



Harford County *Voters' Guide* 2018 Primary Election

League of Women Voters of Harford County

About this *Voters' Guide*

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

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

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

Additional information on the candidates is available at www.VOTE411.org, which has any updates received after the April 13 deadline.

Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. If the candidate submitted a campaign website, it is listed under her/his name.

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Voting Information

Early Voting

Where:

McFaul Activity Center
525 W. MacPhail Road
Bel Air, MD 21014

Edgewood Library
629 Edgewood Road
Edgewood, MD 21040

Aberdeen Fire Department
21 N. Rogers Street
Aberdeen, MD 21001

Jarrettsville Library
3722 Norrisville Road
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

When: **10:00 am to 8:00 pm** from Thursday, **June 14, 2018** through and including Thursday, **June 21, 2018**.

If you vote by Early Voting, you cannot vote by absentee ballot or on Election Day.

Harford County Board of Elections -- (410) 638-3565
133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD 21050
www.harfordvotes.info

By Mail (Absentee Ballot)

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

<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

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

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

If you hand deliver your ballot, you must deliver it to your local board of elections by **8 pm** on **election day**.

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

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

ELECTION DAY VOTING

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

ELECTION INFORMATION

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

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

Call – Harford County Board of Elections – (410) 638-3565

Maryland State Board of Elections – P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
Phone : 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) Toll Free: 800-222-8683
Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258
Hours: 8 - 5 Monday - Friday.

Rumors about the election?

Visit – https://elections.maryland.gov/press_room/rumor_control.html

Statewide Offices

Governor / Lt Governor

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

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford

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

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/LarryHogan

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

No response received by deadline.

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

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Rushern L. Baker III / Elizabeth Embry

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

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/rushernbaker

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

Campaign Email: info@rushernbaker.com

Campaign Phone: (240) 714-3964

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ralph Jaffe / Freda Jaffe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull

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

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

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

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

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

attacks on our environment which disproportionately harms marginalized communities and his attacks on our public schools.

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

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

James Hugh Jones, II / Charles S. Waters

No response received by deadline.

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

Kevin Kamenetz / Valerie Ervin

The candidate for Governor 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 de-polarize our politics, like open primaries and Rank Choice Voting. These are simple steps and will bring more competition into our politics and more choices for voters.

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

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

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

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

Jim Shea / Brandon M. Scott

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah / Sharon Y. Blake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Comptroller

DUTIES: The Comptroller is the financial officer of Maryland, responsible for collecting, managing and planning for revenue to support the state budget. The Comptroller collects and administers Maryland taxes on income (both personal and corporate), retail sales, motor vehicle fuel tax, tobacco, beer, wine and liquor, and estate tax. The Comptroller serves on the Board of Public Works along with the Governor and the state Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly.

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

Questions

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

Campaign Website: <http://mscomptroller.weebly.com>

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/mscomptroller

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

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

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

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

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Peter Franchot

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

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

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

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

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

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Attorney General

DUTIES: The Attorney General is the chief legal office of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, and all State departments, boards and most commissions. The Attorney General represents the state in all cases that relate to the Governor, the General Assembly, and most state agencies. The office also has responsibilities for consumer protection, civil rights, medical and investment fraud, and the juvenile justice system.

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Craig Wolf

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

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: The Attorney General should be focused on balancing the need to enforce the laws and ensure public safety while ensuring due process for all Marylanders. The AG

should lead by example by being ethical, avoiding conflicts of interest and making sure that all voices are heard before weighing in on a particular case, while at the same time vigorously enforcing the laws of the state.

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

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

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

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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

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

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

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

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

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U.S. Senator

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

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

Term: Six years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year.

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

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 more dynamic and forward-thinking. Students must have experiences that will allow them to excel in the classroom, the lab and in the art room. And we must reward classroom teachers who inspire in the classroom and foster students' academic and artistic passions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Democratic Candidates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: Health Insurance has an impact on all Americans and represents challenges that directly affect all communities. A single-payer health insurance program with a strong mandate

(backed by incentives) to innovate and root out waste insures a system that addresses the entire population. The key is to mandate and fund incentives to innovate all processes and ensure waste is addressed at every level.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Debbie "Rica" Wilson

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

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: Economic inequality impacts every American. Elected leaders must continually seek solutions to eliminate economic disparities in middle-class and low-income communities. By

providing transparent solutions regarding trade, taxes, labor and infrastructure, access to viable change will help American communities suffocated by despair. I will support fair policies that improve lives.

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

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

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

Lih Young

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Prosecute/eliminate "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER- FRAUD-CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS"= "cruel tyranny"= "robbery machine"= "ROBBER-ISM"= "super classes of frauds, crimes, parasites, disservices"; public-private; 3 branches, local- global. Promote

accountability, social needs. objective evaluations. Televised candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records,proceeding

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U.S. Representative District 1

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

Term: Two years

Base Salary: \$174,000

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

Website: www.house.gov

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: Illegal immigration is a huge problem and i do not support sanctuary cities we have

seen the problems that sanctuary cities has had in other states. I support legal immigration this nation was built by immigrants i want strict vetting and i want to know who is our neighbors in the very towns our family lives in.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Democratic Candidates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination of any sort is abhorrent and contrary to our ideals. As an Army Ranger, I fought to protect and defend our Constitution, which ensures equal protection under the law for each American. I support prohibiting all forms of discrimination as I believe this will make our nation stronger and more just. Similarly, I firmly support guaranteeing women's right to equal pay for equal work.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: I support affordable care for everyone including those with preexisting conditions. To

be successful, we must increase participation and reduce costs. I endorse Medicare's negotiation of drug prices currently prohibited by law. In addition to drugs, we need standard costs for procedures and tests . By reducing costs, we can stabilize premiums, ensure consistent care and expand enrollment.

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

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

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

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

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

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Maryland General Assembly

Senator District 7

DUTIES: State Senators and Delegates represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget. The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters. The Senate also confirms the Governor's appointments of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Small Business Owner Farmer Military Veteran Member of the House of Delegates (2003 – 2011) Member of the State Senate (2011 – Present) Minority Leader of the Senate (2014 – Present)

REDISTRICTING: Process should be done in a non-partisan way that ensures politics is taken out of the process. Each district should be drawn in a way to ensure communities stay connected and not divided between multiple districts.

ENVIRONMENT: One of the biggest challenges facing the Chesapeake Bay is the hundreds of thousands of tons of sediment and pollutants sitting behind the Conowingo Dam. Another issues is the over-development of agricultural land and green space. This is taking away the natural filter that purifies the storm water before it makes its way to the Chesapeake Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: I have and always will support legislation that fights all forms of discrimination.

EDUCATION: 83% of the Maryland's budget is mandated spending. These are fixed formulas that automatically dictate how tax dollars will be spent. Some of these formulas date back 75 years. There should be a review of all these formulas to ensure each jurisdiction is receiving its proper allotment of school funding.

HEALTH CARE: The costs for individual insurer market is out of control. Rates have risen as much as 34% year after year. It has gotten to the point that many can't afford to have insurance. This is an issue that should be addressed on a federal level. However, with the feds not acting to fix it, legislation needs to be looked at next session to see what can be done at the State level to lower these prices.

TRANSPORTATION: About 10 years ago the counties and local jurisdictions had roughly 98% of their transportation funds cut. Due to these, many of our roadways have not been maintained properly. Potholes, cracks and erosion are causing serious traffic issues. These funds need to be restored so that these failing roadways can be repaired. Additionally, new technology, such as 'smart' stop lights need to be installed

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have taken on the big boys like BG&E when they eliminated my position while I was on maternity leave even though I was promised a promotion. I took this case all the way to the supreme court. I took on my neighbor, Jones Dealerships, when they erected stadium lighting in my backyard..... I have taken on Harford County zoning. I am willing to fight the big fight for fairness and justice.

REDISTRICTING: I would make them more equal in population. Rather than make them based upon a particular area, I would even out the distribution so each district has a similar number of households.

ENVIRONMENT: I am very concerned how the trump administration is attempting to roll back EPA measures. Please see <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/10/05/climate/trump-environment-rules-reversed.html>. The Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the U.S. is in my back yard. It took 25 years after the clean water act was passed before we saw real change. We have to protect this waterway. I could go on..

DISCRIMINATION: I worked for a bank where the men were paid more than the women for the same job. I was determined to work for a company that paid employees equally and offered full transparency. This is why I chose to work at BG&E. They published the paygrade of each position based upon years of service. This information should be published for all jobs.

EDUCATION: I would legalize marijuana and use all of that money to increase: - salaries for our teachers - our school budget - provide greater resources for our teachers Short of enacting that legislation, I would fight to ensure that the lottery and casino agreements properly pay the education system their due. I have many ideas to make education better that will not fit here.....

HEALTH CARE: The affordable care act has helped me greatly and I will fight to keep this coverage and to expand it. I am for universal health care and making sure the greatest number of people from Maryland have coverage. I wish to assist with the Opioid Crisis and started an online site to assist people in recovery: <https://quitthehabit.org>. This is a free online site to get and give assistance.

TRANSPORTATION: We should provide transportation so people can get to work, local colleges, medical centers and grocery stores. I am in a county that is slow to respond to the needs of the underserved community. I just heard one woman explain that it takes people from Edgewood 3 hours by bus to get to Harford Community College. I would encourage surveys to find this type of issue.

House of Delegates 7

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Republican Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a small business owner in the Financial Services industry and have been on the boards of several local 501c3's, including Maryland Friends of Midwives and the Victoria Russell Foundation. I am also the founder of Love Maryland PAC and have spent the last 8 years in Annapolis regularly testifying both for and against legislation that I believe will harm the family and undermine

parental rights.

REDISTRICTING: I fully support a non-partisan, term-limited committee for redistricting. No one party should ever be able to gerrymander a state in the manner that the state of Maryland has experienced.

ENVIRONMENT: I care deeply about issues relating to the impact the environment has on our children's health. My faith in our government to impact these issues is at an all time low. Industries ultimately dictate all of our environmental movements in this country and due to the revolving door between industry and regulators in D.C. change will need to come from the consumers. Don't like it, don't buy it!

DISCRIMINATION: I abhor all forms of discrimination. Due to the institutionalized discrimination that is pervasive today, smaller government and less government is the only way to truly address this. You cannot change the hearts and minds of people through legislation, but you can take away the power they have by limiting the scope of all government institutions that perpetuate those beliefs.

EDUCATION: I would end federal education policy completely. I believe the best decisions for curriculum are made at the LOCAL level, by the teachers and the communities they serve. I would like to see Maryland never again participate in any type of Federal Education initiatives. I would also like to see a focus on family and including family in the process of education.

HEALTH CARE: Maryland's healthcare systems are in the same state that much of the country is in. We have a highly regulated insurance industry which is driving businesses out of our market and have over inflated the costs of services to unfathomably high levels to cover the additional costs of the layers of administrative expense. A la carte insurance plans would help here, but also citizens opting out.

TRANSPORTATION: I think there are many areas in my district where roads could use repaving to lower the cost of constant damage to our cars. Outside of my district, I would like to see 295 addressed immediately. That road is a nightmare, lacks proper shoulders and makes commuters heading toward DC suffer major delays with even a small accidents.

Joshua Barlow

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QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up in Kingsville, graduated from Perry Hall. I put myself through college by doing concrete , earning a BA in political science. I have had both private and public experience in employment. Currently am employed by the MD military dept. as an instructor. I teach the GED to at-risk youth and have earned multiple awards as a state employee.

REDISTRICTING: Redistricting should be done by a bi-partisan panel of both Dems and Republicans. This will better insure democracy's effectiveness.

ENVIRONMENT: Environmental issues I am wanting to address are outdated sewage treatment plants, and urban sprawl.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination should not exist in any form. Judge me not upon anything but the content of my character .

EDUCATION: Education, transparent budget !! Lockbox for funding should have been done years ago, cash incentives for great teachers, Trade school availability!

HEALTH CARE: Health care, expenses- bring them down, drug costs, lobbying should be limited to legislators-\$.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation, mass transit should be available to as many as possible and green when expenses are reasonable.

Russ English, Jr.

No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former member of the Harford County Council and served as Deputy Secretary of Health under Governor Hogan. I am also a seasoned business leader who runs companies. These experiences give me an both an inside view on how dysfunctional state government is. I also see the effects of burdensome regulation and legislation on the private sector. I will focus on encouraging entrepreneurship.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that districts should be drawn bi a bi-partisan commission in order to avoid partisan gerrymandering.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of the Chesapeake Bay must be preserved. Great strides have been made, but the State of Maryland must continue to fund initiatives that are improving the Bay's health. The Susquehanna River is also a priority as there is a great deal of pollution that flows into the bay from other states. We need to continue to push our neighboring states to be more responsible.

DISCRIMINATION: State law prohibits discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability. I believe that the best way to eliminate poverty is to provide a path to self sufficiency for all of our citizens.

EDUCATION: I fully support placing School Resource Officers in every school in the state. The state, counties, and municipalities should share in the costs of this measure.

HEALTH CARE: The rising cost of health insurance is the biggest issue in the state. I believe that continuing to fund a high risk pool is the best way to stabilize the individual market. Also, as a former Deputy Secretary of Health under Governor Hogan, I realize that the state must do much better at encouraging the private sector to provide beds for mental health treatment and treatment for opioid addiction.

TRANSPORTATION: I will prioritize the funding of state highway projects. Many citizens in District 7 are spending way too much time in traffic. We should also ensure that the taxes that we pay at the gas pump go to support roads as much as possible.

Norm Gifford

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been in the legislature since 2003. I have been a registered Republican since I was 18 years old and I have voted in every election. My first political experience with Annapolis was in the year 2000 when I was the Chairman of Citizens for Property Rights. Along with others, we held the last successful referendum in the state of Maryland stopping SB 509.

REDISTRICTING: I support Governor Hogan's efforts in the courts. I would like to see fair and reasonable boundaries drawn that represent the public, not political parties.

ENVIRONMENT: I'm very concerned about the spread of solar farms in our rural communities due to the fact that they could possibly take up as much as 100,000 acres of pristine farm ground and forest land.

DISCRIMINATION: I am actually engaged in a fight for fair housing concerning the ANSAR Community in Joppa, MD. I want fair housing for all Americans.

EDUCATION: I want to see more vocational programs in our high schools. They will be funded in the same way as all other classes. Our teachers should be allowed to teach students basic educational skills rather than be forced to teach parents how to pass government required tests.

HEALTH CARE: While I do not sit on the Health Committee, I do support tort reform and the free market healthcare economy enabling Marylanders to choose their healthcare plans themselves from a wider selection.

TRANSPORTATION: We have great policies on transportation and whether one likes it or not, roads are the primary means of transportation in the state of Maryland. It's not that roads are underfunded, the problem is the taking of highway funds and using those funds for other projects in the state. There should be a lockbox on road funding.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked in and for my community my whole life. I always try to put others first. I am the owner of a small business which has employed over 1,000 members of my community. I have volunteered since I was a teen and continued through out my life.

REDISTRICTING: Partisan gerrymandering is unconstitutional. We need to protect the rights of our citizens' by creating a nonpartisan redistricting commission to draw congressional and legislative boundaries.

ENVIRONMENT: As someone whose entire livelihood has depended on the resources provide by the land and water in Maryland it is essential that we protect it. We need to find clean, renewable energy while reducing pollution and making serious stride toward restoration.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland has a clear obligation to end discrimination under the law and to enact effective laws against direct and indirect discrimination by both government and private sectors. I would support any policies that are anti-discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty.

EDUCATION: Providing a quality education for all Maryland children is a top priority. We need to reclaim the funds that were intended for schools, from the casinos and lottery, and put them where there were supposed to go... schools. We need to work hard to stop bullying and make our schools safer. Every child deserves to feel safe while at school.

HEALTH CARE: In Maryland some of the most significant health challenges are compounded by a series of social, economic, and environmental obstacles. Even though Maryland has some of the best hospitals in the country, most of our citizens can not obtain care. I would work hard to help our citizens find affordable healthcare.

TRANSPORTATION: My highest priority for transportation would be to repair and modernize the infrastructure. Maryland roads have an backlog of fixes that need to be addressed before we take on expansion.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a mom, grand-mom, and small business owner with a degree in education, I will always put people first and work to ensure that every Marylander has the opportunity to live the American Dream. A fiscal conservative, I have a proven record of working with Gov. Hogan for lower taxes, better education, and protecting the Constitutional rights of all Marylanders especially the 1st and 2nd Amendments

REDISTRICTING: I have been a cosponsor of Gov Hogan's redistricting reform bills. We need to implement a non-partisan panel to draw our state and federal districts. Maryland has some of the most gerrymandered districts in the nation. The current process deprives Marylanders of real choices and a fair political debate. Voters should choose their representatives, not politicians choosing their voters.

ENVIRONMENT: The Chesapeake Bay is the centerpiece of Maryland and our national treasure. Cleaning up the Bay for our kids and grandkids is the priority we can most directly impact. Ensuring the pollution behind the Conowingo Dam is cleaned up and that neighboring states enforce clean water and environmental standards is a challenge we must meet. This needs to be a local, state and regional partnership.

DISCRIMINATION: Every child deserves a world-class education in a safe neighborhood, regardless of their zipcode. Baltimore City Schools are failing our kids and lack educational and fiscal accountability. Crime and gun violence in the City has been intensified by judges and prosecutors who fail to get violent criminals off the streets. Expanding job opportunities including the trades and technology is essential.

EDUCATION: I cosponsored Hogan's bill to create an independent unit in the State to investigate, analyze, and report on educational standards and investigate fraud, abuse and waste in our schools. Our funding levels are some of the highest in the nation at \$16K/pupil/year. VIP-more efficient use of dollars to get more resources to the classroom & expanding school choice, especially for kids in failing schools

HEALTH CARE: The Affordable Care Act is not affordable. Health insurance premiums are too high, especially for those without employer insurance. I voted for a reinsurance program that lowered premiums and a bill to allow more choices in coverage. We must reduce the overall cost of health care and drugs with innovation and incentives for healthy lifestyles and help managing chronic diseases like diabetes.

TRANSPORTATION: Improving our roads and highways using the gas taxes paid by motorists is a priority. I support Gov Hogan's efforts to restore the local and county road funds and repeal of the annual automatic increase in the gas tax every July. I supported Gov Hogan on toll reductions and modernization of the tolling system. Expanding flextime and work from home incentives for employees will reduce congestion.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a social worker, I've seen the face of trauma, poverty, and chronic stress, and the toll it takes. This would help me draft laws which take the concerns of everyday Americans into account. I also have more traditional qualifications, such as eight years of legislative advocacy, helping usher in just laws on state and federal levels, which has helped me understand the legislative process.

REDISTRICTING: I support moving Maryland towards redistricting by independent, nonpartisan panels to ensure that all voices are heard politically.

ENVIRONMENT: Excess nutrients could be fought with incentives for better manure management, planting wildflowers along the shore, and using "smarter" drainage systems. For deforestation, I'd

fight for an amended Forest Conservation Act to protect existing trees and require new trees be planted in the wake of ones demolished for construction. Regarding high carbon use, I'd like to see a carbon fee and dividend.

DISCRIMINATION: I care deeply about inclusiveness and everyone getting a fair shot. One of my policy ideas is to support the passage of the HOME Act (which seeks to end discrimination by landlords on the basis of income). As poverty is my number one legislative priority, I would seek to reduce wealth inequity - especially on a systematic level - in any ways I could.

EDUCATION: Every person benefits from a well educated population, so I believe public money should stay in public schools. It's critical we take care of our teachers by increasing pay and keeping classrooms under a 25:1 student to teacher ratio. To pay for these measures, Maryland can put casino revenue into an education lock-box, legalize and tax recreational cannabis, and prioritize investing in education.

HEALTH CARE: We desperately need more preventative care. One way to work on this could be through community schools, wherein communities have free and/or low fee medical services, along with other services, built into the school system. Another vital issue is opioids. Supervised consumption sites reduce opioid deaths and bring down associated costs by millions. I would sponsor a bill calling for this measure.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe Maryland should invest in trains and public transit that can link our largest cities, from Ocean City to Frederick and Towson to Waldorf. Connecting our state will foster a greater sense of community, develop businesses, and increase mobility for many of Maryland's workers. This could be funded by levying a tax on recreational cannabis, a tax on pollution, and on carbon emissions.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Supervising an electrical maintenance unit of 35 employees and managing a budget of over 15 million dollars. Experience in computers and improving the production of steel while lowering maintenance costs and production delays. Working on the campaigns of Mark Warner, Tim Kaine, Al Weed, Tom Perrillo and Terry McCauliffe gave me knowledge of the political establishment.

REDISTRICTING: Work to make the legislative lines into a more sensible arrangement. The length and width of District 7 and the shape on Congressional District 1 point out just how bad gerrymandering is for the candidates and the voting public.

ENVIRONMENT: Global Warming is at the top of my list. Pass laws to reduce the carbon effect. Clean water is next. Pass laws that cannot be overwritten by executive orders. Move the Bay restoration into cleaning up the rivers and streams before they pollute the bay. Enhance the 2018 Bay restoration subliminal to put all septic systems near rivers onto a sewer system. Promote wind and solar energy.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is the most difficult tissue in our society to make progress. I believe it will take a national effort of education to overcome the bias set in human minds. So many people do not even realise the resentments they harbor. Laws can be passed but I feel only education can over ride the racism in this country and the world.

EDUCATION: I would fund education by revenue from Marijuana, fund the schools much like the gaming laws do. I would want laws that no child can be expelled or suspended from school. School funding should include more councilors, etc. to educate troubled students. The school to prison pipeline has gotten entirely out of hand. I would definitely want smaller class size and better teacher pay. Less administrator

HEALTH CARE: Health cost ate totally too high. Much of that can be traced back to no health insurance. As a state I believe we can build our own Medicaid for All system. Medicaid far exceeds Medicare benefits and would be much easier to pass cause the feds already give us funds.

TRANSPORTATION: High speed rail in other countries have proven to be the most effective means. I would want a hi speed rail system from Philadelphia thru Baltimore to Annapolis to DC. And a high speed rail from the corridor system at Baltimore to the W.VA. border. Also on education I would promote that Verizon, Comcast. erect towers to bounce the wifi signal across the state for more high speed internet and jobs.

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Senator District 34

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.

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

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Republican Candidates

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Democratic Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: In my 16 years as a Delegate, I was Chairman of the Pension Subcommittee and the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee among other committee memberships and positions. My task force memberships involved environment, education, military, and economy. In my private sector life I have practiced law for 32 years, I manage my family farm and a small business, and I am raising my three children.

REDISTRICTING: While I am open to the idea of creating a non-partisan commission to draft congressional maps if that becomes necessary, I would initially support Maryland either adopting a best practice approach or actual legislation requiring the legislature to adopt some or all the traditional standards and if need be, adopt some or all of the emerging standards used in about 13 other states.

ENVIRONMENT: Clean-up projects, pollution, and underfunding at the state and federal level are chronic problems. For example, the Lower Susquehanna River Compact between NY, PA, MD, and VA created by my father, William James, has not been followed/funded. I have and will continue to support these projects, and efforts to upgrade sewer systems and assistance to individuals who are on independent septic systems.

DISCRIMINATION: I support more funding for state and local Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission agencies and The Maryland Commission on Human Relations to review employer practices and provide education and training for employers to help them understand the benefits of hiring a diverse workforce. This would also apply to minimizing subtle and perhaps inadvertent adverse housing discrimination.

EDUCATION: I support measures that prioritize strong public schools in Maryland and advocate for the fair distribution of resources in districts across the state. Additionally, I support efforts to ensure that funds intended to be distributed to education are used for education and not diverted towards other programs.

HEALTH CARE: Major issues include the underfunding/potential repeal of the ACA, influences of pharmaceutical companies in dictating drug prices, and the need for addiction/mental health treatment. I support policy that requires drug companies to provide discounts for commonly prescribed drugs. We must also require full financial parity between physical healthcare coverage and mental health and drug addiction.

TRANSPORTATION: Local entities must work more closely with the state and the state must direct more resources to relieve congestion. The State Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) was a visionary tool but designed at a time before mass transit was a major part of our transportation system. We must consider a trust fund for mass transit funded from prorated local taxes or other creative funding systems.

Barbara Osborn Kreamer

No response received by deadline.

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Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 2.

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J.D. Russell**Campaign Website:** <http://electedjd.com>**Campaign Email:** jd@electjd.com**Campaign Phone:** (410) 939-1500**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the owner of HPS Management with 34 employees in Harford County; worked in law enforcement for 12 years before starting my company; & earned a Bachelors degree in legal studies while working as a police officer. I have served as a page in Annapolis, am a member of the Lions Club, Rotary, and American Legion as well as the Harford County, Aberdeen, & Havre de Grace Chambers of Commerce.**REDISTRICTING:** Gerrymandering is a form of political gaming that stifles real debate and removes citizens ability to make meaningful election choices. I support an independent body, comprised equally of members by all party affiliations, to draw districts without considering the party of registered voters that are contiguous, do not crisscross county lines, and represent realistic groups of communities.**ENVIRONMENT:** 1) New jobs that promote renewable sources; 2) Tax incentives to install solar panels, purchase electric vehicles, and install electric vehicle charging stations; 3) Affordable and practical solutions with BAT systems; 4) Fund private septic system replacements of failing systems in critical areas; and 5) Practical solutions to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and debris from behind the Conowingo Dam.**DISCRIMINATION:** I support advancing equal opportunity for all people without regard to race, gender, religion, disability, or economic circumstances. I think we need to carefully reflect how we define discrimination and how the unintended consequences of laws and actions in the past and present have perpetuated a feeling a disposition. In order to truly have an equal society all people must truly feel included.**EDUCATION:** As a father of two, I support the Governors efforts to improve accountability in public schools & the Protect Our Students Act of 2018. I will also work with the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Aberdeen Police, Board of Education and other government agencies to place School Resources Officers at all schools with a county wide program that matches the very successful model of Havre de Grace.**HEALTH CARE:** For the RT 40 corridor of Harford County I have been, and continue to be an advocate imploring UM UCH to reconsider the downgrading of services at the new "freestanding medical facility" and hope they will include the same live-saving emergency hospital services at the proposed new facility. As a state legislator, I will consider any action that will reduce the high costs of Health Insurance.**TRANSPORTATION:** 1) Expanding public transportation with the proposed new High Speed Rail in Maryland; 2) Funding and greatly improving the bus system for Harford County; 3) Bringing the I-95 Express Lanes from Baltimore County through all of Harford County; and 4) creating more pedestrian and bike friendly communities and paths between shopping areas and residential neighborhoods.**Monica A. Worrell****Campaign Website:** <http://www.monicaworrell.com>**Campaign Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/votemonicaworrell>**Campaign Twitter:** twitter.com/MonicaWorrell**Campaign Email:** votemohod34A@gmail.com**Campaign Phone:** (410) 939-7981**QUALIFICATIONS:** Elected to Hdg City Councilwoman in 2015, re-elected in 2017. Worked in both private & public sector for local govt, public safety, hotels, restaurants, tourism and healthcare. I have owned my own business; I am a homeowner, wife, mother, business leader & community volunteer. I am fiscally responsible, independent thinker with a strong a work ethic.**REDISTRICTING:** I support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative & congressional district maps after each census. It's important for our citizens that the boundaries represent areas with similarities in both geography and demographics. This way legislator can more efficiently focus on their community's needs.**ENVIRONMENT:** Understanding the importance of environmentalism and resources available to us,

are our biggest challenge. We need to promote and reward uses of clean energy, help our cities grow sustainably while maintain healthy land and waters and investing in nature based solutions like reforestation, soil health and coastal ecosystem restoration.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination dehumanizes and hurts. If enough of us make a daily conscious effort not to discriminate it is possible for real societal changes to take place. It's important to lead by example; by reinforcing the message we are all in it together, we can affect change.

EDUCATION: Encourage a more even distribution of school funding to counties and require them to report back on spending. Increase early educational programs beginning as early as age three. Work to improve Career and Training Education programs so that students meet employment standards in a rewarding career after graduating high school.

HEALTH CARE: The rising costs of premiums, deductibles and co-pays that affect everyone are the biggest challenge facing health care today. Supporting initiatives that promote wellness and public health are critical. Support equity in reimbursements for providers in payments between Medicaid and Medicare, payment parity for telemedicine.

TRANSPORTATION: Conditions of roads are a top priority and should be funded through Highway User (HUR). I contend we send more revenues back to the cities and counties for road improvements and repairs thus ensuring a solid infrastructure is in place. Governments' main purpose is to take care of infrastructure needs.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 2.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My life & educational experiences have prepared me to bring a highly driven and critically focused approach to the office. My decision making has always been solution & idea driven & less ideological which allows me to be able to work with diverse groups of people. Mind sciences, entrepreneurial, arts, & law studies has provided me a solid foundation to be an effective legislator for the people.

REDISTRICTING: MD's redistricting policy is being challenged in the Supreme court. Without knowing all the details of the case I would support any effort that would reduce & rid our voting system of any kind of gerrymandering/suppression, utilizing statistical models for redistricting, independent redistricting reform research can be utilized, & advocate for equitable 2020 census.

ENVIRONMENT: Global warming is a massive concern for me because of the disastrous repercussions for those living now & in the future. Addressing new fuel & power sources to move towards energy independence, the financial/economic benefits, job creation, & environmental benefits improve the quality of life for Marylanders. Improving water quality, addressing pollutants, & factory farming are also main focuses.

DISCRIMINATION: Address wage pay inequity, living wage policies, environmental racism, fair housing & lending, criminal justice & bail reform, restorative practices in the education system, education reform to focus on career preparation, infrastructure & transportation upgrades to provide access to economic opportunities & resources causing a rise in quality of life & productivity in vulnerable communities.

EDUCATION: Vo-tech education to replace the aging workforce. Public service commitment to the State in exchange for college education. Education curriculum reform & immersion of civic philosophy & ideas to create productive citizens, education recruitment in High school for educators of the future. Address funding issues through reforming the education funding formula & advocate for Federal reinvestment fund

HEALTH CARE: Moving from an expensive for-profit health insurance system to a more effective healthcare system for all. I believe healthcare is a right & that Universal healthcare is necessary to address quality of life & productivity. I also support caregivers benefits & support(family & otherwise)to relieve financial & psychological burdens while still allowing the caregiver to be productive & healthy.

TRANSPORTATION: I support an overhaul of the transportation system in the entire state by creating & extending the METRO rail system (Havre De Grace to Baltimore & areas similar are a main focus). Building up public transportation w/renewable & alternative fuel types will create jobs & reduce pollution. Infrastructure upgrades to allow safe walking & biking. Moving from petrol to fuel efficient & alternative fuel

Steve Johnson

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a master's degree in Public Policy and have served both in the legislative and executive branches of government at the municipal, County and State levels of government which provide me with a unique skill set of problem solving skills and a broad understanding of the operations of government at many levels. I have extensive experience in the private sector therefore, understand business.

REDISTRICTING: The Idea of a non-partisan, independent body appointed by elected officials doesn't necessarily ensure that the appointee will act in a manner of integrity. A private citizen or an elected official should be able to make changes for the good of the community. Titles do not define character. A suggestion from 2010 is that each cycle all precinct assignments should be dissolved.

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland must continue to lead the multi-state effort to meet pollution reduction and clean water goals with or without assistance from the federal government. If we engage the 17million people, in six states who live in the Chesapeake Bay's watershed to simply make good decisions the Bay will self restore. Bay restoration is about awareness, impact, local engagement, empowerment and action.

DISCRIMINATION: ALL – Discrimination based upon race, age, gender, religion, administration, poverty ethnicity etc have no place in American society! I have always spoken against policies, attitudes and behaviors and will continue to do.

EDUCATION: I support the grand vision in the Report of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. The challenge is how to fund its lofty goals. It is important to recognize that each must have a separate strategy, timeline and a willingness to work outside of the educational structure that has existed for decades by creating public / private partnerships for a global economy and workforce.

HEALTH CARE: Affordable, accessible, quality healthcare is my biggest concern for my immediate community and many communities throughout Maryland. To immediately address rising cost I would implement administrative standards and order administrative / functional / and staffing audits of our MD based health systems. Duplicative administrative, administrative administrative functions need to be streamlined.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland must plan forward and plan for transportation needs today that will serve populations in future decades. Moving people by car will not likely be the first choice of future generations. Projects like the Maglev train will change commuter habits and consumers will expect the State to have the infrastructure in place to support other modes of transportation including my waterbased bills .

House of Delegates 34B

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jan Marie Christensen

No response received by deadline.

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No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My vast experience at both the municipal level and county level make me uniquely qualified for representing the constituents of District 34. My college experience, coupled with my military background has prepared me to work with everyone, regardless of political affiliations. I encourage decision makers to work in harmony. As a councilman I passed 11 county budgets with no tax increase

REDISTRICTING: I feel that redistricting is an opportunity to create areas of representations that actually reflect the make up of individual communities. I will not look to party affiliations, but rather the community as a whole as to what is just and fair for all citizens

ENVIRONMENT: As a State representative we need to be ever mindful of our role as Stewards of the Environment. Whether it's the health of the Chesapeake Bay, one of the largest estuaries in the world, or climate change and rising sea levels, or pollution to our streams and rivers, we must maintain a diligent effort to protect our vital resources for future generations

DISCRIMINATION: I will actively support any legitimate legislation to combat sexual harassment not only in the workplace but in any other venue. I have an exemplary record of seeking equality without regard to race, religion, national origin or age. As an employer in the broadcast industry in Harford

County the record shows I was the first to hire a woman and a minority for on air work.

EDUCATION: The legislature too often passes non-funded mandates that are passed onto to Local School Boards without any means to implement them. Education priorities are best left to the experts in education, our classroom teachers. Curriculum decisions should be made locally also. Reduce class sizes. State must reimbursement to the county for School Construction I approved safety officers in our schools.

HEALTH CARE: A priority we be to restore Medicare funding to the rural counties. Local health departments were stripped to the bone in previous state budgets. Senior centers need access to more "wellness" programs especially for those over 65. Prescription assistance for seniors must be a priority.

TRANSPORTATION: Your delegate needs to voice loud and clear, that we need highway money back home to fix the roads. Bad Roads cause a never ending cycle of expense to drivers, money we seniors can't afford. I support funding for public buses in Harford County. We must support our regional airports as they foster jobs and industrial development

Walter "Butch" Tilley

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a small business owner I have seen the effects, both positive and negative, that legislation and regulations have on our economy and society. As a single father of two adult children I understand the real life struggle of balancing work and family life. I will take these experiences to Annapolis to introduce legislation that allows for a safe and harmonious community.

REDISTRICTING: It is entirely reasonable to expect that an independent body would draft more maps that were actually fair and reasonable rather than those that obviously preserved the political status quo. Maryland has some of the worst gerrymandered Congressional districts in the nation and reform is needed to bring fair elections and true representation to Maryland.

ENVIRONMENT: There are no new panaceas to the problem of environmental protection and funding shortages are a perennial issue. Maryland will absolutely need to renew its commitment to proven methodologies – funding clean-up efforts, restraining pollution sources and prioritizing environmental stewardship.

DISCRIMINATION: All Marylanders have a right to have equal opportunity to succeed in our great state. Discrimination in any form is wrong and our government needs to ensure we do our part both in practice, operations and education to prevent any types of discrimination.

EDUCATION: As a father of two public high school students in Harford County I believe state of the art facilities as well as an investment in the best teachers are imperative in order to create a learning environment that is safe and fosters learning environment. I believe a reform in the dollars received from the casino's in the state will provide additional funding for our schools.

HEALTH CARE: This is a multi-faceted and complicated issue, with the intersection of so many competing interests and moral implications. As we work towards the health and well-being of every citizen of Maryland, two policy questions stand out – the regulation of health insurance coverage and the regulation of health care services.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland's roadways are clearly overwhelmed and there is clearly a need for a well-planned transit system designed to serve the entire state. The state's transportation needs are significant and state resources may be insufficient to meet the need without creative, effective alliances. I support Governor Hogan's approach which contemplates a public-private partnership in key zones.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Jeff Dinger

No response received by deadline.

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Senator District 35

DUTIES: State Senators and Delegates represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget. The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters. The Senate also confirms the Governor's appointments of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jason C. Gallion

No response received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

There are no Democratic candidates.

House of Delegates 35B

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 2.

Andrew Cassilly

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QUALIFICATIONS: Served in Army National Guard. Earned Master's Degree from Loyola. Former therapist at the Perry Point Veterans hospital. Served in the education systems for Cecil and Harford Counties as a Teacher, Coach, Assistant Principal. I currently serve as the Energy Manager for the school system overseeing an 8 million dollar utility budget and energy efficiency projects that save schools system millions.

REDISTRICTING: It is important for legislators to be close to the citizen whom they represent. Continuous gerrymandering is not fair to the citizens. It defeats appropriate and thoughtful representation on issues affecting their community. I support efforts to design districts around core communities.

ENVIRONMENT: Lowering Federal regulations have resulted in our State increasing environmental oversight in construction, industry, and agriculture. I believe we are making steady progress. Our biggest challenge is gaining cooperation with Pennsylvania to lower pollution entering our bay.

DISCRIMINATION: I have always voted to address discrimination. Sb 528 targets hate crimes based on race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, or disability.

EDUCATION: We have many issues facing our schools. Loss of local control, overcrowding, school safety, increased testing, and assuming more roles traditionally held by the family. We have passed may new laws this session to address these issues. This session I supported HB dedication of casino revenues for education as well as increasing funding for our schools.

HEALTH CARE: Health care costs continue to rise while health insurance coverage is rising beyond the middle class. I voted to support HB1194 which creates a Drug Cost Review Commission to help reign in the growing cost of prescription medication, as well as in support of fertility preservation coverage and a study to analyze infant mortality rates in rural areas.

TRANSPORTATION: Both our rural and urban areas of the County are reliant on our roads and bridges. Our economy suffers from traffic congestion and crumbling infrastructure. I will continue to work to insure that tax dollars intended for our roads and highways are in fact spent on our roads and highways.

Teresa Reilly

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No response received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 2.

Ronnie Teitler Davis

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a former teacher, now a small business owner, and a leader in my community: as past chair of the Harford County Commission for Women, graduate of the Harford Leadership Academy and as a leader in my Rotary club and district, I have been exposed to various issues that plague both our county and state. Listening and collaboration is one way to help solve the issues that plague us.

REDISTRICTING: I support changes only if they are done with a non-partisan, independent body.

ENVIRONMENT: One environmental challenge we have and continue to have is taking care of our Chesapeake Bay and surrounding waterways. We all need to preserve the Bay and we need to make sure our state as well as the surrounding states helps by increasing state funds as federal funds have decreased. We need to continue the ban on fracking and push more for clean energy options.

DISCRIMINATION: We as a society should never discriminate based on any reason. We cannot and should not condone "hate crimes" and prosecute to the full extent of the law should one be committed. We need to teach tolerance in schools, homes and places of worship. We need to help life up those who are impoverished and support anyone who is different from us. I support the policies in place at this time.

EDUCATION: I fully support the findings of the Commission on Innovation and excellence in Education and the 9 Building Blocks for a World-Class Education System. Through the addition of the casino revenue to a healthy education budget, these findings can be implemented. We need to give students options rather than expect all students to attend college.

HEALTH CARE: The opioid issue is one of the greatest challenges facing Maryland today. Seeing another overdose or fatality listed brings home the importance of working on a solution. Controlling the number of opioids being prescribed at one time with no renewal is one way. Pharmacists should be given the right to refuse to fill a prescription and should enter it in a statewide database for prevention.

TRANSPORTATION: Our roads are in need of repair, however, this cannot be the only avenue we have for transportation. We need to increase spending on mass transit that connects not only the city, but also the city and surrounding counties with one another. Tolls and gas taxes should be earmarked for these improvements and expansions.

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Local Leaders

Harford County Executive

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

SALARY: \$105,136.

TERM: 4 years. No term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Countywide.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My family taught me to value public service as I was growing up in Harford County. Beginning at age 16 with the Level Volunteer Fire Company, on the County Council, in the Maryland House of Delegates, the state Senate, and as Harford County's executive, I have developed a deep understanding of how government works, and most importantly, how it should serve our citizens.

BUDGET: I am proud that we have increased funding for education, public safety, opioid abuse prevention and treatment, and agricultural preservation, without raising tax rates. We are constantly looking to cut spending and improve efficiencies. For example, we eliminated bureaucracy in the county executive's office and reduced leasing costs by maximizing the use of existing county facilities.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We recently completed HarfordNEXT, our countywide master plan, and a required zoning review using technology to provide award-winning transparency and opportunities for community input. Everything is published on the county website. Implementations include incentives to help contain the development envelope, an overlay district to boost economic development, and our green infrastructure plan.

EDUCATION: We have made education a priority by directing funds to restore teacher salaries with increased operating funding totaling \$15 million over three years versus only \$1 million from the state. We also continue to increase funds for school security, classroom technology, and modern school facilities, while seeking changes to the state funding formulas that underfund rural/suburban counties.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We recently had the second-highest job growth in the state with our focus on retention, growth and attraction in our major sectors of defense, healthcare, e-commerce, and education. Our new "DefTech" center promotes commercialization opportunities with APG, while we continue our support for public education, small business development, workforce-training grants, and transit links to job centers.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: My administration will continue to provide funding for the development and renovation of affordable multifamily rental units, the construction and renovation of affordable owner-occupied single-family housing through partnerships with local nonprofits including Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna, and provide first-time homebuyer and post purchase education programs.

INFRASTRUCTURE: After budgeting \$16 million over three years to fix county roads, this year we successfully advocated for increased state funds, and we continue to seek relief for congested state roads. In transportation, we are adding bike/walking trails and bus shelters, and we have added a new bus route to employment centers. I am most proud of our new sensory trail for citizens with disabilities.

Mike Perrone, Jr.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served nearly a full term on the County Council and have had plenty of opportunities to observe how County government could be operating better.

BUDGET: I'm not focused as much on programs as much as I am on practices. For example, there's no reason why County government should be throwing away money by leasing office space when our rental expenses would more than cover the interest payments on bonds to build and own more office

space.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The Zoning Code needs to be focused more on managing the impacts of land uses and less on the uses themselves. This goes hand in hand with the form based approach to zoning which is something we need to look at seriously in Harford County.

EDUCATION: The needs of all recipients of County appropriations need to be considered in the context of each other. Priorities evolve over time, and the increasing concern over school safety is a clear example of that evolution. Government's spending priorities should keep up with those changes, but as one item moves up the priority list, then at least one other item has to move down.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: One step would be to make changes to the speed of the permitting/approval process. Years ago Harford County introduced a fast track permitting process, which by definition makes the normal process the "slow track". Why wouldn't County government apply the efficiencies of the fast track process to all applicants?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Government needs to play less of a role in the housing market, not more. I hear a lot of talk about "affordable housing" as if it's some external force that we're grappling with - it isn't. Every time we add more regulations to drive up the cost of building a house, housing becomes a little bit less affordable. That's not to say that all regulations are bad - we just can't ignore their costs.

INFRASTRUCTURE: If the Zoning Code did a better job of accommodating mixed use development, every shortened or eliminated vehicle trip would benefit not only those who choose to live in more compact communities, but also every driver on the roads that those shortened or eliminated trips would otherwise have taken place on.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Maryann Connaghan Forgan

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QUALIFICATIONS: Being a Harford County resident for 50 years lays a great foundation. Owning my own business also has taught me about problem solving, communicating, listening , working together, caring about employees and their families. I have also learned so much from members of my community and their unwavering service.

BUDGET: First and foremost I would look at any program that deals with residents and community and evaluate the need for more funding. I would not make decisions on decreasing funds to any program without thoroughly investigating the harm it might cause.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Listening to the community and taking care of our environment for the future is my priority. We cannot be so relaxed about our zoning regulations. We can change if we make the effort.

EDUCATION: The council, administration ,a panel of educators together with the board of education need to get our schools safe and repaired, supplies bought and teachers paid. We need change now. Hopefully everyone would be on board and willing to work together to improve the quality of our education system..

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Steps for growth: Addiction recovery programs, education incentives, commitment to our communities and families, building with purpose and sensitivity. Communication with residents.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Develop a plan with the community that works to provide whatever type of housing is called for. Communication, community involvement is key. Work on developing zoning regulations that benefit our quality of life.

INFRASTRUCTURE: It seems like our new master plan needs to be reevaluated. Who ever is conducting the traffic studies also needs to be reevaluated. Our public facilities and parks need to be taken care of with enough money out of the budget to do it properly. If we keep going in the direction this administration is taking us we just might end up being one big parking lot.

Harford County Council President

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

HOW ELECTED: The Council President is elected at-large.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Shawn A. Kingston

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been leading and directing community programs and neighborhood revitalization programs for over 17 years. I spent 15 years in the private market as a business owner, CPA, and economist developing and operating multi-million dollars businesses. Education and experience includes, graduation from the U of MD, Bachelors in Economics, passing CPA exam, 10+ years Harford County Cabinet.

BUDGET: The budget needs to be increased in three areas - education, public safety, and smart technology. Education is my primary focus Law enforcement must be provided with tomorrows tools today. An investment in IoT technology will result in substantial operational cost reductions. The county needs to reduce the executive staff budget by reducing the number of executive staff.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Harford County's growth with purpose, is more akin to growth with congestion. The entire development envelope needs redefined and reevaluated.

EDUCATION: Establishing schools as centers of community activity is an essential element necessary to improve support. Further schools must establish partnerships with the business and not-for-profit community. They need to be open to the community all day, every day, evenings, and weekends.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: To encourage job growth and economic development provide: • Top rate educational facilities • Top notch health care facilities • Latest technology infrastructure • Efficient transportation infrastructure • Efficient and affordably utilities

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Affordable housing at what level of income, and what purpose, purchase or rent? Vilfredo Pareto said the only unambiguous standard of a social gain is this: If we take a number of people, and something makes any one of them better off by their own judgement without making anyone else worse off, that is an unambiguous social improvement. Increase housing affordability, with education.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The County must invest in smart infrastructure which will provide smart data. The County need to utilize IoT sensors, actuators, and technology to connect components across the county, and analysis data from underneath the streets, to the air that citizens are breathing deriving patterns from the collected data. • Smart IoT bring everything together.

Patrick Vincenti

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QUALIFICATIONS: Lifelong resident of HC, 32 years small business owner, non-profit service. We have 3 grandchildren attending public schools. 3 ½ years experience - Harford County Council. I serve as the Council Liaison to several boards and programs in the county and active in our economic development efforts. These organizations and talking with our citizens have encouraged me to do more in our communities.

BUDGET: Proud member of the current County Council that has approved the Glassman Administration's past 3 budgets which has placed a stronger emphasis on our county employees (teachers, deputies, correctional officers, and county workers). We remain fiscally responsible by restoring and maintaining our fund balance while funding public safety efforts such as SROs, on the road deputies, fire and EMS.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Being a member of the Council that approved the Harford NEXT Master Plan for Harford County, I believe that we need to continue on a path of smart growth by focusing economic development in areas of the county where the infrastructure already exists or can be enhanced, while focusing on our public transportation needs and maintaining our environmental stewardship.

EDUCATION: Committed to quality education, invest in our teachers and enhance our recruitment and retention efforts, attract quality educators. For many, our educators are more than just teachers; they become mentors and role models. We need to continue our efforts in maintaining the Maintenance of Effort and continue to exceed that wherever possible. Expand our technical training opportunities.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: In my opinion we need to encourage job growth and economic development within our county; we need to focus on the revitalization of the Route 40 Corridor. A reinvestment in this area and projects such as the Magnolia Overlay coming to fruition, reinvesting in neglected properties and brown ground would attract other investors into this area and allow for more positive growth.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I will continue to support the Federal and State programs that allow the Harford County Housing and Community Development Department to provide housing opportunities for Harford County residents and support for non-profit efforts such as Habitat for Humanity, First-Time Home Buyers Counseling and pre and post housing purchase counseling.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to stay mindful of growing with a purpose. It is important to encourage development in areas that contain the appropriate infrastructure such as the Route 40 and 95 Corridors while also keeping a balance of open space, and environmental stewardship. Development focused in these areas will inspire growth and revitalization, these and other things will help to strengthen our local economy.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I worked on several committees in Harford County, serving the community and Sheriff's Office on the Gang Summit Strategic Planning Committee, Edgewood Community Council (Chairman Safe & Secure Neighborhoods) and on Bid Process of Washington Court Redevelopment. I was involved with the Edgewood Revitalization, Anton \$ Associates. I work very well with people.

BUDGET: The Budget for Education should be increased and would also work for County Road Repair. Also, government consolidation to keep expenses in check; example: Economic Development Office in Havre De Grace instead of Belair alongside Permits; this would make sense to me. As we could assist Economic Development clients with permitting processes.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I think as a Council we need to revisit Eminent Domain Rights. Harford County Citizens rights have been eroding lately. Also we need equitable enforcement of land use policies. I would like to do away with the new 3 minute speaking rule, the council is the peoples place to voice concerns, especially about land issues and zoning.

EDUCATION: At the beginning of meetings, as President, I would make a school announcement to get parents more involved in their children's school. I would work tirelessly to improve support for Public Schools. Our children are our future and their education is paramount.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We need to encourage economic development. An example of this is Lidl's and Amazon being built in Cecil County instead of Harford County. The Army as one of the County's

largest employers, we are so dependent on. I would like to see diversification so change has less impact on Harford's work force and economy.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Affordable Housing should be a part of any healthy county. I would work with the County Executive, State Delegation and Federal Delegation to achieve the increase of affordable Housing for all.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I would work for the funding of County Road Repair, some of our roads are in very poor condition. We have some great public facilities; I would be in favor of maintaining these assets and if feasible, improving same. Our waterfront parks are beautiful and should be preserved at all costs for future generations.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 12 years of experience as a Tech VP at ADP and Broadridge. This shows that I can take charge, direct people, and effectively lead the county council meetings. In addition, I have extensive experience leading and participating in cross-functional teams. I am the only candidate who has successfully sued Harford zoning and understand how Harford County bullies its citizens

BUDGET: We should make the salaries of our teachers far more competitive so we stop losing teachers and start hiring the best from other areas. We should do the same for our first responders. We need to expand public transportation to all citizens, especially seniors and students. We need to also expand the number of environmental inspectors to ensure all projects are environmentally safe.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: HC does not weigh all the facts when making a decision. For example, zoning approved a tire pyrolysis plant in an area labeled CI when it should only be in a GI area. This dangerous plant could explode or secrete emissions that could impact up to 73,000 residents. HC should pay the fees when they force a resident to go to court and the resident wins. Zoning notices should be posted on the website.

EDUCATION: We need to elevate how teachers are viewed in the community and I think we should recognize a different teacher every week in our meetings. Further, we need to reduce class sizes. My daughter, a Fulbright Scholar, attended Fallston with an average class size of 13 while in Edgewood it is more than 30. Class sizes should be reduced and should be similar across all districts.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The county should offer economic incentives such as a reduced taxes, low-interest rate loans and technical assistance from Harford Community College to businesses with great ideas and/ or great potential. We should encourage our students in HS and College to brainstorm new opportunities. We should host code-a-thons and tech brainstorming meetups. I led a tech startup that was acquired by ADP.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Harford County should strive to increase the volume of affordable housing in areas that are designated to support apartments and low-cost multifamily housing. To make this truly affordable, it is imperative that we offer public transportation to ensure the residents can be independent and self-sufficient. Once the transportation is in place, we can then market these regions to developers.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I would work with the department of zoning and make sure proper traffic studies are performed before development begins. We need to invest in public transportation for our seniors, our students, and our low-income residents. I would encourage the county to build alternate contracts with school buses to utilize their services during non-pickup times to meet our transportation needs.

Harford County Council District A

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have qualifications on both personal and professional levels. I have worked as a project manager for several federal government contractors, I have volunteered locally with PTAs and church groups. I have spent the last four years working a Council Member's legislative aide, so I am aware of the issues facing both the district and the county.

BUDGET: There are several budget programs which need to be evaluated. First, would be capital expenditures. Next would be public safety. Finally would be the education budget.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The current zoning code was written in the 1970's. While periodic updates have been made, I feel a complete revision needed. I would like to see a committee formed to rewrite the zoning code to update and modernize it.

EDUCATION: Parental involvement needs to be encouraged and developed. Teachers need to be given the tools to foster learning within the classroom and not be tied to a script for teaching.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The county to encourage our young people to explore trades as the first step to higher education. A true vo-tech and trades school needs to be placed in the southern part of the county. Also, steps need to be taken to encourage and incentivize businesses to locate in those areas where infrastructure already exists, such as the Route 40 corridor.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Harford County needs to encourage inclusionary zoning and support transit-oriented developments which can increase the access to affordable housing and allow people to live, work and play within their communities.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Many of the roads experiencing congestion are state roads, so the County will need to work with the state to develop solutions to relieve the congestion along those routes. The County also needs to take a proactive approach to the public transportation needs. The buses need to have extended hours to accommodate 2nd and 3rd shifts and weekends. Express routes need to be developed to reach HCC.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the Harford County Council for 12 years and I am running to be elected to that office. Many accomplishments have taken place over that period, to name a few, elimination of the Trach Transfer Station proposal of the County Executive, establishment of A 3000

job Kohl's plant where the County Executive wanted to put a new Incinerator plant and we stop that from being built, many more

BUDGET: The budget for the Harford County Board of Education needs to be increase to provide decent pay for the Teachers and also increase to pay our Sheriff's office employees and Deputy's what they deserve

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to completely re write the zoning code as it is totally out of date. We also need to have the DAC meeting at 6pm instead of 9am so all can attend.

EDUCATION: Have adequate funding so teacher can be paid for what they do and have enough money so students do not have to "pay to play" to play in the sports they would like.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Need to work with APG as they have funding available for Jop needs and small business plans. The Rt 40 area needs much improvement and development, APG can help with funding.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: There are many areas in the County that need to be redevelop and funding needs to be set aside for such projects. It is time to stop talking about it and do it.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Harford County has very poor public transit facilities and need to step up to the plate in this area. Students need to spend 2 and 3 hours on buses just trying to get to the area schools. It is an embarrassment and should not be tolerated

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QUALIFICATIONS: The skills I cultivated in the United States Army as a Non-Commissioned Officer have led me to learn leadership, discipline, standardization, have set me apart and provided me with a path to success."My real strengths are my attention to detail, productivity, teamwork, leadership, and ethics all have prepared me for the duties of this office.

BUDGET: Increase: Sidewalks and Handicapped Ramps to include transportation stops that could use a canopy for citizens who ride public transportation to keep them out of the elements.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I'd like to look at TDR's - Normally, as an incentive to purchase the TDR building rights in a Growth Area, the developer receives additional benefits such as higher density or more uses of the property that would otherwise be permitted in the existing zoning.

EDUCATION: Ensure that pedagogy reflects the racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds of students of color - For students of color, improving on existing curricula and pedagogies can have an enormous impact. All teachers should receive comprehensive and effective cultural competency training as part of their professional development.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Promote economic growth through innovation - Strategic immigration reform

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Partnership: Ongoing support for effective and creative partnerships among nonprofit community groups, churches, private developers, government at all levels, and financial institutions to build and preserve affordable housing

INFRASTRUCTURE: I would make some changes in the plan, perhaps in road classifications. Whether this would constitute a stand-alone amendment to HarfordNEXT master plan. Also, I'd advocate and fight for a new Joppatowne High and a Recreation center in Joppatowne.

Harford County Council District B

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have had the opportunity to serve Harford County since 2009--especially the residents of District B. My skill set has been tested as I have worked with other leaders to make Harford County a great place to live, work and raise a family. I continue to have a great passion to help our county grow and prosper while maintaining a great quality of life for our residents.

BUDGET: Obviously one of my primary focuses is to make certain our communities are safe with an emphasis on our schools. We must make certain that our children are safe and protected at all times. It is important to keep our cash reserves/contingency reserves fully funded. I am also interested in developing infrastructure projects within reason and making sure we meet our Maintenance of Efforts.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to make sure there is a comprehensive plan and review for every project that impacts our community to provide for roads, bridges and other infrastructure. We want Harford County to be a thriving, growing community but we must make certain we are protecting our quality of life. I have found that people of good will can work together as long as we avoid extremes.

EDUCATION: I believe that is important for us to manage our tax dollars well enough that we can always meet our Maintenance of Effort requirements without any issue. Additionally, I want to make certain that we have the proper focus on school safety and that we remain determined to remove illegal drugs from our school systems.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I believe we should do all in our power to keep taxes and restrictive regulation low. We want job creators to come to Harford County and we should welcome them with open arms. We make ourselves attractive to job creators by offering incentives, good infrastructure, good schools and a welcoming community with a high quality of life.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I would continue to support the efforts of the Harford County Housing and Community Development Department. They do an excellent job.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I believe we must continue to have comprehensive planning and budgeting to meet our infrastructure needs. We are a growing county and we need roads, bridges and other infrastructure. This should be a priority in our budgeting.

Democratic Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an educator and mom, I have worked to engage children and adults in my community, as well as advocating for my own kids' special needs. My husband was transferred 3 years ago by the DoD from Ft. Detrick in Frederick to APG in Harford County, giving me a unique perspective

on the types of resources available in different communities.

BUDGET: The most significant part of the county budget needing an increase is education. Teachers need to be paid as professionals so that we attract and retain the best educators. All our children would benefit from smaller classroom sizes, so that teachers are in a better position to handle individual needs. Social services and mental health care needs also need to be prioritized.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to carefully manage changes in our use of rural areas, in order to protect our food supply and way of life. By the same token, green spaces and parks need to be distributed more evenly. Denser areas should be given priority in developing outdoor recreational opportunities. We need to alert citizens at each step of the approval process for greater transparency and public input.

EDUCATION: We need to increase funding, especially teachers salaries, which have fallen behind nearby counties. Increase training and awareness of special needs and ensure that our county schools have the resources and support to be inclusive of a diversity of needs. Schools also can be the hub of support for families, offering wrap around services and programs, and partnering with other public institutions.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Our area has the potential to be a major tourist attraction if we make our waterfronts more accessible and tourism friendly. Being on the I 95 corridor is a major benefit and we could do much to attract businesses who would like to be in such a central location if we had the public services that increase quality of life that businesses often look for such as parks, pools, bike paths, transit.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Require new developments to build a percentage of their units for lower income. The benefits of this approach is that rather than segregating public housing to a certain area, lower income housing is integrated throughout the county and low income families with children will have the benefit of being in well-resourced and funded schools to be able to address the issue of persistent poverty.

INFRASTRUCTURE: While driving around our county, I rarely see a bus on these same roads. I grew up and spent my college years without a car, because I lived within easy walking distance to great public transportation. Increase transit options to benefit young people, as well as those with disabilities that prohibit them from driving, and even those of us who don't like to be forced to get in a car to go anywhere.

Harford County Council District C

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: Served 40 years as a public servant: 35 yrs at Harford Co. Library, 4 yrs Bel Air Town Commissioner & 3 yrs Mayor. Personal life includes wife to a small business owner, mother to a child with disabilities, children graduated from Harford Co Public Schools and advocate 6 yrs for parent in long-term care. Graduate U of MD School of Public Policy. Board member & volunteer for several non-profits.

BUDGET: I have volunteered to serve as Chair of Harford County Citizens Budget Advisory Board for the past four years. I have spent over 40 hours each budget session listening to County Dept. Heads, School Board members, First Responders, County agencies and citizens discuss their needs and priorities. I believe this is the most efficient and effective way to determine priorities for spending tax dollars.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Harford County is strong in its land use policies. We strive for an orderly development of land in an environmentally sound manner. I have given speeches to representatives from all over the state about Bel Air's Sustainability Plan and am excited about the County's HarfordNEXT Vision. Transparency and citizen involvement is essential to our success.

EDUCATION: School safety & teacher retention are two of my priorities for schools. Cooperation among State, County, and Town agencies has already begun to support school safety adding SROs. The State's Kirwan Commission recently concluded that there must be changes in how teachers are recruited, paid & deployed. Current salaries and working conditions are having a negative impact on recruitment & retention.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: It's all about partnerships – economic prosperity occurs when there is collaboration across a broad spectrum of organizations from the government and private realm. Economic development and the resulting job creation happens when the County govt. collaborates with local business, community college, APG, health care systems and various state depts. to create a premium quality of life and jobs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Baby boomers are aging and the number of empty-nester households is expected to double, young couple households without children are increasing, and essential workers such as first responders and teachers want to live in the community where they work. The County will have to consider changes in local codes, zoning regulations, fee and procedures to address the new affordable housing needs.

INFRASTRUCTURE: It is essential to be a member of statewide organizations such as MD Municipal League and MD Assoc. of Counties to address infrastructure issues. Working together, we are pushing to get our highway user revenues back to repair our roads. The County's 'Holistic Transportation Planning' approach will help relieve traffic congestion and improve pedestrian safety.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My family has lived, worked and worshipped in Harford County for several generations. I bring the perspective of preserving our past while planning for a vibrant future. In addition, my role on the Harford County Economic Advisory Board, and the Chamber of Commerce have reinforced my understanding of the needs our County will face in the future.

BUDGET: The county needs to examine any area of excess, and focus its budgetary priorities to public safety and education. As we enter the budget season, I am confident that public safety in the light of our current opioid epidemic will be prioritized.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Each issue beyond the scope of the Master Plan or development

envelope should be analyzed individually. As a County we need to look at the "bigger picture" of our counties evolution and growth and allow for long term growth and planning.

EDUCATION: I encourage monies provided from the County to be ear-marked, as they have, to support teacher salaries so that we remain competitive in a fast changing world. It is essential that our education system, and educators are well taken care of because they hold the key to preparing our youth for the world of tomorrow.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The County needs to work in concert with the HCPS, HCC as well as APG and workforce development agencies to ensure that our schools are preparing our children for available positions in our communities. This includes guidance for trade opportunities, certification programs, as well as a 4-year college plan.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: One of our largest issues in Harford County is our excessive hook-up fees involved in new housing. Ideally, developers would look into options involving "re" development of existing structures. Digging deep into some of the fees that are involved in housing and entertaining options to reduce costs that are ultimately paid by the homeowner would certainly be a good start.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Its hard to un-ring the bell of development that has already caused our congestion. Having learned from that, we need to plan long term needs of the County and proactively respond appropriately. Establishing a structured plan for ongoing infrastructure improvement should be made public and transparent.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: With my background, I understand all sides of an issue: I have 30-plus years of experience with the business sector, non-profits and government agencies on local, state and federal levels: Formerly Vice President of a 5,000 employer member assn., Deputy Director for Gov. Schwarzenegger representing business & community, Small Business Owner, and Consultant for corporate United Way.

BUDGET: Education and public safety are the highest priorities of county government and we must make sure those dollars are spent wisely. We need better coordination with the school administration in order to recruit and retain the best teachers and provide the programs that will prepare all of our children for a productive future. My experience with million dollar budgets makes me well suited to do this.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: This county is becoming a traffic-congested, over-built nightmare because zoning codes have been repeatedly changed for the benefit of developers and special interest groups over the community. This results in a degraded quality of life and taxpayers paying for these decisions down the road. We must make sure decisions in the next few years uphold the current Master Plan, which calls for balance.

EDUCATION: Our children must be prepared for the challenges ahead. Studies show 85% of all juveniles in the court system are functionally illiterate. So are 60% of all prison inmates. Costs are estimated at \$25,000 per inmate, per year and double that per year for juveniles. This breakdown begins at the 3rd grade level. I would prefer a taxpayer invest in teachers to stop illiteracy, than housing inmates.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Job growth is key to the continued growth of the county. As the home to APG, we must continue to leverage that association to gain more high tech employment in the private sector. We need to have a well educated work force prepared for these jobs, as well as the infrastructure in place to attract new businesses and better public transportation for employees getting to work.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Creating mixed use, mixed income projects, which would reduce traffic and congestion and promote sustainability. Also, revitalizing areas and re-purposing buildings have proven in other communities across the country to be successful and a boost to the economy. An area to look at is the Route 40 corridor.

INFRASTRUCTURE: There is no easy fix. As a result of irresponsible decisions made by an entrenched administration for the past 20 years, which created haphazard development, taxpayers are

now faced with fixing these problems through millions of dollars of infrastructure costs. We must first begin enforcing zoning regulations and carefully review projects to stop increasing the need for expensive infrastructure.

Harford County Council District D

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a business man. Not a Politician. I own Hall's Septic Services. I'm a very active Vol. Fire Fighter with Darlington VFC. Very active in the community with the Darlington Parade and Fireworks and the Dublin Country Fair. In business I can not spend more money than I take in. I am also a retired Maryland State Trooper and received the 1st Agency Trooper of the Year award in 1989.

BUDGET: I have no idea at this time because I'm not familiar with all the programs in the County. Safety for the citizens would be a priority for me. As a business man I would research the need and cut the fat.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Control is needed. We are buying property and buildings at an alarming rate and at 2 or 3 times more than it appraises. I prefer Harford County to be rural as I've known it as a child but it is turning into a Towson very quickly.

EDUCATION: Safety for our children and grandchildren first. Teachers are using their own funds to support their classwork for the students. Teachers are also leaving Harford County as well as other County Employees because other Counties offer more money. Schools should be updated or replaced as financing will allow.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: After 10 yrs of hard work and no raise, county employees received a 3% raise distributed over time. It barely covers the cost of a Health Ins. increase. The County Exec. was given a 25% raise, Harford County Council voted themselves an 18% raise. Why would anyone want to work in Harford County? Harford County Employees are leaving for this very reason. Take care of the people that take care of you.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I'm honestly not sure how to increase affordable housing for the citizens and would look into it strongly. What I do know is, Section 8 Housing brings more crime and drugs. Something we don't want or need in Harford County.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We literally can't move on our roads in Harford County due to the rapid growth of housing developments. A multi million dollar widening of Rt. 22 is in the works, yet multiple

developments are already underway. Hundreds more vehicles will be on our roads before the Rt.22 expansion is completed. Stop buying and building so money can be used to take care of our facilities, employees & teachers.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a lifelong resident of Norrisville, father, graduate of North Harford High School, HCC, and Towson University; former land use planner for the County and State, currently serving a third term as Councilman. In addition to 12 years of experience on the Council my education, understanding of best land-use planning practices, and in-depth local knowledge are critical to this position.

BUDGET: I will continue to support salary increases for teachers, deputies, and County employees. Further, I would support increases for additional school resource officers, economic development incentives to attract and retain businesses, employment and family stability assistance, and resources for vulnerable adults.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to implement planning strategies that were included in the recently adopted Master Plan into the Development Regulations, Zoning Code, guidelines and standards. During my tenure on the Council, I have created legislation that has protected our rural heritage, environment, and quality of life, while creating job growth within the development envelope.

EDUCATION: I have supported and will continue to support salary increases for teachers. I will encourage HCPS to consider Community Schools which offer human services on site, like mental health counseling, conflict resolution classes, mediation programs, and employment and family stability programs.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I will continue to work with the County and State to limit regulations, reduce taxes, attract new firms, and expand existing businesses to generate quality jobs for citizens. In addition, I will work with Economic Development and Transit to make public transportation more accessible particularly to families seeking second shift positions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I will encourage that all stakeholders work together to meet the need of affordable housing. Master plans should address this community issue, and provide realistic goals, initiatives and strategies that show promise of improving housing opportunities. I support programs that improve family stability, address credit issues, increase employment, and remove obstacles to affordable daycare.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I will encourage the Administration and the SHA to work with residents and developers to create solutions to mitigate traffic concerns. We need to explore existing resources among the many entities that offer transportation. Advocate to expand existing services to comprise evening and weekend hours. Foster partnerships with non-profits, like Senior Ride Share to expand service to our rural areas.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived and worked in Harford County since 1981, so I have witnessed its many changes over those years. As a career civil servant at APG, I honed teaming and leadership skills to seek solutions to complex problems in challenging fiscal times. I seek advice, have a strong work ethic and have experienced how diversity and coalition-building are "force multipliers" in getting things done.

BUDGET: We need to pay our teachers fairly and reward those with exceptional skills. We need to plan and fund more technical courses for high schoolers who choose not to attend college. Protecting the environment should also be a priority. Harford can lead the region by offering incentives to companies that provide "green" jobs to locate here and provide training to grow the workforce.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: More public input to development and the designation of green space needs to be sought, and better, earlier notice of proposed changes needs to be given.

EDUCATION: I will listen to teachers' concerns and ask for their input. I will support better pay to stop the flight to other counties. And I will push for ways to use school buildings for after-school activities that benefit the communities.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We need a well-educated workforce and adequate facilities - including good roads - to keep Harford attractive to businesses. We should tap the potential job growth in the renewable energy sector by offering incentives to solar, wind, and geothermal companies to establish here, both for the economy and the environment.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The county can offer incentives to builders to construct affordable housing close to jobs and transit points. Lack of affordable housing has been a long-term problem in Harford, so we could benefit from setting up a task force of government, business, and community leaders to address the issue and seek practical ways to ensure affordable housing now and well into the future.

INFRASTRUCTURE: These areas require professional analysis, business cooperation, and public input to effectively resolve issues. Knowing which locations and communities need improvement is the first step. Studying the problems and finding cost-effective solutions must be followed by a commitment by the county to follow through with prioritizing and funding needed improvements.

Harford County Council District E

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Woman in Business - Small business owner: I own and operate two businesses my law firm, Sengstacke & Evans, LLC and title company, Home Title Co. of Md., Inc., since 1991. I know how to meet payroll, pay bills, & keep clients happy. Leader in the Community - I serve on many boards/commissions having appointments from County Executives and Governors. Voice of Reason, strong values, Integrity.

BUDGET: Increase funding for 1. Opioid crisis awareness, prevention, rehab, treatment, & stricter prosecution; 2. Parks and rec facilities to improve our culture, sports, tourism; 3. infrastructure roads, bridges, water/sewer facilities; 4. school safety, technology, programs; 5. law enforcement. Decrease spending and taxes, cut regulations, reduce fees and procedures, reduce corporate tax rate.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We have just implemented a good new master land use plan. We need to be ready for future growth and not let it happen haphazardly. I think the millennial generation

is ready to move out of their parents homes. We need to be have affordable housing ready for them to live in this County and raise their families like townhouses and starter homes. Also more parks and recreations sites are needed.

EDUCATION: School safety is of utmost importance - funding for more SRO's, cameras, possible structure changes for open classrooms; increase funding for technology - use of interactive "blackboards" in classrooms, use of laptops for homework; increase special programs like high school students earning college credit at HCC; funding for repairs/renovations of existing schools; help with extra-curriculum funds

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Have lean government, decrease spending and taxes, lower corporate tax rate, cut permit fees & procedures, cut regulation, increase tax incentives, grants to help businesses. All of this will help business be retained and grow, create jobs. We want to help APG create the Chesapeake technology corridor to bring science & IT jobs to the area. We want to help UCMH build its HdG campus.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: If we cut the permit fees and other fees associated with building a new home/townhome, that will lower the cost to the consumer. The millenials will be needing affordable homes to move into as they move out of their parents' homes. We need to help ease the process, regulation to build townhomes, apartments and condominiums.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to work with the State Highway Dept. to improve our roads. Rt. 22 is in dire need of an upgrade especially around the college. We need to widen Rt. 22 from Bel Air to Aberdeen; fix the intersections of Rt. 136/Rt. 22 and Rt. 155/Rt. 22. We have Harford Transit System who has been increasing the bus routes and affordability. The Aberdeen train station has received \$1M for betterment.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a life-long resident, a third generation farmer/landowner and have served on the County Council 16 years, 1990-2006. With the family farming operation, I operated a welding/fabrication shop that constructed custom trailers as well as a retail accessory business (1979-1997). From 1990 to 2002, I served as Councilman for District E, 2002-2006, I served as Council President.

BUDGET: As I have stated, school safety is paramount. Without seeing the proposed budget request, I would not be willing to make increases or decreases to the proposal.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: A more realistic, long-range approach will serve our county better. Short-sighted decisions give us band aids on issues, we need to look much further into the years ahead to provide a future for our children and future generations. There is a need to develop business opportunities locally that will provide employment for our future generations. I am a responsible-growth candidate.

EDUCATION: I have always been an advocate that our school system must work together with the Executive Branch and the Council for adequate funding.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Harford County needs to focus on job opportunities that will keep our skilled youth close to where they were raised We need to expand our employment opportunities here at "home"..

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Affordable Housing is an issue we all deal with. Rental markets increase when Home Ownership is out of reach, we should strive to produce a market where more citizens can afford homes, thus producing pride in ownership.

INFRASTRUCTURE: LONG RANGE NEEDS need to be paramount. We need to look further than five to ten years into the future, Traffic needs will only worsen with future needs. Long range planning is required.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I began my career in Gov/Economic Development (ED) with the City of Havre de Grace. 2008-2016, I worked in the Harford County Office of ED. As an entrepreneur, I founded the Harford Development Corporation in 2016. In June, 2017 I launched my own ED consulting firm named Bridgeline Solutions, LLC.

BUDGET: The HC Proposed FY19 Operating Budget rightfully increases salaries for teachers, law enforcement, county employees, HCPS, HCC and ag land preservation. The Capital Budget projects are for road and school improvements. Funding needed to implement recommendations from Edgewood Small Area Plan www.harfordcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10144. Increase Hotel Tax spending in contributing communities.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The Rt. 40 corridor is a major commercial area located within the Development Envelope. The redevelopment of the corridor is vital to future economic growth in Harford County. To spur interest and investment in redeveloping the Rt. 40 corridor the public sector (government) will need vision, creativity, flexibility and determination.

EDUCATION: Education is a component of economic development. I will advocate for competitive salaries, annual increases for educators and support for school safety programs (SRO's). Success of the public school system is linked to leadership. Recruit a Superintendent diverse in knowledge, culture and responsive to community.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Develop an action plan to address business attraction, retention, housing, transportation, workforce, job growth, loan program, Enterprise Zone program, new development and redevelopment initiatives. Implement the plan and measure the outcomes to gauge the success of the action plan.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Support the mission of the Community & Economic Development Department, formerly the Housing and Community Development Department. Attract investors/developers focused on mixed-use projects to include affordable housing units. Encourage redevelopment of low-income residential properties, apartments and motels.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Harford County has limited public transportation options including Harford Transit LINK System. The MARC/Amtrak is primarily used for outgoing service. Encourage carpooling/ride-sharing particularly from Bel Air to APG. Consider extending the widening of MD22 in Churchville/Bel Air. Supportive of comprehensive transportation study of HC with emphasis on I95 interchanges.

Harford County Council District F

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My background is 12 years of service in the U.S. Army and 30 years running my business in financial services. I have served as a Harford County Councilman in District F since December 2014. I have experience with the county budget processes for the last 3 years, comprehensive re-zoning and the Harford Next Master plan. I have handled and resolved many constituent issues. Experience matters.

BUDGET: Budget program increases are needed for opioid prevention and treatment, to provide more school resource officers to provide a safe learning environment for students and teachers, for children in need of supervision diversion for at-risk youth, for diverting first-time offenders to restorative justice, mentoring programs for youth, and services to improve behavioral health, just to name a few.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: No changes needed for now. Harford County's land use percentage is less than 20% for residential and almost 80% for agricultural land preservation, ranking Harford County in the top 10 counties in the nation consistently for the last 20 years. Recently, additional areas have been included to study for possible expansion of Harford County's Development Envelope. High standards are met.

EDUCATION: I would work closely with the school Superintendent, the Glassman Administration, the School Board and the County Council to identify ways to improve overall efficiency in our public education system, ensuring adequate funding is provided for teacher salaries, safety of staff and students, vocational and technical training, and bridging the technology gap.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Actively seek businesses willing to re-locate to Harford County, providing them incentives that are economically beneficial to the business and Harford County using a streamlined, efficient process to make a smooth transition. Once they are here, the economic development team will continue to follow up and provide them with implementation resources designed to advance and grow their business.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Offer a proposal to experienced developers to apply for construction and rehabilitation subsidies, government funded loans and grants for new and existing housing to create partnerships with government, non-profits, faith-based organizations and citizens to provide affordable housing to families, seniors, those disabled, desiring to become self-sufficient residents of our community.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Each of these issues requires a team approach. I would work with the Glassman Administration, our local delegation, and the State Highway and Transportation departments to reach a consensus to address each area. Each requires individual consideration and has its own unique details. I am currently working on several traffic and transportation issues in my district.

John Michael Finlayson

No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a Sr Technology Engineer with FICO and represented them at the 2016 Women in Technology Summit. I respect all citizens that put on a uniform to protect our freedoms and safety including military, police, firefighters and paramedics. I describe myself as an energetic and passionate conservative. I promote family values, hard work, patriotism and service and respect for all our citizens.

BUDGET: The county needs to invest in the people that provide the services that make this county a great place to live. We need to support law enforcement and make sure they have the resources and staffing budget that they need to keep our county safe. We need to make sure we continue to invest in our teachers and schools. I have children in public schools and class sizes are an issue.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I was born and raised in Harford County and have always appreciated its agricultural heritage. Development and growth are good for the county but we have to be proactive about land use instead of reactive and we need to make sure when Community Input meetings are held that the community input is taken into account when making approval decisions.

EDUCATION: Advocacy for more state funding for Harford County Public Schools needs to be a priority, we are ranked 23 out of 24 public school systems in Maryland in terms of per pupil funding. We have aging facilities that need replacement and repairs, and we need to pay our teachers more so that we keep our good teachers in the county instead of losing them to surrounding counties that pay more.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We need to encourage small business growth and encourage businesses to move to Harford County. I want our citizens to Live, Work, Shop and Dine in Harford County. I think great ways to do this are to revitalize the Route 40 corridor and try to find ways to increase our local talent pool, increase tourism, encourage young skilled workers to live here and keep our retired citizens here.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Harford County and especially District F, have a large variety of housing types and price ranges available. Harford County is a great place to live, work, raise and family and retire. Not raising property taxes is a great way to impact many demographics in the county from the renter, to the first time home-buyer to the retired who are on a fixed income.

INFRASTRUCTURE: District F has many areas with traffic problems. Some of these are county zoned roads, others are state highways. I would advocate the State Highway Administration to address the issues for several areas. For the county roads, we need to assess traffic and speeding dangers on roads and tackle them one at a time based on the speed, traffic and accident rate.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Of the 24 years I have spent as a professional, most were spent in local government. My success has been due to hard work, persistence, consensus building and collaboration. Working with people with different backgrounds, opinions, and personalities takes patience and understanding. In almost all cases, I had to work with limited resources and find creative solutions to problem solving.

BUDGET: Balancing a 543 million budget and being a steward of the taxpayers dollars is a tremendous responsibility. I would support increasing resources allocated to the Board of education for instructional staff, programs & additional school resource officers. I would examine inflated property transactions and the rental of private property for county services.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Up-zoning properties outside the Development Envelope hurts restoration and possible revitalization of existing, older areas as it is cheaper to build new on farmland rather than to renovate or replace existing buildings. In the 2017 CZR there is a combined potential loss of 168 acres of agricultural zoned property outside the D. Envelope. Development should go where intended such as Route 40

EDUCATION: I will commit to closing the disparity of instructional & instructional support salaries between Harford County and other surrounding Counties through increased funding. Add trained SROs, prioritize school construction based on need not politics, and fund parental involvement programs, extracurricular activities, and support the concept of community schools I also support the intent of the MOE law

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I would focus on attracting private investment, business retention and diversifying our economy since we could be on the losing end of BRAC in the coming years. I will continue to be an advocate for small business and job creation in Dist. F as well as other parts of the County as proponent for the redevelopment of the Rt. 40 Corridor and work to attract a full-service conference center.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Holding landlords accountable to maintain a liveable standard & providing incentives for property owners to rent to low-income or very low-income residents; Encouraging self-sufficiency of participant families and assist in the expansion of family opportunities which support educational, socio-economic, recreational, and other human service needs; Foster positive public awareness of these goals

INFRASTRUCTURE: Keeping development contained in the development envelope will better ensure adequate public facilities are available in the areas they are intended for. A regional water & sewer

authority would consolidate services, aggregate water & treatment capabilities and be a possible way to address the demands on our water supply. I would emphasize importance of natural areas and "Green" infrastructure

Harford County Circuit Court Judge

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

SALARY: \$154,433.

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

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

Questions

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

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

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

Candidates

Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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Qualifications: 1. I have been a successful trial attorney for 33 years. This gives me the legal experience that is needed in a good judge. I have pursued justice for countless victims of crime. I have been active in schools bringing a civics program to high school students, and judging the mock trial competition. I have worked hard to keep this community safe, and I plan to continue to do this as a Judge.

Discrimination: Discrimination in the courts can best be addressed by having a diverse bench. I come from a working family. I was the first to graduate from college. I paid my way through college and law school and so I understand what it means to have to make difficult financial choices. I have the right life experience to make me a compassionate and fair judge to all parties who appear before me.

Court Needs: 3. The Court has a case load that is difficult to manage. Cases being delayed because there are not enough Judges and juries to hear and decide them. This is unjust for the people who are served by the Courts. The court needs to have sufficient tools and resources to properly manage its overloaded dockets. The Court should also use alternate dispute resolution programs to help resolve cases.

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Qualifications: I practiced law in Harford County for 28 years with experience in criminal and civil trials, including complex civil litigation. My rating with Martindale-Hubbell was AV, which is the highest rating an attorney can achieve for ethics and legal ability. I had served as a judge's law clerk here in the Circuit Court after law school and since January 4, 2017 have had the honor to serve as Judge.

Discrimination: Each Judge and all Court personnel must treat all people equally. Any implicit bias must be recognized and removed from the judicial process. Concerning poverty each litigant must be advised of the resources the Court or the bar association have available so that the proceedings are fair and efficiently resolved. When discrimination is encountered the conduct is to be halted and corrected.

Court Needs: The Maryland Court system's greatest need is having the resources and infrastructure to promptly hear the large number of cases that are brought to the Court for resolution and getting matters heard promptly. Justice delayed is justice denied. Harford County is doing its part by making improvements to add a courtroom for the new judge and increasing the size of the jury panel staging area.

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Qualifications: After a comprehensive vetting process, Governor Hogan appointed me to the bench based on my 14 years in private practice in Harford County, 8 years in public service at the Office of the Attorney General, and over 20 years in community service. My diverse background allows me to make tough decisions promptly. Every day, I listen courteously, consider seriously, and decide matters impartially.

Discrimination: The Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to perform their duties impartially and without bias, prejudice, or harassment. Judges must also hold those that appear before them to the same standard. Preventing discrimination is best addressed by continuing to thoroughly vet candidates prior to appointment and by requiring regular, continuing judicial education after appointment.

Court Needs: Maryland courts need to improve access to justice through the implementation of technologies that insure more efficient case flow and trial management. The Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) project is creating a single statewide electronic case management system that, among other efficiencies, will provide the ability to send documents and obtain information from the courts 24 hours a day.

Harford County State's Attorney

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

SALARY: \$114,527

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a prosecutor for over 23 years, and my entire legal career has been dedicated to giving a voice to those that have none. Prior chief of the Child Abuse division, in June of 2017, I was recognized by Harford County as a 2017 Champion for Children & Youth.

DISCRIMINATION: I will ensure the State's Attorney's Office personnel are adequately given Awareness training with regards to all types of discrimination (gender, sexual orientation, disability, etc.) I will also encourage and assist the surrounding law enforcement agencies in being properly trained in these areas as well.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: I will seek alternatives to prison, (halfway houses, work release, drug treatment) in only cases that involve non-violent crimes.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: I will work with the court system to continue to develop alternatives to incarceration for users and seek tougher jail sentences for the dealers. I would also like to do more in the areas of educating our youth about the dangers of drugs and their abuses. This would be accomplished by working with the local schools, DSS and youth centers.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: In addressing the crime of domestic violence, I will build upon the Multidisciplinary team approach that is currently used in handling child abuse cases for domestic violence cases. There would be a team (victim advocate, police, prosecutor) that would work together to make better cases for prosecution and better address the needs of the domestic violence victims.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will ensure that the office has more open communication with victims. I will seek stronger sentences and work on establishing "truth in sentencing laws ". I will work on improving the training of police and also create a community outreach program to educate the community on the criminal justice system. I want citizens to trust and support law enforcement.

Albert Peisinger

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QUALIFICATIONS: My 21 years of experience with the Baltimore City State's Attorney's office and prosecuting some of Maryland's worst criminals and drug dealers has prepared me to lead the State's Attorney's office in protecting Harford County citizens.

DISCRIMINATION: Proper policies must be in place that not only protect all citizens but also give them greater confidence in law enforcement. I would work with law enforcement, community and religious leaders to promote an open line a communication and strong partnerships. We must ensure that we are protecting our communities from violent, illegal immigrants, without discriminating against law-abiding immigrants.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: We have to examine alternatives for some non-violent criminals, particularly those with mental health issues or drug or alcohol addiction problems, where they can be in a facility that provides proper treatment while keeping our streets safe. Once an individual is identified and is ready to receive professional treatment, I believe the criminal justice system should be part of the solution.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: I will aggressively prosecute the drug dealers in Harford County and remove them from our community. The criminal justice system will be part of the solution once someone is arrested by identifying those addicted and ready for help. I plan to partner the State's Attorney's Office with several groups and agencies to offer education to parents and children, so we can break the cycle.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: I will supervise an office that recognizes that domestic violence is a serious criminal justice matter, not a marital issue. I will also ensure the office supports victims through the

criminal justice process include filing complaints and protective orders. I will also pursue funding through state and federal grants for additional resources for domestic violence prosecution.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will focus on severe penalties for violent crimes. I will also focus on vulnerable victims, including creating a task force to identify victims who were targeted either physically or financially, and establish a specialized unit to handle those cases. I will work to address the unique concerns of our veterans when involved in the criminal justice system and I will be a strong voice in Annapolis.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a career prosecutor having prosecuted in Virginia prior to coming to Harford County in 2007, and have been an Assistant, Senior Assistant, and now Deputy State's Attorney under the present State's Attorney, Joe Cassilly. I am an experienced trial attorney having tried more than 50 jury trials most of which have been serious felonies including murder. I am fully endorsed by Cassilly.

DISCRIMINATION: As State's Attorney, we will have a policy (as is my practice) of non-discrimination. I will work to encourage law enforcement officers to make race-neutral determinations when assessing reasonable articulable suspicion and probable cause to arrest. Bias and prejudice will not be acceptable.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: We will encourage alternatives to incarceration on most first-time offenses that are not person-crimes or are not serious offenses. We have existing alternatives - drug court, DUI court, mental health diversion court, and an opiate recovery court, that I will grow in their admission to incarcerate less.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: The opiate recovery court, and Vivitrol shots, need to be used more frequently especially in opioid addictions. Treatment, education, and enforcement are the three ways to address drugs, and my office will need to get more involved in education and outreach, especially at younger ages than ever before. We will always enforce the laws, and especially apply them hard to drug dealers, not users.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Domestic Violence needs to be addressed head on. Prosecution for even minor assaults are and will be our main priority to send the message that no violence, especially on women or children, will ever be ok in Harford County. We do not "drop" DV cases because we understand the pattern and cycle of abuse, and in order to prevent more serious assaults. Abusers will be prosecuted. Period.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We will continue to focus on drunk and drugged driving as a top priority. We have the highest conviction rate in the state of Maryland last year and we will support our law enforcement in prosecuting those cases as they are serious. We will be targeting dealers of opioids who are identified in fatal overdoses for substantial sentences and charges using manslaughter and murder creatively.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a prosecutor for nearly 20 years. Recently, I was appointed unanimously by the four sitting judges of a neighboring jurisdiction as the Interim State's Attorney, a nearly 2 year appointment. As the incumbent in Harford is stepping down after nearly 4 decades, the county needs someone with my leadership and experience. The other candidates have no office management experience.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in law enforcement is the same as discrimination in any environment--it is not tolerable anywhere for any reason. Prosecutors must be diligent in looking for, and unafraid to call out, those who discriminate. We are the gatekeepers...

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: There is a big push right now to focus on both addiction and mental health treatments. I'm on board, but with a measured approach. The fact is, sometimes a person simply needs to be removed from society.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: I am a member of several narcotics abuse committees. I firmly believe that we have to attack BOTH the supply and the demand. Law Enforcement is fighting the good fight by going after the dealers. But the supply would be irrelevant if not for the demand. I would advocate for the Judicial Reinvestment Act to properly fund counseling and treatment services.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Heavy handedly. Most people who know me know that I have a good sense of equity, what is fair and what is unfair. But when it comes to someone hurting someone, particularly domestic violence, or worse yet violence towards a child, and I quickly move toward intolerance. Jail is appropriate in most DV cases.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I have 2 priorities: 1) reconnect law enforcement and the State's Attorney's Office, as that relationship seems to be broken at this time; 2) to address the addition epidemic with a measured approach, specifically looking to challenge the JRA (judicial reinvestment act) and have it either rescinded, outright replaced, or tweaked so that it can properly work.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a defense attorney in Maryland for close to twenty years. I have seen a State's Attorney Office that has been ill prepared in handling the opioid crisis preferring for years to incarcerate and release offenders versus treatment. They have been caught off guard by current school security issues. They have no diversity in hiring State's Attorneys. I will be proactive.

DISCRIMINATION: I would partner with the Sheriff's Office to ensure that a community based policing is utilized in all of the County. I frequently hear of experiences where young black men are photographed or approached by police just for being around a McDonald's. I would review the effectiveness of implicit bias police training in all police departments. I would encourage a volunteer civilian review board.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: In cases that did not involve bodily injury, serious threats of harm, economic loss or any kind of sexual assault. I would look at the defendant's ties with the community, the crime, remorse and the victim's position on the issue also.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: There needs to be public meetings with State and County mental and health officials, School Official, Federal Officials, Families, Offenders and Treatment Centers, Health Insurance Carriers and Medicare and Medicaid officials to arrive at solutions. The meetings would be conducted to arrive at immediate and long term solutions for those impacted by this crisis.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: My Office would fully prosecute cases of domestic violence and work closely with the police to ensure all these cases are investigated. I would fully communicate with victims of domestic violence give them a status of their case and protection from offenders if necessary. I would make sure those victims are made aware of any resources. I would encourage the reporting of cases of domestic violence.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My foremost priority would always be to protect the innocent people from injury and harm in Harford County; to ensure that the Office adheres closely to the spirit and letter of the Constitution and the Laws of Maryland in prosecuting defendants; to always work on being proactive in spotting criminal trends such as crime against the elderly; I would also establish a wrongful conviction unit,

Harford County Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the office that performs many administrative duties for the Circuit Court including the maintenance of court records. Other duties include recording of

deeds and collecting taxes and fees based on property transactions, issuing licenses for fishing, hunting, sales of liquor and marriage. They also perform civil wedding ceremonies and process passport applications.

SALARY: \$113,000

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

James Reilly

No response received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Harford County Register of Wills

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

SALARY: \$109,000

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Derek K. Hopkins

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having served as the Register of Wills for the past 8 years; this position has given me the opportunity to expand upon my hands-on experience. Prior to being elected the first time; I spent many years as an estate appraiser, which gave me the basic knowledge of the job due to prepping the proper documents for the attorneys to submit to Registers' offices across the State.

AREAS OF NEED: We need to continue to work with the Register of Wills Association of Maryland, to update laws to allow emails and Fax mail to be accepted as an original document; saving our community members the time and costs of having to mail or hand deliver the original document.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I will continue to expand my outreach and education programs to the public. There are still many misconceptions about the Register of Wills office and what my office does. Education is an important tool for individuals and helps them better understand the estate process so people can be better informed. We already conduct many seminars around the county, but feel that we need to do more.

PRIORITIES: My first priority is to always provide our constituents with the best service we can provide as an office by always showing compassion and understanding for what they are going through at this time in their life. My second priority is to assist persons going through the estate process to the fullest extent possible.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Jo Wanda Strickland Lucas

No response received by deadline.

Harford County Sheriff

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

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jeffrey R. Gahler

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the Sheriff with a total of 32 years in law enforcement, my experience is unmatched. By focusing efforts on the worst offenders, enhancing reporting in instances of domestic violence and working with all County partners on issues, I have built strong, sustainable and effective efforts that have reduced crime. These same efforts will be used to enhance public safety during a second term.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: During my first term, I embraced partnerships and town hall meetings with our community that has built trust and improved communications. Establishing the Heroin Overdose Prevention Effort group, Diversity Hiring group, Traffic Safety Advisory Board, and CompStat (Crime Focused) meetings, are all examples of working with the community, county and state partners to make Harford County safer.

DISCRIMINATION: As Sheriff, one of the first initiatives was to bring a uniform a disciplinary matrix to the Office of Sheriff. This matrix outlines our priority to the Agency's core values of Integrity, Fairness and Service. The matrix clearly shows a zero tolerance for those issues that would challenge the communities trust in the Sheriff's Office; including discrimination and issues related to integrity.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My priorities include building upon the great progress we have made over the last four years. This includes continuing to lead the crime fight and the continued successful reduction of crime rates. To also ensure the Office is trusted and valued by the citizens of our County by practicing responsible fiscal management while ensuring our men and women are treated fairly and with respect.

What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse? Many of the initiatives we have started in my first term have received local, state and national recognition. These efforts include the HOPE group, working to increase awareness, treatment and educational opportunities, legislative proposals and targeting drug suppliers. We have taken a holistic approach that does not simply look at traditional enforcement efforts to solve the problem.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Christopher C. Boardman

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 20 spent years writing about true crime and law enforcement for detective magazines, police journals, search and rescue publications and local newspapers. I have interviewed law enforcement officials including prosecutors, prisoners, police officials from agencies throughout the Middle Atlantic area directly research. An R.N. for 20 years with 8 years in prisons, I know corrections

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: Good policing requires good relationships with the constituent communities. I have been a lifelong advocate of civil rights and equal treatment for all. I oppose the current sheriff's link up with federal ICE efforts to find undocumented immigrants as it undermines trust between police and communities. My emphasis will be on conflict resolution to reduce gun and other violence.

DISCRIMINATION: The culture in law enforcement should be to respect and honor diversity. I will actively discourage racism, quasi-tribalism and other counterproductive forces that can tear up departments. There must be other kinds of integrity present including honesty and faithfulness to department ethics and goals. I will hire persons of quality, education and training from all aspects of the community.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The office of sheriff is a unique position to lead in the county. The sheriff oversees civil process in the court system and he can set the tone for the fair administration of justice. I am also interested in managing the detention center and making it a resource for improving the lives of those inside while protecting the public on the outside. Education should be key to this improvement.

What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse? Opioid abuse is the perfect storm of imperfect elements in our society. There are many sources of the problem such as parental supervision, over-prescription of pain killers, mental illness, criminal activity and other factors that require many different players to play constructive roles in synch with other players. The sheriff can help lead a collaborative effort to coordinate progress.

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Party Offices

Harford County Republican Central Committee

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

TERM: Four years.

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

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 12.

Abel Amdetsyon

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am well versed in logistical, administrative, and leadership roles. I currently serve as Vice President of my university College Republicans and Treasurer of my university Student Government. Both roles require strict attention to detail and the ability to organize people around a common cause. I enjoy working with groups and I look forward to working with my fellow Committee Members if elected

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Delegates in Maryland should be apportioned to Republican candidates in Primary Elections for President based on proportion, rather than the winner-take-all system currently in place.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Opening the party's primary to unaffiliated voters will be highly beneficial in representing the vast array of ideas that fall under the umbrella of the Republican party. By allowing unaffiliated voters access to the primary, they will be able to moderate the political discussion and help elect candidates that appeal to the common values of all Republicans, rather than only a niche.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: 1. Increase youth turnout amongst Republicans aged 18-24 in Harford County 2. Promote the fundamental values of Republicanism: fiscal responsibility, respect for diversity & inclusion, and limited government 3. Increase minority affiliation with the Republican party in Harford County 4. Develop party infrastructure to ensure Harford remains a red county for years to come

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: When filling vacancies, I will choose candidates who are best equipped to fill the role vacated. This means analyzing their experience, voting record, and dedication to Republican values as a litmus test for whether they are qualified for the position.

Sharon Beam

No response received by deadline.

Jean Elaine Beulah

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QUALIFICATIONS: Elected in 2014, I serve on the Harford County Republican Central Committee. Active since my election, I register voters, participate in 2 annual conventions for the MD Republican party, help out at community events and help to raise money for the Republican party. Experience and reliability matter when dealing with the public.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I would shorten the process, with an eye on making it less costly. Each participant would have to provide a list of his/her experiences and qualifications for the position. Each candidate must undergo a vetting process by an independent third party organization.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I make efforts to communicate with unaffiliated voters, discussing areas of common ground, explaining to them their options when voting in the primary and general elections.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Get Governor Lawrence J. Hogan re-elected for another 4-year term. Do a better job at getting out and explaining the Republican message. Use live tv broadcasts, facebook, twitter, open forums and town halls to explain the positions we are advocating and the reasoning for our position.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: The party's Central Committee would suggest multiple recommendations for filling the vacancy. A list of each candidate's credentials and experience would be required to place candidates on the ballot and each candidate would need to accept the nomination. A special election of citizens from the affected jurisdiction, would be held to choose the replacement with the victor getting the most votes.

Jessica Blake

No response received by deadline.

Joe Fleckenstein

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked as a volunteer with our Republican Central Committee of Harford County for over four years. I have attended state conventions as a Proxy, and I am good at welcoming Republicans into our Party. Attention to detail and organizational ability are important to my regular job, and I bring that experience to our local Republican Party.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I personally like the idea of a caucus, held locally inside of schools or public buildings, where representatives of each candidate spread-out across the gymnasium or theater, and supporters (voters) for each candidate congregate around their particular representative. It is used in some states with success. I wish that our primary was much earlier, which would draw more candidates to our state.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Many conservatives are actually unaffiliated voters. We should open our Primary to such voters, so that they have more of a say in the overall process.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: At a local level, we as Republicans should work harder to gain a larger foothold in Aberdeen, Edgewood, Belcamp, Havre de Grace, and Joppatowne. The Republicans in those communities should have a stronger voice, and should not be forgotten. I believe that there should be term limits for our county and state elected officials -- 2 terms of 4 years each, per position, is plenty.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I like the idea of taking the Republican candidates for that particular office who ran in the previous Primary, and start with the second-place finisher. If the person who won originally serves, and then dies or can no longer serve, the Republican who finished second in that race's Primary should receive great consideration to fill the vacancy. If that person cannot do it, then 3rd place, etc.

Linda Stine Flint

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a very active member of the community and volunteer my time to support many organizations/events; have been a Board member/Officer of several Organizations. I am a member, and current President, of Harford County Republican Women. Harford County Trump Campaign I worked with the County Chairs to manage and coordinate the events/volunteers and also election day.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: delegates should not be able to overturn the voters choice ... and keep the electoral college

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Those who are Independent or other unaffiliated should be able to walk up the day of voting, with proper ID, and declare to be Republican or

Democrat. Must have proper official identification and presently registered to vote. All voters should be required to present official identification to vote.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Get Governor Hogan re-elected and replace Frosh; Fix Gerrymandering; be fiscally responsible and accountable; Stop the sanctuary cities and no support for ILLEGAL immigrants; Second Amendment and Free speech with responsibility and accountability;

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Community Involvement/Interest; Work experience (no they do not need to be lawyers); Pro Second Amendment; Republican; Support of the Police; Against Sanctuary Cities; Support for CITIZENS and not ILLEGAL immigrants; Fiscally responsible

Jason C. Gallion

No response received by deadline.

Jordan Glassman

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No response received by deadline.

Mike Griffith

No response received by deadline.

Patrick J. Haggerty, Jr.

No response received by deadline.

Carol M. Kiple

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm currently serving in this position. I attended the majority of Central Committee's meetings, helped on committees and projects for several years before filing for a position on the committee. I've held leadership roles in local and state clubs and campaigns.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The party's process for nominating a candidate is fine. We need to remove the media's influence from the process.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: I support smaller, less intrusive government.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: A vacancy should be filled as seamlessly as possible with a competent individual who share the same values as the person they will replace.

Trevor Leach

No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Have served on the committee with distinction for a number of years. A very conservative person who believes our Constitution is the greatest document ever written and believes our Bill of Rights is challenged constantly. We do not make laws but I would try to influence my elected officials to always do the right thing . Founding member of RCHC. Leadership Roles HCRW. Will continue to serve well

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I believe our system works. How else would we have elected a great President as Donald J. Trump?

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I am not a proponent of opening our primaries to unaffiliated voters. We tried it once and apparently it didn't work out too well. Only persons registered in our party should choose our candidates and help with issues affecting our party and county

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Building our Party Promote qualified candidates Raise money to support our candidates and causes Promote voter registration Reach out to groups not ordinarily serviced by our party, convert them to Republicanism

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Service to the party Qualified and competent A person of good character Willingness to serve

Jeffery McBride

No response received by deadline.

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No response received by deadline.

Matthew Resnik

No response received by deadline.

Christopher Anthoney Sigley

No response received by deadline.

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No response received by deadline.

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Harford County Democratic Central Committee Female

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

TERM: Four years.

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

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 5.

Surette Davis

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QUALIFICATIONS: I know how to speak and listen to people understand and strive my best to get things done for people

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: If need be I will go door to door to get people to listen and understand what needs to heard and done
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: To get things done fast and correct
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: How well of a person they are. How they reacted under pressure. How they feel about situations

Donna L. Kahoe

No response received by deadline.

Barbara Osborn Kreamer

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QUALIFICATIONS: A graduate of the University of MD School of Law, J.D., the Johns Hopkins University, M.L.A., Washington College, B.A., my ten four-year terms have well prepared me to serve as MD Senator for District 34: 2 as Commissioner of MD Comm. for Women, 1 as Harford County Council Member, District E, 2 as Delegate to the MD Gen'l Assembly & 5 as Dem. St. Central Committeewoman. I advocate for the people.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Party caucuses seem out-of-date. Primaries need to be uniformly open to one party only, no crossovers. Early voting needs to be available in each state. There needs to be an interstate compact to eliminate voter suppression in Primaries. A "residency" requirement for membership in the party for a significant amount of time before filing, such as one year, should be instituted.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I would not support opening the Primaries to unaffiliated voters. I would continue to work to recruit unaffiliated voters to join the Democratic Party. I respect that some people desire to refrain from associating with a political party. All voters need to recognize that the primary voters pull the party toward an extreme. The presumption that independents are moderates is tenuous.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: The Democratic Party must continue to be inclusive & welcome diversity, dynamic in initiatives to solve problems 4 people, work to end discrimination on the basis of gender, race, age and handicapping condition, stand up for the rights of workers, minorities, & women & others discriminated against on the basis of gender, seniors & the disabled, develop family-supporting jobs & protect environment.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: As a Central Committee member I have had a role in filing vacancies in offices. I consider candidates' education, voting participation, record of service, initiative and apparent perspicacity, reasonableness, analytical skill, ability to synthesize, depth of understanding and creativity in problem solving.

Hailey McDonald

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QUALIFICATIONS: My youth is just one factor making me a strong candidate, but it does not mean that I do not have experience in politics. During my time at Frostburg State University, I had many opportunities for leadership training and for social activism; I co-founded a student organization for activism, served as club president for three semesters, and earned my degree in political science.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: There should be more of a focus on televised debates between candidates. The higher the number of debates and the higher the level of accountability that the party holds the candidates to, the more the process and the candidates we nominate will improve.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Opening the primaries defeats the purpose of representation. We can attract Independent voters during the general election by the way we lead and the progressive and inventive solutions our candidates offer the American people. Finding such solutions and supporting such candidates must be a central priority for the Democratic party.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My priority will be to push the party towards the ideals that we are supposed to represent; this includes progressive positions on social equality, education, the environment, and preparing for an innovative and promising future. The Democrats of Harford County have already proven to be actively invested in improving our education infrastructure and combatting

climate change.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I will determine and support candidates that can best bring new and progressive ideas to the table.

Denise E. Perry

No response received by deadline.

Cindy Skilton

No response received by deadline.

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No response received by deadline.

Jo Wanda Strickland Lucas

No response received by deadline.

Harford County Democratic Central Committee Male

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

TERM: Four years.

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

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 5.

Waqi Alam

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a member of the Harford County Democratic Central Committee (HCDCC) for about 2 years and I was elected the treasurer. Since becoming treasurer, we have raised funds substantially higher than previous years for supporting our party and its candidates. I am also the founder of an engineering consulting firm based in Maryland that provides engineering and environmental services.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The electorate should have more power than the party gurus.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Opening the party primary to unaffiliated voters creates the risk of electing someone who may not be a true believer in our party principles. So recommend, no change.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Elect democrats in the Harford County and turn the county blue. We can do that by appealing to the independent voters and doubling up on Go Out To Vote campaigns. The difference between the registered democrats and republicans is not that high.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: 1. Past involvement in the party. 2. Contribution to the society. 3. Education

Christopher C. Boardman

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QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 20 years as a magazine writer and newspaper editor/publisher writing about homicide investigations and about police programs in the Middle Atlantic states. I've been a registered nurse working in corrections, so I have a lot of exposure to jails, prisons and health issues which are big factors in the sheriff's job especially with the Harford Co. Detention Center.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: There should be more restrictions on the influence of big money. Restrict donation amounts so that most contributions are small.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: If unaffiliated voters want to vote in a major party primary, is it asking too much that they join the party? I don't think so. If the major parties were truer to their founding tenets there would be fewer unaffiliated voters or more parties. I think the growth of third parties is a good trend because people need to belong to a party just to get anything accomplished.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: The party needs to be true to its principles and not be a reward system for sycophants.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Experience, knowledge and care for the public good.

Mike Bracknell

No response received by deadline.

Lawrence Del Prete

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been involved in politics for fifty years. I have supported Democratic candidates and progressive causes since 1972. I have held political office three of the four years I attended college. My experience and activism more than qualify me to be a member of the Democratic Central Committee.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I believe that there should not be super delegates for any of the presidential primaries.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I believe that unaffiliated voters should be able to vote in the primaries. The unaffiliated voters are presently barred from voting in the primaries and for democracy to work properly we need their input.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: I believe the priorities of the Democratic Party should be as follows: 1. Fight / stop the Trump- Ryan agenda. 2. Restore DACA. 3. Get the Democratic message out as an alternative to the right wing politics of the Trump Administration. 4. Support progressive causes. 5. Impeach President Trump.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Experience, Integrity, progressive views

Adam Hiob

QUALIFICATIONS: I have volunteered on many political campaigns serving in a variety of roles. In addition, I have multiple years' experience serving as a Legislative Director and have a solid understanding of the legislative process from first-hand experience. Lastly, I believe my youth (age 24) brings a new and fresh perspective to the party that usually doesn't participate at the local level.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I believe in some rotation in the primary election calendar. This gives states that aren't always at the beginning of the election calendar the opportunity to properly vet the candidates before a presumptive nominee is selected early in the process. In addition, I would be supportive of vastly limiting the number of super delegates as their influence currently limits the will of the voters.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: The job of a central committee member is to not only mobilize fellow members of your own party, but to also engage with unaffiliated voters and present a strong argument to them for why they should support your party's candidates. I oppose opening the party primaries to unaffiliated voters because I believe you should be a member of a party to select its representatives and platform.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My first priority is to grow the party by being a more accessible, and positive voice in our community. This is done through inclusion and bring all voices and perspectives to the table to present a unified front not only at election time, but throughout the year. In addition, I

would prioritize using contemporary and results driven strategies in order to increase voter turnout at all elections.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would gage their level of commitment to devote the necessary time it takes to represent their constituents properly. As someone who has worked with legislators for long hours of policy proposals and constituent concerns, I believe I can be an accurate judge of these traits. I would also look at their level of experience and understanding of government and political matters before deciding.

Cordell Sr. Hunter

No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Working for a large corporation managing employees and a large budget. Ran for political office in Virginia and worked with Congressional, Senatorial and Governor campaigns in Virginia. Worked with getting planning and zoning law changes. My campaign knowledge is helping me run an effective low budget campaign.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: My main concern is the party picking the candidates and telling other qualified candidates not to run against their choice. The party cannot back any candidate before the primaries are over. Assuming a certain candidate will win and backing that candidate is not the democratic process.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I am in favor of open primaries. When the voter registers to vote they have to select which party they want to vote in. As long as they are registered voters they should be able to vote in a primary.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Concerned about Harford County getting Democrats back into the Democratic Party and voting for change. The HDCC by-laws allow each member to have an associate, which would make the committee have 20 member towards a voice of winning Democratic voters. At the present time the present committees does not an associate. A by-law prohibits DCC members from running in another party election for 5 years.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Open Primary regardless of party. The opening has to be at least 6 months before the next primary. Otherwise the vacancy states open till the scheduled primary.

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QUALIFICATIONS: In my employment and working with the general public, I've seen and listen to people from all walks of life about concerns that they are facing not just throughout Harford County but also through Baltimore County and Baltimore City. The Democratic Central Committee has become reactionary and not being proactive by talking to people and listening to their concerns and fighting for them.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: One of the things that appealed to me about Obama was although the Affordable Care Act stumbled in the beginning, he had the vision to change the way the country could gain better access to health care. When we are looking for the next President, we need to nominate someone who is not willing to be bold and willing to commit to progress for the people as a whole.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I've always believed that when it comes to issues, it's impossible to get everyone to agree on everything. This is why I am for any parties to be allowed to hold primary elections in the event that there are disagreements among the voters. I may not agree with everything that members of the Libertarian or Green Parties, voters are guaranteed the right to assemble per the First Amendment.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: The Democratic Party has fallen behind the curve on education, especially with regards to supporting teachers within Harford County. When the teachers union is endorsing Republican candidates, the Democrats shouldn't be asking "Why are they?" but rather "Why shouldn't

they?" The middle class is not disappearing, it just hasn't been the focus of either major party. That must change.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Some questions I would have to ask is whether a candidate is willing to listen and research the topics at hand so that they are not voting a certain way just because it aligns themselves with others in the party. Progress can only be made if candidates are making decisions that are for the betterment of the majority of the population and not for the few.

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Nonpartisan Offices

Harford County Board of Education District A

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

TERM: 4-year terms.

HOW ELECTED: Each member is elected from a council district (A, B, C, etc.)

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the current BOE representative for District A, that includes Edgewood, Joppatowne and a small portion of the Abingdon community, I have gained the experience required to address the unique challenges and opportunities facing public schools in Harford County. This experience positions me to be a better public servant to the entire Public School Community.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: 1) Zero-Based Budgeting Process; Encourage/reward the administration to find identify/eliminate wasteful spending, redirecting those savings to such activities as expanding CTE opportunities, restorative justice practices training, and providing adequate resources to the classroom and schools with the greatest need. 2) Teacher Retention, 3) Class Size, 4) Address Technology Needs

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Standards should be used to encourage schools to be innovative and inspire creativity in their students; and measure the growth of each child. Standards should not be used to create a one-size-fits-all framework, that undermines the authority of the local education authority to make decisions regarding how teachers and students progress are measured.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Community College Certificate programs; Apprenticeship programs,

Vocational and Technical Training Programs, Internships, ROTC program(s) are just some of the programs that I have advocated for during my tenure on the Harford County BOE.

SCHOOL SAFETY: See "New Course for School Security" written by me and published in Security Management Magazine. I would also advocate for parents and students to be afforded a seat at the decision-making table at the state and local levels. And, I would advocate for opportunities to engage the Security professionals on the Aberdeen Proving Ground, who perform safeguards and security functions on a daily basis

PARTNERSHIPS: Start by articulating the school-community vision; expand the decision-making table to include parents and students; hold Board meetings in the communities on a rotating basis; establish structured opportunities to engage stakeholders; encourage open dialogue about challenges, opportunities and potential solutions are just some of the efforts for which I will advocate.

PRIORITIES: Schools Safety, Race Relations, Expanding CTE opportunities, Closing the Achievement Gap, Rebuild trust/relationship with stakeholders, Providing appropriate resources/incentives for schools with the greatest need, strengthen relationship with the APG Community and the faith-based community,

Harford County Board of Education District B

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

TERM: 4-year terms.

HOW ELECTED: Each member is elected from a council district (A, B, C, etc.)

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 13 years (K-12) in public schools in a good school system (Oak Ridge, TN). I spent a further 9 years in college, earning a PhD in computer engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. While in college, I spent 7 semesters working as a graduate teaching assistant. I tutored other students in both high school and college (mostly volunteer, some paid).

BUDGET PRIORITIES: I would rank my top three budget priorities as teachers, support staff, and sound facilities. Within these categories, I would want more information to further refine priorities. For example, money spent toward teacher retention could be spent on direct pay, benefits, training, the

teaching environment, or more careful recruiting.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I think that national-level standards are important for both controlling a minimum quality level, and providing a common, nation-wide basis for comparison. However, I also believe that we (as a country) are placing too much emphasis on testing and teaching to pass standardized tests. I worry that we are pushing academics in an age-inappropriate way (such as universal reading in kindergarten).

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I went to a high school which had a robust "vocational track" (with a good-sized list of career options) in addition to the "college track". I assumed that was standard practice, until I learned that in Harford County, the vocational training was concentrated in just one high school. I support the expansion of vocational education to more schools and programs.

SCHOOL SAFETY: For serious issues like school safety, I look for what professional research has been done already. For example, the US Department of Justice reports: "To prevent youth from joining gangs, communities must strengthen families and schools, improve community supervision, train teachers and parents to manage disruptive youth, and teach students interpersonal skills."

PARTNERSHIPS: Preparing the next generation of our society for adult life is a huge effort. It takes a village to raise a child. I welcome the involvement of parents, other individuals, and non-partisan, non-profit organizations. However, I'm concerned about the involvement of for-profit businesses in the education of youth. The purpose of businesses is to produce economic value, not charity.

PRIORITIES: My highest priorities for outcomes of my time in this office are increased student success, increased funding and support for the school system, and increased community awareness and involvement. I would like to start with data-driven discussions on how to best achieve student success, not just on academic tests, but in broader areas of life.

Harford County Board of Education District C

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TERM: 4-year terms.

HOW ELECTED: Each member is elected from a council district (A, B, C, etc.)

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

Jim Antal

No response received by deadline.

Kathryn Carmello

QUALIFICATIONS: My experience spans over time, through training and experience. As a recent retiree of Harford County Public Schools, I have always held a strong conviction that public education is important. I have been involved as a parent and now as a grandparent and have always been committed to public involvement. Given these involvements, I have the conviction to stand up for our students and teachers.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Increasing efficiency in school spending begins by identifying district goals around the budget so all elements support those goals. The next step is to identify needs and priorities of all students after building an understanding of the school's education community by including all stakeholders (staff, parents, community members, teachers and students). I believe students and teachers are first

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I support high-quality assessments that support student learning from a rich curriculum. Standards and testing help ensure that students receive a high-quality education that's consistent from school to school. I also feel that standardize testing takes far too much time away from learning and other opportunities such as art, music and finance--subjects that promotes a well rounded education.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Students' high school experiences too often fail to prepare them for post-secondary education or for the rigors of work in an information-based economy. Most students need some preparation before they're ready for the workforce, and planning should begin long before it's time to start a career. This could include taking technical courses during high school or college prep dual enrollment courses.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We need to do everything possible to keep our students and staff safe. I will continue to support the relationship between the school system and the Sheriff's office as well as our municipalities to employ school resource officers in our schools. These relationships and knowledge of the students themselves can often allow for intervention before escalation occurs.

PARTNERSHIPS: Currently Harford County Public Schools has more than 2,500 partnerships with businesses, community organizations, government, faith-based groups, and others. The school system depends on the support of parents, PTA's and the community in accomplishing its mission of educating every child. I will continue to promote these amazing partnerships with our community to support our children's education

PRIORITIES: The No. 1 challenge facing the district is state funding. It's difficult to start talking about ideas when there's little disposable income. The importance of adequately funding programs to help our students achieve at grade level is important. We also need to do what we can to attract and retain our teaching talent. I want teachers to know they will have an advocate in me.

Harford County Board of Education District D

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TERM: 4-year terms.

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Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a seasoned executive, I am well versed in working with diverse teams around challenging topics to make mutually advantageous decisions. As a business owner, I am focused on recruiting and retention of employees, our most valuable resource.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Teacher retention is number 1! Class sizes continuing to grow and need to be curtailed. School buildings and infrastructure is vital but lowest in priority.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Standardized testing is not going away and is one of the available tools to ensure quality education for each child. This is not the only metric which can and should be used to measure effectiveness.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We need to support many alternatives for those not attending college. There are many trade and technical careers which do not require college education

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety is in the limelight and being addressed in Harford County. We recently added SROs to cover all high and middle schools. We need zero tolerance for bullying with clearer response and even considering restorative practices.

PARTNERSHIPS: Communication!! I think our school board and administration needs to build stronger relationships with the media, industry partners and other government agencies. Leveraging these relationships will allow for increased efficiency, partnering opportunities, and proactive engagements.

PRIORITIES: When I go to board meetings and listen to the students, they talk about suicide and bullying. Overall we need stronger mental health programs to ensure our students have the ability to focus in the curriculum.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served 3.8 years on the HCPS BOE. Served on many boards, private and public with very large budgets. Held many executive level positions in both the private and public sectors.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Teachers are always front and center. Without adequate compensation they will leave. retention is key to long term success. Class size is directly related to how much a child learns in any given amount of time in the classroom.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: 1st Dump "PARK" Reduce the amount of testing time. There a number of good national tests. pick one and stay with it to assure continuity.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We need a "College and Career" high school. A school where a High school diploma and an associate degree could be earned after completion of the 12th grade. Work with businesses for internships for high school students Encourage student to consider vocational careers. Provide more vocational opportunities.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Gun violence--Embrace "ALICE". Embrace " Restorative Practices" Educate on Substance abuse. Counseling--Counseling--Counseling

PARTNERSHIPS: The school system should be an integral part of the community. Businesses should be invited into schools where appropriate to give students a real view of the work place and opportunities for employment. We have a student on the HCPS BOE. Encourage community organizations to include at least one student on their Boards.

PRIORITIES: . Be more considerate and responsive to those we represent. More responsible spending.

Harford County Board of Education District E

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Questions

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

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

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

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I feel that my perspective of being a parent, a middle school counselor in another system, as well as my past 2 1/2 years of service with the current Board of Education, give me a unique global perspective on needs facing the school system at this critical juncture. I see many of the issues facing the board from a variety of stances, and I feel that gives me a unique voice.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: I feel that teacher retention and keeping class sizes as small as practically possible is key to the success of our students. When I started on the board, teachers pay had been frozen, and nobody had received step increases in several years. I have worked consistently on bringing the teachers pay back to where it should be, while holding on to as many positions as possible.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I believe that these standards should be used as a guide, that is considered when delivering the curriculum to our students. However, I feel students should not be judged solely on testing, that we should limit testing, while ensuring that our teachers, have time and resources to work on enriching and extending our students knowledge and critical thinking skills.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I am a firm believer that college is not for everyone. I believe that we need to work on growing our technology education programs, our vocational programs, and our arts programs, while still providing a rigorous academic program for those that are college bound. I believe that by doing this, more of our students would graduate more fully prepared to embark on their adult journey.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I think school safety has reached a flash point in our society, and is at the forefront, where it should be. I will continue to fully support all efforts of the system to explore all arenas of school safety, including more employees in the student services arena, as well as more training for staff on options such as restorative justice, cultural proficiency and equity.

PARTNERSHIPS: We have some strong partnerships already, and I would like to see those grow, particularly when talking about expanding our vocational, arts and technology programs. The first step is to lay the groundwork to expand those programs and look outside the box. Many jobs that our younger students will have, haven't even been created yet!

PRIORITIES: I think that one of the most important issues is equity for all of our schools. We have a school system, not a system of schools, and we need to be more cognizant of allocating resources appropriately, train and support staff fully, and have policies and procedures that support our students, and staff to the best of our ability, so that all of our students can be the best version of themselves.

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QUALIFICATIONS: First and foremost, I am a parent of two children in Harford County public schools, one of whom is a sophomore and one of whom is a senior. I served previously on the Harford County Board of Education, where I strongly advocated for all my constituents and worked collaboratively with all. I have also been active in PTAs and PTOs. My experience will enable me to hit the ground running.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: The priorities of teacher retention, class sizes and school buildings are all important. We must first work to retain our teachers if we are to improve Harford County Public Schools. One way to do this is to increase teacher and staff compensation. Second, we need to focus on keeping class sizes small. We need to improve our school buildings, including eliminating open spaces.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Although standards and testing may provide data that can assist in identifying issues in schools and lead to some improvements in education, I believe our current national and state standards such as Common Core are highly problematic. We need to develop curriculum largely at the local level and we need the flexibility from the state to do this. There is also too much emphasis on testing.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I will strongly support vocational and technical education programs in order to prepare students for careers after graduation. I will also ensure these programs are well funded for students who do not intend to go on to college. The vocational and technical programs must be strong in Harford Tech and in all of our middle and high schools.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I will work collaboratively with law enforcement, the county office of drug control policy, and our schools to stop gangs and drug abuse. We also need to have school resource officers in as many of our schools as possible. The proposal from the County Executive and the Sheriff for funding school resource officers is a great step in the right direction. We need strong anti bullying programs.

PARTNERSHIPS: I will work with business organizations such as chambers of commerce and individual business leaders to encourage a closer working relationship with our schools. I will attend chamber of commerce events and meet with business leaders. I will promote partnerships and encourage businesses to provide more business experiences for our students.

PRIORITIES: In addition to increasing teacher and staff compensation, keeping class sizes small, and preventing cuts in teacher positions, we need to fix the budget process. The current system does not work well. We also need to protect student activities, protect athletic programs, and continue to have strong music, arts, and theater programs. I will be an advocate for these programs.

Harford County Board of Education District F

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TERM: 4-year terms.

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

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was originally appointed to the Board of Education in 2012, to fill a vacancy due to a resignation. At that time, I told the State Superintendent that I would work for public education in the county. I also intended to work hard for the construction of a new Havre de Grace High School, because i knew that's what my home town wanted most. We did the groundbreaking three weeks ago!

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Harford County has traditionally been close to the bottom in per pupil spending. This year, the County proposes to spend 43% of its budget on its schools. The ratios in Howard and Montgomery are well above 50%. We lost out on BRAC to a large degree because of this committment. Excellent communities require excellent schools. Changing this dynamic will be key to making our county competative.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I can't think of anyone who supports the PAARC assesments. None the less, testing that allows us to see how our students peform relative to one another, relative to different schools, and to different school systems is important. So far we have avoided the temptation to "teach the test". I fully expect that we will keep it that way.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I just returned from a national conference where this was one of the topics. In many systems, educators are partnering with community colleges and regional employers to design programs that will teach career skills and new technology, particularly for those not planning to go the 4 year college route. Programs like this need to be part of the value proposition we advance for additional funding.

SCHOOL SAFETY: The County has funded school resource officers for our middle schools and most municipalities do so as well. In my own experience, having school resource officers paid an additional bonus beyond school safety. A school resource officer gave the police a face and a name in school, and help to make a police offier a part of life, and not an anonymous authority figure.

PARTNERSHIPS: I intend to spend much of the next four years campaigning for programs to work with regional businesses to develop curricula that prepare students (college bound and work bound) for the economy of the future. It is not enough just to enhance vocational ed. One has to teach the

skills of tomorrow. Logistic, robotics, coding, additive manufacturing (3D printing).

PRIORITIES: Over the last four years, we have closed the gap in teacher pay between Harford and surrounding counties. I would like to see us do a little extra. Harford needs to be the place that teachers want to come to. Good teachers make a great education system and showcase the county's belief in the future. For that, we will need to raise the commitment we make to public education in this county.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Recently retired, I have completed a 25 year career in K12 education in a variety of school-based and central office positions. Positions included: Classroom Teacher, Library/Media Specialist, Assistant Principal, Assistant to Southeast Area Superintendent, and Executive Director of Special Programs. I have managed a budget in excess of \$65 million dollars.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Schools are for children – at least they should be. We must focus on being more responsive to the needs of our children, not just testing outcomes, in so doing we also make schools more amenable to teachers, administrators, and the community. Over the past decade, I have witnessed the elimination of instructional positions in schools as a means to balance the budget; this action is detrimental to all.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: National Standards provide a framework for what should be accomplished at each level or across a span of levels. In theory this should ensure that a child living in Nebraska has similar expectations for mastery as a child in Maryland. The issue is the extreme testing that has accompanied the standards. For example, elementary schools are losing at least 3 weeks of instructional time every year.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Again, in the past few decades there has been a misinterpretation of college and career readiness to morph into the assumption that every child must attend college and we have created great vacuums and voids in the service industries and small business opportunities. CTE and magnet programs that are effectively aligned to the required entry skills and knowledge in the trades must be available.

SCHOOL SAFETY: In this instance we must nurture strong relationships with county government, law enforcement, medical advisors, as well as parents and students in our community. While it may sound trite, we need to clearly define and address the root causes that get our children involved in gangs and drugs. Education is key to these efforts by providing mentoring for students and staff development for teachers.

PARTNERSHIPS: We need to consider the diverse needs of our changing demographics. Partnerships with local colleges are a key component to offer accessible parent learning opportunities. We need to go to the community in these instances and not always expect them to come to us. It would be beneficial to rotate some of the Board meetings out to the communities we serve.

PRIORITIES: The school system needs to aggressively recruit in the colleges and be prepared to follow-up with timely processing of applications if we want the cream of the crop. When you review the attrition rates of teachers currently in the system it reflects movement after year 5 and up to year 10. While salary is important, a dedicated teacher is not walking away from our system for this reason alone.

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