# League of Women Voters Primary 2018 Voters' Guide for Queen Anne’s County

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This Voters’ Guide is published by the League of Women Voters Education Fund and covers Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Talbot County candidates. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. All candidates who filed with the State Board of Elections were invited to submit information about their candidacy, including their responses to a series of questions posed for each office, to our web-based VOTE411 system. Those candidate responses appear in their own words and are included as profiles and answers in this Guide.

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The League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Learn more at www.lwv.org and www.VOTE411.org.

The League thanks all candidates who submitted answers to our questions.

Primary Election Date is
Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Registration Deadlines
In person: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 & at early voting sites, June 14-21
By mail: Tuesday, June 5, 2018
Online: June 5, 2018

Important Voting Information
There are three ways to vote this year in the primary elections:

• At the early voting location listed below
• At your local polling place on June 26, 7 am to 8 pm
• By absentee ballot

Early Voting
Early voting is Thursday, June 14, through Thursday, June 21, 10:00 am until 8:00 pm

Early voting locations for Queen Anne’s County are

The Queen Anne’s Office Building
Conference Room
110 Vincit Street
Centreville, MD 21617 (across from Acme) or

*The Kent Island Library
200 Library Circle
Stevensville, MD 21666 (across from Ram’s Head)
*new location since 2016 election.

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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 1.

Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford
Campaign Website: www.LarryHogan.com

No response received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for 1.

Rushern L. Baker III / Elizabeth Emery
Campaign Website: www.rushernbaker.com

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
Campaign Website: www.fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com

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

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**Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull**

**Campaign Website:** benjealous.com

**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.

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

No response received by deadline.

**Kevin Kamenetz / Valerie Ervin**

**Campaign Website:** Kevinformaryland.com

**Please Note:** Mr. Kamenetz, the candidate for governor, died May 10, after the ballots were printed. Please check vote411.org for any future developments relating to this ticket.

**Rich Madaleno / Luwanda Jenkins**

**Campaign Website:** www.madalenoformaryland.com

**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
Campaign Website: alecross.com

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
Campaign Website: JimShea.com

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
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
Campaign Website: www.krishformaryland.com

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.

Maryland 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.

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?
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 1.

Anjali Reed Phukan
Campaign Website: mscomptroller.weebly.com

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

REVENUE SYSTEM: I will update information systems statewide, for usability and security, and promote tax credits and other incentives for energy star, solar panel, and other energy 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 loving enforce the law equally for all.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for 1.

Peter Franchot
Campaign Website: www.franchot.com

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.

Maryland 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.

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.

Questions

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

Democrats may vote for 1.

Craig Wolf
Campaign Website: wolf4ag.com

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: 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?
**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 should respect 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.

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**Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1.

**Brian E. Frosh**

Campaign Website: www.brianfrosh.com

**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 affected.

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

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

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**U.S. Senator**

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

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

**Term:** Six years.

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

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**Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for 1.

**Tony Campbell**

Campaign Website: www.campbell4maryland.com

**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.

Chris Chaffee
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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.

Evan M. Cronhardt
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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 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 CJ/S/Adult CJ 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/sexiism; 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 ‘pass through’ loopholes; 5% federal tax code and lowering the marginal tax rates. When tax rates are reduced people will be motivated to work, save and invest which will help strengthen the national economy.

**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.

Nnabu Eze
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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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No response received by deadline.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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No response received by deadline.  

Bill Krehbrink  
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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 Copin 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.
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 pay

**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 discrimination.

**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 1998, I was a prodigious researcher.

**IMMIGRATION:** I fully support President Trump’s immigration policies. I would add temporary visas for farm workers and other policies. I would add temporary policies which are based on his agenda and would add temporary visas for farm workers and other workers. I would add temporary visas for farm workers and other workers.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Unless we fuel up the spaceship we need to take care of our beautiful planet. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 labor laws, 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.

Erik Jetmir
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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 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.

Chelsea Manning Campaign Website: xychelsea.is/running

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been homeless. I spent the summer of 2006 living on the streets of Chicago. I have been to war. I enlisted in the military as an intelligence analyst in 2007, and served in Iraq in 2009-10. I have been to prison. I spent seven years in prison, one year in solitary confinement, and four seeking trans-related healthcare. These experiences provide incredible insight into our policies HEALTH CARE: Free healthcare for all. No conditions or questions asked. No one should be denied free healthcare for any reason. No one should be afraid to seek healthcare based on who they are, how much money they have, or what their "legal" status is. DISCRIMINATION: Work toward dismantling the police, the military, the vast surveillance state, and the prison systems. These systems carry out discriminatory policies on a vast scale, such as mass incarceration of people of color, detention and deportation of immigrants, and the implicit support of incumbent businesses and the wealthy. The combined effect of the policies is a vast, gradual ethnic cleansing ECONOMIC POLICY: Universal basic income for all. Advanced automation is making the vast majority of all jobs becomes obsolete. We need to transition our economy away from an outdated expectation of people working endlessly, to one of people thriving and living life. IMMIGRATION: Abolish the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. Abolish the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agency. Provide full rights for all immigrants. No bans, no walls, no borders at all. ENVIRONMENT: No greenwashing of the police, military, and intelligence agencies, or the corporate world. Phrases like "environmentally friendly," and "zero carbon" often offset the environmental damage of policies to the most vulnerable communities. We need to prepare the low-lying and coastal areas for the damage that global warming and rising sea levels are already bringing.
OTHER PRIORITIES: Change the conversation. Bring new visions, and new ideas into the political discourse. We are not limited to the system we have. We can have a world without prisons, without borders, without the vast powers of a President, and a world where we can all live and thrive.

Marcia H. Morgan
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No response received by deadline.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Richard "Rikki" Vaughn
Campaign Website: www.rikkivaughn.com

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 restauranteur 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 taxpayers. 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
opportunities for individuals and support changes that create better not the answer. Congress must Deportation and family division is on the backs of men and women Americans! This country was built I will support fair policies th communities suffocated by despair. change will help American infrastructure, access to viable transparent solutions regarding seek solutions to eliminate eco Elected leaders must continually inequality impacts every American. ECONOMIC POLICY: discrimination. DISCRIMINATION: As a disabled African-American woman, I know how discrimination feels. I will support practical policies that promote diversity and inclus how discrimination feels. I will 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.

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.

**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 1.

**Martin Elborn**  
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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, 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 since solutions for bipartisanship.

**HEALTH CARE:** I fully and wholeheartedly advocate for Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) we need to reenact 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 rebuid 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 waterman, renewable energy, uphold the Constitution, Putting the American citizens first, protecting our children while being in school, more armed citizens!!

**Andy Harris**  
Campaign Website: www.andyharris.com

**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.

### Lamont Taylor

**Campaign Website:** www.lamonttaylorforcongress.com

No response received by deadline.

**Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1.

**Michael Brown**

**Campaign Facebook:** michaelbrownforcongress

**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. 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.

### Jesse Colvin

**Campaign Website:** www.jessecolvin.com

**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 an 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.

### Allison Galbraith

**Campaign Website:** allisonforcongress.com

**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.  

**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.

**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, 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.
Steve Worton  
Campaign Website: www.worton4congress.org

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.

Maryland State Senate

DUTIES: State Senators 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.

Senator District 36

HOW ELECTED: District 36 includes all of Kent and Queen Anne’s counties and parts of Cecil and Caroline counties. One Senator is elected by all qualified voters in the areas cited.

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?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for 1.  
Stephen S. Hershey Jr.  
Campaign Website: www.SenatorHershey.com

QUALIFICATIONS: It has been an honor to serve as your State Senator for the last 5 years. The last 4 years I have held a leadership role as the Minority Whip, I am a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Health Policy Subcommittee, Committee on Legislative Ethics, Oyster Advisory Commission and Rural Healthcare Workgroup. I own a specialty construction company. Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering and MBA.  
REDISTRICTING: To achieve fair representation, reform is essential. The last 3 years, I have joined Gov. Hogan and co-sponsored legislation to create a nonpartisan, independent commission to draw
district boundaries. The surest way to end partisan gerrymandering is to re-elect Gov. Hogan to a 2nd term, only then will Maryland’s democrat leadership remove this power from the governor and hand it to a commission.

ENVIRONMENT: As a representative of the Eastern Shore, I understand the importance of healthy waterways, clean air and an environment that promotes tourism through a multitude of outdoor activities. But there must be a balance. Our laws and regulations cannot be so burdensome to diminish our commercial seafood and farming industries. I’ll continue to fight for a balance between our environment and our economy.

DISCRIMINATION: All citizens have the right to be treated fairly and we, as legislators and as a community, should do all that we can to ensure this happening, both in terms of opportunity and in the actual results. I have zero tolerance for discriminatory practices.

EDUCATION: Maintenance of Effort and costs of teacher pension plans make it difficult for Counties to make budgetary decisions that affect all citizens. I oppose unfunded mandates by the State on the Counties, policy changes must have funding sources. I was a co-sponsor of Gov. Hogan’s bill creating a lockbox to ensure money from gambling revenues is used to of Gov. Hogan’s bill creating a lockbox to ensure money from gambling revenues is used to

2) will reimburse EMS for providing the non-emergency community based services in our Mobile Integrated Health program. I’m committed to sustaining the Chestertown Hospital.

TRANSPORTATION: We’ve had many successes in my transportation priorities. The US 301/RT 304 overpass is open, the expansion of Rt 404 is fully functioning, the new Dover Bridge will open in the next month and the TOLLS at the Bay Bridge have been REDUCED. I am still working on a solution to reduce traffic on Kent Island, relocating the toll facility in Cecil County and moving forward with the Chestertown bypass.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for 1.

Heather Lynette Sinclair
Campaign Website: www.heatherlynettesinclair.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I’m an Eastern Shore Native, juvenile sex trafficking survivor, paralegal, former small business owner, a single mom and a citizen’s lobbyist for 6 years passing people-centered bills across party lines without special interest backing. I’m a fighter for the people, and I bring a sense of hope to people when they hear my life story. That’s what District 36 needs.

EDUCATION: I support local school board autonomy; moving our schools, especially Title 1, into the 21st century providing education well above the standard of a free, appropriate, public education and “MOE,” and taking an active role in listening to educators, parents and students rather than the current standard of listening to special interest lobbyists. I would utilize the promised Casino funds.

HEALTH CARE: District 36 has the highest rate of opioid overdose deaths in MD. I’ve worked to reform healthcare policies with some success and my initiatives make healthcare transparent so that you know what you are getting and the cost. Because healthcare is profit-centered and lacks transparency, it’s filled with corruption that prohibits us all from getting quality, affordable healthcare.

TRANSPORTATION: Support the Transportation Fund, and restoring the highway user funds to the counties as well as combining the state’s marketing efforts to attract tourism to create additional funds for transportation issues in the District.

House of Delegates

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

SALARY: $50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

House of Delegates 36

HOW ELECTED/
QUALIFICATIONS: District 36 includes all of Kent and Queen Anne’s counties and parts of Cecil and Caroline counties. Qualified voters in District 36 cast votes for 3 candidates. The 3 candidates who receive the largest number of votes are elected EXCEPT that each person elected must live in a different county.

Questions
QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
REDISTRICTING: What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for up to 3, no more than 1 per county.

Steven James Arentz
(Queen Anne’s County)
Campaign Facebook:
www.facebook.com/steve.arentz.1

QUALIFICATIONS: I served as Queen Anne’s County Commission President for three years. I handled all aspects of our local Government. I am a businessman, a father and a dedicated public servant. My experience and desire to thoroughly understand the process and subject matter are key in my job. I feel that I look at all sides of an issue before making a decision. I am dedicated and concerned about our future.

REDISTRICTING: I am in favor of Redistricting. All indications are that they were drawn for Political purposes. I would support a vetted process for a fair and representative accounting of the Districts in Maryland. I am hoping the decision is to move forward. Changes would occur, we need to have fairness to get proper representation across Maryland.

ENVIRONMENT: We need to make improvements on renewable energy, it needs to be more cost effective for the end user. We need to be aware of the consequences of our actions, protecting our resources of land & the Chesapeake Bay. I would focus on the Conowingo Dam, Baltimore Harbor and other pollutants to the bay. I feel we need to acknowledge clean energy along with renewable.

DISCRIMINATION: I would support all sincere attempts to eliminate discrimination. Education and understanding are the keys. Any policy should be straightforward and clear to all involved. We need personal accountability, understanding and the knowledge to deal with all forms of discrimination.

EDUCATION: I think our system needs to look at its policies. Maintenance of effort is no longer working, it needs to be looked at and replaced with a system that makes sense for all. More dollars need to be channeled into the early years of development. College appears to be overpriced based on the amount of debt compared to what a graduate can earn. We need the family unit to work on development.

HEALTH CARE: "We will know what is in the bill after we pass it" should have been a clue. The cost of care, has to be addressed. Reform is needed. We are in a crisis with an opioid epidemic. We need all stakeholders to pull together and have hard discussions on the issues and how we can go forward with a system that is affordable and functional. Obamacare has failed, we need to understand that.

TRANSPORTATION: Locally, it is the Bridge Traffic in QAC and in Cecil it is the toll bridges. The Bay Bridge should be funded by toll dollars along with federal dollars. For years we robbed the Highway user fees to fund the States General Fund. We need to put a lock box on Highway funds. In Cecil we need to address the access for residents by eliminating the tolls locally.

Rick Bowers
(Queen Anne’s County)
Campaign Website:
rickbowersmaryland.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have years of hands on experience in the MD General Assembly as a Legislative Aide, Policy Analyst and Writer for several lawmakers. I have served on a wide variety of boards both locally and nationally, and I understand how to work within a committee as well as individually. I will exercise my highest level of morality and justice in serving the people of my district and the state.

REDISTRICTING: The process is not the problem if implemented according to the guidelines we would not have any major issues. Redistricting has become a means to gain political power without regard to natural boundaries and geopolitical conditions. If our lawmakers cannot demonstrate nonpartisan leadership using the current guidelines as written, then perhaps we need to bring in a third party to fix the problem.

ENVIRONMENT: The Chesapeake Bay is the most significant challenge. It’s health is the lifeblood of many Eastern Shore businesses and families. Neighboring states release their pollution into the bay and they should be held accountable for their actions. In an effort to set meaningful preservation projects in motion, I would engage the watermen whose survival depends on the health of the Chesapeake.

DISCRIMINATION: If each of us would take personal responsibility to treat others with dignity and respect we would not need government to correct behavior. I support hiring based on qualifications which do not include age, race, gender or skin color. We are all created equal in the sight of God. To tilt the playing field to favor one group based on immutable physical characteristics is morally wrong.

EDUCATION: We must realize the need for the skilled trades and begin to train accordingly. I would support bringing back a revised version of vocational training to include high tech. I also support private, charter and home schooling. Funding would become available if we looked carefully within the system for programs that are outdated or ineffective.

HEALTH CARE: The opioid crisis is becoming an epidemic and no single solution will fix it. I support partnerships between the health community, faith community, and law enforcement as a starting point. Prescription pain killers have led too many adults into addiction beyond their control and ultimately death. We must do a better job of pain management without the overuse of...
highly addictive medications.

TRANSPORTATION: Our bridges, tunnels and highways are aging and our demand on them is increasing. Maryland taxpayers and vehicle operators pay fees and taxes into the Transportation Fund regularly. Too often this money is diverted to other areas and transportation needs are ignored. We do not have a funding issue, we have a spending issue.

Wick Dudley
(Queen Anne’s County)
Campaign Website: www.wickdudley.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As someone who grew up on a farm kept within the family for generations, I am deeply familiar with the Upper Eastern Shore’s history, people, needs, and desires. Now that I have a law degree I feel equipped to go to Annapolis and effectively champion the priorities of the Eastern Shore.

REDISTRICTING: This issue, perhaps more than any other, is why I decided to run for Delegate. Congressional districts should be drawn by a nonpartisan commission that cannot draw or shape districts for partisan gain. The districts should also be drawn in a way that creates compact and contiguous districts that respect existing boundary lines, such as counties and towns.

ENVIRONMENT: In Maryland along the Chesapeake Bay, the most significant environmental challenges have been and continue to be water clarity and native fish and sea grass populations. Clearer water allows for more sunlight for sea grasses to grow, which in turn creates more dissolved oxygen and habitats for our fish and shellfish species. Reasonable and effective efforts to restore Bay water clarity is a must.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or poverty is intolerable. I will support any reasonable policy measure that will prevent such discrimination.

EDUCATION: I would like to see Maryland adopt a program similar to what Texas has where the top 10% of every public high school class is entitled to a free or severely discounted four year education at a Maryland public university. Such a program prevents a “brain drain” of our best and brightest by keeping them in-state. Those students would then be more likely to stay in the state after graduating.

HEALTH CARE: The most significant challenge to health care is the potential collapse of the state’s individual health insurance market and surging premiums. I support Governor Hogan’s measure preventing such a collapse by replacing the recently cut federal tax on insurers with a state equivalent. We also need to address the opioid crises with increased Narcan classes and beds and recovery programs for addicts.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland should not build another bridge spanning the Bay anywhere other than where the current bridge exists. In addition to the exorbitant cost of building a bridge from Baltimore to Kent County, or from Calvert to Dorchester County, the taking of land from private owners for the project would be heartbreaking, the environmental costs staggering, and the loss of area character irreversible.

Jeff Ghrist
(Caroline County)
Campaign Website: www.jeffghrist.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I’ve lived on the Mid-Shore for most of my life. I attended all levels of public school on the shore, attended Chesapeake College and graduated from Salisbury University with a BA in Economics. I started my career in retail management and real estate sales before serving eight years as Caroline County Commissioner and four years as a State Delegate. I now serve on the Appropriations Committee.

REDISTRICTING: It is shameful that Maryland is drawing national attention and the Supreme Court will be weighing in on the abuse of power by our former governor and leadership in the general assembly. It’s also shameful the leadership in the general assembly doesn’t want to “unilaterally disarm” by supporting Governor Hogan’s efforts to create a bipartisan redistricting commission to draw new lines.

ENVIRONMENT: Affordable, safe and reliable energy is a significant challenge not just for the Eastern Shore but for our entire state. It’s important to use cleaner energy sources like solar along with innovative and efficient technologies using natural gas. Our bay is our most precious resource and we have to stay focused on it’s improvement without creating unnecessary adverse economic and social impacts.

DISCRIMINATION: I wholeheartedly support the Civil Rights Act of 1964. I strongly believe that any law or policy created by government should always treat people WITHOUT regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Policies should never discriminate or show favoritism to any particular class. I have worked hard to reduce poverty by growing the economy and supporting an effective education for all.

EDUCATION: Serving on the Appropriations committee I have always supported education funding but we need more accountability in our schools. It’s not how much we spend that matters, it’s how we spend it. In some counties we need to spend smarter so that the dollars go to the classrooms to give every student the tools to succeed in life. Schools should be effective, motivating and challenging to all students.

HEALTH CARE: Health outcomes on the Eastern Shore are among the worst in the state. Access to physical and mental healthcare along with addictions treatment are among the worst in the state. A rural healthcare workgroup was formed two years ago and led by your Dist 36 team to address these issues. My role on the Appropriations Committee will be to ensure that we support our stakeholders and local providers.

TRANSPORTATION: My transportation priorities are exclusive to what people in District 36 have expressed to me. The needs in the four counties I represent are unique to each community. We are very fortunate that Governor Hogan’s transportation teams are very responsive and accountable to the needs of the upper shore. I’ll
continue to fight for restored highway funding for our towns and counties.

Jay A. Jacobs
(Kent County)
Campaign Website: jacobsfordelegate.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong resident of the Eastern Shore and from a family of watermen and farmers. I am the former Mayor of Rock Hall and am currently a Delegate. I also own a small business. I have found that my professional and political experiences, and my reputation of advocating for common sense solutions have been well received. It is a privilege for me to represent the Eastern Shore in Annapolis.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering has never been based on party registration - that is until the Democrats in Maryland drew the maps. The current maps marginalize Republicans, Independents and Hispanics. This robs the citizens of Maryland of a true democratic system. I think it is racist and morally wrong. Since the Democrat controlled legislature cannot be trusted with this process, I support a judicial commission.

ENVIRONMENT: 90% of the pollution in the Chesapeake Bay comes from Pennsylvania via the Susquehanna River. The Conowingo Dam needs to be dredged in order for that pollution to be reduced. I am and will continue to be an environmental steward of our lands and waterways. I support environmental legislation that is cost efficient, quantifiable and measurable.

DISCRIMINATION: I have no tolerance for discrimination of any kind. All citizens have the right to be treated fairly both in opportunity and in outcome. We as legislators should act to make sure that happens.

EDUCATION: I oppose Federal and State overreach into our local school systems. Instead, I am a strong supporter for allowing local communities to set the standards for their school system. I am also opposed to the Eastern Shore being a net exporter of cash to other school districts. Our money should stay on the Eastern Shore where it benefits our students.

HEALTH CARE: No parent should have to choose between paying for health care and paying the mortgage. Middle class families and small business owners are being hit the hardest. We must bring competition to the market place to drive prices down. I support a state system that creates competition in the market place as a way to bring down the price of health care.

TRANSPORTATION: I do not support a second set of bridges over the Chesapeake Bay. I also support lowering or eliminating the tolls on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge for the citizens of Maryland. This is a commuter bridge and people should not have to pay to go to work. I support the Route 301 upgrade.

Michael D. Smigiel Jr.
(Cecil County)

QUALIFICATIONS: I’ve been around local and state politics my entire life and have met and interviewed politicians all over the state through my position being a news cameraman and interviewer. And as a filmmaker I have addressed questions of public policy through my films. I understand the challenges of owning a small business on the eastern shore and dealing with the excessive taxation and regulation.

REDISTRICTING: Redistricting should be taken out of the hands of those who are politically motivated and be given to an independent public body set up to insure citizens the opportunity to be represented by those who actually represent their community ideals. Counties should be left whole as much as possible, not split.

ENVIRONMENT: The pollution into the bay caused by the Conowingo dam has negative effects on the watermen and unfairly has our farmers mired in regulations to try to correct the effects of phosphates and nitrogen coming over the dam. The state legislature needs to pressure our federal representatives to work with states upriver.

DISCRIMINATION: I think there are already plenty of laws which address discrimination. My generation seems to be a lot more tolerant with these issues. I think this will dissipate as time passes and more of my generation becomes more involved in politics.

EDUCATION: As a professor, I see massive results when teachers are allowed to teach in the manor that they deem most effective to their particular students. Spending more money doesn't mean getting a better education. It’s about using the current funds more effectively. I support allowing teachers to teach with minimal state interference.

HEALTH CARE: This cannot be answered in 400 characters. The devastation caused by Heroin is a big issue and I don't have all the answers, but I do know people have figured out parts of it, and we need to reach out to these other counties and jurisdictions that have addressed this problem effectively, and adopt successful results. But personally, I feel the answer always lies in more education about the issue.

TRANSPORTATION: My priority in transportation is equity and funding. Two examples being, the restoration of highway user funds to the counties... I know they are addressing this in SB154 this year. In addition, we need to look at a more equitable manor of funding mass transit in urban areas... the rural citizens in the 36th district should not be forced to subsidize the mass transit in Baltimore City.

Democratic Candidates for Caroline County

Democrats may vote for 1.

Keirien Taylor
Campaign Website: keirientaylor.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a current graduate student at Salisbury University studying Conflict Analysis & Dispute Resolution, I received my Bachelor degree from Salisbury University in political science, and my associates degree from Chesapeake College in Liberal Arts. As an activist and an advocate my experience prepares to fight and voice the concerns of the people.

REDISTRICTING: I will call for legislation that would create a non-partisan commission to draw district maps. Regardless of the effect on
the Democratic party as a TRUE believer in democracy our district lines should be drawn in the best way to represent the people. 

ENVIRONMENT: As a life-long environmentalist, I know that protecting our planet is not just a moral imperative, it is an economic opportunity that Maryland can take to propel our state forward. We to expand the use of renewable power and create good-paying jobs in the process, and we need to protect our Bay! 

DISCRIMINATION: We must pursue policies to transform this state into a place that affirms the value of its people of color, LGBT, and women. That starts with addressing the five central types of violence waged against marginalized communities: physical, political, legal, economic and environmental. As a believer in TRUE and UNIVERSAL equality I support all legislation that supports equality. 

EX: Bail Reform 

EDUCATION: I believe that all students deserve the opportunity to receive an affordable, quality education from the earliest stages of schooling to high-level degrees. 

HEALTH CARE: Health care must be recognized as a right, not a privilege. Every man, woman and child in our state should be able to access the health care they need regardless of their income. I want to establish single-payer healthcare in Maryland, a plan that would make government pay residents’ medical care and get rid of the out-of-pocket expenses that residents pay. 

TRANSPORTATION: Both our transportation and electricity infrastructures must be updated. Modernizing the electrical grid helps balance higher amounts of clean energy, decreases outages and improves efficiency. 

Democratic Candidates for Cecil County 

Democrats may vote for 1. 

Michael Ian Welker 

Campaign Website: www.welkerformaryland.com 

QUALIFICATIONS: Working on congressional campaigns in the past has given me a unique insight into the day to day operations of being an elected official. But leading the local Democrat Club and serving on the Cecil County Democratic Central Committee has given me knowledge on what it takes to be an effective leader. 

REDISTRICTING: I think redistricting should be handled by a non-partisan third party agency. Take it away from the hands of the legislative body who could potentially use it for their own gain, as we’ve seen in the past. Partisan gerrymandering is an affront to our democracy, and we should do everything we can to prevent it from happening again. 

ENVIRONMENT: All of Maryland is home to beautiful waterways, with the Eastern Shore being home for most of them. Balancing the needs of our agricultural community and the requirements for a clean and healthy environment will be a major challenge. However, no one understands the importance of having a clean environment more than our farmers. We need to work directly with them to come up with viable solutions. 

DISCRIMINATION: We need to be sure our current equal opportunity and anti-harassment laws are being upheld. We need to be sure there are social programs available to help lift the poor out of poverty, and that everyone has a voice in our legal system. The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights does a great job protecting people from discrimination, and we need to be sure we support them. 

EDUCATION: This past legislative session the “Fix the Fund” bill passed, which gave the money that had been taken back to the education fund. This is a great first step. But many districts still only make the bare minimum requirement for funding. We need to have properly funded schools to provide after school programs and education in art, science, and technology. The Fix the Fund bill will help do this. 

HEALTH CARE: Access to affordable, quality healthcare is currently the biggest issue facing Maryland overall. We need to make sure that our neighbors don’t have to fall behind on their bills just to be able to go to the doctors office or pay for basic necessary medicine like insulin. Maryland has the capability to provide a state funded universal healthcare program. It’s time we did that. 

TRANSPORTATION: We should reinvest in a light rail maglev system for the entire state--an affordable, efficient means of transportation that will ease the congestion on our freeways. We can pay for this by fully legalizing marijuana and collecting the tax revenue from that, much like many other states have already done. So far, each state has had a major funding surplus. That money is much needed here in Maryland. 

Democratic Candidates for Queen Anne’s County 

Democrats may vote for 1. 

Crystal Woodward 

Campaign Website: crystal4delegate.ruck.us 

QUALIFICATIONS: Being born and raised on the Eastern Shore, my roots run deep. My parents, retired small business owners, taught me the value of hard work and to do the right thing even if it’s not the easiest solution. My family has taught me compassion and tolerance. My work with the American Diabetes Association has taught me to be an effective advocate through consensus building and leadership. 

REDISTRICTING: I support non-partisan redistricting in Maryland to ensure that voters are electing politicians rather than politicians choosing voters. A non-partisan process for redrawing state legislative and congressional district lines after each census best serves our democracy. Consideration should be given to a regional compact if other Mid-Atlantic states decide to adopt non-partisan redistricting. 

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland has made remarkable progress in decreasing the amount of nitrogen and nutrient pollution. We need to continue to help farmers manage manure, support the extension and upgrading of septic systems, reduce
plastics, and promote smart growth and development with zoning, and offer assistance to farmers and large landowners to maintain their lands in an open and rural state.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Under the law, all Marylanders are equal. I am dedicated to protecting the rights of all Marylanders regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age or disability through enhanced voter access, advocating for equal pay, supporting marriage equality and anti-hate measures. I will continue to be a champion for civil rights and social justice and stand by young people covered by the Maryland Dream Act.

**EDUCATION:** Our students must come first. For this reason, I support the “Fix the Fund Act” that will enable casino revenue to be used to support public school resources including new school construction and repair, enhanced safety measures, updated technology and classroom resources, before and after-school programs, trade school and college preparation, the arts and athletics, and teacher retention.

**HEALTH CARE:** The most significant challenges to healthcare facing Marylanders are accessibility and affordability. Every Marylander has the right to access to affordable quality healthcare and medications regardless of their employment or economic status or age. I will fight to lower the cost of quality healthcare for all Marylanders including seniors and patients with pre-existing conditions.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I am a Kent Island resident who commutes to Crystal City, VA for my job so I live and understand the daily Bay Bridge and Rt. 50 traffic frustrations. Every dollar spent on transportation must be spent wisely to improve traffic flow, build and fix infrastructure, and expand public transportation options for us all. Local drivers need solutions to minimize weekend beach traffic impediments.

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### Queen Anne’s County Offices

#### Queen Anne’s County Commissioners

**About the Office:** There are five County Commissioners, four of whom are elected at large, with one residing in each of the four County Commissioner Districts of the county. The fifth, also elected at large, holds the position of President of the County Commissioners for the first year of his or her term and may reside in any area of the county. Following the first year of their term, the County Commissioners annually, by majority vote, select one Commissioner to serve as President of the County Commissioners.

**Term:** Four years, with no term limits

**Salary:** $25,000.

#### Questions

**Qualifications:** Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

**Budget:** What areas within the county’s budget should be increased or decreased?

**Priorities:** If elected, what would be your priorities for the next four years?

**Land Use:** What process should be used to update the Comprehensive Plan, and what particular issues need to be addressed?

**Traffic:** What are your views on the increasing traffic challenges facing the County, including the new Bay Bridge crossing issue?

**Constituents’ Concerns:** What is a specific concern of constituents in your district and how would you address it?

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#### Queen Anne's County Commissioner At Large

**Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for 1.

**Helen Bennett**

**Qualifications:** Since moving here, I have been actively involved in the community. I am a small business owner. I am serving my 2nd term on the Economic Development Commission. I have served on several sub-committees such as the North Co. Economic Impact Study. I ask tough questions and seek the truth. I have spent 8 years listening to the citizens, and would be honored to serve them as their Commissioner.

**Budget:** Keeping sustainability in mind will help in many areas of our budget; in particular, areas that produce revenue (IE airport, golf course) . We have a new grant writer position. Can s/he look at other revenue streams? As a community, we need to re-prioritize and ask hard questions. We need to be creative and aggressive to keep our expenditures in check while maintaining our quality of life.

**Priorities:** I would work to make our local government more transparent and accessible. Planning and Zoning is so important. I would schedule the meetings at a more convenient time so more citizens could attend. I would re-visit the APFO, homestead credit, and other tax relief programs. I would work with the community to devise local, small scale solutions to a few of our larger issues such as traffic.

**Land Use:** We have a very solid comp plan in place. I think small tweaks are all that are needed when it is updated. The end users (ALL citizens) should be the ones involved, just as they were during the last update. We need to be ever mindful of sustainability in the land use decisions we make. Let’s keep QAC the quintessential rural County it is.

**Traffic:** Each part of our County has different traffic challenges: bridge back ups, at-grade intersections, etc. A citizen’s traffic commission would be able to devise ways to improve local traffic issues. Let’s see what small, inexpensive fixes we can make while still pursuing the bigger projects with Maryland. We have a large pool of motivated citizens...let’s tap into that talent for solutions.

**Constituents’ Concerns:** Since all
districts vote for all the commissioners, our focus should always be on QAC as a whole. I live on Kent Island & hear more from Districts 3 and 4. I have already identified traffic as a concern, and property tax is another. I will not vote to raise taxes. A shortage of facilities for our youth is another priority concern.

**Jim Moran**

**Qualifications:** As your At-Large Commissioner for the last five years I would say experience is everything. With numerous departments, committees, and liaisons, not to mention the budget, it takes time to understand the issues. I have served this county for the last 8 years on numerous boards and Commissions. I also own and run two companies, Increte of Maryland 27 years, and Mid-Atlantic Pigments 10 years.

**Budget:** With a AAA bond rating for the last two years I think we are doing an outstanding job with county finances. We have restored almost all the services that were cut during the recession 8 years ago, and we were able to add a new courthouse. During my 5 years as your At-Large Commissioner I was able to find ways during the budget cycle to remove 13 million dollars of debt that would have been bonded.

**Priorities:** 1. Traffic, it is the single most destructive issue facing our county, and its not our traffic, its beach traffic and interstate traffic. 2. The heroin epidemic, making sure our citizens and our schools have the tools needed to educate, treat and prevent this from growing. 3. Working with county and school staff to find a better way to address school funding, and yearly demand for increases.

**Land Use:** The process used updating the Grasonville Growth Area Plan is an ideal model, intense involvement of citizens, planning staff & Planning Commission resulted in near unanimous approval, great citizen buy in, an no money wasted on outside consultants. The Comp Plan needs to be simplified so that every citizen can read and understand it and no one can misconstrue the vision for our long term outcome.

**Traffic:** I am responsible for the installation of traffic counters in both directions at the Bay Bridge, 50/301 split, and the Delaware line on 301. We need to know how much traffic, and what type of traffic is traveling thru our county now. The state will only listen to numbers and with Delaware opening up a new toll road from 95 to 301 traffic congestion can only get worse, and we are collecting the data

**Constituents’ Concerns:** Traffic; it is a curse for traffic. The traffic, it is ruining our county, and it is not ours. Working with county staff we have come up with a white paper and we intend to visit all the counties on the Eastern Shore to explain to them the traffic issue, and how it is getting worse for all of us. We will be looking for a consensus of Eastern Shore counties on where a new crossing can be built to keep the NEPA process moving forward.

**Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1.

**Elaine Harrison**

**Qualifications:** A self-employed accountant for the last 18 years, I’m experienced in dealing with budgets and financials. My work background includes governmental, for profit and non profit accounting. My clients range from small local shops to international manufacturers, across a large variety of industries. I handle cash flow, budgets, payroll and internal management solutions.

**Budget:** The budget, across the board, needs to be analyzed and dissected. Defining needs versus wants and eliminating waste are some of my specialties. This must be balanced with our capital needs to ensure we are not spending from bond sales, i.e. debt spending, for operating items. It has become a trend to put vehicles on a 20 year bond for instance. Public money must be conserved and spent wisely

**Priorities:** The next four years should be focused on making QAC competitive with our neighbors. Its hard to attract jobs with the highest income tax rate allowed by law. County residents and businesses need adequate infrastructure capable of meeting their needs to grow and expand. Internet, roads, and sewer capacities will be critical over the next several years. Proper planning and budgeting is the first

**Land Use:** Using the 2010 plan as a guide, citizen involvement will be critical to formulating the next comp plan and ensuring that the county
Queen Anne's County Commissioner
District 1

Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for 1.

Joe Gannon

Qualifications: I was on school board also many committees
Budget: all areas should be looked at
Priorities: I pledge not to raise property taxes
Land Use: solar panels and chicken houses
Traffic: I want to make shore the third bay bridge does not go here
Constituents' Concerns: budget and taxes

Jack Wilson

Qualifications: Running a small business for 20+ years. Serving as a County Commissioner for the past 3 years. Regularly work with budgeting, management, employees, and customer service. Ability to negotiate and resolve divisive issues
Budget: The County budget is quite sound as is apparent from the recent AAA bond rating upgrade. We typically have 3-4% discretionary spending, which after schools, emergency services, health insurance increases, public safety, roads and other infrastructure maintenance that 3-4% evaporates quickly. Continue to work to reduce the bond debt by using pay-go. No tax increases and decrease when possible.
Priorities: Continue to work to enhance Vocational education to include additional career paths in Skilled Trades and Manufacturing Continue to work to find solutions to Traffic issues Continue to work on advancing Broadband availability to all Citizens Institute additional safety measures in the schools Maintain Infrastructure Maintain our newly acquired AAA bond rating
Land Use: The Comprehensive Plan has been quite sound for the last 8 years. I think changes in the populated areas of the County will be minimal. However the North County growth areas will need to be reassessed after the North County Economic Development Plan is produced to reflect the recommendations that come from the study. My belief is that the Growth areas will tend to expand towards 301.
Traffic: Traffic will be a huge issue going forward. We face many challenges including the 404 expansion and the Middletown bypass on 301. As conditions deteriorate I think we will need to continue to put pressure on State and Federal agencies to provide funding to advance viable solutions. A new crossing study has 3+ years left and it is too early to predict what information will come from that study.
Constituents' Concerns: Utility grade Solar projects- I have worked with Planning and Zoning to enact the most forward looking ideas on how these projects will look if and when completed. Roads- Continue new resurfacing plan. Traffic- Continue to address at grade intersection upgrades as traffic flow will be increased when the Middletown Bypass is open. Ambulance Service- Improve response times. Reduce Income taxes

Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for 1.

Dino Romano LaMana

Qualifications: Whether it is owning a business, managing departments and major projects, to when I was part of the Sheet Metal Workers’ Local 100; working hard and learning from mentors has been a constant theme. I have a proven track record of innovation and eliminating inefficiency. I have certifications in cloud security and agile development. Lastly, I am attending UMUC for my undergrad in Cyber-Security.
Budget: To retain talent and produce world-class students, we need to increase spending on education for students and teachers. We should also seek to see what items can be moved to other areas to reduce base costs and thus reduce the impact of the state-mandated increase each year. Infrastructure, including broadband, is another area that needs to be seriously addressed.
Priorities: Real economic development throughout the county is a primary focus. This includes broadband and also getting internet availability to every community. We need to attract businesses offering high-paying jobs, as well as new residents, to make the move to QAC. We also need to reevaluate how we are funding education, as well as how those education dollars are being spent.
Land Use: The areas identified as Critical Areas should remain undeveloped to maintain Bay health and preserve the environmental heart of Queen Anne's County. Additionally, we should be more focused on even development across the entire county, not just focusing on the western portion and Centreville. Development, especially in the western part of the county, is outpacing our infrastructure capacity.
Traffic: Another Bay Bridge crossing is overdue. As someone that for years had commuted to Western Shore for work, I am very familiar with the traffic issues around the Bay Bridge. Many residents of Queen Anne's County have similar commutes and thus spend a large portion of their workweeks just getting to and from work that could otherwise be spent with loved ones or other pursuits.
Constituents' Concerns: District 1 is all but ignored, and we tend to have to go to another district, another county, or another state for shopping, entertainment, and employment. We need to incentivise medium to large companies to invest in these areas. That does, however, mean we need broadband throughout the major sections of the county, especially if we want higher
pasting jobs, such as STEM in QAC.

Queen Anne's County Commissioner District 2

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for 1.

George G. Sigler

Qualifications: For the past 6 years, I have served as a member of the Centreville Town Council, 5 of those years as President. Municipal government is a smaller version of the County Government, all the same rules and regulations only on a smaller scale. Having this experience means that there will be very little time spent learning the job.

Budget: I believe that the county budget could be leaner, by adhering to the Constant Yield Rate. I also believe that a .01 cent tax reduction each year over the next four years will not impact negatively on the overall budget based on existing and projected growth.

Priorities: Diligently working for all the residents of this county, from the farmers in the north of the county to the commuters in the south of the county. Safeguarding the children and our educators in our education system. Ensuring that the taxes we all pay are spent judiciously.

Land Use: The last Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2009, a process that took three years to finalize. This coming year the process will start all over again. With Smart Growth initiative the law of the land, there will need to be additional buffers in the plan outside each municipality that has sewer and water capacity available for those who choose to move here.

Traffic: With the Middletown Delaware, 301 connectors scheduled to be functional late this year, the additional 30,000 vehicles a day will be the precursor for the deliberations of placing a third Bay Bridge crossing into Queen Annes County. I personally am not in favor of having a third bay Bridge crossing coming into Queen Annes County.

Constituents’ Concerns: Public Safety is the major concern within the county. With less than 13 police officers from the State Police, the Queen Anne Sheriff, the Centreville Police, the Bay Bridge Police and the Department of Natural Resources on duty any given hour covering 511 square miles and 700 miles of primary and secondary roads response times outside of Centreville are frankly scary.

Steve Wilson

Qualifications: : Airport Board Pres8yr; Park/RecBoard,VP:An Control,Pres8;EMS Board; Finance Board, Pres: County Commissioner-1 yrVP; County Commissioner liaison to Park Board, Emergency Services, Detention, Department Public Works, Sheriff Dept, Finance, Affordability Commission, Health Department, Airport. Advanced writing skills knowledge QAC staff, technical, presentation finance,25 yr exp

Budget: Currently, Law Enforcement must be increased since County is compelled to add seven net deputies to operate new Courthouse (construction I opposed.) Education and school security need increasing. Extra manpower into Emergency Services reflecting 911 and demographic trends. Decreased emphasis on job creation reacting to full employment in QAC. Over time, all areas of expenditure increase.

Priorities: Continued effort to restrain expenditure. I voted the smallest capital commitments of any Commissioner opposing Courthouse and YMCA deal. Continued efforts to strengthen County bond and finance position. Strategic planning to not increase property tax rates, now level for seven years. Attempt to keep all service levels same or improved.

Land Use: I have not yet considered this process in any detail. It lies in the future, and will turn attention that way as appropriate. Have not a developed opinion yet.

Traffic: Extensively involved in reduction of traffic catastrophe. I am assigned to Bay Bridge Commission and first to challenge faulty traffic growth assumptions used by State. Personally named to Baltimore Traffic Council. Correctly forecast likely adverse traffic growth rate. Advocate State and Federal Government alleviate situation. Originated and authored County outreach position to higher government

Constituents’ Concerns: I wish I could clean up traffic problems in Centreville more quickly! County Commissioners have no authority there. Working with Sheriff Hofmann increasing school security. No tax increase. Where is YMCA buildout? Continue to do my best as County Commissioner President.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for 1.

Benjamin Tilghman

Qualifications: I have had a life long association with Queen Anne’s County. Graduated college with a B/A, and served in the the US Navy during the Vietnam conflict. My business experience includes 40 years in the printing industry in sales and factory management, and managing the family’s farm. I served on the Ethics Commission. I am a fiscal conservative and conservation minded, in moderation,

Budget: Above all, we need allocate robust funds to ensure our school system produces graduates who are both intellectually capable, and possess the skills needed to be self sufficient in today’s society. This includes vocational training.

Following closely in need are senior care and substance abuse. Our spending must be prudent while strategic in vision, investing in the future.

Priorities: High speed internet for ALL. Education curriculums increasingly rely on computers, which, of course, need to connect to
the internet to be truly effective. Also, high speed internet is a necessity for retaining and attracting new businesses; economic growth requires it. I would also like to examine how we fill vacancies on the Commission and staggered terms for Commissioners.

**Land Use:** The great pitfall of comprehensive plans lies in execution. Most are well thought out, but go right out the window when some special interest wants “just a slight change”. Obviously, striking a good balance amongst the needs of education, agriculture, residential growth and business is critical. We need to ensure that all interests are acknowledged, and agree to executing the plan as written.

**Traffic:** Traffic? Yes, it is a problem, and is not going to get better anytime soon. The current highways are incapable of supporting a third span of the Bay Bridge; even now the side roads are overwhelmed on summer weekends. And, we don’t yet understand the impact of the Middletown town bypass on the Route 301 corridor; it is both an opportunity and a concern, and requires careful, professional study.

**Constituents’ Concerns:** It is important to understand that managed growth which preserves to rural character of Queen Anne’s County is the goal. We need to maintain and open and respectful balance among those interest groups. But, among the most important constituents are the ones less heard. We need all voices - particularly the loyal opposition - for our representative government to work. Listening is crucial.

**Queen Anne's County Commissioner District 3**

**Republicans Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1.

**Laura Bogley-Knickman**

**Qualifications:** I offer the citizens of Queen Anne’s County over twenty years of experience in Government at the county, state and Congressional levels as well as in the private sector as Assistant Vice President for Verizon Government Affairs. I hold degrees in law and Political Science. I am currently one of three Republican women holding elected office in Queen Anne’s County.

**Budget:** Our upgraded bond ratings are an opportunity to pay down county debt, not a justification for more legacy construction projects that are out of scale with projected county revenues, like the new county courthouse. Priority funding should go to public safety, including emergency services, additional sheriff’s deputies and School Resource Officers to secure our schools.

**Priorities:** My first priority as County Commissioner will be to provide quality public services to citizens, in a fiscally sound manner to avoid raising taxes and keep the county solvent. My second priority will be comprehensive economic development, to diversify our tax base, make us more regionally competitive, and help create opportunity and quality jobs for a bright future.

**Land Use:** I have experience in land use and look forward to updating our Comprehensive Plan. We must ensure a transparent process which starts with the new Commissioners in 2019 selecting Committee members who represent diverse interests. We should reexamine the development saturation levels in designated economic centers and consider greater distribution throughout the county based on local demand.

**Traffic:** Queen Anne’s County should be leading discussions with the state regarding the Bay Bridge and highway traffic, including the new 301 Delaware Bypass, which will redirect thousands of commercial trucks through our county. County Commissioners should form a regional coalition to demand a seat at the table and should take legal action to get the state to provide remedy.

**Constituents’ Concerns:** The most notable concern in my district is Bay Bridge traffic that impacts local roads. I would work with our delegation to form a regional coalition of eastern shore counties and retain legal counsel to demand remedies from the state which may include an emergency exemption to restrict Rte. 18 to local traffic only and to study feasibility of the county assuming ownership of Rte. 18.

**Barry Donadio**

**Qualifications:** I have a wealth of experience in public service to the community spanning over 20 years. I have gained valuable leadership experience while serving in the military and the U.S. Secret Service. In 2014, I was elected to the Queen Anne’s County Republican Central Committee. Since then, I have also served in multiple volunteer groups in our county that help the community.

**Budget:** I will budget for actions that increase the safety and well being of the citizens of the county. I will make sure our First Responders have everything they need to keep us safe. I am going to make sure our schools are secure and our children are well educated. I will invest in sustainable business projects that offer medium to upper wage employment to our citizens. I will cut wasteful spending.

**Priorities:** Keeping our schools safe, fix the traffic issues in the county, keeping taxes low, obtain more employment, take a hard stance against heroin distribution and crime in the county, make sure that development growth in the county is rational and sustainable, protect our beautiful and fragile environment.

**Land Use:** I believe that the the comprehensive plan is good as it currently is and should remain the same for now. There may be minor updates that it can use for traffic and environmental concerns ahead. A democratic process of checks and balances should be used any time
we make a change to the plan. Experts from all sides also need to provide input when a change to the plan is needed.

**Traffic:** It is my understanding that traffic is only going to increase in the future. We need to do a better job managing the traffic in Queen Anne’s County. I will be aggressive in fixing this problem and not allow the issue to be ignored. I will implement and grow current and new methods of traffic management in order to bring relief to residents during their travels.

**Constituents’ Concerns:** My Constituents want to work and make a living with no restrictions from county or government entities. I believe keeping taxes low will help. My Constituents are not happy with the traffic. I will provide new solutions to the traffic problems in the county. My Constituents want good jobs. I will promote employment with new businesses in the county. I will also protect our environment.

**Phil Dumenil**

**Qualifications:** 1 As a past sitting commissioner from 2011-2014, I have a clear understanding of what the job requires and, the commitment that comes with the seat. I served on several boards as a sitting commissioner, such as the Commission on Ageing, Department of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Fire and EMS commission, as well as the Department of Emergency Services Advisory Council.

**Budget:** 2 I believe that it is important to take a close look at all county departments when structuring the budget, to make sure that they are running efficiently. As I have said before there is a fine line between the services we offer our citizens, and the price those services cost to deliver. Education is a big part of our budget, so we must be diligent there as well.

**Priorities:** 3 When elected, I will focus on several areas that concern me, the conditions of our parks and public recreation areas. There is always a need to promote our county as a destination point for tourism. Obviously, good paying jobs, are always going to be a priority. One of my biggest concerns is the under-age drinking, and the drug problem we have in this county. We need to protect our youth.

**Land Use:** 4 With the need to update the comprehensive plan in the next 4 years, it will be important to structure a well working plan to generate good feedback from our citizens on how they would like to see this county move forward, when it comes to growth, zoning issues, and the preservation of land, as well as land rights. I was a big fan of our last process in formulating and updating our last plan.

**Traffic:** 5 So with any kind of growth whether it be, residential and or commercial, we will be faced with the need to stay diligent to our existing APFO (adequate public facilities ordinance), the levels of service that have been set in our APFO will need to be adhered to when it comes to the issues addressing traffic. It is my understanding that there is a Bay Bridge advisory commission that exist now.

**Constituents’ Concerns:** 6 Being very involved and engaged in my community over that last 4 years that I have not been serving as your county commissioner, I have had the opportunity to engage the people that live in my district (3rd) as well as other parts of our county, and the overall message seems to be of several concerns. Traffic, growth, and where we should grow, the drug issues that we face in our communities.

**Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1.

**Jim Coulter**

**Qualifications:** After serving in the Army, I used my GI Bill to earn a BS in Business from Maryland and an MBA from George Washington. I worked in large corporations as a senior manager overseeing a $200 million budget, designing financial systems, and supervising more than 600 people. I owned a successful real estate firm. I served on the boards of Home Associations and president of a local Chamber of Commerce.

**Budget:** The Board of Education must be funded fairly to educate our students for the jobs of the future. We need to make sure that fire and safety personnel can respond quickly to all areas of the county. Our sheriff’s deputies and EMS crews need to be staffed and trained to handle all emergencies including the growing opioid crisis. Dollars to expand or enhance county buildings must be spent carefully.

**Priorities:** The limited growth of our economy coupled with reductions in federal spending make providing quality government services difficult. We must plan, budget, and spend wisely. Commissioners must make sure county funds are allocated effectively on services that benefit the entire county. Safety and education are always a priority. All this needs to be done while protecting the bay and farmland.

**Land Use:** The next County Comprehensive Plan is critical. We must carefully increase our county’s private sector job growth in economic development areas while balancing the needs of the environment and the Chesapeake Bay. We must provide attractive and affordable housing in balance with the needs of our farmers. We need to seek good paying year-round jobs while protecting our rural community.

**Traffic:** The Kent Island Route 50 corridor cannot absorb an expansion of the current Bay Bridge. Future crossings of the Bay must be either to the North or South of Queen Anne’s County. In any event Queen Anne’s County should be able to veto any plans to increase bay crossing traffic through our community. Future economic development should be planned to
minimize any traffic impact.

**Constituents’ Concerns:** District 3 bares a heavy load of beach traffic spilling over from RT 50 and jamming local roads. We need to work with the State Roads Commission and law enforcement to keep the beach traffic safely off our local roads. The opioid crisis is a significant problem throughout the county. We need to work with our schools to educate our students at every grade level against the use of drugs.

**Queen Anne’s County Commissioner District 4**

**Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for 1.

**Mark A. Anderson**

**Qualifications:** Detailed experience & accomplishments are included on my website. 1966 BS in Education (U of Md), experienced higher responsibilities in near 29 years of business experience plus the volunteer work in government and in my community while living in QAC for 23 years, with the last 4 as a QAC Commissioner "The purpose of life is for a life to have purpose" (Byrne), this job is my purpose.

**Budget:** Producing a balanced budget without a tax increase using a conservative fiscal approach 3 years in row has resulted in AAA bond ratings There are many requests for the taxpayers’ money each year so there must be balance within priorities given the +/- 3% added income each year to provide for services, many of which we are required by law to fund. We must keep reserved funds for the unexpected.

**Priorities:** Getting a K thru 5 age appropriate training to avoid the plague of drug abuse. Continuing to add to our school security measures Beginning the process for the 2020 review of the Comprehensive Plan which when completed will change QAC Zoning maps. Continuing the right attention to produce a balanced budgets with no tax increases. Continue to give direct one on one service to our citizen customers.

**Land Use:** Decide on the composure of the participants so all points of view are included; set some form of sectional and talent requirements for participation, when to start the process. Decide whether start with regional analyses, and have the regional groups meet to consolidate, or start start with the entire County map Decide how consensus is to be reached and how to handle minority opinions.

**Traffic:** Traffic is the #1 irritant causing the highest volume of citizen complaints. The Bay Bridge fixed is 2 fold: -the long term location of #3 and all the prep leading up to it. This expensive fix is decades away but still requires forethought -short term solutions would remove west bound traffic from local roads.

Restrictions can be placed and enforced on County roads, needs review.

**Constituents’ Concerns:**

Numerous complaints by citizens and businesses unable use roads clogged with west bound Ocean City tourists during the summer months. Should explore the County acquiring certain State roads and having restricted use for only by QAC residents during those peak times. As I am retired, am able to answer individual questions/problems everyday and do so with pleasure and competence.

**Chris Corchiarino**

**Qualifications:** As an attorney, I advise businesses large and small- structuring and negotiating resolutions to problems, managing risk, resolving conflict. I learned the first step in a thoughtful analysis is to listen carefully, appreciate the issues, and be guided by fairness. If elected Commissioner, I will bring my open, analytical mind and skills to serve the citizens of this County.

**Budget:** Budgeting is a negotiation-identification of specific cuts or increases in advance diminishes one’s bargaining position. Generally, I believe public money should be allocated through a prism of fiscal responsibility and budgetary restraint, to improve government efficiency and decrease growth of debt. Fund allocation should reflect the demonstrated ‘need’ as opposed to ‘want’ of the recipient.

**Priorities:** Economic growth-business creation, attraction, and advancement. Address traffic. Innovative social media campaigns to increase tourism. Technology infrastructure. Increase preventative education and awareness concerning opioids and ensure law enforcement has resources to breakdown the supply chain and punish pushers. Improve workforce development. Sustain the Eastern Shore way of life.

**Land Use:** Next Comprehensive Plan should utilize social media, online surveys, live streaming and podcasts to provide a synergy for public involvement and knowledge. Issues to address: economic development (including tourism), preservation of natural resources, effect of Delaware bypass, coordinate development with existing/future high-speed fiber, and rural health care accessibility.

**Traffic:** Delaware bypass will impact North County and westbound 50. Kent Island service roads and 50 traffic is worse over the last 4 years. Study for location of a new bridge is underway, but years away. With current infrastructure, new Kent Island bridge crossing will not ease traffic. Joint County/State efforts required to create alternate routes for residents and measures to control transient traffic.

**Constituents’ Concerns:**

Concerns: sewer, traffic, economic development, opioids, children, natural resources, and accountability. Some of these issues I have addressed above. Sewer costs should not bankrupt homeowners. Education should promote value to students and community-based youth activities should be increased. I regularly listen to citizen concerns and will continue to learn from and be
The incoming County Commissioners, with the help of the public, will develop the next County Comprehensive Plan. It’s important that the new plan include the provision of workforce housing, access to public transportation, especially in lower socio-economic areas of the county & preservation of our environment through higher oversight of proposed development plans. Traffic: The route 50 corridor bares the load of summer traffic, making it difficult for 1st responders & residents to use local roads. We must work with state & local officials to identify ways to keep beach goers off local roads. To lessen the effects of daily Bridge traffic we must bring jobs to QAC, provide incentives for companies offering tele-commuting & increase access to public transportation.

Constituents’ Concerns: A concern for all of us is the Opioid Epidemic. We have limited treatment options available in QAC. Seeking partnerships with neighboring counties may provide increased treatment options. Early identification of those at risk for self-damaging behaviors & beginning programs aimed at awareness, education & alternate interests can make positive changes in the trajectory of young children’s lives.

Priorities: We, as citizens, must all work together to maintain our quality educational system by fully funding our schools, provide enhanced community services by paying county workers fair wages and developing workforce housing, preserve our environment through thoughtful growth, ease our traffic with access to public transportation & grow our economy through job creation.

Qualifications: I have been involved with PTA’s, Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts. When my husband lost his job he went back to school & I started & ran a small business that we sold. I am the founder of the 1000 strong political action group TWW-Delmarva that planned & hosted a 2017 HealthCare Town Hall. I am the TAAC Union Rep for my school building. I hold a B.A. Degree from Hofstra & an M.S. Degree from Adelphi.

Budget: Adequate funding of public education & public safety is an investment & a priority. To ensure a quality education for our children we must recruit excellent teachers. Our 1st Responders must respond quickly to all areas of QAC. They need up to date equipment & training to do their job. To attract outstanding individuals to do this important work we must offer competitive salaries.

Land Use: The priorities of my office are as follows: effective prosecution of drug dealers providing heroin and fentanyl to those suffering from drug addiction. Zero tolerance for violent criminals-to seek incarceration and punishment for violent offenders to protect the public. Aggressive prosecution of drunk and drugged drivers who jeopardize the public safety of all motorists on our roads and highways.

Racial discrimination: Our sheriff’s department wears body worn cameras to capture all interactions with citizens. I support sanctions ranging from administrative punishment to criminal prosecution depending on the level of racial discrimination—whether the conduct is simply unprofessional or if it rises to the level of criminal conduct. My office will not prosecute matters if we find an officer utilizes racial bias.

Alternatives to incarceration and
bail: I support substance abuse treatment for drug addicts who do not victimize others. Addiction is a disease and if we do not treat the disease the offenders have a high rate of recidivism. Non violent offenders with serious medical issues are better served on home detention, which saves our local government exorbitant medical expenses. I am in favor of GPS monitoring for non-violent individuals.

Drug Use: My office works in a collaborative effort with the local health department and allied agencies to refer individuals suffering from addiction to treatment programs whenever feasible. When feasible I support referring addicted individuals to the Vivitrol program which offers opioid blocking injections to addicted subjects to give them the best possible chance to break free from drug dependence.

Queen Anne's County Clerk of the Circuit Court

About the Office: The Clerk of the Circuit Court is a state official who is locally elected. His or her responsibilities include recording deeds and other public documents, handling the court’s paperwork, issuing licenses, performing civil marriage ceremonies, filing liens, collecting real estate recordation and transfer taxes, and managing jury selection. The clerk’s office budget is set by the state administrative office of the courts. A percentage of the fees collected is disbursed to the county and the incorporated towns.

Term: Four years with no term limits
Salary: $109,000

Questions
Qualifications: Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.
Priorities: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?
Areas of Need: What is needed to ensure efficient operation of the clerk’s office?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for 1.

Earl Beville

Qualifications: My 28-year career with the Maryland State Police, 22 of those years as a supervisor and administrator, has prepared me well to be your next Clerk of the Court. During my decorated career, I received several years of managerial training which enabled me to become an outstanding administrator. I currently manage a staff of 40 employees while overseeing a multi-million-dollar budget.

Priorities: My administrative experience has shown that one must make listening to the staff that are on the front-line a priority. Reviewing the office staff’s suggestions, addressing any issue that may be negatively affecting the Clerk’s Office’s would be priority. I would lead by example and ensure that the Clerk’s Office continuously seeks to provide a professional experience to those who visit.

Katherine Beane Hager

Qualifications: I bring 27 years of experience in all departments of Circuit Court Clerk’s offices. I am the Chief Deputy Clerk of Court for Queen Anne’s County for the last 12 years. My court leadership skills and management experience include holding a Court Executive and Court Management certification and I teach case management. I supervise and manage the land records, licensing, fiscal, and court operations.

Priorities: Provide access to justice for all and promote public trust and confidence in all the services provided from the Clerk’s office. Will serve on Judicial committees that create programs to develop drug and/or veterans court. Keep great working relationships with our justice partners. Continue to produce perfect audits, manage electronic courts and provide for a smooth transition to a new courthouse.

Areas of Need: Direct hands-on court experience is needed in this complex position to continue moving justice forward. For years, I have shown effective management by leading employees through technology and case management changes. With 27 years working in the clerk's office my dedication, commitment, and proven leadership will provide the best services citizens deserve as your elected clerk.

Roger Twigg

Qualifications: Free from Past Influence: No favors, No obligations, No connections. 20 yr of Management Experience: Leadership, Administration, Mediation & Operational roles. Former Court Commissioner, Board Member, Chief Judge. Masters: Legal Studies, Bachelors: Government & Public Policy, Paralegal Litigation. Anxious to serve & make a positive impact. Skills to effectively move our Court Leadership forward

Priorities: First to ensure that the new Court house flows & operates efficiently, allowing seamless services to all citizens who visit. Followed by training of staff on how to function in a new environment, providing superior service to the public, by thinking outside of the box and implementing new and innovated practices different from
the past, striving for continuous positive change and excellence. 

Areas of Need: A Clerk with Real Word Experience, who has knowledge of Court functions, as well as external leadership, management & people skills. A Clerk who is open to change and a new way of thinking & conducting business without being blinded or influenced by past practices. A highly motivated & well trained staff is also essential to ensure a positive environment of team work & great customer service!

Queen Anne's County Register of Wills

About the Office: The Register of Wills keeps records of wills and estates, collects inheritance taxes, and acts as clerk to the Orphans’ Court. The Register of Wills is authorized to oversee the administration of decedents’ estates and to provide assistance to people administering estates. The state of Maryland pays the operating costs of this office. 

Term: Four years with no term limits.

Salary: $105,000.

Questions

Qualifications: Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

Priorities: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

Assistance to public: What policies would you implement to assist the public, especially low-income residents, in using the services of your office?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for 1.

Laura Nan Cook

Qualifications: With 19 years of experience, I have extensive knowledge in Maryland probate policies and procedures. Each day, my staff and I answer procedural questions from individuals and attorneys administering estates in Queen Anne’s County as well as other Maryland counties. We are a service-oriented office eager to assist and we are committed to finding ways to improve the services we provide.

Priorities: To enhance the services we provide by implementing all available technologies. To achieve uniformity with our neighboring counties in how we implement the laws governing Maryland probate. To listen to comments and to adopt the suggestions of those who have used our services, and to continue our reputation for outstanding public service.

Assistance to public: Identify the folks who may someday need our services and educate them on what our role is in their community through outreach and through participation in county sponsored and community events. Continue to offer printed literature from outside resources that can assist when their needs require additional support services. Continue to offer after hour access to the office to reduce loss of wages.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for up to 3.

Kimberly Jean Cascia

Qualifications: Having the privilege to serve the citizens of QAC as Judge since 2010, after 20+ yrs. experience in estate, trust & retirement service, my goal has been for equal, fair & proper administration of the law. I’ll continue to draw on my experience as a small business owner, farmer, mother of two; one with special needs, to apply common sense & compassion to the cases that come before me. I thank you.

Discrimination: Any form of discrimination is unacceptable. If re-elected, I will continue to be fair, impartial and knowledgeable about the law, as well as, a good listener with an emphasis on common sense and compassion.

Court Needs: In my experience, the needs of the Orphans’ Court are addressed as they occur. My job as judge of the Orphans’ Court is to address discrimination as they occur. My job as Judge of the Orphans’ Court is to see that the decedent’s wishes are met.

Questions

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

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

Court Needs: What are the greatest needs of the Orphans’ Court and how can these be addressed?

Thomas Walsh

Qualifications: I am extremely qualified to be a Judge of the Orphans Court, having served in the post in the past. Furthermore, my education and background as a physician give me a unique perspective on the issues surrounding death, and an empathetic view of the people who are dealing with loss. I am ethical,
Eric Wargotz

QUALIFICATIONS: I am in my 4th year of service to you as Judge. Caring for individuals & families in times of need requires patience, understanding, compassion, and knowledge of the law. I have exercised these in my deliberations and care for over 25 years as a physician, 4 years as your elected Commission President (2006-10) and now as your Judge. I am honored by your continued support and ask you for your vote.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination finds no refuge in the Orphans’ Court. Discrimination is unacceptable in and outside of all Courts. COURT NEEDS: The decedent’s wishes are effectively and efficiently ensured through the deliberations and decisions of the Orphans’ Court Judges with assistance and advice from the Register of Wills. When specific needs arise in the Orphans Court, they are addressed expeditiously and if financial in nature, with minimal expense in keeping with my history of being a fiscal conservative.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for up to 3.

Fred M. McNeil

QUALIFICATIONS: Employed by the Queen Anne's County Board of Education for thirty years in various capacities and for five years I was the BOE Ombudsman. As Ombudsman I provided conflict resolution services and assistance to staff, students and the entire community. The primary function of the BOE Ombudsman was to solve problems by obtaining the facts, following the law and communication effectively.

DISCRIMINATION: The courts must follow and enforce all federal, state and local laws and make sure discrimination does not take place. Communicating to the public that discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty will not be tolerated in any form by the courts of Maryland. COURT NEEDS: The courts of Maryland should carry out the law.

Willie Mae Pauls

QUALIFICATIONS: First I have been resident of Queen Anne’s County since 1970. During that time I taught in the public School at Queen Anne’s County High School, Kennard 9th grade and Kent Island High School when I retired. After thirty years for six years or more, I was mentor to the new teachers and also a member of the CASA team (Court Appointed Special Advocate for youth of Queen Anne’s County & Kent County.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination of any type is the unlawful and intentional unfair treatment of persons based on any set of protected Characteristic Discrimination laws. That have been designed to prohibit unfair treatment of people based on these protected characteristics, racial discrimination, gender, religious, disability or poverty – are prohibited by federal law. Our Court System should carry out the law.

John C. Stires

QUALIFICATIONS: The most important attribute of a Judge of the Orphans Court is caring. Caring about the final wishes of the deceased and about each person before the court. Earning Eagle Scout strongly rooted the values of honesty, trustworthiness and bravery to do what is right within me. During 29 yrs in Child/Adult Protective Services, I evaluated families, prepared petitions and testified in court. DISCRIMINATION: In several ways. By being aware that it may exist. Getting additional training about it for the Judges and support staff to learn now it may be presenting itself in behaviors we have not examined. Next, attempting to poll/meet with the attorneys who bring matters to the Court about their experiences with discrimination in the court’s behavior and processes. Creating a public "Suggestions" box.

COURT NEEDS: I presently do not know all the needs of the QA Orphans Court. I plan to meet with staff, former staff and users of the Court this Spring to learn more details of how the court operates and how it can be improved. I will release my findings and thoughts about the Orphans Court's needs (on my soon to be created website) by June 1, 2018.
Queen Anne's County Sheriff

About the Office: The Sheriff's Office is a full service police agency consisting of deputies who are certified by the Maryland Police Training Commission. The deputies perform various patrol functions, criminal investigations, and community policing assignments. The Sheriff's Office also is responsible for security of the Circuit Court and for serving several thousand court documents annually.

Term: Four years with no term limit.

Salary: $132,000.

Questions

Qualifications: Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

Priorities: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

Racial discrimination: What policies would you pursue to avoid race discrimination in law enforcement?

Alternatives to incarceration: In what situations would you recommend alternatives to incarceration in sentencing persons convicted of crimes?

Community cooperation: How would you encourage community cooperation in law enforcement?

Drug Use: What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of drug use, including opioids, in the county?

Republican Candidates

Gary Hofmann

Qualifications: Leadership, Fiscal Responsibility, Accountability, Community Initiatives, Communication with the Community and proactive policing with advanced leadership training provide a "no tolerance to crime approach" in keeping our community one of the safest counties on the shore. Graduation of the National FBI Academy, Law Enforcement Executive School, and a background in criminal justice / Business Admin

Priorities: To maintain an aggressive fight on the opioid epidemic through education, awareness and enforcement. Maintain safe schools, increase trainings to civilians in Critical Incidents. Maintain the high level of deputy involvement with our schools and seniors, maintain crime prevention initiatives. Maintain and enhance homeland security initiatives. Continue to attempt to resolve traffic on Kent Island.

Racial discrimination: I have maintained (CALEA) Accreditation, which is a high level of standards that we follow and less than 10 % of police agencies in the nation have. There is always the need to maintain a diverse and trained work force. We will continue our transparency on complaints; allow the public to view body worn cameras, to ensure we are accountable. Continue our involvement with all minority communities.

Alternatives to incarceration: If a person has a crime for just Narcotics, I believe in drug diversion programs, over jail sentences. However, if a person is a repeat offender or has committed a crime against another person incarceration or diversion choices should be made by the courts. We will continue to aggressively seek anyone who commits a crime within our community. Prevention and community involvement are everyone’s

Community cooperation: Community events, Town Hall Meetings, Public Safety Days, are great ways to maintain the great working relationship we have with Law Enforcement in our community. Restoring family values and having contact with police with kids is a great way to bridge communication with the public and police. Sheriff Gary Hofmann will maintain a high level of accountability to the public that we have implemented.

Drug Use: We have partnered with the schools, community, emergency services, pharmacy's, drug free coalition, doctors and parent groups and others, we are currently one of the leading counties that have prevention, education programs and aggressive enforcement in place. We will maintain this until we have eliminated the threat drugs create. Sheriff Gary Hofmann demonstrated leadership and accountability.

Democratic Candidates

Kevin Rhodes

Qualifications: I was honorably discharged from the US Army after 9 yrs of service. During my tenure I served at the rank of Sgt in the Presidential Honor Guard and attended numerous military leadership classes. While still serving my country in the Army Reserves I was hired as a Maryland State Trooper and served the citizens of Maryland for 35 years before retiring in 2017. Lead by example with hands on approach

Priorities: To Protect and Serve the Citizens of Queen Anne’s Co. Protecting the future of our children while in a learning environment. Ongoing Education and training of my officers. More Drug Awareness and Interdiction within the county. Semi Annual Police Community Forums. We will also be actively involved in active shooter training with allied departments within the county should a situation arise.

Racial discrimination: Once I become Sheriff, I will evaluate the current policy and will reach out to larger departments to see where we could enhance improvement. I would further require all my officers to have current Racial Relations and Diversity Training in the work place to make for a better department. Discrimination at any level will not be tolerated in the Office of the Sheriff for Queen Anne's County.

Alternatives to incarceration: Based on the crime, situation, and
defendant I would recommend mandatory community service, pending they meet a criteria established within the Maryland Court Guidelines. The courts and states attorneys office would have the final say. People with mental health or alcohol diseases do not necessarily benefit from incarceration.

Community cooperation: We will be in the communities with dedication and professionalism to assist and help the citizens of Queen Anne's County. I want to bring back trust in the organization with well trained and qualified officers. I will also have the sheriff's department work hand-in-hand with the allied agencies.  

Drug Use: I would have active training and participation in the community and schools on the awareness and intervention of drug use. I would further encourage the community to be actively involved.(See someone, Know someone, Report someone) with no fear of retaliation. Everyone has a friend that may need help.

Queen Anne's County Party Central Committees

DUTIES: The party central committees make and guide policies of the party, finance state campaigns, and recommend candidates for state-sponsored positions. Should a vacancy occur between the primary and general elections in the party's nominations for statewide office or the U.S. Congress, that party's central committee is empowered to fill the vacancy. When a vacancy occurs in the General Assembly, the departing official's central committee recommends replacements for appointment by the Governor.

Salary: None  
Term: 4 years  

Elected in the June, 2018, Primary Election by registered party members. The number of seats to be filled is determined by the County Party Central Committees.

Questions  
Go online to VOTE411.org for candidate questions and responses.

Republican Central Committee

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members.

Candidates
Republicans may vote for up to 7.

Mike Arntz
Rick Bowers
Barry Donadio

Dona Donadio
Timothy Kingston
Gene Legg
Robert B. Mansfield
Patrick McLaughlin
John T. McQueeney
Richard John Mulderick
Camille Baca O'Donnell
Barb Pivec
Laurie Plemons
Nikki S. Randolph
Jody Schulz
Bill Sylvester
Roger Twigg

Democratic Central Committee

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary. The Committee shall consist of ten (10) members, gender balanced.

Female Candidates
Democrats may vote for up to 5.

Linda Coveleskie
Marion Grier
Deborah Krueger
Lynne M. Mason
Elaine F. McNeil

Virginia L. Patterson

Male Candidates
Democrats may vote for up to 5.

Frank W. Alduino
Robert R. Hardy Jr.
Dino Romano LaMana
Benjamin McNeil
Tom Rider
Kevin Woodward

Queen Anne's County Board of Education

About the Office: The Board of Education consists of five members, four of whom are elected at large, with one residing in each of the four County Commissioner Districts of the county. The fifth, also elected at large, holds the position of president for the first year of his or her term and may reside in any area of the county. The Board is responsible for determining the mission and vision for the school system, and adopting goals to help achieve that vision. The Board shall adopt policies consistent with these goals and shall regularly review such policies and the progress towards attainment of these goals. The Board shall also advocate for adequate funding for the school system and shall direct the expenditure of resources to best fulfill the goals.
Salary: Elected members will receive $3,500/year (Board president, $4,000).

Questions
Qualifications: Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.
Priorities: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?
Budget: What areas within the school budget should be increased or decreased?
Standards and Testing: How should the state standards for education be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?
College Alternatives: How should county schools address the needs of students who are not planning to attend college?
Non-Partisan: How does the fact that this position is non-partisan affect your candidacy and how is it significant to this position?

District 2 Candidates

Carrie Lee O'Connor

Qualifications: Since Governor Hogan appointed me to the Member At Large position on the Board of Education, I have relied on many aspects of my past experiences to fulfill the duties required of me as a sitting Board Member. I am a Licensed Graduate Social Worker working as a behavioral health therapist. I served on the QAC Local Management Board, Community Partnerships for Children. I am a mom of 3 students.

Priorities: When I am elected, I will continue to work to keep class sizes low, to close the achievement gap, to attract and retain well qualified teachers, and to ensure that every child graduating from Queen Anne's County Public Schools will be competitive and successful in college and the workforce.

Budget: By 2022, 70% of all jobs will require technology skills. Thus, in order for our students to be competitive in college and the workforce, it is vital that every student has the opportunity to acquire and excel at these necessary skills. To do this, we need to purchase software, textbooks, and computers as well as hiring well qualified instructors for these areas.

Standards and Testing: State standards serve as benchmarks to ensure our schools are providing quality education to our students and as performance indicators that allow us to see what programs are working and what areas need improvement. With these quantified results, we can identify successful strategies and try to replicate them in the areas that are less successful.

College Alternatives: We are fortunate to have a focus on our Career and Technology Education CTE Programs of study at this time. These programs are mindful of shifting workforce priorities and look to local businesses for insight on preparing our high school graduates for employment.

Non-Partisan: The BOE race is non-partisan. Parents simply care that the people making decisions about their children's education are doing so with the students' best interests in mind. I do appreciate that Governor Hogan had the confidence in me which allowed me to be involved at this level. His team did not ask about my political preferences.

William J. Poad

Qualifications: Being a CPA, specializing in process, elimination of wasteful activities and providing fiscal oversight, has prepared me for serving on the BOE. My background would bring a missing and much needed financial skill set to the Board. I also have 2 daughters that have graduated from QACPS and want to incorporate their experiences as well as ours as parents to make the schools better for all students.

Priorities: I have three main priorities should I be elected. 1. SCHOOL SAFETY- No child or parent should fear attending school. 2. FINANCIAL STABILITY - QACPS has limited funds, the Board needs to determine how to allocate these funds to produce the best results. 3. CURRICULUM - Technology has changed the world, we need to make sure our children are prepared for these challenges.

Budget: It would be irresponsible to comment on areas to be increased or decreased. I believe the budget needs to be completely broken down and redrafted, questioning and justifying all spend. Costs are always increasing, but the answer is not always higher spending. If the budget is supported by sound reasoning, it will be easier to work with the county on obtaining the necessary funds for the schools.

Standards and Testing: Standards and testing are tools, but should not be the ultimate measure of the quality of the education that each child receives. The results of standards and testing need to be evaluated along with other objective measures to completely evaluate the effectiveness of the schools. It is important to realize our children are "more than a score" and that no standard test is without faults and bias.

College Alternatives: Attending college is a goal of many, but not all. We are pushing students to "dual enroll" or take AP classes, all at significant cost. We need to focus those same types of efforts and spend to the benefit of those students that do not want to attend college. We need to promote the career and technical programs, and work with the guidance department to show that they are an alternative to college.

Non-Partisan: Education by its very nature should be non-partisan. The Board is charged with the establishment of policies to be administered by the superintendent. By the very nature of the responsibilities, the board should be enacting policies that promote the best learning environment for the students, educators, and administrators without political party affiliation coming into play.
**Richard "Dick" Smith**

**Qualifications:** I have worked in the private sector for over 40 years, during which time I ran a printing company. I have experience balancing budgets and have previously served as a school board member and county commissioner. In the early 90's I chaired a committee that laid out a 10 years plan for school renovations and future construction. I currently own and operate Smith Realty and Smith Farms.

**Priorities:** Working with the Superintendent to make sure QAC schools are providing students with the education they need to enter the workforce or pursue higher education. Teachers are the counties biggest asset, I want to ensure that we provide them with the support that is need so that they are able to provide our students with the best learning environment possible.

**Budget:** Over 50% of the counties budget goes to education. I feel we need to keep reasonable funding, as the county has provided in the past. We need to monitor State unfunded mandates and address them accordingly. The majority of our budget goes to salaries and benefits. We need to ensure that this is directly benefiting our school system and students.

**Standards and Testing:** Standard testing should be used to ensure our students are learning their core academics. However, we also need to ensure that our children are learning life skills (i.e. balancing a check book) which is not something that can be gauged from state testing.

**College Alternatives:** We need to concentrate on trades and preparing students to go directly into the workforce. Our students need to be offered additional services and education that can prepare them for this career path. This could be done by possibly having a magnet school if the cost could be controlled.

**Non-Partisan:** I have served on many boards in which all parties have had a presence. My values are conservative however, it takes diversity to create balance. We have a excellent school system in QAC, mainly because we have had good staff. We need to make sure this carries on so that we can continue to provide the students of QAC an exceptional education and prepare them for their future.

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