurate assessments of success, school safety and increased funding are areas I believe should get a deeper look.

**AREA OF NEED:** I would like to gain an understanding of why Maryland schools have dropped in national rankings and then try to set similar goals for AACPS to give our students similar and successful educational outcomes. I would like to see the school board partner with legislators to insure funding is made available to make the improvements to accomplish this.

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** Understanding why the quality is not equal across jurisdictions is the critical first step in addressing this issue. Engaging families, especially in underperforming schools, is an important component. Family/parental involvement is a major factor in school success and I would like to work with the board to set a goal to encourage and fund that involvement.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** The school board sets the vision, goals and policies for the school district based on the concerns and desires of the constituents. In this case I would hope that, as a team, the board could establish clear policy to address hatred and bullying issues. The implementation of such a policy would fall on the educators, students, families and supporting community.

**COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC**

**SCHOOLS:** I am not in favor of using county funds for non-public schools. Our public schools have established qualifications for teachers, offer a broad and varied curriculum – to include vocational training and special education – and must accept ALL students. Until and unless non-public schools meet the same marks, I do not believe they should receive public funding.

## District 5

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

**Uju Elliffe**

Withdrew from race after ballots were printed.

**Terry R. Gilleland Jr.**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My entire professional career has been devoted to education. I currently serve as the State Director of Adult Education at the MD Department of Labor and previously led multinational teams overseeing curriculum development and both online and blended learning solutions while at Laureate Education. I also taught as an adjunct faculty, teaching courses in economics, entrepreneurship, and finance.

**PRIORITIES:** My priorities have been and will continue to be: 1) reducing class sizes to increase student performance and reduce teacher workload, 2) adding guidance counselors for student support needs, 3) reducing the construction and maintenance backlog with smart operational solutions, 4) increasing SROs and security measures, & 5) increasing responsibility, accountability, and transparency to taxpayers.

**AREA OF NEED:** Increasing academic achievement remains paramount and will continue to be my primary goal, should I be privileged to continue serving on the Board of Education. Research shows that smaller class sizes are an enabler of success and I will continue to advocate for additional teacher positions to support class size reductions.

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** AACPS excels with programs of choice, which include magnet and signature programs. These programs, emphasizing 21st Century learning skills at the middle and high school levels, help students prepare for both college and workforce readiness to compete for both local and global opportunities. Expanding Triple E (Enhancing Elementary Excellence) to all feeder systems is critical, as well.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** The Board of Education should have a seat at the table to discuss and propose solutions, but this needs to be a community-driven initiative that involves stakeholders from the community at-large. The Board and AACPS have taken a number of internal steps to remedy the issues within the schools, but additional efforts are needed, including student and staff input on both awareness and enforcements.

**COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC**

**SCHOOLS:** I am not aware of current county funding for non-public schools. I am a product of AACPS and believe in our public school system. As a state legislator, I supported state funding for private and independent colleges and universities, and as a proud graduate of Loyola University Maryland (undergrad), I value the partnerships

with non-public partners, at both the K-12 and higher education levels.

**Vincent Goldsmith**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a community organizer and consultant, I've spent the better part of the last 20 years helping organizations around the country improve their outcomes. This includes everything from leading the Anne Arundel County Literacy Council for 10 years to working with Fortune 500 companies. My breadth of experience will allow me to help develop solutions to improve the outcomes for all AACPS students.

**PRIORITIES:** 1. Prioritizing education funding to spend more money in the schools on staff with direct pupil interaction. 2. Teacher recruitment, training and retention so that we can have the best faculty in the country. 3. Improving community involvement and Board transparency so that parents play a larger role in their kid's education. 4. Improving the school experience and education for ALL students.

**AREA OF NEED:** We have two areas. First, we need to find ways to improve the school experience for ALL students. This means more focus on students in the bottom two quintiles of evaluations for competencies and growth. Second, we need to work harder to keep our best teachers from being recruited away. This includes better pay and focusing on other areas conducive to retention like professional development.

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** Our funding goals need to be focused on improving all schools to a higher standard. Disadvantaged schools and students are most at risk and need the attention of the board. This includes strong leadership within the school, providing for a school climate conducive to learning, high quality teachers, improving the school and community relationship, and effective classroom strategies.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** AACPS is the central institution of Anne Arundel County, so while the solution has to start in the community, we have a role to play in this. That includes facilitating conversations/workshops around empathy and understanding within the community, as well as school board efforts to make sure there is zero-tolerance for expressions of hatred within the schools by students, faculty or staff.

**COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC**

**SCHOOLS:** I oppose diverting public funds to private schools. I believe public money should fund public education. Diverting money meant for public education makes little fiscal sense. Public funds create more value when aggregated and used for the public good. The distribution of public funds to private schools creates less value and drains needed resources from an already constrained public school system.

**Dana Schallheim****Campaign Website:** [www.DanaforBOE.com](http://www.DanaforBOE.com)**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/DanaforBoe](http://www.facebook.com/DanaforBoe)**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/Danaforboe](https://twitter.com/Danaforboe)**Campaign Email:** [danaforBOE@hotmail.com](mailto:danaforBOE@hotmail.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I bring the right mix of education, experience, persistence, and dedication to successfully advocate for ALL AACPS students. Highlights include an MBA, an extensive record working with diverse populations, and 30+ years of volunteer, activism, and advocacy experience. As an at-home mom, I will devote the time needed to close the gaps, develop meaningful policies, and effect real change.

**PRIORITIES:** My priorities include teacher retention, establishing pay/working conditions for all teachers, secretaries, and staff equal to their counterparts in surrounding counties, decreasing class sizes, developing budgets that reflect actual school needs, aligning school start times with evidence-based research, and providing needed fiscal oversight, including eliminating transportation inefficiencies.

**AREA OF NEED:** Teacher and staff retention is a huge problem and requires re-focusing Board culture towards crafting budgets and policies that reflect actual school needs and fully supports ALL teachers and staff. Fiscal oversight is needed to close funding, program, and resource gaps between schools to ensure that, upon graduation, ALL students will be adequately equipped to pursue the path of their choosing.

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** All means ALL. Every school must be placed on equal footing, including providing schools serving low-income communities with the funding/resources equal to those that are generated by affluent schools with active PTAs/PTOs. Providing all schools equal programming, technology, renovations, and hiring/retaining the adequate number of teachers, staff, counselors, psychologists, etc. is my priority.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** The board must develop/fully support policies and initiatives via continual parent/community education and required age-appropriate programming at every grade level focusing on multicultural and social justice education, culturally responsive learning, compassion, celebrating diversity, practicing empathy, and allows for open and safe discussion of issues surrounding culture, race and racism.

**COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC**

**SCHOOLS:** I absolutely oppose ANY effort to direct public school funding, in ANY way, to non-public schools. Directing funding away from public schools undermines their success and negatively impacts graduation, crime, and unemployment rates, as well as property values. Non-public schools should raise their own funding, via tuition and other revenue streams entirely separate from public funding sources.

## District 7

### Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

**Michelle Corkadel****Campaign Website:** [www.corkadel.com](http://www.corkadel.com)**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/corkadel](http://www.facebook.com/corkadel)**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/corkadel](https://twitter.com/corkadel)

No response received by deadline.

**Laticia Hicks****Campaign Website:** [www.laticiahicks.com](http://www.laticiahicks.com)**Campaign Facebook:** L Hicks For School Board 7**Campaign Instagram:** [laticiahicks](https://www.instagram.com/laticiahicks)**Campaign Email:** [Lhickssb7@gmail.com](mailto:Lhickssb7@gmail.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My twenty plus years working in a Federal Correctional setting included time serving as an Educational Services Program Manager, which required me to apply policy, manage a budget, and have the type of vision needed to facilitate services more efficiently in a dynamic environment to address the needs and challenges of students from backgrounds often mirrored in the public schools.

**PRIORITIES:** The issues that will be a priority during my term in office include advocating for a sufficient school budget, retaining and recruiting effective teachers, reducing class sizes, and adopting proactive policies to address the safety and well-being of all students in our district.

**AREA OF NEED:** The public education system must have the ability to address the needs of all students while providing educators with appropriate resources to achieve that goal. We can begin to address those areas with a fully funded budget and by implementing the recommendations from the Kirwan Commission. We should work better with educators, community members and business leaders to gain support.

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** I support the review and evaluation of resources within schools and across the school system to identify and address disparities in resource allocation. This includes improving the funding formula, adopting policies to close the achievement gap, and proposing a budget that adequately addresses student needs.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** The BOE must support the enforcement of policies and procedures that protect all of our children from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying. The Board must review the county's discrimination policies and complaint procedures to ensure that they are consistent with current laws and are fully implemented.

**COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC**

**SCHOOLS:** If the public schools were adequately funded, then consideration could be given to financially supporting non-public schools provided their agreement to adhere to the same accountability and reporting standards as the public schools. This includes transparency in admissions, curriculum, test results, and budget.

**Ray Leone****Campaign Website:** rayleonedist7.com**Campaign Facebook:** www.facebook.com/rayleone4BOED7**Campaign Twitter:** twitter.com/rayleoneboed7**Campaign Email:** rayleoneboed7@gmail.com**Campaign Phone:** (410) 956-8265

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Veteran, US Air Force Electronics School, Wideband Communications, Base Intrusion Security Systems. Post Military I worked in Cable TV, repair, design and construction. I switched to retail in 2001 becoming a Store and District Manager. These skills + 16 yrs of PTA advocacy give me a unique perspective, being able to understand complex budgets, human resource issues, and solve real-world problems.

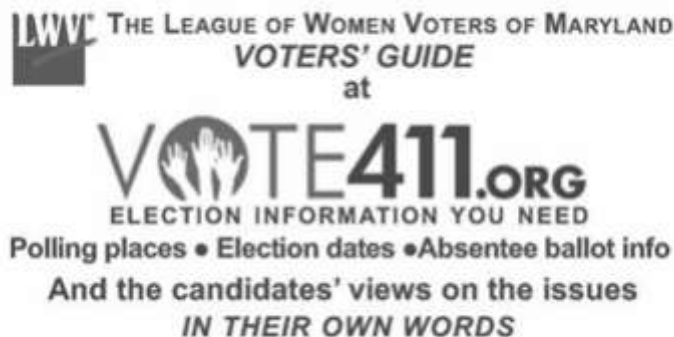
**PRIORITIES:** Reducing class size, addressing aging facilities, making schools safe for students and fixing the current teacher compensation issues.

**AREA OF NEED:** School Safety, We should examine the programs that are making a difference in schools; programs that teach tolerance, good character examples, and safe ways to express emotion or anger. AACPS needs more school counselors, social workers, and psychologists to deal with the increase of kids in our schools that feel isolated and disconnected. The ASCA

recommends ratio of student to counselor of 250:1  
**QUALITY OF EDUCATION:** I would strive to lower class sizes, giving teachers, and administrators the ability to concentrate on struggling students and provide them necessary supports. To me this means hiring more teachers and rethinking school construction to accommodate more classrooms. I would also like to see an expansion of vocational training to help more of our non-college tracked students.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** The Board of Education needs to work on policies that will make it easier to address bad social behaviors and promote programs that teach tolerance and good character examples. Schools need to become places where good values are taught and demonstrated. Programs that involve parents in this process need to be made available and encouraged. Board Members should be held to a high standard of ethics.

**COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** I do not. As long as public schools are still struggling with large aging school maintenance backlogs and large gaps in paying teachers, it would be difficult to justify. That does not mean however that we keep asking for more money and not gain ground on the primary monetary issues that face the system, teacher pay and adding counselors being the most important ones.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Am I registered to vote?

In Maryland, registration is permanent as long as you continue to live in the state and keep your current address. To verify your registration, go to [voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch](http://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch), or call the Board of Elections.

When you first register to vote or change your registration (name, address or party affiliation), the Board of Elections will mail you a Voter Identification Card. If you don't receive a card or the information on the card is incorrect, contact the Board of Elections.

### Am I eligible to register to vote?

To register, you must be at least 16 years old, a U.S. citizen and a Maryland resident. You must not be under court-ordered ineligibility to vote due to mental disability, nor convicted of buying or selling votes. If you have been convicted of a felony, you must have completed serving any prison sentence.

### How and when can I register, change my party or update my address?

To vote absentee OR on June 26, Primary Election Day, the deadline to register to vote or make changes to your party affiliation and/or address is Tuesday, June 5, at 9 PM. Go to [aacounty.org/elections](http://aacounty.org/elections) and click on "Register to Vote."

You may also register to vote during early voting (June 14-21) at any Anne Arundel County early voting center. Bring a Maryland driver's license, identification card, learner's permit, or other proof of residency. If you are already registered, you may correct your address, but you cannot alter your party affiliation at an early voting center.

### Who can vote in the Primary Election?

Registered voters must be at least 18 years of age on or before the General Election, November 6, 2018 to vote in the Primary.

Because primaries are closed elections in Maryland, **you must be affiliated with a political party to vote in the Primary.** The State Board of Elections is responsible for the Primary Elections of the Republican and Democratic parties. Other political parties, such as the Green and Libertarian parties, manage their own primaries.

### What district am I in?

Enter your residential address in [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) or [mdelect.net](http://mdelect.net) to determine your congressional, legislative and councilmanic districts. This information also appears on your Voter Identification Card and the sample ballot you receive in the mail from the Board of Elections. Call the Board of Elections with any questions (410) 222-6600.

## Three Ways to Vote!

### VOTE EARLY

Early voting centers are open from 8 AM to 8 PM, Thursday, June 14 through Thursday, June 21, 2018. Vote at any of the following sites:

#### Odenton Regional Library

1325 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD 21113

#### Glen Burnie Regional Library

1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

#### Severna Park Community Library

45 W. McKinsey Road, Severna Park, MD 21146

#### Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center

273 Hiltop Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403

#### Edgewater Community Library

25 Stepney's Lane, Edgewater, MD 21037

#### Crofton Community Library

1681 Riedel Road, Crofton, MD 21114

#### Anne Arundel County Board of Elections

6740 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

### VOTE ABSENTEE

Any Maryland registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot application, go to [aacounty.org/elections](http://aacounty.org/elections) and click on "Request an Absentee Ballot," or contact the Board of Elections at (410) 222-6600 or [elections@aacounty.org](mailto:elections@aacounty.org). You may receive the ballot by mail, fax, email or in person, and application deadlines vary accordingly. Details may be found in the sample ballot mailed by the Board of Elections, or at [aacounty.org/elections](http://aacounty.org/elections). The completed absentee ballot must be postmarked on or before Primary Election Day, or hand delivered to the County Board of Elections before 8 PM on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

### VOTE ON PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

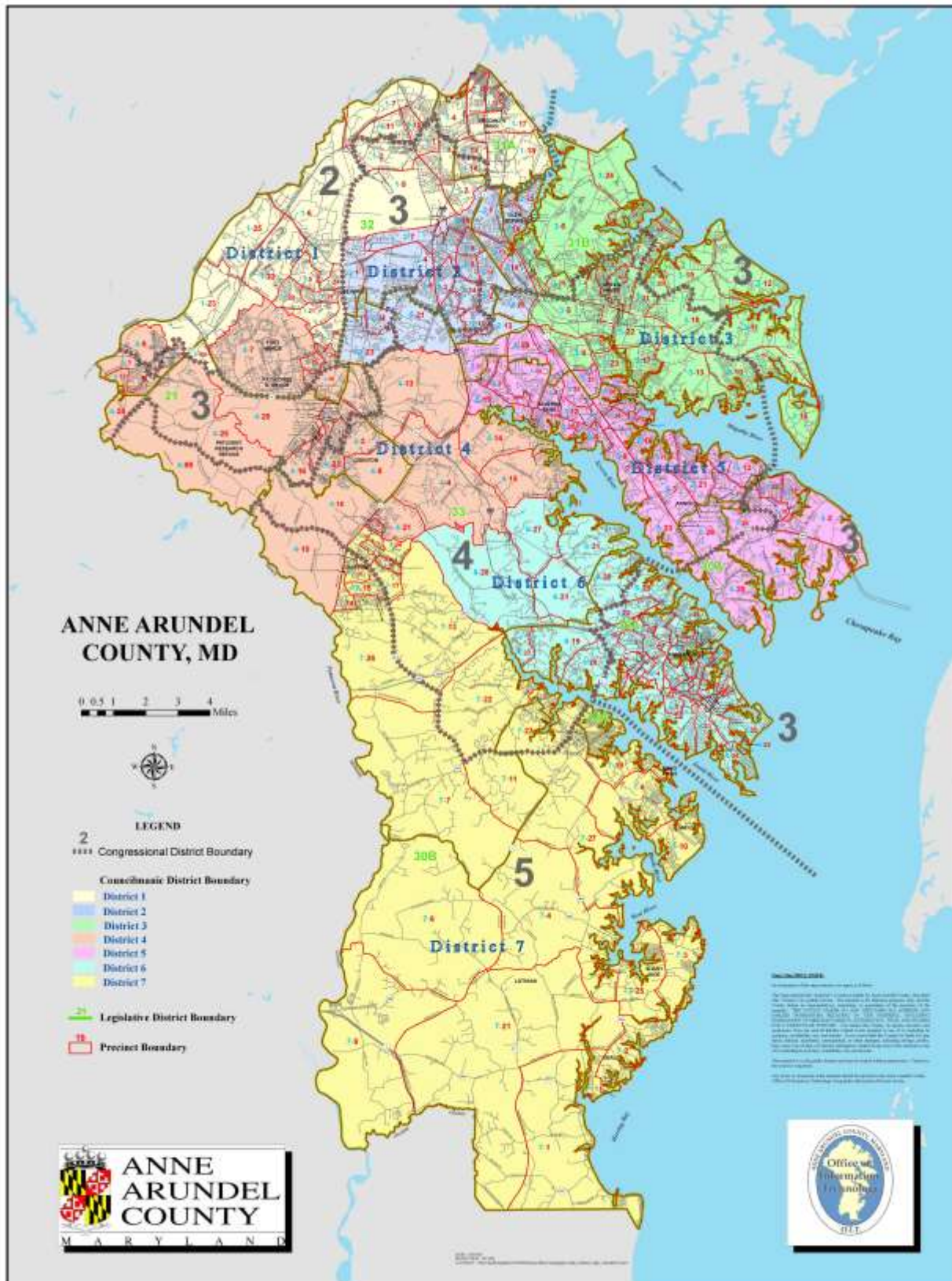
Your local assigned polling place will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 Primary Election Day. If you are unsure of your assigned polling place, check the back of your sample ballot or go to:

[voterservices.election.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch](http://voterservices.election.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch).

**First time voters in Maryland should bring identification with your current address, such as a driver's license.**

# Anne Arundel County Councilmanic Districts

To verify your election district, enter your address in the interactive Voters' Guide, [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org), or the MD State Archives website, [mdelect.net](http://mdelect.net).



## Congressional Districts

These maps reflect the Anne Arundel County congressional districts that will govern elections from 2012 to 2020. They were enacted by the Maryland General Assembly in October 2011. To verify your election district, enter your address in the interactive Voters' Guide, [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org), or the MD State Archives website, [mdelect.net](http://mdelect.net).

