

# League of Women Voters of Washington County



## 2018 Gubernatorial Voters' Guide

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**Offices and Candidates are listed in Ballot Order. These abbreviations are used.**

DEM = Democratic Party

REP = Republican Party

LBT = Libertarian Party

Grn = Green Party

Con = Constitution Party

Una = Unaffiliated Candidate

## Statewide Offices

### Governor / Lt Governor

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

**SALARY:** \$180,000 per year.

**TERM:** Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

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

**WEBSITE:** see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

### The Issues

**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?

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

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

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

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

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

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

**HEALTH CARE:** No response received by deadline.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** No response received by deadline.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've been a partner in a business or ran large advocacy organizations since I was 26 years old. As a businessman, I've helped to grow small businesses in Maryland and across the nation. While leading the NAACP, 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:** As a businessman, I'll also make sure our transportation policies also encourage economic growth and help to create good jobs. 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 supplement education funding.

**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:** As a businessman and civil rights leader, I believe we have to stop rising healthcare premiums and drug costs from bankrupting our families, small businesses and seniors. As governor, I'll work for a Medicare For All system which will provide affordable care for all, help our small businesses grow, and provide more tools to stop pharmaceutical companies from spiking drug costs on our seniors.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Maryland's economy is ranked near the bottom for this region and our wages are flat. As a businessman, I know how to create good paying jobs and I'll ensure we get our healthcare costs under control so that families keep more money in their pockets and small businesses can grow. I'll also ensure more capital goes to entrepreneurs instead of large corporations. Learn more at [www.benjealous.com](http://www.benjealous.com).

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Shawn Quinn has lived a lifetime doing the types of jobs that real people do, not politicians. This gives him a street-level view of life that somebody only used to the "big picture" will miss. Shawn served for twenty years in the United States Navy. Shawn Quinn worked in law enforcement for five years. He has seen firsthand what an impersonal government does to the people.

**BUDGET:** Shawn Quinn plans to drastically reduce the income tax within his first two years of office. These tax cuts will be paid for by reducing the role of government in areas best handled by private-public partnerships. Shawn wants to achieve cost savings in education by leveraging technology throughout. This includes everything from computers in the classroom up to entire virtual schools.

**REDISTRICTING:** Shawn Quinn wants to give all citizens a voice at the state and federal level. Lines shouldn't be drawn just so that the party in power can stay in power. Take the

power to draw boundaries away from partisans and politicians. Draw the lines algorithmically using fixed rules. This takes human bias away from drawing boundary lines as much as possible.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay is the number one environmental problem facing Maryland. It is our most important resource. The entire ecology of the state flows into and from the Chesapeake Bay. Shawn plans to go after polluters directly. Individuals and businesses polluting the Chesapeake Bay or damaging the environment in any way will be held financially responsible.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination in any form is bad for all of us. When a person is not allowed to live to their full we all miss out of all of their possible achievements. There are already laws on the books to address discrimination. If somebody has an idea to improve an existing law or policy then Shawn will weigh the merits of each proposal individually. Every change will be looked at for its benefit to people.

**HEALTH CARE:** The biggest health crisis facing Maryland and the nation is the opioid epidemic. People need help. People are scared to get help. They have seen what the government does to nonviolent drug offenders. We need to completely end the War on Drugs in Maryland. We will turn the government into a partner instead of an enforcer. We will stop ruining lives by people to prison over a chemical or a plant.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Politics in Annapolis needs a cultural change. When Shawn Quinn is Governor, there will be no special favors. When Shawn Quinn is Governor, he will make our legislature answer to the people every year. Not just every four years. Shawn Quinn will break the two-party agenda here in Maryland. Shawn cares what people think. People are more important than philosophy or politics or policy.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I believe that people are no longer willing to limit their choices, They want new leadership. I am a small business owner and a community organizer. My running mate and I are people who see the need for new systems and a new vision for our economy. I envision programs that will make Maryland a national leader and I will represent Marylanders who want to live in a state that wants justice for all.

**BUDGET:** We'll create programs for the well-being of all Marylanders and create universal, single-payer health care for all Marylanders. We'll raise taxes on millionaires and use the new tax revenue and invest in the well-being of all Marylanders. Public school funding



should be allocated according to the needs of disadvantaged students, We'll prioritize public transit over the construction of new roads.

**REDISTRICTING:** We support creating a non-partisan commission to draw congressional & legislative district lines. Gov. O'Malley's defense of drawing Democrat-friendly districts in 2010 is a stain on Maryland's commitment to fair elections. As a technology consultant I know how to utilize resources to solve problems. We need an open dialogue on using technology & data analysis to create fair legislative districts.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Our largest environmental challenge is re-prioritizing the health of our environment. The health of our communities are top priority, & we'll put an end to harmful activities by setting & enforcing limits on pollution & environmental use. We must set a goal of fueling our needs through 100% renewable sources, & then put Marylanders to work building the infrastructure we need to get the job done.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Our priorities of creating a universal, single-payer health system, free tuition to public colleges and universities, a basic income, and jobs guarantee are all designed to address discrimination by giving Marylanders the tools they need to be successful regardless of the privileges or lack of privilege they possess based on their race, gender, religion, disability, or wealth.

**HEALTH CARE:** The most significant health challenge facing Maryland is ending our existing model of employer-based, private insurance & transitioning to a model in which health care is recognized as a human right. We will create a universal, single-payer health care system by funding adequate medical care for every resident of Maryland. We'll also fight to make sure our state produces clean & healthy energy.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** From urban to rural areas we're hearing that residents are concerned that in a wealthy state like ours basic services like schools and fire departments are facing cuts. This is why we're calling for a millionaires tax to close our communities budget gaps. We will continue to post our priorities to [www.schlakman.com/issues](http://www.schlakman.com/issues) as Marylanders continue to ask us to respond to their top priorities.

## Comptroller

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

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

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

**WEBSITE:** see [Maryland Manual](#)

## The Issues

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

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

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

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

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

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**Republican Party**

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

**REVENUE SYSTEM:** I will update information systems statewide for usability and security, and promote tax credits and other incentives such as energy star, solar panels, etc. 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, businesses and our delicate environment. The prior history of contractors completing projects in time, safely, and within budget should also be reviewed.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I 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. I will also increase transparency across the comptroller office, not just in the general ledger, but also in how the state audits and comes to final resolution with tax payers. I will lovingly enforce the law equally for all.

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

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

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

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

## Attorney General

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

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

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

**WEBSITE:** see [Maryland Manual](#)

### The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

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

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** The Attorney General should be focused on balancing the need to enforce the laws and ensure public safety while ensuring due process for all Marylanders. The AG should lead by example by being ethical, avoiding conflicts of interest and making sure that all voices are heard before weighing in on a particular case, while at the same time vigorously enforcing the laws of the state.

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

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

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

appropriate solutions. Consumer protection must be a priority as well.

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

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

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

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

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

## **U.S. Senator**

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

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

**Term:** Six years.

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

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

## **The Issues**

**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?

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

**Tony Campbell**  
**Republican Party**

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberties for citizens

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Arvin Vohra**  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As an educator and entrepreneur, I have seen the damage government has done. I advocate repealing regulations, ending government involvement in education, abolishing public schools, abolishing all government welfare, and ending the income tax. As Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party, I support ending the welfare-warfare state, ceasing involvement in foreign civil wars, and downsizing the military.

**HEALTH CARE:** I will sponsor legislation to abolish Obamacare, Medicare, Medicaid, the FDA, and cut taxes accordingly. Consider this: laser eye surgery, which is not covered by government insurance, has dropped from several thousand dollars to a few hundred per



eye. EpiPen, which is covered, has increased in price from a hundred to several hundred dollars. Free markets make medicine actually affordable

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will sponsor legislation to immediately end Affirmative Action and all other government racial quotas and preferences. I will also work to eliminate all "anti-discrimination" laws, which accomplish nothing besides creating resentment. Any business has the right to refuse service to anyone, or fire any employee, for any reason. I will defund related government programs and cut taxes accordingly.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I will work to end the income tax by cutting federal spending, eliminating federal departments, firing federal employees, dismantling the welfare state, shutting down foreign military bases, and bringing the troops home. We'll have more money to spend on businesses that work, creating more free market, legitimate jobs, while also attracting job creating businesses to America.

**IMMIGRATION:** I will sponsor legislation to open borders and end all welfare, including food stamps, public schools, social security, medicaid, and college financial aid. I also support ending the income tax, in order to attract entrepreneurs and job creators. Anyone who wants to come to America to work and create jobs should be welcome. No one who comes to America should get a cent of welfare.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government is the biggest polluter in America. Much of that comes from massive military production of unneeded equipment. If elected, I will sponsor legislation to end production of needless military equipment, and to cease all environmentally destructive military overreach. I will work to end all involvement in foreign civil wars, bring the troops home, and cut taxes accordingly.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I will sponsor legislation to end all welfare, to encourage personal responsibility. I will sponsor legislation to end the drug war, to eliminate prohibition-created violence. I will sponsor legislation to cut federal spending, fire federal workers, dismantle federal agencies, in order to increase freedom and end the income tax.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've run several professional services companies in my career, where I was surrounded by many smart people with different ideas. My job in managing those companies was to listen, bring people together, and find common ground. I have also been very involved in my community as a volunteer, board member, and board chair. I've chaired the Montgomery County and Greater Washington Community Foundations.

**HEALTH CARE:** It is time for the two parties to stop fighting over how to pay for an inefficient, costly health care system and instead find ways to reduce the crippling cost of healthcare for businesses and families. We need to enact reform that will incentivize wellness instead of incentivizing more procedures, to lower the overall cost of care.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I believe that America should be a place where everyone is treated equally, regardless of their race, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. I support equal pay for equal work, and other measures designed to accomplish this goal. I believe deeply that America should be a place where everyone can work hard and get ahead.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** One of my primary objectives as your Senator is to create high-paying jobs in Maryland. I will work with our Governor & other leaders to attract large businesses and incentivize investment in small businesses, especially in lower income parts of our state. As far as infrastructure, I find it inexcusable that the two major parties have failed to work together to invest in our future.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration is an area where, despite 15 years of debate, the parties have been unable to agree on immigration reform. We need comprehensive reform that will strengthen our borders, increase temporary work visas, expand the e-verification program, keep immigrant families together, and create paths for the law-abiding immigrants who have been here for a long time.

**ENVIRONMENT:** It is clear that the greatest environmental threat to our civilization is climate change, which is real and needs to be addressed in partnership with other countries. In Maryland, we need to protect the Chesapeake Bay from sediment flowing over the Conowingo Dam, I will work with our Governor, as well as Senators from NY and PA to ensure we have the federal resources we need to keep the Bay clean.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The extremes of the two parties have co-opted our government, and altered the rules in their favor. We need political reform, and it's clear that neither party is going to fix the brokenness in our government. I support 5 policies that will change the way Washington works: ending partisan gerrymandering, opening primaries, campaign finance reform, term limits, and modernizing the senate rules.

**Michael B. Puskar**  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** The most important experience anyone can have when representing the People is living the way the majority of the People live. I am a working-class man for the working class. This is an asset lacking in or lost to most elected officials.

**HEALTH CARE:** One word: UNIVERSAL. Healthcare is a right, and certain groups take

advantage of the People's health for their own gain. While current proposals are far from the right solution, we need to move in that direction. Have you (or anyone you know) had a point in life when medical bills/costs were an impediment? There's no need for that to be.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Everyone is equal/equitable. Women & men deserve equal pay. No one should be singled out by law enforcement because of skin color. 1A allows for freedom of religion, so anyone can worship (or abstain therefrom) as they wish. Income inequality is too huge an issue in our wealthy nation: we need to stop giving breaks to those who don't need them - that is why they are called "breaks!"

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** America First, but that does not mean alienating allies. Workers first, but we need to help small biz too. Taxes: what if we stop paying elected officials far more than we ourselves make? MD's per capita income is about \$80k - Congressional salaries are >2x that for working as little as 1/3 of a year! As for infrastructure, we need to spend more there than on the war machine. Give jobs to vets!

**IMMIGRATION:** 1. Legal immigration needs to be prioritized to asylum seekers: We have an ancestry of immigrants based on need, not based on whom we like or dislike. 2. For every issue (not just immigration), I will put children first. So, when it comes to families not entering legally, we need to look at the needs of migrant children.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is an issue. Going green is an eventual ideal, but we cannot do it overnight... miners still have jobs; most people can only afford gas-powered cars. The aforementioned economic issues need fixing first.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** With children first, education matters greatly, and dealing with income equality/healthcare can assist with that. Eliminating college debt would help immensely and allow for a more diverse/stress-free assortment in the workforce. I also strongly support the rights of veterans. The gov't can't do enough to repay those who have sacrificed much for us. Finally, I support animal welfare. #MustLoveDogs

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**HEALTH CARE:** No response received by deadline.

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

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** No response received by deadline.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **U.S. Representative**

### **U.S. Representative District 6**

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

**Term:** Two years

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

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

**Website:** [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

## **The Issues**

**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?

## **Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience allows me to address effectively both national and Maryland's 6th Congressional District issues. I am the only candidate for this office with Federal experience, as US Army Deputy Under Secretary. I understand the Federal process. Also, my prior candidacy for this position has given me a deep understanding of the unique needs of the entire District. Finally, I bring proven empathy.

**HEALTH CARE:** I support empowering individuals with more control over how to meet their healthcare needs and those of their families. I will support policies to promote wider availability of generic drugs and cross-state insurance to keep costs lower. One of our healthcare failures has been treatment of our veterans. I will work to see that veterans

have access to quality healthcare, either public or private.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I am opposed to discrimination based not only on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty but also on appearance, age, family heritage, and any other factor that might cause people to reject a class of persons. We currently have laws that prohibit many forms of discrimination. However, we fall short on tolerance and empathy and in the enforcement of existing laws. I will promote both.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** As a long-term small business founder and owner, I know over-regulation and a complex tax code hinder job growth. New technology is reshaping traditional jobs. We need to better anticipate work of the future. I will work to reduce the time it takes to transform ideas into companies. I endorse the Business Express website just established by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

**IMMIGRATION:** As the daughter of an immigrant, I know that the US is a country of immigrants, and I support immigrants with empathy. We are also a country of laws. I support uniform, fair, consistent enforcement of our laws and processes. Lack of uniformity is, sadly, increasing divisiveness. It is vital to national security that we not only care for immigrants but also address weaknesses in law enforcement.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The environment is critically important to Maryland's 6th District, economically and for our families' health and safety. As a professional who has worked for years on environmental cleanup and restoration, I support an emphasis on a local approach leveraging federal resources to address our environmental challenges because local governments and communities best know their unique assets and needs.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My overarching priority is to bring to Congress my sense of empathy and cooperation. I will work to get us past the current political divide. I will be a Federal ally to Governor Hogan to improve transportation; address heroin and opioid addiction; create jobs and nurture businesses; and provide safety and security. I will also work for healthcare solutions; education; and for our veterans.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I grew up on a struggling family farm cleaning hog pens. Taking out loans, I was able to go to graduate school and start a successful business that's headquartered in Bethesda. I'm prepared to represent a diverse district that spans from urban areas in Montgomery to rural areas in Garrett.

**HEALTH CARE:** Quality healthcare is a basic human right, and our job must be to ensure

that right for all Americans. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, we've made great progress. We should build on that progress and expand the ACA so that all Americans have coverage.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I've supported the ACLU for 20 years, and in Congress I will continue fighting to fix our criminal justice system that discriminates against people of color. I'm 100% pro-choice, and I support equal pay and paid family leave. I support the Full Equality Act to fight discrimination against LGBTQ people.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I strongly oppose Trump's tax cuts, which worsen income inequality and add \$1.5 trillion to our national debt. We need to remove the carried interest loophole that allows hedge fund managers to pay lower tax rates. I support an infrastructure bank to fund projects like expanding I-270 and I-81.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigrants are an important part of American society and should have a path to citizenship. I oppose Trump's mass deportations, travel bans, and rescinding of DACA and TPS protections. We also should reduce the amount of time it takes for applicants to receive work authorization.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is real and it's a serious threat to our economy and our way of life. I oppose Trump's decision to withdraw from the international climate agreement. I also support investing in green technology, making federal buildings more energy efficient, and protecting fuel efficiency standards.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The opioid crisis is a top priority for me. In 2016, 64,000 Americans died from overdoses – my nephew Ian was one of them. Every day we don't act, more people will die. I've put together a comprehensive plan to address the epidemic which you can read at [davidtrone.com/opioid-crisis](http://davidtrone.com/opioid-crisis)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a service member, I served as the legal liaison between JAG and the command group. It was my job to legally protect the rights of each and every service member (1000 approx) and to ensure the command adhered to all regulations of the UCMJ. I have been a part of & navigated one of the largest bureaucracies on the face of the planet. One can not serve where one is unwilling to follow.

**HEALTH CARE:** There is no one silver bullet solution to our health care system. I would advocate returning the power of choice via a market-based health care system. I believe that we the consumers of health care know our needs far better than a group of DC bureaucrats. Any plan that takes power from the millions and places it in the hands of the few is not in our best interest as consumers.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The biggest gap we face in inequality is the unequal application of our laws & the unequal protection afforded by them based on income, political connections or office held. Gov. has become the greatest offender of our rights at every level. It is my promise to protect all citizens.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I advocate for a fair, equitable & simplified tax system for individuals & business. I support limiting Gov. spending to 10%-15% of actual GDP. We must begin to address our \$100 plus million in debt. We have no right to put our debt on future generations simply because we lack the will to force Congress to be responsible with our money. I support free trade with other nations.

**IMMIGRATION:** I fully support the enforcement of our current laws & securing the border. I advocate for more legal immigration. I will help to make those here currently who pose no threat, a possible path to citizenship after some probationary period of proving their desire to become lawful proud U.S. citizens. All taxes must be paid and any serious criminal conviction will result in deportation.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I will encourage real scientific research not the politically driven pseudoscience for political gain. I have a physics background so I understand the basics of science. I believe the key to being a good steward of our planet is we must use real science & the free market. The move towards renewable energies must be driven by our ability as consumers to pay for it not Gov subsidies.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We have the opportunity to have complete control over a party leadership if I am elected. I would be the only & 1st elected as a (L) in Congress and would have far more honest access to committees and influence in them than either one of my opponents unless they buy that as well. Gov. reform is the key to all other issues. In this election, we can either repeat a failed history or make history.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've lived in Maryland since 1967 and my (grand)children have been raised here, most in CD6. I've been politically active here for more than 2 decades, feel well prepared to represent, and will propose and promote legislation that will benefit, the vast majority of those of us who live here in CD6. I have also promised to employ citizens from the 4 parties recognized in MD and those unaffiliated.

**HEALTH CARE:** We have some of the best healthcare available anywhere in the world, but it is not accessible to all our citizens and, for those who can access it, it is far too expensive. Each year, we have hundreds of thousands of medical-related bankruptcies, unlike other western countries, who have none. We need a universal healthcare, single-payer system



modeled after those of other western countries.

**DISCRIMINATION:** "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." These are the words of the Equal Rights Amendment, proposed in 1971. I would propose the word "sex" be replaced by "race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty." To implement this amendment, it would be necessary to support policies which aid our courts and law enforcement.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** R. Kennedy: GNP "... counts warheads and armored cars for the police to fight the riots in our cities ... does not include the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials." I prefer "GNHappiness:" sustainable and equitable socio-economic development, environmental conservation, preservation and promotion of culture and good governance.

**IMMIGRATION:** As an immigrant myself: 1. Assure DHS' Verify Employment Eligibility (E-Verify) system is used by all employers and prosecute those who hire ineligible employees. 2. Devise a path to citizenship for law-abiding, undocumented workers and their families presently in the US. 3. Strengthen our visa system to continue to allow immigrants from around the world to bolster our economy and culture.

**ENVIRONMENT:** As I recently testified before the MD Dept. of the Environment, we need to leave as much carbon as possible under ground. I suggested that, if they permit the natural gas pipeline near Hancock, they at least force the pipeline owners and gas suppliers place enough money in escrow to cover two extreme leakages. This would pay for recovery of the local environment and the health of local citizens.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** 1. Public financing for public office (corporations are not people and money is not speech). 2. Expand our democracy by enacting ranked choice voting (RCV), to encourage more choices for primary and general election voters. 3. Lower tuition for public colleges/universities to the equivalent of that I paid for Brooklyn College in the mid 1960s (\$50 per semester). 4. Restrengthen "Dodd-Frank."

## General Assembly

### Senator District 1

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

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

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

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

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

### The Issues

**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?

## **Candidates**

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**George C. Edwards**  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was in business most of my life until the family business was sold in 2009. I have served on the Grantsville Town Council, the Garrett County Commissioners, Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland Senate. All of the above give me a variety of experiences.

**REDISTRICTING:** Districts are to be drawn based on communities of commonality, not politics.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We all need to do what we can within reason to make sure we have a healthy environment based on fact, and not fear or false information

**DISCRIMINATION:** There should not be any discrimination, period. Each issue should be looked at on its own merits. There are many current laws on the books today dealing with discrimination and we need to enforce them.

**EDUCATION:** We need to make sure K-12 education and safety in our schools is funded fully. Any new formula needs to put more emphasis on median family income which is a much truer indication of wealth of a county.

**HEALTH CARE:** Getting more health care to rural parts of the State. We must also make sure senior citizens get the health care and medications that they need.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Getting the North/South Highway in Garrett and Allegany Counties, the Howard Street tunnel in Baltimore and I-81 in Washington County completed. These projects could be paid for with existing funds with a more equal distribution of those funds.

## **Senator District 2**

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Issues**

**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?

## **Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a 30-something single mother, student and working-class citizen, my demographic is under represented. I was not born into money, but poverty and struggle. I've watched addiction and poverty be criminalized while greed and gluttony is rewarded. I have been fortunate enough to get an education and participate in activism even as I began my family. I intend to put what I've learned to use.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support any legislature that prevents gerrymandering and makes voting less complicated and more easily accessible and relevant for the citizens of Maryland.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I am strictly opposed to the Keystone xl pipeline and I intend to gather support from as many members of congress as possible to shut that project down before it can pollute the Potomac. I already have a recommendation report written for TransCanada that I have begun to send to some members of office for review.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support equal rights for all, equal opportunities for all, and the decriminalization of the poor. Excessive fines and jail time for the poor must stop. Maryland can improve social programs.

**EDUCATION:** I admit I need to do more research on this topic. I would like to see more funding in STEM programs, and improved community integration and parenting projects. Raising taxes on corporate giants in the area could fund these programs.

**HEALTH CARE:** A lot of facilities are corporate and impersonal, taking quality of care away from the patients. I'd like to see more funding for small family practices. Addiction treatment facilities are not realistic and often exclude the very populations that need them most. They need to be more inclusive and accept Medicare.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Infrastructure is a major priority, public transportation should become more sustainable for the sake of public health. Renewable sources of energy and newer fleet would save the state money in a lot of areas. This projects could be funded by modestly raising the taxes on fossil fuels.

## House of Delegates 1C

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

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

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

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

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE:** <http://mqaleq.maryland.gov>

### The Issues

**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?

## **Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As the Past President of the Board of County Commissioners in Allegany County (2011-2014) and the current Delegate from District 1C (2015-2018), I believe have prepared me for the duties of this office.

**REDISTRICTING:** Redistricting needs to be drawn in a non partisan fashion. Congressional and legislative lines should be drawn by independent commissions. Members of these commissions can not be legislators or public officials.

**ENVIRONMENT:** All environmental challenges should be addressed by common sense solutions properly balanced with economics. Our greatest resource is our fellow man or woman. Our health and safety should be first and most important issue in environmental concerns. Any policy that supports conservation must equally address economic growth and development, as well as private property rights, and be practical.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support all fact based polices addressing discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty. As a Member of the Joint Committee to End Homelessness, I believe I bring balance, fiscal accountability with drive for common sense policy that return on investment will help us solve our affordable housing shortage.

**EDUCATION:** The Maryland State Constitution clearly states that MD will provide a free public school system. Funding of our K-12 should be practical and affordable. Passing mandated school policies should never be approved unless some form of funding is established. As County Commissioner we created a needs based scholarship for Allegany

County residents from revenues we receive from Rock Gap Casino.

**HEALTH CARE:** Many MD adults have serious oral health issues that drive them to the ER with tooth pain and oral infections. The ER are unable to treat the causes of dental pain. I am proud of the approved legislation (2018) that establishes a pilot program to provide adult Medicaid recipients dental coverage. This has been a priority for me for many years. I look forward to the results as we push for statewide.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The restoration of highway user funds to the Counties and Municipalities should not have a sunset for funding. MD is the only state that funds its mass transit from a fuel tax. This is wrong because when passed it was to be for bridges and roads. I support mass transit and understand the role but funding should be in a "ad vorem tax" a tax on properties that increase in value.

**Daniel DelMonte**  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** An entire adult life involved in grassroots volunteerism and activism for community groups, ranging from advocacy for the elderly, animal rescue, block associations, disability work, and LGBT advocacy. As a resident of Maryland, have been active in the anti-fracking campaign, chair of the Allegany County Green Party, censure of the local use of eminent domain for private retail development

**REDISTRICTING:** Gerrymandering reduces democracy. Both major parties have abused the privilege of districting to create a one-party rule and creating apathy among our voters. I favor regional block districting set by a non-partisan panel, much like in other states such as Iowa or California. Further, I support rank choice voting to give the most weight to each individual's vote.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Most urgently, though we are not drilling for gas, we are rapidly crisscrossing our state with fracked-gas pipelines and our governor and FERC have ignored local concerns about the dangers the pipelines bring to the water supplies of our communities, including the communities of Hancock, Clear Springs, and Williamsport. I would introduce legislation to halt all new pipelines.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I favor equal access to housing, employment and public accommodation for all citizens with no discrimination based on class membership, to include race, gender, religion, disability. I favor increasing access to voting, education and healthcare for all.

**EDUCATION:** Western MD county funds schools at the minimum level, with some of our most highly rated and rural schools threatened with closure. A good school system is the best investment a community can make in its economy, as businesses and professionals looking to locate here will look first at its school districts. My opponent votes no on all education bills; I would change that dialog.

**HEALTH CARE:** Access. Consolidation is hurting rural areas. WMHS in Cumberland is closing its pediatrics unit. This, again, like education, diminishes the ability to grow our area and hurts our residents, who have to seek care elsewhere. Rural areas rely on volunteer EMS/EMT and fire depts as a first line of pre-medical care and we need to ensure funding to support those services (loans, tax abatements, etc.)

**TRANSPORTATION:** Western Maryland has special transportation needs that keep it from developing. All monies in our area have been diverted to roads only, but we need commercial interstate and intrastate service not only to connect our local residents to the rest of the world but to attract businesses here. Transportation bills need to support these connections, like rail and air, and new solutions to local transit

## House of Delegates 2A

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

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

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

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

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

### The Issues

**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?

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a small business owner, I know that Maryland needs to work to lower taxes and reduce over-regulation, which would result in more jobs. As a current Delegate, I understand how to work with others to get good policy passed, even if it is not under my name. Constituent services are important to me, and I have learned how to get through the states bureaucracy to help people in an efficient manner.

**REDISTRICTING:** Maryland's Districts are gerrymandered. I led the effort to put our Congressional map on the ballot for voters to decide. I've also introduced bills to create fair maps: having single member districts for state house races; creating a non-partisan group to draw the lines; and mandating congressional lines follow the rules set up in Maryland State Constitution as used for state legislative maps.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Data shows that perhaps the most cost-efficient improvement to the health of the Chesapeake Bay would be to dredge the Conowingo Dam. The Susquehanna River needs to be dredged so it can once again properly control sediment flow, properly control flow, and reduce pollutants flowing into the Chesapeake Bay. I fully support that improvement will work to help facilitate this necessary improvement.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. state that we should strive for a "nation where people will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." I agree and believe Maryland's Public Universities should no longer require students to disclose their race or gender when applying to college. Instead, school admittance should be solely merit-based.

**EDUCATION:** One education policy I support is to reduce federal government control over the school system. I believe that curriculum choices should be made at the local level and that mandated over-testing of students should be stopped. In addition, I support up to a \$2,000 tax write-off system to allow Maryland families to receive a portion of their income back to help pay for private education.

**HEALTH CARE:** One of the biggest decisions in the 2019 legislative session will be how to address prescription drug coverage for retired state employees. State employees were promised to be able to utilize the state prescription insurance, but are being forced to use Medicare Part D. A promise made should be a promise kept to Maryland workers and changes are necessary to make our retirees whole.

**TRANSPORTATION:** One of my transportation priorities has been to fully reinstate Highway User Revenue (HUR) funds to local municipalities. I have had many local government officials contact me because they are not able to fix their roads adequately. Another priority for me is to increase the safety and capacity of I-81 by continuing the widening to a 6-lane interstate to the Pennsylvania line.

**William Joseph Wivell**



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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Certified Public Accountant with 32 years of experience in the field of accounting, budgeting, tax, financial analysis, and facilities management. 12 years experience in elected local government. Master's Degree in Business Admin. from Mt. St. Mary's University; Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Shepherd University; Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Hagerstown Comm. College.

**REDISTRICTING:** Districts should best represent the demographics of the communities in which the individual is elected to represent and not drawn based upon political gerrymandering. I am open to suggestions as to how to best accomplish this objective.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Serving on the Environment & Transportation Committee of the MD Legislature, it has become obvious that one of the greatest challenges to Maryland's water quality in the Chesapeake Bay is resolution to sediment and attached nutrients flowing into the State from the Susquehanna River over the Conowingo Dam. Resolution will require a cooperative effort between the EPA and the State of Pennsylvania.

**DISCRIMINATION:** In regards to hiring practices, I have always believed that the most-qualified person should be hired, regardless of race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty.

**EDUCATION:** The quality of education can be improved/maintained through a competitive and intriguing learning environment; accordingly, I support the expansion of charter and independent schools within the State to foster creativity, entrepreneurial and other critical thinking. In regards to school construction, I support a standardization of building design and an appropriate allocation of sq. ftge./student

**HEALTH CARE:** Currently, I see the two most important challenges as the opioid crisis and the health insurance crisis. The opioid issue can begin to be addressed through education, appropriate treatment programs for addicts, and hope/prayer for mankind. Insurance premiums can be addressed through expansion of markets for both medical and prescription coverage, & full disclosure of data by insurance companies

**TRANSPORTATION:** I believe in full restoration of Highway User Revenues (HUR) to local governments using the 70/30 formula and expansion of I-81 to 3 lanes. Projects can be funded by restricting the use of HUR funds solely to road projects and not toward nutrient load reduction and other projects.

## **Andrew J. Barnhart Green Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an adjunct faculty member who sits on the College Senate at Frederick Community College. I represent the interests of all 500 adjunct faculty at the

college. In addition, I have been a lifelong disabilities advocate and have been involved in pushing for disability legislation in Annapolis. My critical thinking skills and ethics make me a viable candidate for this office.

**REDISTRICTING:** Maryland is gerrymandered in favor of one principle party. Under any democratic system, voters pick their legislators and not the other way around. There needs to be a non-partisan redistricting for all congressional and legislative district lines so that they are proportional to population rather than political party.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We face far too many environmental challenges. Pollution, degradation, deforestation, flooding, and climate change are just a few examples. We need to switch to 100% renewable energy production as soon as possible. In addition, we should give local communities the power to enforce stricter environmental protections than required by the state or federal government. These are just a few small steps.

**DISCRIMINATION:** For disability, end the waiting list for services and better enforce, and improve upon, ADA standards. Ensure businesses are providing people with disabilities a living wage. For poverty, end the criminalization of poverty by abolishing the cash-bail system and debtor's prisons. For race, end racial profiling by passing comprehensive anti-profiling laws and banning pretextual stops.

**EDUCATION:** I support better inclusion of children with disabilities into the classroom setting. We should give K-12 teachers professional status and salaries commensurate of advanced education. In addition we need to push for free public university tuition. These policies can be implemented through progressive taxation reform and a common sense sales tax on fully legalized recreational cannabis.

**HEALTH CARE:** Not everyone in Maryland has access to healthcare or insurance. A single payer medicare for all system would help to ensure this. In addition, we need better transparency in the healthcare system. Currently, it is nearly impossible to find out the price for health services or procedures before they are done. This must change, now.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need to push for better mass transportation infrastructure throughout Maryland. Expanding highways alone is not the answer. We need the revitalisation of public works as part of a Green New Deal. We can redirect existing resources that enhance auto capacity towards mass transit options.

**Charlotte McBrearty**  
**Green Party**

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

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

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

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

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

**HEALTH CARE:** No response received by deadline.

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

## **House of Delegates 2B**

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state taxes and the spending budget for all state programs.

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## **The Issues**

**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?

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 2.

**Paul D. Corderman**  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a recent councilmember of the City of Hagerstown and the current State Delegate I know the issues and concerns that affect all of us throughout the City of Hagerstown. I have and will continue to remain committed and focused on public safety, growth & development, and fiscal responsibility to help not only move the City of Hagerstown forward but also the State of Maryland.

**REDISTRICTING:** Gerrymandering has been an issue within our state for far too long. Clearly the maps were previously redrawn in an unfair manner. Going forward, it is essential that a non-partisan body is able to look and redraw these maps to ensure fair elections and proper representation throughout the state of Maryland.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Chesapeake Bay and the waterways and tributaries that lead into the

bay remain one of the most significant environmental challenges in our State. That being said, we have to balance our efforts in state along with creating partnerships with our neighboring states who contribute to these very same waterways..

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination of any kind cannot be tolerated and I look forward to continuing to support policies and initiatives that protect the rights of everyone throughout the state of Maryland

**EDUCATION:** The preliminary report of the Kirwan commission shows the commitment that needs to be made to early childhood education, elevating the Teacher Profession, better preparing our High School students, and providing more resources for our At-Risk Students. \$200 million was put aside to put towards these initiatives as we look forward to the final report later in 2018.

**HEALTH CARE:** Maryland recently passed legislation to stabilize health care in Maryland for the short term however this issue must be addressed federally going forward so that truly affordable health care is available to all Marylanders throughout the state.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Redistributing the Highway User Funds back to pre-recession levels to the local communities is essential for our entire state to move forward with our transportation initiatives. Statewide, there have been multiple recent commitments to the Baltimore Beltway, the Baltimore subway, & the DC Metro system.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My professional background includes my previous position of President & CEO of a regional senior living and health care company with over 1,000 employees in six facilities in two states. I had worked in the construction industry for many years managing multi-million dollar projects in Maryland. I have performed business development for a Maryland based minority business enterprise (MBE) firm.

**REDISTRICTING:** Ideally, we want to have a range of Congressional representatives who reflect the political views of the population. Gerrymandering is at least partly to blame for the current lopsided representation in Congress leading to political polarization since representatives do not have to compromise hard line views in order to win seats (as described by the NDRC).

**ENVIRONMENT:** Protecting the Chesapeake Bay should be a priority so that we can enjoy its waters and seafood harvest for generations to come. I am a proponent of local-state-federal-private partnership efforts to restore and protect the Bay. I will work to increase the effort to repopulate the oysters which help to filter unwanted nutrients that cause dead zones and impair Maryland blue crabs.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support all policies and laws necessary to protect our Constitutionally given rights. I am committed to protecting voting rights, freedom of religion, women's right

to make their own health care decisions, and equal federal rights for LGBT couples. I am the grandson of immigrants and I firmly believe that immigrants strengthen this country because of their hard work and talents.

**EDUCATION:** I support the findings of the Kirwan Commission report. I will fight to bring more funding to our public schools to hire and retain the best teachers. Hagerstown has one of only two University System of Maryland centers in the entire State. As Chairman of the Board of the USMH center in downtown Hagerstown, I will work to provide the resources they need to continue enrollment growth.

**HEALTH CARE:** We must find ways to make health care more accessible and more affordable for the people of Hagerstown, especially bringing down the cost of prescription medications. Also, Hagerstown needs help to fight the opioid crisis that is gripping our community. I will fight to bring resources back to Hagerstown to combat this scourge, and will partner with leaders like Emily Keller and Kevin Simmers.

**TRANSPORTATION:** First and foremost, we must restore the Highway User Funds. These are the funds that are collected by the State and are supposed to be returned to local governments, such as the City of Hagerstown, to build and repair local roads. Hagerstown needs help with this funding. I am also a supporter of widening I-81. This is important to support economic growth in Hagerstown and to help reduce accidents.

## Local Leaders

### Washington County Commissioner

**Duties:** The Board's primary duty is to serve as the executive branch of County government. Each member of the Board has one vote, and a simple majority of the Board is sufficient to take actions subject to the authority vested in the Board under State law. Emergency actions also require a simple majority vote. The Board elects its own officers. The Commissioners meet weekly on Tuesdays and throughout the year with municipalities and unincorporated towns as requested.

**Salary:** Commissioners are paid \$38,000, and the Board's president makes \$41,000.

**Term:** 4 years

**How Elected:** Commissioners are elected on a countywide basis.

### The Issues

- 1. Qualifications:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
- 2. Budget:** What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased?
- 3. Development and Land Use:** What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?
- 4. Education:** What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools?
- 5. Employment/ Jobs:** What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

**6. Infrastructure:** What are Washington County's infrastructure needs and how would you address them?

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 5.

**Terry L. Baker**  
**Republican Party**

**Campaign Instagram:** N/A

**1. Qualifications:** I have been involved with all areas of county government as an elected official. I will stay focused on government being transparent, responsible to its citizens and honest. Responsible spending, Education, Senior citizen issues, Safe communities, Parks and Recreation should be priorities of any elected official.

**2. Budget:** The Counties essential services are Public safety, Education, Infrastructure, Economic Development and Human services. This year public safety and education have been increased the most. While cuts may not be appropriate in infrastructure or other departments, it is important to get the most out of each dollar. For me it is important we get our monies worth for each dollar we spend.

**3. Development and Land Use:** The counties land use policies have been consistent and fairly successful in managing growth. Growth is directed where infrastructure is in place. I would support several land preservation programs to protect our rural agriculture heritage. We need to work on challenges such as agri-tourism and sustainable energy technology.

**4. Education:** This year I supported an increase to both the operating and capital budgets to the BOE. As more funds have become available, the largest increase in subsequent draft budgets was to BOE in both operating and capital funds. I supported increases in BOE capital funding to provide local match for any available state funding. This is an immediate return on the dollar for local education.

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** I have historically been supportive of economic development. We need to be more aggressive on economic development, our staff has been committed to customer service, dedicated to progress. We need to do whatever we can to help our businesses in Washington county. We can not let existing businesses leave our county to go elsewhere.

**6. Infrastructure:** Some of our biggest needs are at the state level, interstates 81 and 70 deserve attention and improvement. Commerce and our citizens depend upon them daily. I will continue to pursue state and federal funding for both interstates, with local funding it comes back to spending each dollar with discipline. We need to take full advantage of state and federal funding.

**Jeff Cline**  
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**1. Qualifications:** Years of face to face customer service experience has been a valuable tool when working with constituents as an elected official. Combined with my real estate practice and Business to Business sales, I have gained valuable insight that has assisted in my preparation for elected office.

**2. Budget:** Public Safety funding should be increased to the Sherriff's Department, Emergency Services and to our Volunteer Emergency Responders.

**3. Development and Land Use:** In 2010 the Washington County Commissioners voted to approve the Urban Growth Advisory Report on Land Use options. A committee of approximately 15 people submitted a report for the BOCC to review and adjust accordingly. The Land Use policy is scheduled to be reviewed every 10 years.

**4. Education:** Continue to fully fund MOE and work within the BOCC budget to assist.

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** Government doesn't create jobs, however, government should create the conditions for existing business for expand and for new business to open with expediency. In order to encourage economic growth government should eliminate cumbersome regulations and offer incentives for economic prosperity. Incentives to include tax incentives and/or infrastructure readiness and pad ready sites.

**6. Infrastructure:** The return of State Highway User Revenues to fully fund the paving of 850 miles of Washington County roads is essential. MACo and County government should continue to pressure the General Assembly for the return of full funding. Funding for the widening of I-81 and I-70 are equally important for public safety and economic development.

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**1. Qualifications:** I have an AS., BS and MBA degree. Having worked for a community bank as a controller, I've learned a great deal about the budgeting process, and understand how to prioritize finances. As a loan officer and college instructor, I have learned to understand the needs of the citizens of our community, and realize the struggles we all face.

**2. Budget:** We have a large need in our community to increase our efforts with public safety and law enforcement. I have successfully advocated to add additional police officers in our communities, and have worked to bring more attention to the needs of our fire and rescue companies. I support the increase of funding for public safety programs across the county.

**3. Development and Land Use:** I am a strong supporter of land preservation programs such as Rural Legacy, CREP, and Agriculture Preservation programs that will ensure our

rural areas are preserved for generations to come. With that said, I also support development in urbanized areas, where general infrastructure already exists, and where growth will most positively increase tax base.

**4. Education:** I have been a strong advocate of Pre-K expansion, and have supported an additional quarter million dollars to fund 4 additional Pre-K related positions. I have also publicly called for more funding for school safety, and am working on a plan to add more School Resource Officers, and capital budgeting for security vestibules and to improve schools with open layout designs without walled classrooms

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** We need to better utilize our volunteer Economic Development Commission, which collectively employs over 9,000 employees through companies owned/managed by its members. At my request, we now meet quarterly with our EDC board. We have economic incentives for large companies, but not much for small businesses. I would like to consider a revolving Micro loan fund for small businesses.

**6. Infrastructure:** I-81 needs to be widened. It is dangerous, deadly, and places a huge burden on our fire and rescue companies responding to these calls. It also creates a huge financial loss for businesses located along the corridor when 81 is closed. Highway User Revenues also must be restored by the state, we have lost \$68.5 m in Wash Co since 2007. We need to rely on our State Legislature to restore funds

**Cort Meinelschmidt  
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**1. Qualifications:** My diverse background of being a Rescue swimmer in the Navy, a small business owner and the past President of the Arc of Washington County has given me the experience of dealing with a variety of budgets, priorities and people. Through these experiences, I have learned the importance of achieving the organization's mission above personal gains. These have also taught me to ask the correct questi

**2. Budget:** The budget needs to be scrutinized every year to identify excessive spending to ensure that we are able to appropriately fund our public schools, the fight against the opioid crisis and emergency services.

**3. Development and Land Use:** We need to continue to protect our historical, rural and agriculture areas while trying to build the economy, which demands more development. We need to make sure we have smart growth.

**4. Education:** Working closely with the BOE is the best way to ensure our public schools are properly funded. I would like to see more programs that not only help the college readiness but, also the career readiness of the youth of our county. When the BOCC and the BOE work side-by-side and collectively set priorities, we will see great strides in our school system which will, in turn, help our local economy.

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** We need to get out of the way of our businesses. Intrusive



government policies and restrictions do not support economic development and job growth. We need to make it conducive for businesses to come to and grow in Washington County. We need to think outside the box and understand that one size doesn't fit all. We need to support our businesses because each company large or small has an impact

**6. Infrastructure:** Highway User Revenues must be restored, and continue to work with the state and federal agency to improve I-81, and I-70

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**1. Qualifications:** Past and Present Business owner in Washington County MD. Lifelong resident of Washington Co. My occupation as a top performing Realtor involves wearing many hats. My sales volume is huge at 15 to 20 million dollars a year, that allows me to come in contact with many citizens who trust me, with there investments and life long dreams. Vice Chair Animal Control Board, Washington County.

**2. Budget:** If there is an increase needed, the focus should be on Education, Drug addiction, and First Respondents/ law enforcement.

**3. Development and Land Use:** Zoning board should require the committee to include attorneys, Real Estate professional and members at large, the focus should be on protecting the character and beauty of our County without stiflingly growth.

**4. Education:** More Counselors to serve the students who are Homeless or in transition from home to home, and are victims of drug abuse families. And the expansion of Pre K programs for the schools that currently have the program. Laser focus on ensuring our children receive the best education possible.

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** First and Foremost nurture the business's that are already here and listen to there needs for growth or stability. We have far to many business's that leave the community to relocate in a neighboring State.

**6. Infrastructure:** Part of the County infrastructure dates back to the early 1900's . There has to be a plan systematically developed to chip away at this failing infrastructure. Underground water and sewer systems should be the first to be addressed. If we plan to have County growth we have to ensure we have the infrastructure to support that growth.

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**1. Qualifications:** My experience in the US Navy Seabee veteran (Iraq War) as well as my time as a County employee at the 911 Emergency Communications Center has taught me that teamwork, dedication, and hard-work will always produce the best outcome not only for the individual, but the community as a whole. I would bring these same traits into elective office if given the chance to do so.

**2. Budget:** I would actively look at increasing the County's contribution to the Board of Education above the required Maintenance of Effort in which the current Commissioners have chosen not to do so. I am also an advocate for increased financial assistance to the volunteer fire departments for operational needs. Public safety and education are my top two budget priorities if elected.

**3. Development and Land Use:** I would focus on the need to manage growth better in our rural areas and at the same time look to improvements in rapidly growing areas in and around Hagerstown. I would endeavor to maintain Washington County's rural regions through smart-growth policies and before any new development takes place, the infrastructure of that particular area is adequate for that development to occur.

**4. Education:** Quite simply in my opinion, the current Commissioners have not put education at the forefront of Washington County's priorities. The Board of Education is given the minimum required by law by the Commissioners and the Superintendent of Schools has said if that continues, staff cuts will take place. I will advocate for the BOE to receive the funding required to ensure that cuts do not happen.

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** A good first step is having an active economic development team that is constantly promoting Washington County as a great place to start or expand a business. Jobs and businesses are not going to just fall in our laps and our neighbors are outpacing us in job growth by being bold and innovative. A County-wide enterprise zone with tax incentives geared towards manufacturing and new tech is needed.

**6. Infrastructure:** Priority should be given to the worst roads that need immediate repair as well as intersection improvements where traffic accidents are prevalent. I would work with our state representatives and the Governor's office to restore as much as possible, the highway user revenues that our County needs in the future. I would also advocate for the continued plan to widen I-81 in Washington County.

**Donna L. Brightman**  
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**1. Qualifications:** I served on the Board of Education for ten years. I had oversight of a \$300 million budget, 47 facilities, 3000 employees, and 22,000 students. Served as President from 2013-2016, served as President at the state level association (MABE) and represented MD at the national level in NSBA. This experience would be directly applicable to Board of County Commissioner service.

**2. Budget:** Budgets are a statement of priorities representing the values of Washington County. As housing assessments increase and employment and wages improve, revenues are starting to recover from the recession. This should allow us to extend cost of living, steps, and salary increase to all our county employees so they will be rewarded for years without increases and will have more income parity.

**3. Development and Land Use:** As a Commissioner County we have broad authority over land use. Our Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated and more equitably aligned with current development, town annexations, property rights and public services.

**4. Education:** Washington County supplies 36% of the schools operating budget and 50% of eligible capital projects. During the recession, the county stopped subsidizing school nurses, new bus purchases, deferred maintenance, crossing guards and the Judy Center. As revenues increase, I would like to see a discussion of returning some of these dollars to the school system.

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** One of the largest economic development opportunities in the history of Washington County is the Cascade Town Center redevelopment project. The return on investment is significant while cost to taxpayers is close to zero. Money used for trips to Korea and other expenses all came out of money left to Ft Richie by the previous developer when they left.

**6. Infrastructure:** Highway user fees have yet to return to pre-recession levels. A \$8 million annual gap remains a drag on roads, schools and employees. Also, we missed an opportunity to take advantage of historically low interest on bonds to jump start infrastructure needs and speed up employment recovery. We need to ensure public and school safety, road and bridge repairs, and public private construction projects.

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**1. Qualifications:** I elected to three terms on the Washington County Board of Education. Additionally, I served 4 years in leadership roles as president and vice president of the BOE at various times. My experience on the board included developing budgets, capital

improvement plans, and policies. I am running for County Commissioner because I believe we need better governance in the county.

**2. Budget:** The development of a budget is a complex matter involving collaboration with other Commissioners, county staff, and more importantly county tax payers. A budget that is fiscally responsible and that best serves tax payers would be my top priority. I believe it would be inappropriate for me to identify a program that needs increased or decreased at this time.

**3. Development and Land Use:** The land use policies must allow for responsible growth and development, minimize sprawl and respect and preserve the rural character of Washington County. Any changes to land use policies should involve input from county stakeholders and be done in a transparent manner.

**4. Education:** I support working closely with the BOE in strengthening early childhood education. Far too many children come to school not ready to learn. Additionally, I believe we need to work to increase access to and awareness of technical programs (non four year programs) that lead to meaningful and well-paying job opportunities. We must work with businesses to identify what skills their workers need.

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** I believe the entire economic development model the county uses should be revamped. We are missing huge development and job growth opportunities to surrounding counties due to a passive approach to economic development. We can attract new businesses by developing public-private partnerships to train skilled workers.

**6. Infrastructure:** Road improvements are lagging due to the failure of the State to return highway-user revenues (gas tax and other transportation related fees) to local governments. As a Commissioner, I would work with our elected representatives in Annapolis to return those funds. The BOCC must work strategically with the BOE to address the backlog of school maintenance issues and aging buildings.

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**1. Qualifications:** I believe in integrity in public service and in my daily life. In addition to 21 years of teaching, half of them at an alternative middle/high similar to Antietam Academy, I worked for US Senator Charles Mathias (R), Governor William Donald Schaefer (D), and on President Reagan's Presidential Commission on the HIV Epidemic. I have a record of working hard across Party to accomplish community goals.

**2. Budget:** While maintaining a balanced budget, we must find ways to improve infrastructure, better support and update 911 call center, provide adequate resources for emergency services, maintain strong education programs, attract new businesses, and assist growth of existing business including agriculture. Expanding existing business and attracting new helps build our tax base, thereby building our budget.

**3. Development and Land Use:** A few of areas to examine are ensuring preservation of

historic sites/properties for tourism, protecting agricultural land while balancing new development and green energy efforts such as solar “farms.” We need a comprehensive safety plan to protect our county’s clean water sources, particularly in light of the pipeline project which endangers our water supply without any benefit to our county.

**4. Education:** I believe it’s imperative that the County Commissioners work closely with the Board of Education and Superintendent to maintain and strengthen our education system at all levels. Minimizing time lost on testing is just one way to have more time for engaged learning. Listening to those on the front lines, educators, is invaluable in finding creative ways to improve opportunities for all students.

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** The Commissioners need to be leaders in supporting job growth and economic development. Their role is to ensure county government assists new and existing businesses, and to nurture public-private partnerships, to leverage grants and other unique opportunities for the county’s economic well-being. The county needs to work with the state delegation to bring our state tax dollars back home to work.

**6. Infrastructure:** Expanding broadband access in our rural areas to ensure the latest technological advantages for all residents. Roads and bridges maintained to assure residents and businesses, including agriculture, that their needs can be met, while preserving the rural beauty important to our vibrant tourism industry and to our way of life. Upgrading the 911 call center to better meet public safety needs.

**John Franklin Barr**  
**Unaffiliated Candidate**

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**1. Qualifications:** Having served this community a three term Commissioner, I feel well connected and involved with our community and would continue serving in this capacity. After spending much time in Annapolis serving through all the leadership chairs including President and immediate Past President of Maryland Association of Counties, has given me tremendous in site into local and statewide issues and concerns.

**2. Budget:** It is critical for our community to continue funding public education, public safety and public infrastructure. With this in mind we must increase our tax base but not necessarily our tax rate ensuring that we can provide the services for the three major infrastructures of local and community government.

**3. Development and Land Use:** Currently Washington County land use policies are reviewed on an annual basis and continue to be adjusted as needed or necessary along with state environmental mandates and requirements. Certainly water rights and issues will continue to be the focus of land use attention along with wells, septic and run off.

**4. Education:** Public education is our top priority. It ensures the future of our community. School safety is an ongoing tremendous responsibility and must be held in the highest regard. Teacher pay, benefits and school infrastructure, facilities and upgrades need to be maintained and systematically budgeted and programmed for enhancements, general maintenance and ultimate replacement.

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** Washington County is geographically placed in a very narrow part of Maryland. Continued economic development efforts, tax, incentives, land use reviews and employment incentives must and will continue to be top priority for future boards of commissions. Due to the locale and competitiveness, interaction with our state elected officials and land use departments needs to be encouraged.

**6. Infrastructure:** This continues to be a great level of concern as part of education, safety and infrastructure. The loss of highway user revenues from the State of Maryland has cost Washington County over the past 9 years approximately \$60 million. This continues to be great concern with readjustment of local budgets to continue to maintain in excess of 850 miles of roads, bridges and culverts.

**Bill McKinley**  
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**2. Budget:** Hopefully budget increases can be realized in areas of public safety and health, education and infrastructure.

**3. Development and Land Use:** Washington Co. has sound Land Use Policies but they need to be adhered to. Our UGA (urban growth area) is sound document (some adjustments needed) to guide us in area of land use.

**4. Education:** Major strides in Economic Growth need to be realized in order to grow the tax base to increase funding for schools and other areas.

**5. Employment/ Jobs:** Although things have improved somewhat ' good' job growth is rather stagnant. I feel change must take place with our economic commission and business development department. Franklin Co. PA has a model which impresses me and I would investigate to see if it would work in Washington Co. A book could be written.

**6. Infrastructure:** Roads, bridges, school buildings, water systems will need work. Would continue to urge our state politicians to demand full restoration of highway user funding (up to 8 million dollars has been taken away). I would make sure the above areas would get a fair share of the funding, vigorously pursue grants and state funding. Infra structure needs can be met best with a vigorous ' uptick' in ED

## **Judicial Offices**

# Washington County Circuit Court Judge

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

**SALARY:** \$159,433.

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

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

## The Issues

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

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

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

## Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Mark K. Boyer**

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

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

**Court Needs:** No response received by deadline.

### **Brett Wilson**

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

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

**Court Needs:** No response received by deadline.

## **Judge in Court of Special Appeals (At-Large)**

**DUTIES:** Judges preside in the Court of Special Appeals, the intermediate appellate court in Maryland. The Court reviews the actions and decisions of the Circuit Court and of the

Orphans' Court in cases brought before it. The Court, usually sitting in panels of three judges, decides if the trial judge followed the law and legal precedent. The Court is composed of 15 judges: eight at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

**SALARY:** 168,633 annual base.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** When there is a vacancy on the Court of Special Appeals, the governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office, with the consent of the State Senate. Once appointed, the appellate judge holds the office until the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. At that time, the judge runs for an uncontested election for a ten-year term on their record (yes or no for continuance in office). No one is permitted to file against them. If the incumbent judge is approved, the judge faces another "retention election" every ten years to continue in office. If the incumbent judge is rejected by the voters, the post becomes vacant, and the governor makes a new appointment.

### **The Issues**

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

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

**COURT NEEDS:** What are the greatest needs of Maryland's court system and how can these be addressed?

### **Candidates**

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

#### **Donald E. Beachley**

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

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

**COURT NEEDS:** No response received by deadline.

#### **Matthew J. Fader**

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

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

**COURT NEEDS:** No response received by deadline.

## **Judge in Court of Special Appeals (C3: Western MD)**

**DUTIES:** Judges preside in the Court of Special Appeals, the intermediate appellate court in Maryland. The Court reviews the actions and decisions of the Circuit Court and of the Orphans' Court in cases brought before it. The Court, usually sitting in panels of three judges, decides if the trial judge followed the law and legal precedent. The Court is composed of 15 judges: eight at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

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### **The Issues**

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

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**COURT NEEDS:** What are the greatest needs of Maryland's court system and how can these be addressed?

### **Candidates**

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

## **County Offices**

### **Washington County Treasurer**

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for revenue collection for Washington County. The primary function of the office is the billing and collection of real estate, corporate and individual personal property taxes. Based on a stepping grade, the Treasurer's current salary is \$68,333.

### **The Issues**

What are your qualifications for this position?

What are your short and long term priorities if elected?

### **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

**Todd L. Hershey**  
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**What are your qualifications for this position?** I have served as Washington County Treasurer for 32 years. As a lifelong resident of Washington County, I am sincerely interested in the economic and social health of all Washington County residents. I attended Williamsport schools, received a BA degree from Guilford College (1981), and a MS degree in Management and Administration from Hood College (1985) while employed at

Hagerstown Trust.

**What are your short and long term priorities if elected?** Priorities have always been to improve taxpayer service while controlling administrative costs. Though responsibilities have increased dramatically, the Treasurer's Office maintains the same number of employees (5) over my 32 year tenure. Through automation, sound management, and loyal support of professional coworkers, the Treasurer's Office continues to deliver quality service to constituents.

## **Washington County State's Attorney**

Washington County has a full-time State's Attorney, who is elected to the office for a four-year term. The State's Attorney gathers and presents evidence to the Grand Jury for consideration and prosecutes all criminal cases and major motor vehicle cases in the in the Juvenile, District and Circuit Courts on behalf the of the State. There is a Deputy State's Attorney, seven Assistant State's Attorneys and a clerical and investigative staff. The State's Attorney receives a annual salary equal to 80 per cent of the salary of a Judge of the District Court. All salaries and operating expenses are funded by the county.

### **The Issues**

- 1. Qualifications:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
- 2. Discrimination:** What policies will you implement to prevent discrimination in law enforcement?
- 3. Alternatives to Prison:** In what situations would you recommend alternatives to prison in sentencing persons convicted of crimes?
- 4. Substance Abuse Crisis:** How will you address the growing problem of substance abuse?
- 5. Domestic violence:** How will you address the problems of domestic violence?
- 6. Other Priorities:** In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

### **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

**Charles P. Strong, Jr.**  
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**1. Qualifications:** 14 years State's Attorney, 11 years Deputy State's Attorney, 5 years Narcotics Task Force Prosecutor, 10+ years Assistant State's Attorney including substantial homicide and violent felony experience. I and my team work collaboratively with the Department of Social Services, The Child Advocacy Center, the Opioid Senior Policy Group,

Health Department, Child Fatality Review Team and others.

**2. Discrimination:** Discrimination training is mandatory for all in my office. I supplement with additional training for attorneys to recognize, report and reject discrimination. Discrimination must be addressed promptly where found, shared with a supervisor and reported to appropriate agencies involved for follow-up. Transparency is mandatory. A prosecutor is to do justice. Discrimination is not justice.

**3. Alternatives to Prison:** For non violent offenders with no history of violence or sex offenses my Alternative Sanctions Office handles jail alternatives including court ordered community service, community service in non-violent cases in lieu of prosecution, a State's Attorney work crew with supervisor working 5 days a week and mediation for parties in cases to resolve cases outside the court room.

**4. Substance Abuse Crisis:** I prosecute vigorously those who deal drugs with emphasis where a user dies. Those who commit crimes because of drugs must be held accountable for their crimes but just as importantly treated for their addictions to break the cycle. I am implementing our participation in Adult Drug Court. We can't prosecute our community out of the opioid crisis but we can require accountability and treatment,

**5. Domestic violence:** Domestic violence cases are assigned a prosecutor and victim witness coordinator as soon as they are filed. The prosecutor follows the case through to conclusion so the victim has continuity and certainty. Domestic violence crimes are crimes of violence and are treated as such by my office. Support services are offered to victims.

**6. Other Priorities:** Top priorities include victims, children, human trafficking, and Adult Drug Court. Victims do not choose to become victims. Children are our special responsibility. We aggressively prosecute sexual and physical child abuse including child pornography. Human Trafficking, emboldened by the internet, is a key target of our prosecution. I am prioritizing complete and full implantation of Drug Court.

**Bernard Semler  
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**1. Qualifications:** As a former public school teacher, I have worked effectively in collaborative settings that focused on maximizing overall effort and outcomes. As an experienced trial attorney and unwavering leader, I know how to think outside the box to implement targeted crime prevention initiatives to proactively address the record number of murders and rising drug overdoses and gang activity in our county.

**2. Discrimination:** I support law enforcement but I am not naïve. Just as there are bad attorneys, there are officers that may choose to not follow the 2015 Maryland Attorney General's guidance memorandum for ending discriminatory profiling. I will do everything in my power to have these officers removed as improper profiling erodes community cooperation and community trust which then harms overall community safety.

**3. Alternatives to Prison:** Alternatives such as Boot Camp, Adult Drug Court, Veteran's Court and Mental Health Court should be available for non-violent offenders struggling with addiction. These programs are being used successfully by other counties and I am committed to bringing them to fruition here. I will be innovative and active in reducing recidivism as I understand that crime prevention is a vital part of the job.

**4. Substance Abuse Crisis:** As the State's Attorney, my office will regularly give hard-hitting but age appropriate presentations at every county school working to prevent addiction before it occurs. I will also work tirelessly with all treatment providers in a unified effort to provide opportunity and access to those that need and want treatment. However, one's addiction cannot outweigh someone else's safety and wellbeing.

**5. Domestic violence:** The vast majority of domestic violence cases that are currently criminally charged in Washington County sadly end up with little to no meaningful intervention or treatment to prevent a reoccurrence. By having prosecutors that are actively in touch with the victims from the date of the incident thru the date of trial, my office will ensure increased offender accountability and victim assistance.

**6. Other Priorities:** I will implement a community prosecution program by assigning a prosecutor to each town in our county to personally attend town council meetings to address their individual town needs, discuss their town concerns and assist with their town safety. This will save each town time and money through communication of case status to prevent local officers from needlessly spending time sitting in court.

## **Washington County Clerk of the Circuit Court**

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is elected in Washington county for a term of four years. The Clerk's duties are set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland. A staff of deputy clerks may assist in the performance of these duties. The office is funded through the state's general fund as part of the Judiciary Budget. The county provides office space. The Clerk's current salary is \$96,750. The Clerk is an administrative arm of the court, and required to record and process civil, criminal and juvenile proceedings. In Washington County, the Clerk serves as Jury Commissioner. Other duties include the issuance of business and marriage licenses and performing civil marriage ceremonies. The Clerk's Office administers the oath of office for most elected and appointed officials and the Clerk is the custodian of land, chancery, bond, lien and other records.

### **The Issues**

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

**2. Areas of Need:** What are the areas of greatest need in the Clerk's office and how would you address them?

**3. Assistance to the Public:** How will you improve service by the Clerk's office to the public?

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

### **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

**Kevin Tucker**  
**Republican Party**

- 1. Qualifications:** No response received by deadline.
- 2. Areas of Need:** No response received by deadline.
- 3. Assistance to the Public:** No response received by deadline.
- 4. Priorities:** No response received by deadline.

## **Washington County Register of Wills**

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

**SALARY:** Salary is based on the size of the county and determined by the Maryland Board of Public Works.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

### **The Issues**

- 1. Qualifications:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
- 2. Areas of Need:** What are the areas of greatest need in the Orphans' Court system and how would you address them?
- 3. Assistance to the Public:** How will you improve the service provided by the Register's office to the public?
- 4. Priorities/ Goals:** In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

### **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

**Jason A. Malott**  
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- 1. Qualifications:** I have worked in the Register of Wills Office for over 18 years, serving as Deputy and Chief Deputy to the previous Register. I have had the privilege to serve as the elected Register for the past 8 years. I participate in the Maryland Register of Wills Association to keep informed on policies and legislation that affect our office and allow my staff and I to serve the citizens with efficiency.
- 2. Areas of Need:** I try to educate the public on the duties of the Register of Wills and

Orphans' Court as much as I am able. I think the greatest need is for people to educate themselves on how better to prepare for the inevitable, death and what is required to settle an estate. Education of the requirements and the process would help eliminate heartache, frustration and confusion and will save time and money.

**3. Assistance to the Public:** My staff and I will continue to keep up to date on all policy and legislation changes that will affect this office and will continue to provide the most efficient, knowledgeable and compassionate service possible. I will also continue to go into the community and speak to groups and organizations to educate the public on of having a will and what will be required by our office when a death occurs.

**4. Priorities/ Goals:** The Register of Wills and Orphans' Court will be moving to a new office space in the coming year and it is my goal to have the least amount of disruption for the public that need to use our office. Our new office space will provide more privacy for families as they deal with sensitive issues. Keeping the office up to date with technology and a user friendly website is also an important priority.

## Washington County Judge of the Orphans' Court

**DUTIES:** The Maryland Orphans' Court is the state's probate court. It also has jurisdiction over guardianship of minors. The Orphans' Court supervises the handling of estates of people who have died – with or without a will – while owning property in their sole name.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide. Candidates for Orphans' Court Judge must be Maryland citizens and residents of their jurisdiction for at least 12 months before their election.

### The Issues

**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?

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

**Paul D. Banister**  
**Republican Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a wealth of business and life experiences that have prepared me for the bench. I have a background in accounting which should be beneficial to the duties an Orphans' Court judge performs. I was the trustee of our family trust. I dealt with the lengthy process of closing the trust whereby I disposed of the property, paid associated expenses and distributed the proceeds to the beneficiaries.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Because the Orphans' Court has limited jurisdiction, these areas are beyond its purview.

**COURT NEEDS:** The Conference of Orphans' Court Judges is a body that addresses matters

that affect the Court. It offers advice and makes recommendations regarding judiciary policy and legislation that will impact the Orphans' Court.

**Andrew Dunn**  
**Republican Party**

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

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

**COURT NEEDS:** No response received by deadline.

**Frank E. Novinger**  
**Republican Party**

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

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

**COURT NEEDS:** No response received by deadline.

**Karen L. May**  
**Democratic Party**

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

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

**COURT NEEDS:** No response received by deadline.

**Bonnie Wood**  
**Democratic Party**

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

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

**COURT NEEDS:** No response received by deadline.

## **Washington County Sheriff**

The Sheriff is charged with the protection of all citizens and with enforcing the laws within the county, including those within corporate limits of any towns maintaining their own police force. The Sheriff is responsible for enforcing court orders and serving legal processes and notices issued by the various courts. The Sheriff is also responsible for the supervision and maintenance of the County Detention Center which includes the Day Reporting Center and for transporting prisoners. The Sheriff's Office employs 200 officers and 50 support staff and is organized into three functional divisions: detention, patrol and judicial. Each Division is headed by a director who reports directly to the Sheriff. The Sheriff is elected for a four year term and paid \$110,000.

### **The Issues**

- 1. Qualifications:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
- 2. Law enforcement outreach to Community:** How would you reach out to county residents to improve public safety?
- 3. Discrimination:** What policies will you implement to prevent discrimination in law enforcement?
- 4. Substance Abuse Crisis:** How will you address the growing problem of substance abuse?
- 5. Training for law enforcement officers:** How will you address the need for continuing education to maintain fair and effective law enforcement?
- 6. Other Priorities:** In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

**Brian Albert**  
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**1. Qualifications:** I've been a law enforcement officer since 1991 and am currently a Captain commanding the Western Region. During my career I've worked as a field officer, field supervisor, criminal investigations supervisor, public info officer, and Baltimore City marine commander. I was FOP lodge 130 president for 4 years. Working in various areas of the state has prepared me to serve the citizens of Wash Co.

**2. Law enforcement outreach to Community:** This is a main issue for me. I will assign command staff to attend local town meetings. This will build a bridge between law enforcement and the communities we serve. Attending the local meetings will give the citizens an opportunity to share information and concerns directly to a deputy. I will encourage deputies to become personally involved in community activities.

**3. Discrimination:** Internally I will review departmental policy to ensure fairness and equality amongst employees. I will make certain employees of the department are treating the public fair and equitable. This can be done by instituting standards for employees to use as guidance. I feel training is the best way to ensure that employees are treating the public with respect and fairness during interactions.

**4. Substance Abuse Crisis:** A cooperative combined county effort of law enforcement. Participation with a DEA task force that focuses on prescription fraud. City and county task



forces that focus on street level drug dealers along with active drug interdiction. I believe no one law enforcement agency can combat this effectively. I will work for a combined cooperation and effort of all agencies within our county/community.

**5. Training for law enforcement officers:** Training is paramount in the law enforcement community. I believe we should provide as much training as possible to our deputies. This can be in a variety of venues, but I feel that combined training with other agencies is a must. We should partner with allied agencies to meet our training needs when applicable, sharing resources also for fiscal responsibility.

**6. Other Priorities:** My priority for the Washington County Sheriff's Office will be to maintain the highest level of professionalism. The Sheriff's Office is made up of dedicated, professional individuals that I will support and expect to hold to the highest standard to improve service to the citizens of Washington County in a fiscally responsible manner.

**Doug Mullendore**  
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**1. Qualifications:** I have over 40 years of law enforcement experience, with 12 years as your Sheriff. I have worked every aspect of law enforcement from patrol, criminal investigations, narcotics investigations, SWAT to crime prevention. I have the experience to run the jail which is an important aspect of being a Sheriff. There is a tremendous potential for liability if the jail is not run correctly.

**2. Law enforcement outreach to Community:** I meet with many of the civic and public organizations throughout the county to gain an understanding of their perception of issues in their community and how we can address their concerns. We conduct surveys of county residents to keep informed of issues facing our county. The Crime Prevention Unit give numerous presentations on public safety issues which provides an opportunity for interaction.

**3. Discrimination:** The Sheriff's Office has a complete set of policies under which the Sheriff's Office operates. I implemented the use of body cameras to insure our personnel were conducting themselves professionally and without discrimination to anyone. Supervisors regularly review the footage from these cameras to hold our personnel accountable. We are CALEA accredited to insure compliance with national standards

**4. Substance Abuse Crisis:** We conduct investigations on all overdoses to determine who is selling the drug to the victim. Our Narcotics Task Force is aggressively going after drug organizations. I established the first Day Reporting Center to provide treatment services to offenders with substance abuse issues. We are preparing to launch a prevention and awareness campaign to educate on abusing prescription opioids.

**5. Training for law enforcement officers:** We provide deputies with ongoing training to increase their professionalism and knowledge. Deputies attend training provided by experts

to keep deputies informed on emerging trends and ways to address them effectively. I train some deputies to be experts in their field so they can share their training with other deputies. We constantly reassess our training needs and address them accordingly.

**6. Other Priorities:** I want to address traffic safety in our community. Fatal and serious injuries are on the rise from traffic crashes. I want to make sure we address school safety and increase the number of School Resource Officers protecting our children. I want to establish a pre-trial program to allow offenders who have not been convicted to take advantage of the services provided by the Day Reporting Center.

## Nonpartisan Offices

### Washington County Board of Education

The Washington County Board of Education maintains a reasonably uniform system of public schools. Working with the Superintendent, the Board determines educational policies of the school system and establishes rules for the education system. The Board is composed of seven members elected at large for four-year staggered terms. Board members earn a salary of \$12,000 and the Board Chair earns a salary of \$12,500. Regular 7 p.m. meetings of the Board are held twice each month. Work sessions are held afternoons at the central office as needed. Several times during the school year, meetings are held in the afternoon at schools throughout the county. All meetings, except executive sessions, are announced in advance and open to the public. Three seats will be open in 2018.

Website: <http://www.wcboe.k12.md.us>

#### **The Issues**

- 1. Qualifications:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
- 2. Budget Priorities:** How would you rank the priorities of education needs, including teacher retention, class size, and school buildings?
- 3. Standards and Testing:** How should the national and state standards be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?
- 4. College Alternatives:** What programs will you support to prepare students for employment, particularly for those not planning to attend college?
- 5. School Safety:** How will you address school safety issues such as gangs, bullying, and substance abuse?
- 6. Partnerships:** How will you promote partnerships with businesses and community organizations to improve the educational experience of our students?
- 7. Priorities:** In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

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**1. Qualifications:** I taught in Wash. Co for 32 years, substituted for 2 years, and have served on the School Board for 11+ years. I have served on every standing committee; chaired Facilities, Policy, and Curriculum and Instruction committees; and have served as vice-president. As a former English teacher, I have good communication skills. In addition, I am detail oriented, fiscally conservative, and pragmatic.

**2. Budget Priorities:** Class size is #1. If teachers are to truly personalize each student's education, small numbers are key. Teacher experience is crucial in learning what works and doesn't work with children. We must retain our best teachers and provide them with the tools they need to succeed. Lastly, our buildings have reached a 100-year replacement cycle due to decreases in local funding; this must change.

**3. Standards and Testing:** The standards should assure equity for all students regardless of circumstances. When each state derives its curriculum from a set of national standards, all children are offered the opportunity to succeed. Students should be graded on the basis of a year's growth for a year's education, and not primarily on a test that assumes each child begins the year with the same knowledge.

**4. College Alternatives:** More completer programs could be established in our high schools such as child and elder care, mechanical skills, and hospitality occupations. It would also be wonderful to have another tech school to reintroduce some of the programs we have lost such as masonry and to add some new programs like aviation and robotics. Working with On Track to expand internship programs is a promising endeavor.

**5. School Safety:** Schools are simply a microcosm of society. About half of our children are coming to kindergarten lacking social, developmental, math, and language skills. They are also bringing with them inappropriate behaviors learned from their caregivers and their surroundings. We must start early. Parents and schools must partner to address these issues before they grow into much larger problems.

**6. Partnerships:** The school system must dialog with members of such groups to emphasize the importance of education to their success and that of the community. Next, we should invite them to tour our schools and talk with educators to better understand the types of problems that hinder the educations process. They need to see for themselves where their expertise and/or resources can help make a differenc

**7. Priorities:** Many problems could be solved or greatly alleviated through enhanced communication between the school system, parents, teachers, and the greater community. Along these same lines, the School Board should return to regularly scheduled meetings with both the Commissioners and the City Council. Secondly, school construction needs to

be streamlined for economy and speed of construction.

**Mike Guessford**  
**Nonpartisan**

- 1. Qualifications:** No response received by deadline.
- 2. Budget Priorities:** No response received by deadline.
- 3. Standards and Testing:** No response received by deadline.
- 4. College Alternatives:** No response received by deadline.
- 5. School Safety:** No response received by deadline.
- 6. Partnerships:** No response received by deadline.
- 7. Priorities:** No response received by deadline.

**John Krowka**  
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**1. Qualifications:** My experience as a scientist has honed my analytical skills in problem solving. As a 17-year resident of Boonsboro who has been active in a variety of community activities, I'm familiar with the challenges we face in Washington County. My experience as the owner of an organic farm has given me an appreciation of our proud rural heritage and the need for cost-effective business decisions.

**2. Budget Priorities:** Average class sizes here are among the highest in the state. Reducing class size has been shown to be associated with improved outcomes for students and would be my top priority. Retention of teachers is also a problem here and would be my second priority. Some school buildings here are >50 years old and repair/replacement needs to be implemented to meet growth in population and employment.

**3. Standards and Testing:** Standards are an important benchmark of the effectiveness of our educational system. Washington County currently ranks 17th out of 24 Maryland counties in terms of test scores and we are near the bottom in early childhood education. Evaluation of methods used in other counties to meet standards, providing more support for teachers, and using creative approaches are essential.

**4. College Alternatives:** Workforce development is critically important for growth in Washington County. Our students need education and training to develop skills that are useful in the job markets of today and in the future. A college degree is right for some but not for all. I will advocate strongly for increased access to vocational training to provide avenues for success for all students.

**5. School Safety:** Effectively communicating the policies regarding gangs and bullying to students and staff as well as education about substance abuse is essential to deal with these issues. Surveys and prospective studies must accompany instruction to measure the

effectiveness in changing outcomes in attitudes and behaviors. Working closely with community groups and law enforcement is also very important.

**6. Partnerships:** I've interacted with many community leaders and organizations and will expand my active outreach to them to improve the quality of education for all students. I will use my skills as a team-player and a bridge-builder to engage students, teachers, administrators, businesses, community leaders and organizations, and others to work together to help students and develop our workforce and community.

**7. Priorities:** My priorities listed in my campaign platform are: smart school spending, preparing students for jobs, and community engagement. Students have different backgrounds, abilities, and needs. I will build on our proud rural heritage and embrace the diversity of our community to ensure that tolerance and respect are woven into the fabric of education so that all students are nurtured for success.

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**1. Qualifications:** After many years of volunteer service in our schools and 26 years as a Paraprofessional at Salem Avenue Elementary School I was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education on June 20, 2017. Since becoming a Board member I have taken training at MABE, current chair of Curriculum & Instruction, member of HR committee and SECAC as well as Board Liaison to WCPS Education Foundation.

**2. Budget Priorities:** The school system has many needs, but keeping our students and staff safe must be a top priority. Some funding is in place to help make our buildings more secure and our state legislature is looking at ways to help increase the number of School Resource Officers. This will help to ensure the safety of our schools. Other priorities are teacher retention, class sizes and aging schools.

**3. Standards and Testing:** Standardized tests are designed to be objective measures that assess students and hold schools accountable for a child's education. They help establish standards and instructional framework which provides educators information on teaching content and delivery. I do believe that testing should be limited, however, and other ways of assessment should be used to determine a student's overall ability

**4. College Alternatives:** Washington County Public Schools have a variety of programs that prepare students for life after high school, whether it be college or a career. While many academic programs are designed for the college bound student the Washington County Technical High School has at least 13 programs to prepare students to move into a career directly from high school. I would continue to support these programs.

**5. School Safety:** Washington County Public Schools has a zero-tolerance policy for bullying and harassment. If this happens the student and parent should file a report immediately, so that administrators can investigate thoroughly. The School Resource Officers are a great asset to our schools and more are needed. They build relationships with

students while monitoring bullying, gang activity and substance abuse.

**6. Partnerships:** I am a strong advocate of school-business partnerships. Working with The Washington County Public Schools Education Foundation I have seen first-hand how businesses contribute not only resources, but volunteers for programs to benefit our students. Another organization, Ontrack, has many people from area businesses that also volunteer to enrich the lives of Washington County students.

**7. Priorities:** My priorities for the next four years is to remain being a strong advocate for education. I will continue working amicably and collaboratively with all Board members and Center for Education Services staff at Board and committee meetings, to represent the Board at community functions and listen to concerns of Washington County Public Schools' stakeholders.

## Ballot Questions

### Question 1 - Education Funding

#### **Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 357 of the 2018 Legislative Session) Requiring Commercial Gaming Revenues that are for Public Education to Supplement Spending for Education in Public Schools**

**Ballot Language:** The amendment requires the Governor to include in the annual State Budget, as supplemental funding for prekindergarten through grade 12 in public schools, the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and any other commercial gaming dedicated to public education in an amount above the level of State funding for education in public schools provided by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act of 2002 (otherwise known as the Thornton legislation) in not less than the following amounts: \$125 million in fiscal year 2020; \$250 million in fiscal year 2021; \$375 million in fiscal year 2022; and 100% of commercial gaming revenues dedicated to public education in fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter. The amendment also requires the Governor to show in the annual budget how the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and other commercial gaming are being used in a manner that is in addition to the level of State funding for public education provided by the funding formulas established by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act. The State Constitution currently authorizes video lottery operation licenses for the primary purpose of raising money for public education. (Amending Article XIX, Section 1(c)(1) and (g), and adding Section 1(f) to the Maryland Constitution)

**Current Law:** Maryland voters approved a constitutional amendment (Article XIX) in 2008 authorizing video lottery operations for the "primary purpose" of raising money for public education. The funds must be used to support programs in public schools, such as early childhood education, career and technical education, high school courses for college credits, training for public school teachers, improvement of school buildings, and capital projects at community colleges and state-supported colleges and universities.

**Proposed Change:** This amendment would require that beginning in 2020, the Governor must include specified amounts from gambling revenues in the state budget for public education. These amounts must be in addition to, and not a substitute for, any other state

funding for public education. The amendment would also repeal the provision that allows gambling revenues to be used for capital projects at community colleges and state-supported colleges and universities.

**Origin of the Ballot Question:** The 2018 session of the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation (SB 1122) proposing an amendment to the Maryland constitution to add more specific requirements for how gambling revenue is used in the state budget to fund public education. A bill to amend the Maryland constitution does not take effect unless it is approved by the voters at the next general election.

**Arguments FOR the amendment:**

- It ensures that gambling revenues are directed to public education as intended and approved by voters.
- It addresses concerns that the state was using gaming revenues to substitute for education funding that was already required by law, rather than increasing the total amount of education funding.
- It ensures that gaming revenues paid into the Education Trust Fund (also called a “lockbox”) may be spent only in addition to other public education funding and cannot be used as a substitute for other funding that is already required by the Bridge to Excellence law.

**Arguments AGAINST the amendment:**

- The amendment would reduce the state's flexibility to use gambling revenues for other state programs.
- The amendment would eliminate the use of gaming revenues to fund capital projects at community and public colleges.

**A vote FOR the constitutional amendment means** the state constitution would be amended to specify that revenue from gambling be used to supplement other state funding for public education and cannot be used as a substitute for other required education funding.

**A vote AGAINST the amendment means** the current provision in the constitution would remain in effect, under which gambling revenue is used for public education but those funds may be in place of other state funding for schools.

[State Board of Elections [summary](#) of Ballot Question 1.]

## **Question 2 - Election Day Voter Registration**

### **Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 855 of the 2018 Legislative Session) Same-Day Registration and Voting at the Precinct Polling Place on Election Day**

**Ballot Language:** Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to allow a qualified individual to register and vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day. The current law

requires voter registration to close before Election Day. (Amending Article 1, sections 1 and 2, and adding Section 2A to the Maryland constitution.)

**Current Law:** Maryland law requires that voter registration close 21 days before an election. An exception allows people to register and vote in person during early voting at an Early Voting Center. They must provide proof of residence such as a driver's license or other specified identification. Under current law a person may not register to vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day and vote on the same day.

**Proposed Change:** The Maryland constitution would be amended to authorize the legislature to pass a law permitting people to register to vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day and to vote on the same day.

**Origin of the Ballot Question:** The 2018 session of the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation (HB 532) proposing an amendment to the Maryland constitution to allow people to register to vote on Election Day and to vote the same day. A bill to amend the Maryland constitution does not take effect unless it is approved by the voters at the next general election.

**Arguments FOR the amendment:**

- Voting is a fundamental right that should not be lost due to failure to comply with a registration requirement.
- Same-day registration and voting already takes place during early voting. On-the-spot validation of a voter's documentation is conducted before the voter is allowed to vote. These procedures could also be used for same-day registration and voting on Election Day.
- Fourteen other states allow same-day voter registration and voting on Election Day and have not reported problems.

**Arguments AGAINST the amendment:**

- Permitting people to register and vote on Election Day could lead to voter fraud.
- Requiring people to register in advance is not burdensome, as the registration forms are readily available.

**A vote FOR the amendment means** that the constitution would be amended to allow the legislature to enact a law permitting people to register to vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day and vote the same day.

**A vote AGAINST the amendment** means that the constitution would not be amended, and people would need to register to vote before Election Day.

[State Board of Elections [summary](#) of Ballot Question 2.]