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VOTERS' GUIDE

2018 GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 Polls Open 7 AM/Close 8 PM

Verify voter registration:
voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch

Check polling place:
voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch

Deadline to register to vote or choose/change party affiliation: *
Tuesday, Oct 16, 9 PM

Early voting dates:
Oct 25 - Nov 1, 10 AM - 8 PM

Deadline to request an absentee ballot:
By mail or fax: Tuesday, Oct 30
By download: Friday, Nov 2
In person: Tuesday, Nov 6

Contact Board of Elections:
(410) 222-6600
elections@aacounty.org
aacounty.org/elections

Download PDF **Voters' Guide**:
lwvaacmd.org/vg

Contact LWVAAC:
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(443) 672-8270

For election districts and up-to-date election and candidate information:

VOTE411.org

*Qualified citizens may register to vote at early voting centers. See the back cover for more information.

Three Ways to Vote!

VOTE EARLY

Early voting centers are open from 10 AM to 8 PM, Thursday, October 25 through Thursday, November 1, 2018. Vote at any of the following sites:

- Odenton Regional Library
1325 Annapolis Road, Odenton 21113
- Glen Burnie Regional Library
1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie 21060
- Severna Park Community Library
45 W. McKinsey Rd, Severna Park 21146
- Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center**
273 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis 21403
- Edgewater Community Library
25 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater 21037
- Crofton Community Library
1681 Riedel Road, Crofton 21114
- AA County Board of Elections
6740 Baymeadow Dr, Glen Burnie 21060

VOTE ABSENTEE

Any Maryland registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. Go to aacounty.org/elections and click on "Request an Absentee Ballot," or call or email the County Board of Elections. Be sure to return ballot by stated deadline.

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

Your local assigned polling place will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM on Tuesday, November 6, General Election Day. Your polling place appears on the sample ballot mailed by the Board of Elections.

First time voters in Maryland should bring identification showing your current **address, such as a driver's license.**

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Offices and candidates are listed in ballot order. These abbreviations are used:

REP = Republican Party DEM = Democratic Party LBT = Libertarian Party
GRN = Green Party UNA = Unaffiliated WRI = Write-in

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

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Larry Hogan/Boyd K. Rutherford (REP)

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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.

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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.

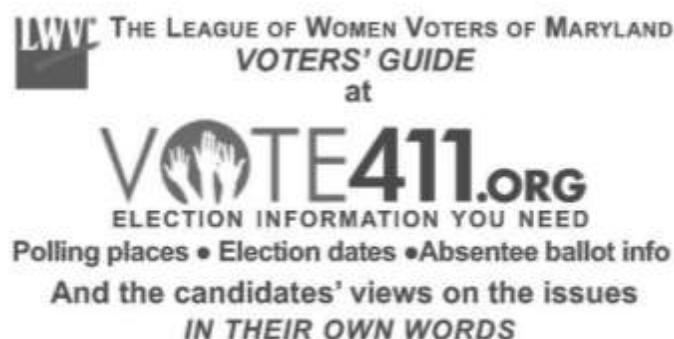
ENVIRONMENT: Our largest environmental challenge is re-prioritizing the health of our

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 as Marylanders continue to ask us to respond to their top priorities.



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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

Questions

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

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

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

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

Candidates

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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.

Peter Franchot (DEM)

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Craig Wolf (REP)

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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

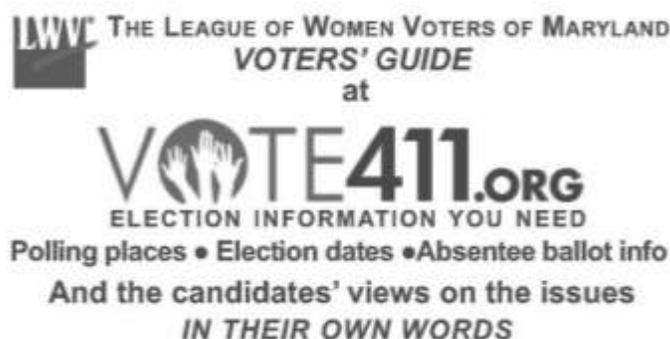
Safety Act.

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.



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

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

Term: Six years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year.

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

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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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.

Ben Cardin (DEM)

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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.

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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 (LBT), 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.

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

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

Term: Two years.

Base Salary: \$174,000.

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

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

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Congressional District 2

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: There are very few policies that can address any lingering discrimination that exists in our society. We have many laws on the books already.

We just need enforcement. My concern is that we are in a "cry wolf" scenario. We have become desensitized to real issues. What we need is 1) a stronger appreciation for our God given potential and 2) respect for each other to express that potential.

ECONOMIC POLICY: We have lost our economic ladder. We must free the market place from burdensome regulations and taxes that favor the powerful incumbents that lobby congress to protect their market share. When innovative companies form and grow, citizens and families benefit. I support temp tariffs for some industries to help rebuild our nation's economy, address currency manipulation, intellectual property theft.

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

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

give guidance who have lived off the land for generations.

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served in public office for nearly 40 years, including eight terms in Congress, where I have developed a reputation for supporting bipartisan, common sense legislation. I am an expert in national security issues and leverage my role as an Appropriator to ensure the Second District gets its fair share. I have also built one of the best casework teams in the country to serve my constituents.

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: I believe the middle class needs to make more money, which is why I support extending tax cuts for the working class – not just the wealthy – as well as a minimum wage increase. Robust

"Buy American" provisions and workers' rights will also help strengthen the middle class. I support investing in infrastructure to create jobs, as well as tax incentives for small business.

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: Ideally, the only qualification to be a representative is being a part of the community, which I very much am. I have spent many years working and being involved in the several of the communities making up my district. District 2 also contains two US Army bases, Ft Meade and Aberdeen Proving Grounds. I served as an enlisted man in the Army for four years.

HEALTH CARE: My focus for healthcare is a focus on market, and using legislation to ensure competition and prevent monopolies. While there is a lot of reasons to look at single payer, and I am willing to

consider it, I am not convinced it will address the reasons for the extreme prices we're seeing. The most effective means to improve health care will be to improve the quality of life of poor and rural people

DISCRIMINATION: In the long term, Discrimination is only possible with legislative support. In that mind set, I will focus on making urban spaces more livable, bringing jobs and money back into the city centers. I will also seek legislation that will end the focusing of federal housing loans on new homes, making it easier for people of low income to purchase and improve older homes. I will end For-Profit prisons.

ECONOMIC POLICY: All of these issues are questions of Economy. The key to a strong economy is to maximize opportunity for as many people as possible. To manage that, we have to make it easier for people to build privately owned businesses, owning and operating them. This, combined with housing changes, will revitalize the urban environment. I will support bills that encourage competition and end monopolies.

IMMIGRATION: I will pursue legislation to ease immigration and migration laws, as well as providing a legal distinction between the two. We are a country of immigrants, a nation without ethnicity. We are based on laws and justice, and as such, all immigrants are innocent until proven guilty. As such, detainment of them is a despicable and immoral practice. I am against the construction of the Wall.

ENVIRONMENT: The primary goals should be to create a sustainable, next gen energy system, and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. These include pushing for support mass transit systems and next gen nuclear power, which has solved many of the problems with older generators that we are all familiar with. I will end government support of states and companies that encourage dependency on outdated fuels.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Military: Changing the dynamic between the military and the industrial complex. The dependency on powerful firms has trapped us in a cycle of burning money and lives, saddling us with a huge burden. I would severely curtail our use of military alliances and oversea bases, most notably in the middle east. The notion that the people and powers there are a threat to us is simply a lie.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I recieved a qualtiy education from Hunter College and have worked extensively in sales and managment as well as own my own business but more importantly I understand what the position entails, specifically the power granted to Congress to make laws declare war and deficit spend on the public purpose rather than special interest who have used a bought congress to their exlusive advantage.

HEALTH CARE: While Republicans wish to repeal the Affordable Care Act (A Republican Plan that was enacted by Governor Mitt Romney) and Democrats who claim to improve upon it as is the case seen in the incumbents position, I will replace it with Medicare For All & have it paid without raising taxes by deficit spending through Congressional appropriations. If we can afford war, we can afford healthcare.

DISCRIMINATION: There already federal laws in place for protected classes however parity still lacks for the LGBTQ+ community. For the disabled and pensioners, the benefit amount will be increased to match with cost of living enabling payments to become a basic income. With 50% of Americans living on or below the poverty line & 500,000 homeless, I will undo Clinton era "austerity" that decimated social programs.

ECONOMIC POLICY: We need a Green New Deal (GND) which will divest our energy needs from fossil fuels to renewables at zero cost to the taxpayer. This will create many jobs which will necessitate for a Federal Jobs Guarantee (FJG). The FJG can also address our crumbling infrastructure. A Worker Cooperative program will be created to help workers become owners by democratize the economy and further secure it.

IMMIGRATION: Amenity to all DREAMers. According to the Anti Defamation League there are roughly 787,000 people who benefited from the DREAM act only to be marginally protected under DACA when DREAM wasn't reauthorized. These are people who

consider themselves American with no roots to their country of Origin. We need a comprehensive immigration policy which starts with ending regime change and fair trade deals

ENVIRONMENT: Federaly fund divestment completely away from Fossil Fuels which is the main driver for Climate Change & air pollution. A jobs act that will retrain people in the oil industry & apply their talent to transition America's energy needs to renewalbes. Ban Fracking, Ban Neonicotinoids to protect pollinators (6000x more toxic than DDT) & address lead contamination in Maryland's drinking water.

OTHER PRIORITIES: -Restore Glass Stegal -Repeal The Stock Act -Enact A Permanent Payroll Tax Holiday To Help Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15/hr - Ban & Buyout Private Prisons -End the warrantless spying & data collecting on Americans -Repeal the telecommunications act -Reinstitute the Countering Disinformation & Propaganda Act -End The Drug War -End Citizens United -Restore Our Civil Liberties/Amend NDAA

Congressional District 3

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

HEALTH CARE: I am a strong supporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

Act to return power to the people and fix our democracy.

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QUALIFICATIONS: A successful executive in business and technology who plans and leads the turnaround of organizations that are not delivering results and are failing in their missions. A top official for Gov. Hogan at the Maryland Department of Health for 2+ years. An appointee to the Maryland Transportation Commission. A former congressional staffer whose work received national recognition. Respectful, civil.

HEALTH CARE: Stabilize but overhaul the flawed Affordable Care Act (ACA), which expanded insurance coverage, especially for those with low income, but has failed to control costs or improve quality, especially for those who are self-employed. Adopt the innovative Maryland Model, on which I possess direct experience, as a patient-centered, outcome-based, cost-controlled alternative to ACA.

DISCRIMINATION: Protect and promote the equality of all persons before the law regardless of race, gender, or sexuality; regardless of disability or economic status. Do so consistently and vigilantly. Quit diminishing those who either differ from us or disagree with us. Affirm and respect the humanity and dignity of all individuals. Take pride in diversity of all kinds but reject identity politics.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Force Congress and the President to debate and decide the hard decisions on the budget by adopting a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget. Make small adjustments over the coming decade to rates of growth in entitlement programs to preserve their financial solvency for those who are currently under 50 years of age. Promote open, reciprocal trade that is firmly but sensibly negotiated.

IMMIGRATION: Embrace immigration as a source of dynamism for our society and our economy. Embrace our many heritages that compose our one country. Practice lawful immigration that is administered humanely. Provide a path to citizenship, with both its rights and its duties, for the so-called DREAMers. Revive and expand the use of work permits for

workers. Cooperate with Mexico and Central America.

ENVIRONMENT: Acknowledge climate change without obsessing on science, imposing mandates, splurging on green projects, or otherwise succumbing to alarm. Prioritize clean energy by encouraging private enterprise with limited government support to raise funds, apply talent, and bear accountability for bringing new technologies and methods to market. Continue to support federal funds for Bay cleanup.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Restore political power to all voters with a constitutional amendment that puts an end to gerrymandering; that creates competitive districts that represent genuine communities across the country. Create turnover and responsiveness in Congress, reduce the influence of special-interest money, and break the grip of party leaders on our representatives by adopting term limits. Break the duopoly.

Congressional District 4

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

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: Environmental policies can only be addressed when the United States works with other nations around the globe to reduce toxics admissions work to clean up our respective nations water supplies and through long-term planning by responsible environmentalists and legislators. Our current administration does not want to work towards any of these goals separating us from the rest of the world.

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: My primary experience is in small business management. Working with smaller groups to coordinate efforts in order to accomplish a large goal is part of making any business successful. My education, however, is focused in government and non-profit management as well as social sciences. I have spent many years studying how people interact with their government's and how we have evolved culturally.

HEALTH CARE: Health Care is not a one size fits all issue and, specifically not an enumerated power of the federal government. But it is a necessity today. States that wish to have healthcare programs, such as Maryland, have the responsibility to create programs that work specifically for the residents of our state. Maryland should coordinate such efforts with other states to force pharma to become non-profit.

DISCRIMINATION: It is the responsibility of the Federal Government to ensure people's natural rights are not violated by government or other individuals. This is particularly the case when it comes to ALL state and local government actions, and government employment. In the few cases that become federal jurisdiction, the federal government should always caution on the side of freedom from oppression or harm.
ECONOMIC POLICY: I support as much free trade with our allies as is financially responsible. I believe we have the resources to be self supporting and still create very profitable trade agreements. However, I am not completely opposed to tariffs IF they help eliminate personal income taxes on middle income earners. Individuals should not be paying federal

income taxes. You deserve the fruits of your labor.

IMMIGRATION: We need to worry about the people who are already here first. Whether here legally or illegally, we need a working solution that provides for allowing people to stay, or send them home to coming back the right way. A wall, will not help with this, and will be a waste of money. But increased overall border security is very important. There are great compromises to be made to improve immigration.

ENVIRONMENT: We have been entrusted by God to care for this planet. While environmental issues were not considered in the original Constitution, there is no doubt this is a new global, national and regional issue that must be addressed. I believe the fed. government should have an amendment that permits SOME environmental programs, but it should balance stewardship against fiscal responsibility and liberty.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I believe we need some basic reform in federal government.
1. Term limits for congress, 2. Reform the electoral college to remove the winner take all scam. 3. Increase non-partisan voter education. 4. Constitutional gun laws that protect the 2nd amendment and keep us safe. 5. Define corporate entities as artificial: They don't get a vote, they shouldn't be paying for campaigns and policy agendas.

Congressional District 5

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

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: It's basic Economics 101, Lower Taxes and Higher Employment. Better paying full time jobs is very important to the United States economy. The taxes paid will help with fixing our infrastructure with building state-of-the-art public transportation as well as lowering healthcare costs.

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been an effective and bipartisan leader who works to deliver results for my constituents. Economic development continues to be one of my top priorities and I am proud to have helped create and save 23,000 jobs. I remain dedicated to ensuring all Marylanders have access to middle class opportunities.

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: I launched the Make It In America plan, to focus on boosting a declining American manufacturing sector. Since then, 19 bills have been signed into law, including legislation to cut taxes and provide loans for small businesses, speed up the patent process, train skilled workers, and end tax loopholes that encourage companies to ship jobs overseas. I began a listening tour to update the agenda.

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will continue to protect our military installations like Pax River, Indian Head and Webster Field, and

federal facilities as well as continue to advocate to bring the new, consolidated **FBI Headquarters to Prince George's** County. I will also remain an advocate for **our nation's federal employees who keep** our food safe, keep planes in the air, and protect our country and serve our people.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am no different or more qualified than any hard working tax paying American. I believe my experience qualifies me far more than any career politician who has no real understanding of what life is like for the middle class.

HEALTH CARE: I believe in a well regulated free market system. The government should never have stuck its greedy pig snout in this industry. I can agree it was not perfect before but the quality of this product has decline considerably while the cost has skyrocketed.

DISCRIMINATION: As a libertarian I believe all people are Created equally. It is no business of the government what your race or sex or religious beliefs. No one should be treated different or payed less regardless.

ECONOMIC POLICY: We need to focus more on our crumbling infrastructure. I support the unions and believe the people should have the choice to join them. Government interference should be minimal in foreign trade.

IMMIGRATION: I support a simpler method to citizenship. While I do not support tax funded programs to support non citizens I believe that every human should have an opportunity to become an American.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe environmental issues should be handled on the state level. The federal government involvement in state land should be minimal.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The drug war has failed us on every level. People should not be incarcerated for buying drugs that should not be illegal. These people have a disease, they are our friends and family. I want to decriminalize all illegal drugs and create a path to have all drugs sold legally in well regulated dispensaries. These dispensaries should be managed on the state level and owned locally.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I hold an MA in Gov't from the Univ. of MD. I've been a business

owner, teacher, and political activist for forty years. I know what it's like to meet the payroll of a dozen employees. I've also

worked on issues relating to

homelessness, children, militarism, and

the environment. I embrace the role of

government in regulation and taxation,

with services on a par with our European

counterparts.

HEALTH CARE: We must enact a publicly

funded health care system. People are

suffering needlessly. I support HR 676.

This bill provides everyone with free health

care that includes all medically necessary

care, such as primary care and prevention,

dietary and nutritional therapies,

prescription drugs, emergency care, long-

term care, mental health services, dental

services, and vision care.

DISCRIMINATION: We must counter the

mass incarceration of African Americans

for nonviolent drug offenses. Many are

caught in an atrocious revolving door of

arrest, incarceration, release, and re-

arrest. Many are sick, in desperate need of

intensive drug therapy and job training. I

support policies to increase investment in

marginalized communities, affordable

housing, education, job training, and

health care.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I support the

policies advocated by the Democratic

Progressive Caucus. The wealthiest must

be taxed, as they are in Europe, to

radically change American society and

create high-paying jobs. I'd invest \$2

trillion over 10 years to rebuild

transportation, water, energy, and

information systems, while overhauling

unsafe and inefficient schools, homes, and

public buildings.

IMMIGRATION: Undocumented

immigrants and their families should be

granted a legal status which includes the

chance to become U.S. citizens. Persons

should be excluded from this process only

if they present a danger to other members

of our society. All persons fleeing political, racial, religious, or other types of persecution must be welcomed and given permanent resident status.

ENVIRONMENT: The 5th is home to

Morgantown and Chalk Point, two of MD's

nine coal-fired plants. They're poisoning

us, and they should be shut down and

replaced with renewable energy sources.

The Naval Surface Warfare Center and Pax

River have polluted the air, groundwater,

surface water, and the soil. We must

subject the irresponsible actions of the

military to state oversight.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Calvert's school

budget is \$115 Million, about the cost of

one F-35. The F-35 is the most expensive

DOD program ever, with a total lifetime

price tag of \$1.5 trillion. That's 13,000

times what Calvert spends on its schools.

Modernizing nuclear weapons will cost \$1

trillion over the next ten years. We must

cut defense spending and work out our

problems overseas nonviolently and

multilaterally.

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Christian Volunteer Ministry work in

W.Africa for 2 years as a Bible teacher in

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Nigeria, India & Churches/Ministries, 2

Christian TV stations, TBN, and

TheCrossTV. My Mission is on Capitol Hill

to lift up Jesus & Prayer in America and

expose the Atheistic/ Anti-Biblical Agenda

of the Democrat Leaders / Democrat

Party.

HEALTH CARE: Want to work with Dana

Rohrabacher and Corey Booker to legalize

Cannabis/Marijuana to be legalized

Federally as a Homeopathic Medicine & for

Responsible 21yr old Adult usage, which

studies have shown is a much safer

alternative medicine. Websites advocating

& educating are: [https://www.mpp.org/](https://www.mpp.org/issues/medical-marijuana/)

issues/medical-marijuana/ ;

www.marylandcannabispolicy.org/ ;

www.marylandnorml.org .

DISCRIMINATION: Will promote Jesus's

teachings of Loving our neighbor as

ourselves & forgiving our enemies, those who

have offended. Matthew 5 And support

current Anti-Discrimination laws on the

books, which great American leaders

pushed for, such as Pres. Lincoln; Dr

Frederick Douglass, my biggest hero; & Dr. Martin Luther King . Promote Biblical Truth that Everyone is Equal as God has ordained Galatians 3:28
 ECONOMIC POLICY: Support Pres Trump's Economic; Trade; Taxes; policies. Support putting Tariffs equal , Fair Trade, as Peter Navarro, Trump's Trade Policy Advisor, to resurrect Industries , destroyed by Bad Trade deals of Clinton, Bush Sr&Jr, Obama, NAFTA, China, Mexico, 800 Billion trade deficit Ross Perot warned millions of jobs lost. Support No Tax increases Pledge led by Grover Norquist group/book.
 IMMIGRATION: My solution to DACA/DREAMERS NO AMNESTY CITIZENSHIP! NO WELFARE! CANNOT STEAL ELECTIONS for DEMOCRATS! LIFETIME GREEN CARD which gives RESIDENCY /WORK PERMIT . NO FAMILY CHAIN MIGRATION. Only for Illegals physically here. STOP LEGAL IMMIGRATION until 2020!!! NO more ILLEGALS /GREEN CARD HOLDERS on WELFARE (75% currently). Must make

Welfare illegal. E-VERIFY required for ALL EMPLOYMENT .
 ENVIRONMENT: Promote Hydro Electric power as The Safest, Cleanest Energy source, should build more Hydro Electric Dams with the goal to replace all other Unclean Energy sources, especially Nuclear Power Plants, which all should be shut down ASAP, as 80% are leaking contaminating Water supplies. Also replace Coal. Goal to have 100% Hydro Power, as Norway has 98%. Clean up Chesapeake Bay with Oyster project.
 OTHER PRIORITIES: Disagree w/Pres Trump on the Military budget. Would push to decrease the Military budget by 25% + (not Military service pay), rather the Billions wasted on Neverending spending on Weapons; Nuclear; etc. Cutting the Military Budget , provide Fed Funding \$1 Trillion Infrastructure, keep SocialServices STRONG. Stop Military invasions, for Defense. Cut NASA/CIA/NSA/FOREIGN AID/UN, except Israel.



GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Legislative District 21

Candidates

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: Cause of all forms of discrimination comes from low-quality, defective education of youth. Improving public education is therefore the main focus of attention to assure correction - to assure equal opportunity for all by de-centralizing the excessive top-down administrative control to create more direct citizen accountability for quality and value at the grassroots level.

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

HEALTH CARE: The main challenge in healthcare is to bring higher quality and more affordable services. Needed is ready access to a free-market, competitive system of health insurance, that supports

individual choice of doctor, health plan and services. Other reforms are needed as well, such as limit on claims for "pain and suffering" to reduce the cost of insurance required for medical practice.

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: - Member, House of Delegates (1987-97) - Member, State Senate (2007-current) - Regent, University System of Maryland (2001-06) - US Ambassador to Romania (1998-2000)

REDISTRICTING: National or regional agreement of nonpartisan districting.

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

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

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

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

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

Legislative District 30

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived 44 years total in what is District 30, from south county to Annapolis. I have worked every level of job here during that time. 27 years as owner of Ron George Jewelers,inc. I volunteer to several charities, Becky and I have raised six children here. I have served 8 years here as the State Delegate, concentrating on strong constituent service dealing with every category of concern.

REDISTRICTING: I was the lead sponsor for creating a bipartisan commission for fair redistricting when I served as a Delegate. I also lead the successful petition to get it on the ballot in 2014. I would even suggest that Judges should draw them. This is better than partisan House and Senate leaders. The way it is now suppresses votes and denies representation.

ENVIRONMENT: I have been a voice for many years on the need to address Conawingo Dam, and an advocate for Oyster Restoration. I will continue my idea with the Navy of bringing wind energy to Greenbury Point. My Net Metering bills successfully created energy credits for creating renewable wind and solar energy parks. Many are now appearing across the state because of my bills. That success will continue.

DISCRIMINATION: It is important for us to show and teach the young respect for all people. I believe job training and trade schools are one way to break a cycle of poverty that many African Americans are in. We must shout for equal pay for all that work hard. I advocate and vote for accessibility for the handicap; and protecting the freedom to practice ones faith is part of my oath of office.

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

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

options in our state. This helps to lower costs to consumers.

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: The Bay is our greatest natural resource, our economic engine, and key to our way of life. As your Senator, I will help increase oyster populations, invest in clean energy jobs, and fight to protect our forests and critical areas. I'm proud to be endorsed by both the Sierra Club and the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and will work with local environmental leaders in the Senate.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination – based on race, sex, religion, disability, income, or age – is unacceptable in all forms. While we've made tremendous progress over the past decades, we must do more to address discrimination by ensuring Maryland's Hate Crimes law is even stronger. We must also work to

improve the inclusion of tolerance, empathy, and anti-bullying education in public schools.

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

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

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

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Legislative District 31

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been in the workplace for 30+ years with a Masters in Computer Engineering. While continuing my engineering job, I was elected as State Senator. My passion and background has helped me to focus on solutions and not partisan bickering. As a result, I have been a successful leader in the Anne Arundel County Delegation when it comes to working on and passing commonsense legislation.

REDISTRICTING: Our current congressional and legislative maps are a disgrace to the people of Maryland. I have and will continue to work on providing the people with a non-partisan committee to draw the maps. Currently, the lines benefit the political parties. I want to change it to benefit the people.

ENVIRONMENT: Clean up of the bay remains a top priority. I have led legislative efforts to improve the bay's quality. I passed legislation to increase penalties on those that dump raw sewage in our waterways. I sponsored legislation to put a lock box on the money dedicated for the bay, and also address the pollution from the Conowingo Dam. Both these bills passed the Senate, but the House took no action.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is unacceptable and laws are in place to handle it. There is a commission that receives and processes any complaints.

EDUCATION: Education is a major key to helping people succeed. I co-sponsored legislation to let the people decide if they want the casino money to go to education funding, above and beyond the existing formulas as initially promised. Sadly, the casino money was never fully given to education and shell games simply gave the appearance. The question will be on the ballot this November.

HEALTH CARE: There are several issues. Namely, the opioid crisis and rising healthcare costs. While Washington has been mired down in partisan politics, Maryland has started to take the lead. Governor Hogan declared the Opioid Crisis a state of emergency and created a task force to make recommendations to help deal with it. Action this session reduced the healthcare costs, but more action is needed.

TRANSPORTATION: Funding for transportation had been raided by the previous administration, but Governor Hogan has reversed that trend. He has started getting money into local jurisdictions to fund local roadways that have been ignored for too long. We are starting to see improvements all across the state. Congestion is also a major issue that needs to be addressed with over development.

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Legislative District 32

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: The most significant challenge is the change in Federal Funding for health care. Maryland reached insuring 94% of the population. HB1792 passed in 2018, supports the health insurance market stabilization by collecting 2.75% from hospitals, which benefit from patients

having health insurance. We need to continue to educate our under served populations on prevention.

TRANSPORTATION: In the current term I served as Chair of the Motor Vehicle and Transportation Policy Subcommittee. I sponsored HB1468 to assist employers with transporting employees to job centers. This grant will allow transportation for employees that do not have access to public transportation. Maryland needs to do more to promote safe, dependable mass transit. Or our road congestion will not improve.

Legislative District 33

Candidates

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 REDISTRICTING: Non Partisan citizens commission who will respect natural boundaries, communities of interest, current political boundaries.
 ENVIRONMENT: How to find the most effective way to clean up the Bay. Current programs are still relatively ineffective. Holding Pennsylvania and New York responsible for the huge amount of debris being sent down the Susquahana River to the Chesapeake Bay. Requiring Exelon to do a better job of preventing debris from passing over the dam and damaging our Bay.
 DISCRIMINATION: There are plenty of laws in place to address these issues. They are making incremental advances. Discrimination continues to exist because of individuals who don't respect others. We need as leaders to show others the respect they deserve and hold individuals and institutions accountable for their actions.
 EDUCATION: Gov. Hogan continues to set aside record amounts of money to be allocated to education. In Anne Arundel County, County Executive Schuh is allocating ever increasing amounts of the County Budget to education. We need to

hold school boards, principles and elected bodies, city and county, accountable for their efficient application.

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

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

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 QUALIFICATIONS: As a combat veteran and the sole female aviator in my squadron, I know how to excel in a male-dominated environment. While in the military, I also adjudicated administrative boards and non-judicial punishment. As a business owner in the accounting field, I am adept at corporate finance and best practices. I am also a mother of five, an active community volunteer, and a legislative activist.
 REDISTRICTING: Fair districting is an essential aspect of the democratic process and allows true representation to occur. Gerrymandering only benefits those already in power and further disenfranchises minorities and marginalized communities. Districts should be cohesive in terms of their needs, concerns, and geographic boundaries, and should be drawn by an independent, nonpartisan commission.
 ENVIRONMENT: 1) The Chesapeake Bay is deteriorating due to runoff, pollutants, and waste and must be protected. 2) Developers must be held accountable for the impact they have on the environment. 3) We must ban EPS foam, which is NOT

recyclable and poisons sea and plant life.
4) I will implement business recycling programs to put a stop to the millions of pounds of recyclable material that end up in landfills.

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

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

casino money to schools as was originally promised.

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

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



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SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Legislative District 21

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental challenges are pollution, We never want to be like China or other

growing countries. We need to improve our transit systems and rural buses so that many people can enjoy riding transit than driving their cars. We also need to teach about environment to our children and clean our rivers and the Bay.

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

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

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

TRANSPORTATION: As a former employee of WMATA and also a current

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

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

REDISTRICTING: Maryland's bizarre legislative map is often used by career politicians to excuse incompetence, indifference, and failure. But that map, however bizarre, is no obstacle to motivated legislators willing to unite around solutions to the most important problem facing thousands of Marylanders: fundamental economic insecurity. Solving that problem depends on political will, not a legislative map.

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

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is a consequence of economic insecurity. The key to ending discrimination is to eliminate economic insecurity by unleashing Maryland's latent economic potential.

Maryland has the human capital and favorable geographic position required to compete with or overtake any state in the nation economically. It only lacks the will.

EDUCATION: Abraham Lincoln learned to read and write without a computer or a classroom. Today, basic requirements for learning, whether in public or private schools, are the same: motivation, parental involvement, trained and well-

paid teachers, and a secure learning environment. I will use my voice and General Assembly vote to support these fundamentals.

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: Most relevantly, my 12 years of experience as a Delegate with a proven track record of progressive accomplishment. However, my life experiences as the son of a single mother in a working class family, and now a father concerned for the future of his own two children, have driven me to advocate for progressive causes such as paid sick leave and environmental protection.

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: My record speaks for itself on this issue. I was an original sponsor of marriage equality in Maryland, I have supported affordable housing

mandates, including properties around the Purple Line, and I have been a consistent advocate for women and minority business enterprise.

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have had two careers, both of which have prepared me to be an effective delegate. I was a journalist for 15 years (1987-2002), including three on Capitol Hill, then worked as a legislative aide including three years in Annapolis (2003-2010) before being elected to the Prince George's County Council. I am in my second term and currently chair the Health, Education & Human Services Committee.

REDISTRICTING: Legislative redistricting based on the 10-year Census should be a non-partisan process. I support creation of a redistricting commission every 10 years by the Governor, through executive order, so membership is balanced and it must **adhere to the state's Open Meetings Act.**

That requires advertising meetings, posting agendas and minutes, and being as transparent as possible to maximize public trust.

ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental challenge we face is climate change. My environmental record on the Council earned me an endorsement by the

Sierra Club. As a delegate, I will push the state to divest its holdings in fossil fuels – including its pension funds -- and I will work to enact legislation adopting a 100% clean energy standard (wind, solar and ocean tidal) by 2035

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

stabilize the individual insurance market. A fee on the insurance companies pays for the program.

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: Losing my father at age 11 and being raised by a single mother, living and serving internationally for years, and serving as a pastor who cares for and walks with people throughout their lives, especially in the difficult times, have strengthened my commitment to public service. I have worked with at risk children in Prince George's beginning in 2001, and am not afraid to stand up to big money.

REDISTRICTING: Extreme partisan gerrymandering is wrong, no matter which party it benefits. Along with our broken campaign finance system, partisan gerrymandering undermines public trust in our government.

Regardless of what other states do, we need to do the right thing. I support the appointment of an independent, non-partisan commission to draw federal and state congressional districts in Maryland.

ENVIRONMENT: We need to increase our use of renewable energy and continue to clean up the Bay and its tributaries. MD law requires 25% of our energy usage coming from renewable energy sources by 2020. But trash incinerators count as a renewable energy source thanks to large campaign contributions. We need to stop subsidizing big polluters and instead invest in mass transit systems to help get cars off the road

DISCRIMINATION: I support anti-sexual harassment legislation recently passed by the General Assembly. We need a culture change in Annapolis and our communities. We also need to continuously address our history of systemic racism that has led to

inequalities that continue to be lived out today, implement paid maternity leave, and ensure that all Marylanders can work with local police without fear of deportation.

EDUCATION: Many school buildings in our district are crumbling and need repair. I support universal pre-k and free summer educational programs, to ensure that children from low-income families don't fall behind. I support the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education and find it imperative that casino money, as was originally sold to the public, finally **be added to the state's educational budget.**

HEALTH CARE: While I applaud propping up our state's health insurance marketplace, we still have hundreds of thousands of Marylanders without insurance. Premiums continue to rise and medical debt continues to be the number one cause of bankruptcy. I pledge to work with stakeholders to devise and implement a plan in the single payer mold, to ensure all Marylanders get the quality health care they deserve.

TRANSPORTATION: New investment in metro and the coming purple line are a good start, but we need to improve existing services, including MARC and busing services. Walk-able and bike-able communities are part of the solution, but the current MAGLEV proposal is not (I oppose it). We can re-prioritize current transportation funds and should continue to solicit Federal funds to help meet our transportation goals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

health and clamp down on rising prescription drug costs.

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've spent 30 years working on policy, including at the Children's Defense Fund and for two of the most progressive and effective Members of Congress in history (Sen. Paul Simon and Rep. George Miller, one of President **Obama's closest allies.**) **I know how to get things done** - how to translate good ideas into legislation, how to get a law passed, and how to get it funded so it can make a difference.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering threatens the integrity of our democracy, and both parties are guilty of perpetuating this problem. I support redistricting that is fair and maps that reflect the will of the voters. We need an independent commission to draw congressional and legislative district lines. As former Attorney General Eric Holder says, voters should pick their representatives, not the other way around.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change threatens us, our children, and our grandchildren. I've been fighting for years against over-development, testifying before our City and County Councils and publishing many letters to the editor. I strongly support updating the Forest Conservation Act, expanding the Clean Energy Jobs Campaign, and banning styrofoam. Because of my leadership, the Sierra Club unanimously endorsed me.

DISCRIMINATION: I've been fighting poverty and racism my entire adult life, including through my church, at the Children's Defense Fund and at Teach Plus, where I work with teachers in high-poverty

schools. We are working to diversity the teaching profession and end the school-to-prison pipeline. On Capitol Hill, I helped with the Lilly Ledbetter law to end pay discrimination policies. There is still much to do!

EDUCATION: My priority is to build a world-class education system in Maryland, including more support for at-risk students. As a Commissioner on the Annapolis Education Commission, I lead efforts to improve school safety, reduce overcrowding, and pay teachers more. We can bring \$500 million to schools without raising taxes by "Fixing the Fund" and ensuring casino gaming revenue goes to schools as intended.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Access and cost are the biggest challenges. Everyone — especially our children and seniors — deserves access to affordable, high-quality health care. At the Children's Defense Fund, I helped lead a national campaign that got health insurance for over 140,000 previously uninsured children in MD. They are at risk under Trump and I want to fight for them.

TRANSPORTATION: We need much better access to public transportation -- including more and better ways to use public transit to get to and from work. This can reduce traffic - including on the Bay Bridge and the Forest Drive corridor - and help the environment. We also need incentives - such as HOV lanes - for hybrid automobiles. As Delegate, I will work for greater access to bike shares and safe bike paths.

Legislative District 30B

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pieces of legislation that will have a direct and positive effect on our communities, businesses and working families.

REDISTRICTING: I absolutely support redistricting and the creation of a non-partisan redistricting commission. I spoke at the town hall meetings (Laurel Police station) that were held to gain public input pertaining to the composition and standards of selection for the independent re-districting body. I publicly made several suggestions that I believe would keep our re-districting efforts fair and balanced.

ENVIRONMENT: I am proud to have co-sponsored and voted for legislation that will re-classify water purity as a primary reason for considering Bay restoration and clean up projects. This will help ensure that our older communities in the critical areas with failing septic tanks will get the funding they need to take corrective measures. I was also proud to vote for SB610 - Forest Conservation Act Policy (TF)

DISCRIMINATION: I was looking forward to supporting Hb1695. This bill specifies that, for purposes of the hate crimes laws, **the term "deface" includes to affix, erect, or place a noose or swastika on.**

Unfortunately, the bill did not come to the floor for a vote this year. .

EDUCATION: I supported the Fix the Fund Act—This bill would ensure that all revenue raised into the Education Trust Fund from casino gaming actually increases school funding. We must ensure that funding promised for education and or increased teacher salaries is not diverted for special projects or to balance the budget.

Marylander's voted for the casino money to go to education, let's keep it that way.

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: Smart growth and citizen planning is the first step to overcoming our environmental challenges. I'm a founding member on the leadership board of South Arundel Citizens for Responsible Development. For the last 25yrs we have been stopping inappropriate development and saved over 750 acres of important lands in our area. I will continue to fight inappropriate development and promote smart growth.

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

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

HEALTH CARE: The opioid crisis is among the largest current health challenge affecting Maryland. I believe that pharmaceutical companies that

knowingly market, and doctors that over-prescribe these dangerous products should be held responsible. Their accountability should be what provides the increased services for mental health, rehabilitation and community outreach.

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

Legislative District 31A

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QUALIFICATIONS: I learned leadership and vision during my time in the Army in both operational and strategic positions. I served as a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment and deployed twice to **Afghanistan. I hold a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Business Administration.** I work in the private sector where I focus on results and working through bureaucratic barriers.

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

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

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

EDUCATION: I support the continued growth of charter schools within our state. These are funded by using current school

taxes and would bring about competition in our educational system. More school options will give power to families, students, and teachers in having the ability to chose what is best for them while holding bureaucrats in the school systems accountable.

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

TRANSPORTATION: No response received by deadline.

Ned Carey (DEM)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong resident of Northern Anne Arundel County and have served my community for many years. I have served as a little league coach, PTA President at Brooklyn Park Elementary, Chair of the Board of Directors at Harbor Hospital, Chair of the Chesapeake Arts Center Board of Directors, Anne Arundel County School Board Member and President, and as Delegate for District 31A since 2013.

REDISTRICTING: At the state level there have been several legislative proposals considered over the last few years and I believe that moving forward with a nonpartisan independent commission to determine legislative districts is the best means to address this issue.

ENVIRONMENT: Protecting the Chesapeake Bay is a key to a healthy Maryland. We need to continue to work to reduce our contribution to the pollution in the bay, while finding an appropriate means to hold adjacent states accountable in reducing their pollution to the bay and its tributaries.

DISCRIMINATION: I will continue to work with my colleagues to develop policies that ensure that discrimination of any kind has no place in our society. I have supported related proposals in the past including equal pay for equal work legislation. As additional legislation arises to ensure that discriminatory practices are terminated, I will support those efforts as well.

EDUCATION: As a former member of the Anne Arundel County School Board, I have long been aware of the intricacies and impact of state and local education policy. I support the work of the Kirwan Commission and I am a staunch advocate of keeping education dollars in the classroom. As a state, I believe that we need to do better in funding school construction while also working to fund vocational education.

HEALTH CARE: Maryland currently faces many healthcare related issues. Chiefly among them are the affordability of healthcare as a whole as well as the opioid crisis. Individuals should not be faced with the possibility of being bankrupted by a health emergency or the cost of their prescription drugs. As a legislature, we must work together with state, local, and national stakeholders to address these issues.

TRANSPORTATION: Transparency is a key in order to establish a healthy overall transportation system. Citizens must be involved in the process and are needed to help set priorities related to highway construction, maintenance, and public transportation. Increased transparency would foster a greater understanding and would provide a rationale behind funding decisions in all aspects of our transportation system.

Legislative District 31B

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a lifelong Marylander, small business owner, and community leader with long lasting and strong relationships with current and former teachers, coaches, small business owners, co-workers, veterans and public service members I understand first hand many of their challenges. I consistently approach life with great energy and enthusiasm which will follow me to Annapolis to produce positive results.

REDISTRICTING: I would like to see Governor Hogan's Independent

Commission Bill pass. I believe all districts should be drawn as evenly and fairly as possible thus delivering true representation of its citizens. I also support single member House of Delegates districts.

ENVIRONMENT: The Chesapeake Bay is critical to us as Marylander's. It is a national treasure which provides employment, prosperity, recreation, enjoyment and a way of life to so many of us. We must work on a collaborative basis between private and public sectors to strengthen and improve the health of the Bay for all Marylander's.

DISCRIMINATION: I am unwavering supporter of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and will work to protect it. I see all people as true miracles with unlimited potential.

EDUCATION: I'm very proud of my Public School education and will cherish the lessons learned there. I am however troubled with the inability of many public schools in Maryland to provide a quality education to those most in need. I am a solid proponent of school choice, private schools, charter schools or any other educational resource that advances the intelligence that best prepares a child to succeed.

HEALTH CARE: We need a strong and stable health insurance market that will allow private and public sector competition across state lines resulting in greater quality care and affordability.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to support more of Governor Hogan's initiatives to boost private sector growth and raising revenue to the State to adequately fund local roads and all other top transportation priorities.

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

House of Delegates for my bipartisan work to pass good public policy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an U.S. Army Veteran, I have been provided a unique experience in service to others. Leading soldiers; having empathy towards others; analyzing situations at every level of risk and creating solutions; and ready to sacrifice personal interests so others may gain are attributes that my time in the military, as well as my personal and professional life have afforded me to obtain.

REDISTRICTING: I am wholeheartedly opposed to politicians picking their voters. The Constitution gives state legislatures the authority to draw political districts, the

state legislature also has the authority to hand that duty to an independent commission. Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, and Washington use independent commissions--so should Maryland.

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

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

EDUCATION: We must: invest in public school resources, infrastructure, and maintain per-capita student funding equal regardless of the child's zip code; not discriminate or disenfranchise our Special Education students by failing to provide the medical or educational care. How: Legalize marijuana; hold casino industry accountable; keep public dollars in public schools.

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: Karen Simpson is a Maryland native who loves this state. Karen is a domestic violence survivor who has become a #MeToo champion for women and children and the majority of men who respect them. Karen is a Maryland public servant with extensive experience working with State government to enact laws and policies that help Maryland families.

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: My daughter has Crohn's disease. She requires infusions 8 times a

year to help her live a normal life. Her treatments cost over \$15,000 each. No one should be a paycheck away from going broke because they get sick. I will sponsor and support legislation that provides affordable and accessible healthcare for everyone.

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

Legislative District 32

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 20 years of combined federal and state service working in government environments such as the Maryland State Police, Maryland National Guard, US Army Reserves, and the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors. In addition to public service, I have also owned and operated Bailey Funeral Home and Cremation Service, PA for the past 9 years.

REDISTRICTING: I believe the task of drawing district lines should fall to a nonpartisan independent commission. Maryland has been gerrymandered in such ways to silence and suppress the masses of our society. The geography clearly demonstrates that not everyone is treated fairly in their respective legislative districts.

ENVIRONMENT: Pollution is still a large issue facing our society. Pollution of air, water, and soil by chemical compounds does take many years to break down. Most of these chemicals are the bi-products of our modern lifestyle and are created by industry and motor vehicle exhaust. Legislation should be examined yearly to support a cleaner environment for future generations.

DISCRIMINATION: As a graduate of a Historically Black College and University - Coppin State University, I recognize the need for diversity and believe that everyone should be treated fairly and equally. Everyone should be treated alike, and no one should be discriminated against based on race, gender, religion,

disability, or poverty. I will support legislation against discrimination on all fronts.

EDUCATION: I strongly encourage education reform and accountability to ensure that appropriate resources are allocated toward teacher's salaries, classroom resources, and building infrastructure. Maryland should expand existing vocational training programs to address the growing labor shortages in skilled service jobs. Ensure per-pupil funding parity throughout the state.

HEALTH CARE: The most difficult aspect of healthcare is the rising costs, often time, related to administrative fees and price transparency. Just having health insurance is a challenge for many Marylanders. Not only is it a challenge for workers, but also for employers to provide such benefits. Through appropriate legislation, legislators can make our incredible health care more available and affordable.

TRANSPORTATION: Many of the transportation issues facing Marylanders are congestion, rising costs to improve infrastructure, and, in certain areas-- crime. Equivalent to other modes of transportation in the state, there is a need to improve the light rail, and it can be met with an entrepreneurial/management ideology. Ensuring federal and state funds are earmarked for infrastructure improvements.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have had my own business for over 34 years. I raised four daughters (who are now thriving with families of their own) while running my business and volunteering in the community, schools, and church. I have cared for my neighbors and my decision to seek public office is a direct result of my concern for the District. People want to be heard. I will be the Representative who will listen.

REDISTRICTING: It is common knowledge that our current Districts are gerrymandered to consolidate power for the benefit of one party. Marylanders want

and deserve a fair and balanced system. I will support Gov. Hogan to draw District lines that are non-partisan. It is incredibly important for us to have a government that represents all Marylanders. Neither party should have an unfair advantage over the other.

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland has many environmental treasures, not the least of which is the Chesapeake Bay. It is the crown jewel. We must stop dumping waste chemicals into our Bay. There needs to be a well thought out plan that is followed in order to manage and control stormwater runoff. There is clearly a tension between property development and care for our environment. We must not favor one over the other.

DISCRIMINATION: There is much more to do in areas equality. I believe that by creating an environment of opportunity and prosperity for all Marylanders we will do better for all people. Our elected officials should govern not only with their minds but also with their hearts. I will support policies that protect our freedoms, rights, and liberties, especially for the least and most vulnerable in our communities.

EDUCATION: We must prioritize funding for our schools but we need more accountability. All schools options should be supported - perhaps funding can follow the student. North Anne Arundel County needs school facilities that are smaller and community-based. And I would support the Governor's "Lockbox" Legislation to direct Casino money into the classrooms and to teachers and away from administrative costs.

HEALTH CARE: Parents should not have to worry if they can afford healthcare for their children. If the federal government cannot agree on health care reform, then Maryland should take the lead. Healthcare should be affordable for everyone. I support creating a more competitive healthcare insurance marketplace for Marylanders. I support creating a more competitive healthcare insurance marketplace for Maryland.

TRANSPORTATION: I live near two Light Rail stops that have adversely impacted our communities. I am not against public **transportation. It's a good, affordable way to commute. But people who don't live in our community have abused the Light Rail and come into our communities for no good purpose. We should be able to use public transportation free from fear. All public transportation should be made safe.**

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Technician I perform problem identification

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Program Manager of programs valued at

\$200M. I am responsible for cost,

schedule, performance and risk of my

projects, meeting budgets, and executing

contracts successfully. This is exactly what

we need in the legislation.

REDISTRICTING: This is about fairness

in our electoral process and neither party

should dominate through unfair

boundaries. We need to redistrict and

follow a fair process that does not equate

to law makers picking their constituents

vice constituents electing their leaders. I

would like to see single seat districts. My

district is a prime example; we are not

fairly represented in the current structure.

ENVIRONMENT: We must balance

growth, development, infrastructure needs

and environmental needs. D32 is over

developed losing green space, creating

hard surfaces that impact our storm water

system. We need smart execution of

improvements and ensure all people who

impact the bay are doing their part (our

PA and NY neighbors). our neighbors

provide a large percentage of our Bay

pollutants. We need to engage them.

DISCRIMINATION: This is a heart issue.

It starts with respect and supporting open

dialogues that are scary. We must focus

on what unites us and is common. We are

Americans, Marylanders and humans first.

I believe churches, community centers and

neighbors are the areas to create change.

It starts with understanding we are not

islands individually but part of

communities that exist to take care of

each other.

EDUCATION: We must focus on

meaningful change not just adding money.

We must allow parents to have the ability

to hold schools and teachers accountable

through school choice, vouchers, tax

dollars that follow the student, etc. We

need to cut all of the overhead in our

school systems in order to provide

teachers what they need to be successful.

Be more student/teacher focus as the

start point in all analysis.

HEALTH CARE: Access is critical in this

discussion and should be the start point.

We need to increase consumer options

through cross state lines options, tort

reform, and increased tax credits to assist

doctors in making the decision to be

doctors. We need competition to decrease

prices. Insurance that costs too much or

the deductible is never met is not

insurance. We need more effective

governance.

TRANSPORTATION: D32 is a hard hit

area due to over development and BRAC.

We need to repeal the road kill bill and

reestablish priorities and budgets aligned

with growth. The road kill bill is a

formulaic approach that is lazy and

ineffective. We must make informed and

hard decisions. Citizens know what they

need and should be engaged in this

process.

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wife and community activist *Board

member of organization to help people

with disabilities *Former leadership

positions within sorority, NAACP, boards

and Maryland Bar

REDISTRICTING: I support changes that

are drawn in equity based upon a neutral

formula.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change and the

preservation of our natural resources are

some of the most significant

environmental challenges. I will address

them by supporting legislature that

improves our utilization of our natural

resources and decreases waste.

Regulation waste and our lack of

renewable energy sources is problematic.

Laws cannot do more harm than good to

our environment.

DISCRIMINATION: As an attorney and

part-time professor, I am very aware of

discrimination issues and it has no place in

our society. The scars of discrimination are

slow to heal and break the spirit. I support

policies that empower all people and

especially those who have a history of past discrimination. I support policies that anticipate and prevent discrimination.

EDUCATION: As a part-time educator, and mother, I am keenly aware of the challenges of our students, instructors and staff. I support policies that ensure a safe environment for both. With respect to funding, I support utilizing the "lock box" on casino funds for education. Education is a priority for the betterment of our society and I believe in fully funding public education.

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: Throughout my entire first term, I have received a 100% rating by the Maryland League of Conservation

Voters each consecutive year for my strong record on protecting the environment and investments in renewable energy. Preserving and investing in open space and recreational areas in our communities is a priority that I have consistently supported.

DISCRIMINATION: Sadly, as we reflect on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., incidents of racism are prevalent in our schools and community that have caused trauma to children and adults.

During this past legislative session, I was the lead sponsor on legislation to make it a criminal offense to place nooses and symbols of hate on properties to intimidate classes of people.

EDUCATION: During this past legislative session, I voted for the 21st Century School Facilities Act which provides \$400 million in school construction. Through an amendment that I offered on this budget bill, an additional \$10 million is allocated for school safety. In total, I voted for \$41,600,000 in school safety funding.

Investing in cyber, apprentice training, and higher education are needed.

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a retired Army Colonel with 29 years leading

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: I will support policies similar to those used by the military services which address and denounce discrimination based on race, gender, religion, and national origin. I will support legislation to create opportunities for those with disabilities and programs to support moving people out of poverty.

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

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

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

Sandra Lee German (WRI)
No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 33

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sessions has taught me how to successfully prepare and pass legislation including making home invasion a crime of violence which passed during the 2017 session. I have also learned to work with others to make bad bills better and to pass significant legislation to improve Maryland for all.

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

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

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

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

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

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

governments will receive additional highway user dollars.

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: The hospital assessment is a state tax on healthcare of \$350M which drives up costs for everyone and needs to be repealed. Obamacare is

collapsing and an additional \$380M tax passed this year to prop it up will only make things worse. We need to eliminate Obamacare, reduce mandates and allow Marylanders to buy insurance plans across state lines to introduce more competition and cost savings.

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a small business owner, I have experienced, firsthand, the devastating effects of anti-business legislation. This has given me the experience to be able to go to Annapolis to represent small business owners and help turn our economy around. I have also served for the last four years and this has enabled me to understand the process in which laws are made.

REDISTRICTING: The Constitution is clear that representation is to be chosen by the people. However, our redistricting in the state of Maryland has been completely done the wrong way. The right way to do it is to have constituents choose their politicians, not politicians choose the constituents.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of the Chesapeake. I will make sure that adequate funding is available to continue to clean up the Chesapeake.

DISCRIMINATION: These laws are already in place and I support them being enforced.

EDUCATION: I have been an advocate for an elected school board in Anne Arundel County and was able to pass legislation so that there would be accountability. I have supported Governor Hogan's initiatives to fund the school system through his budget. Our educational system is of the utmost important and will continue to support efforts to keep Anne Arundel County Schools among the best in the nation.

HEALTH CARE: First and foremost, health insurance is becoming so expensive that we have to restructure our policies to accommodate our hard working families. A huge challenge that we face is the cost of prescription drugs. We need to study the pricing structure including the entire supply chain from pharmaceutical companies, pbms, insurance companies, wholesalers to the pharmacies themselves.

TRANSPORTATION: Our roads and bridges are in dire need of maintenance and repairs. I believe that we need to redirect the funds from mass transit to help support the maintenance of our roads. It is unacceptable for our streets to deteriorate when the money is there, but misappropriated.

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

REDISTRICTING: I had hoped that we would set a national precedent with the Supreme Court decision but that did not happen. I continue to support a trans-state cooperative solution however it appears our governor is unwilling to support such an initiative which would make Maryland a leader while holding other states accountable, so we need to invest in a non-partisan third party for redistricting.

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

spaces as well as a green streets initiative.
DISCRIMINATION: I support policies of inclusion including the use of preferred pronouns in schools and gov. offices for trans and gender non-conforming persons. I also support an expansion of affordable housing and housing assistance indexed by the local market value and decriminalizing the use of recreational marijuana to allow for the expunging of misdemeanor drug charges, free pre-k and lunch programs.

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: **I've always relied on a collaborative approach when seeking solutions while in the workforce or as a community volunteer; it's the only way to find sustainable solutions.** I bring people

together from all sides and with hard work and tenacity stay engaged until a solution is found. Given my background in antibribery and ethics; I pledge my commitment to transparency and ethics as your legislator.

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSPORTATION: A reliable and efficient transportation system is necessary for economic growth and quality of life. Funding to maintain Metro and light rail is crucial. We need to evaluate expansion of bus routes and passenger and freight train capacity. Public

transportation options are critical to reduce emissions and traffic. When available, we must work to secure Federal infrastructure funding.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a diverse professional background, a history of community engagement and experience with many of the issues that come before the General Assembly. As an attorney and **business woman, I've worked for Fortune 500 companies, nonprofit organizations, state government, and owned my own business.** I've worked in our schools, in our courts and in our communities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up in the era **where titles of “Democrat” or “Republican” don’t matter. I grew up in the era that** would rather work on solving our problems and protecting our people than focus on party affiliations. If elected, solving problems and protecting our people is exactly what I plan to do.

REDISTRICTING: The solution to fighting the problem of often discriminatory redistricting is by forming a nonpartisan committee. This committee should be comprised of members of the community who would be affected by the redistricting. Party affiliation should not play a role in how a district is constructed.

ENVIRONMENT: Pollution of both air and waterways are of significant concern.

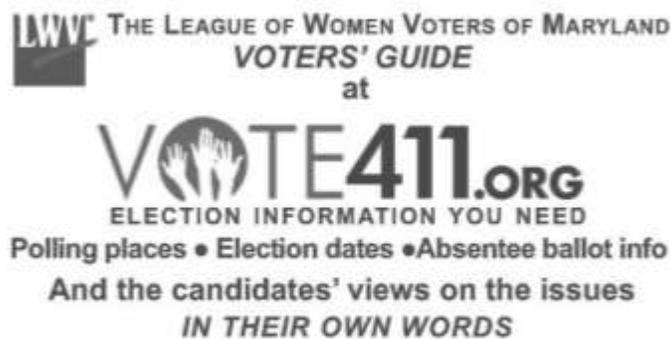
Polluters, such as companies running industrial chicken farms on the Eastern Shore, need to held accountable for their role in harming our environment. Air pollution is increasing rates of respiratory complications among our community. These issues must be addressed immediately.

DISCRIMINATION: There is absolutely no room in our community for discrimination on any level. Reducing discrimination can be addressed by increasing education and awareness on the topic, beginning at the preschool level. Promoting community events leads to strengthening community bonds, which can also help reduce discrimination.

EDUCATION: Increasing sexual and mental health education is a necessity in our school systems. These subjects must **be appropriately implemented into schools’** curriculum, starting before adolescence and taught continuously after that, up until finishing their secondary education. Increasing the taxes on tobacco products, sodas, and alcohol could help fund these programs.

HEALTH CARE: The opioid epidemic has taken far too many lives, and will continue to do so unless immediate, progressive action is taken. Suicide rates, including the alarming number of youth suicides, are also of grave concern. Access to health care for all individuals is a must towards solving these issues.

TRANSPORTATION: Keeping light rail stops open and expanding upon it is absolutely crucial. Many rely on the light rail to get to and from their jobs, and the use of it also reduces traffic and pollution. More of the state budget should be invested in clean energy public transportation.



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

Salary: \$142,000.

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

How Elected: Elected countywide.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

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

CHALLENGES: Our top challenges are to:

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I am committed to smart growth and preservation and support the current mix of 51% rural/protected and 49%

developed/developable land. I support small area plans, and more public notice and increased public engagement. I am for policies that create healthy housing markets to moderate home prices, and my administration has entered into new P3 agreements to redevelop our public housing communities.

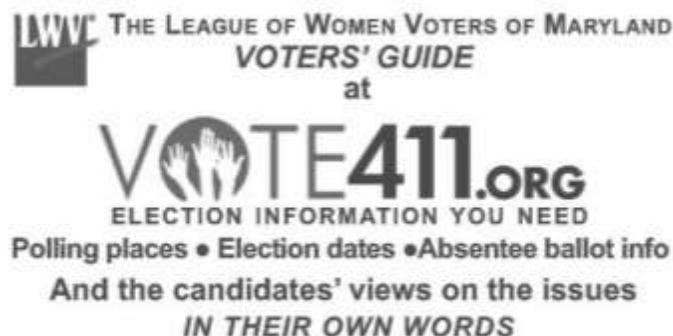
REPRESENTATION: We increased the **County's engagement with diverse** communities by creating a Hispanic & Immigrant Affairs Officer, Minority Outreach Officer, and the Anne Arundel United program. We initiated Spanish language TV, radio, website and mail communications. Our cabinet and citizen commissions are the most diverse in County history and reflect the make-up of our County with 22% minorities.

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have run businesses and nonprofit organizations for 33 years. I operate a south county farm that has been in our family for eight generations and Retired Racehorse Project, a national non-profit that is responsible for retraining and rehoming thousands of horses each year. I spent nine years as a community organizer, helping local groups to influence decisions made by their elected officials.
CHALLENGES: Our greatest challenges are fiscal. My opponent, the incumbent county executive, has used taxpayer-funded development subsidies to promote growth, but failed to adequately fund the schools, public safety, or infrastructure to serve the growing population. We need to engage the public in the budget process and give them the data to make wise choices about how their money is spent.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I **oppose the county executive's decision to do our next General Development Plan without an update of our 16 Small Area Plans.** We need input from those communities and we need to enforce the GDP so that development is limited to

areas where it has community support. Our service economy requires that we create affordable more housing opportunities in the county.
REPRESENTATION: Having worked in Latino, African American, and low income white neighborhoods of Chicago and Des Moines, I appreciate diversity. County boards, commissions, and high-level staff positions will have far more women, more ethnic minorities, and more geographic diversity than exist today. Good policy development requires creativity, and that rarely comes from rooms full of rich, white men.
COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Arundel United was a good idea that never took hold. It was perceived as a political move from the top down, rather than a community-driven effort. My administration will invite community leaders to make recommendations on how to move forward against the divisiveness and racial intolerance that persists in our schools and communities. I will follow their lead, but I will not be silent.
OTHER PRIORITIES: We spend too much time in traffic. After nine years of waiting, we will have a Transportation Master Plan when I take office in 2019. I will work with federal, state, and regional partners to implement that plan aggressively. We must also convene community and business leaders to address poverty, addiction, and mental health. New strategies to embrace the most vulnerable among us empower us all.



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

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

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

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

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilmanic District 1

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

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: District 1 is a great place to live. People work hard to be able to afford to live here. Unfortunately, when it comes to government-subsidized housing, it is also the area that always

seems first in line for programs to move people into Anne Arundel County from other areas. "Affordable Housing" must stop being a function of zip code and it is past time for the entire county to take on the burden.

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: There is nothing "current" about a mission to build trust and understanding among people in our community. The people of District 1 have a long and strong proven history of working together to help and support each other regardless of economic and social factors. District 1 needs a councilperson who can build on this history, who has a proven history of building partnerships and bridges that work.

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

another paved-over suburban sprawl on a map. I oppose MAGLEV.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My motto is "Where there's a will, there's a way." I'm a mom, a top-rated plaintiff's attorney, a former engineer, a homeowner, and a community volunteer and leader. I'm known for my tenacity and creativity in solving problems; integrity; service to others; and cheerful, can-do outlook. Listening to people and taking action to make progress are what I do now, and what I will do if elected.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS: Our residents want more transparency, responsiveness, and accountability. I will prioritize 1) requiring more active communication and engagement from County government; 2) setting deadlines for officials and agencies to resolve community issues and notify the community of the resolution or remaining issues; and 3) mandating that the County provide public services timely and equitably.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I agree we need to increase the supply of affordable housing in the county, and I support reasonable measures to increase and relocate affordable housing options for county employees and residents. I will also strongly support measures that will help our teachers and first responders afford a home in Anne Arundel County.

REPRESENTATION: In addition to the usual channels for outreach through community organizations and events, I see a need for more accessible and timely communications with all residents. I will create a "District 1 Stakeholders' Alliance" to bring our many community associations together. I would also create a new web-based platform specifically for individual Council District updates and resident input.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Justice, fairness, and compassion are among my core values. The County must strive toward social progress. If elected, I will support and participate in the Anne Arundel United program or related

initiatives. In addition, I will promote equity at every opportunity, including through advocating for public infrastructure investments in District 1 such as community pools and activity centers.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Improving quality of life by building, expanding, and/or repurposing facilities to place public services where they will be convenient and accessible to more communities; investing in community parks, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, senior centers, and youth programs; pay raises for teachers and first responders; restoring and protecting our local environment and increasing water access.

Councilmanic District 2

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QUALIFICATIONS: Thanks to the League of Women Voters for giving myself and the other candidates the opportunity to share more about who we are, and what we stand for. As an Army Officer, I served with honor both at home and overseas, and as the Chief Information Officer of the MVA, I learned how to help a government agency that was widely viewed by our citizens as inefficient, become more streamlined.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS: I'm committed to making sure our county infrastructure is solid, our kid's schools are environments of learning and achievement, not bullying or violence. I'm committed to ensuring the efficient use of every tax dollar, and I've signed a pledge to oppose ANY tax increase in Anne Arundel County. I oppose the Rain Tax as well. I live and pay taxes here, so I want the best for all of us!

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I believe in giving a person/family a hand up not a hand out. Part of this is that you must be an asset to the community not a problem. I believe the County certainly needs those who work here to be able to afford to live here! Affordable housing options are best improved through a comprehensive study while not taxing our infrastructure, schools, public services. The community must be involved

REPRESENTATION: To best serve ALL the citizens of District 2, and the County

collectively, community engagement is a must. In my campaign, I've knocked on over 3,000 doors to have a dialogue with my fellow residents of District 2, regardless of their political party, race, creed, gender etc... we are all neighbors, and I'll continue to foster positive, constructive community involvement on the Council.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: I believe in the community having constructive conversations, even debates at times, but the key to promoting understanding, while combating hatred, is not "fighting"...it is taking action together. Where hatred exists, we host a peaceful forum to better understand. Where misunderstanding exists, we don't fight, we hold a peaceful forum to discuss things, and we do that until understanding exists.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I support a General Development Plan that will not over burden, our infrastructure, schools, first responders, and nature or human resources. Our county is in great shape because of wise fiscally conservative decisions and I will seek a 3% cut in property taxes while keeping the County Tax Cap as is as the voters of the County intended.

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

LEGISLATIVE GOALS: When elected, I will focus my energy to bring county resources and revenues to my district. I am committed to crafting legislative policy and incentives that will bolster revitalization to the greater Glen Burnie area. I am also interested in focusing on the planning that goes into the General Development Plan/ Small area plan process.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: It is clear that AACo does not have enough Affordable/

Workforce housing. We need to review the current barriers within county laws that make it difficult to increase workforce housing especially in areas that are also in need of revitalization. The lack of affordable housing was identified in the last General Development plan and should be a focus in the next GPD/Small Area Planning process.

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

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

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

Councilmanic District 3

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a litigation attorney over the last seven years, and having interned for legislators at the county (Councilman Ron Dillon), state (Delegate Nic Kipke) and federal level (Senator Ben Cardin), I have seen first-hand what makes an effective advocate and legislator. Be well-prepared. Listen

more than you talk. Ask relevant questions.

Do not compromise your core beliefs.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS: Taxes: Minimize the tax burden on families & retirees.

Spending: Modernize government services & give our county employees the tools they need to perform their jobs more efficiently.

Development: Ensure that any new development is measured, transparent & carefully considered based on intensive community outreach & input.

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Education: Increase teacher pay and hire more teachers to decrease classroom sizes. Healthcare: My **son's recent birth and his extended hospital** stay reminded my wife and I just how important and expensive healthcare can be. I want to make health insurance more affordable for families. Public Safety: Increase resources for public safety, including hiring more police and fire personnel.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Leadership and outreach is the core of who I am. I am a Registered Nurse, recently retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs. I volunteered weekly in my daughters school from K-8th. PTA president 3yrs at Jacobsville Elementary, President of the county 4 yr & state PTA 2yrs, Member 21st Century Education Foundation. Member Board of Education 5yrs, VP 1yr. Alumni Emerge MD 2017

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I do not feel that we have ample affordable housing. Many of our public service employees **can't afford to live in the county. I would** like to see the county government working with developers to increase available units, as well as look at established area to increase availability of units. We would need to develop policies and guidelines for affordable housing.

REPRESENTATION: Community outreach has always been very important to me. During my time on the Board of Education I help to promote and host outreach events at local libraries around the county. The purpose was to meet people in a neutral environment I plan to do similar events when elected to the Council. While with PTA a goal was to increase involvement and encourage others to be active and advocate.

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: The General Development plan is a key issue. I want to ensure that we have reached a diverse group of citizens for input. Implementing into the GDP were applicable parts of the small area plans. The issue of addiction, prevention, intervention and treatment. Both of these issues will need

collaboration and input from the community will be crucial to be successful.

Councilmanic District 4

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: After meeting directly with representatives from the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County, I am convinced that we are on a positive path. We have strong local advocacy, and wise leadership. I would like to see the county council raise awareness to the resources that help residents achieve housing independence. There are opportunities to invest in programs that support this goal.

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

influence.

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

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

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

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Anne Arundel County clearly has a shortage of affordable and workforce housing. I feel we need to do a better job of creating policy and initiatives to support more affordable housing for our teachers, police, firefighters, and those in need. I have worked hard to advocate for residents in need and have been successful in matching resources for those who need it.

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

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

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

Councilmanic District 5

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a working mom, community activist, and education advocate, I have proven to be a hard-working leader. For years I have testified on legislation and spending at the county and state level. I served on two boards at our local hospital and founded a nonprofit **that saved hundreds of lives. I'm a member** of our local chamber of commerce and served as PTO president for a school of nearly 800 children.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS: **I'll support bills** reflecting my priorities: economic growth (lower taxes and fees, supporting a property tax cap, and strengthening and

expanding local businesses); improving quality of life (improved infrastructure, retaining teachers & reducing class sizes); and safer streets, including recruiting and retaining police and firefighters, and better collaboration to fight the opioid epidemic.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: There has been a push by the county, with federal grants, to create more affordable housing, including for the homeless. I support it if we ensure that it is done in a thought-out process without over-development, or increased density to already stressed infrastructure.

REPRESENTATION: Regardless of religion, race, level of affluence, or geographical location within my district, I believe that we must have open communication and work together to improve quality of life for our families. We must set aside political affiliations and philosophical differences on some specific issues to focus on the larger, critical priorities – building a better community for all of our families.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: **As "actions speak louder than words," I hope to be a** role model for treating everyone equally, encouraging diversity, and promoting open minds & open hearts towards all. As a public servant, I would demonstrate this through personal behavior, hiring practices for my staff, voting for legislation reflecting such values, and participating in programs that support this countywide initiative.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I believe in good government, here to serve the people. To that end, I will work to cut government waste and reduce bureaucratic red tape. I will also promote transparent processes, and particularly for development.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked for the State of Maryland as a budget and finance expert for almost 20 years. I have a law degree and an MBA, and over the course of my career as a public **servant, I've drafted legislation, studied**

and implemented environmental, fiscal, education and smart growth policy, and ran complex government programs.

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

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

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

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

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

Councilmanic District 6

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: My professional, community, and local background provide context and skills to be an effective consensus builder on the Council: Grew up in Annapolis (St Mary Elementary & HS alum) - President of the West Annapolis Civic Association - Past Board Member of Box of Rain - Youth Soccer Coach for ASC and DAA - AHS PTA - Former Alderman Ward 2 Annapolis - Navy veteran (USNA 85 and Navy Helicopter Pilot)

LEGISLATIVE GOALS: We must move away from national partisan politics and do what's best for our local neighborhoods. There should be better access to health care, better teacher pay, and more done to stop storm-water runoff. And, it should be harder to upzone residential property - more density equals more traffic.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Anne Arundel County has affordable housing - it is just that it's usually located in high-crime areas. We should do a better job at reducing crime so all neighborhoods can thrive. I oppose plans to build high-rise public housing - this is a failed policy that should not be repeated.

REPRESENTATION: In order to reach consensus you must actively engage all stakeholders in the City and surrounding jurisdictions. I did this on a regular basis as an Annapolis Alderman. Only by listening to our diverse community can you ensure decisions will unify and not be disruptive or have an unfair effect.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: I have volunteered my time with organizations that work with underrepresented and underprivileged groups. I believe everyone should have the opportunity to succeed and that government should work diligently to remove any obstacles, whether real or perceived, that stop people from having this opportunity.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The biggest threat to Annapolis and the surrounding communities is development. As a former Annapolis City Councilman, I saw this first hand. As land is getting more expensive, developers want to build up. I disagree and believe that any future development must be congruent with the current surrounding communities

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: My other priorities include: 1) Increasing support for addiction recovery programs to stem our opioid and other addiction problems, 2) **removing Anne Arundel County's 287(g)**

program, 3) expanding our pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, 4) securing competitive compensation for county employees, including first responders, and 5) expanding protections for our LGBTQ neighbors.

Councilmanic District 7

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a first time candidate but I believe in public service and volunteer throughout the community as a Court Appointed Special Advocate and a Commissioner on the Anne Arundel County Commission for Women. Coupled with my engineering and legal background, I believe I am well suited to this role and can effectively represent District 7.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS: As an engineer, **I'm prioritizing the GDP process and** comprehensive rezoning to ensure that we see growth only if it is supported by necessary infrastructure (roads, schools, fire safety etc.) and rooted in the improvement of the quality of life for existing residents. I'm also working on ideas to develop solar energy parks on existing landfills to promote energy efficiency and cost savings.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Our current demand is outpacing supply. From a local level, inclusionary zoning in the next GDP can help encourage an increase in affordable housing options.

REPRESENTATION: Throughout my campaign I have made an effort to visit and meet with each community within District 7. I will continue to do so to make sure that every voice in the community has an opportunity to be heard.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: As a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in foster care and a commissioner on the Women's commission, I fully support a message of understanding and inclusion. I have seen first-hand through this volunteer work what violence and hatred does to vulnerable people in our

community, particularly teenagers. I support programs aimed at giving children an opportunity to thrive (like CASA).
OTHER PRIORITIES: Promoting budget efficiency to free up additional operating cash flow that can be used for teachers, fire fighters, police, and other annual expenses.

James Kitchin (DEM)

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

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

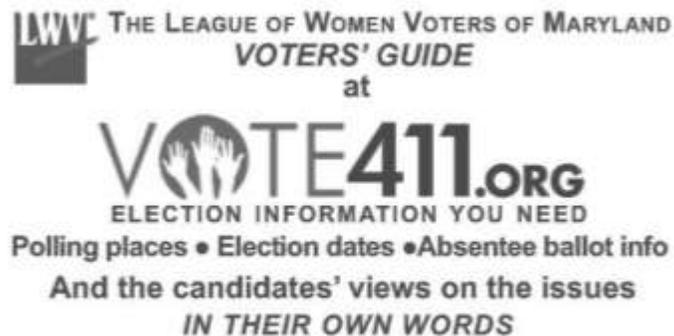
AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We need more

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

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

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

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



Judge of the Circuit Court

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

SALARY: \$154,433.

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

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

Questions

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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

on the court. I was born in Maryland and I am committed to AA County.

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

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

Judge in Court of Special Appeals (At-Large)

DUTIES: The Court of Special Appeals is 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.

Questions

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

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

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

At Large Candidates

Vote yes or no for continuance in office

Donald E. Beachley
No response received by deadline.

Matthew J. Fader
No response received by deadline.

County Offices

State’s Attorney

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

SALARY: \$170,518

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

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

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

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

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

Candidates

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

criminal justice initiatives.

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

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

for fair sentencing recommendations.
OTHER PRIORITIES: In addition to improvements in training, case prep and prosecutions, my office will continue to focus on crime prevention. In the past 3 years we have made over 150 appearances in local schools teaching about drug misuse, teen dating violence, on-line safety, cyber-bullying, and peer leadership & mentoring. Long term crime prevention requires consistent presence & messaging with youth.

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

justice for victims of domestic violence, sexual and physical assault.
INITIATIVES: I will restore the gang task force to partner with schools & county agencies to disrupt & prevent gang activity. I will form community prosecution teams to work with neighborhoods & police. I will restore community outreach programs to help citizens avoid becoming victims of crime. I will prosecute drug dealers bringing opioids into our county & expand treatment options for non-violent offenders.
PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION: The current S.A. ended formal training of prosecutors in 2015 and the result has been disastrous. A large number of cases are dropped or lost daily in the courts because the prosecutors are ill-prepared to handle them. I will resume the formal training that existed in the office for more than 25 years. The foundation for ethical, non-discriminatory practices is professional training and guidance.
OTHER PRIORITIES: My priority is restoring the office to an effective team that seeks justice for victims of crime in a professional, ethical & fair manner. I will stay on budget, unlike the current S.A. who overspent \$1million dollars of tax payer money while the county lacks funding for opioid treatment & schools. I will never play political games with our families' safety or with the rights of citizens.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court issues certain licenses and performs various court duties, including filing, docketing, and maintaining legal records; recording documents that involve title to real estate; and collecting related fees, commissions, and taxes. In this process, the Clerk's Office collects and distributes funds. Under the Clerk are the Courtroom Clerks and six departments: Civil and Family Law; Criminal; Juvenile; Land Records; Licensing; and Trust, Adoption and Appeals.
SALARY: \$114,500
TERM: Four years; no term limit.
HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
PRIORITIES: What will be your goals and priorities during your term of office?

Candidates

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

restitution. I will serve you with fair, equitable and accessible justice.

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 30 years of experience in the military, law enforcement and public safety. As a Senior Executive with the Federal government I was responsible for operations like those **of the Clerk's Office but on a larger scale**, and I earned many awards for my service. I have worked with criminal courts, civil courts and administrative law judges. As Clerk I will bring fresh ideas and new energy.

PRIORITIES: I believe voters should **expect more from the Clerk's office. I will** do more to reduce gun violence. I will reduce the backlog of 11,000 unserved warrants, which have languished for years. I will support raising the minimum age of marriage above the current level of 15 years old. I will increase support to victims of domestic abuse. And I will increase outreach and streamline business licensing.

Register of Wills

Duties: The Register of Wills serves as clerk to the Orphans' Court, assisting the public with administrative processes concerning estates of deceased persons. The Register collects Maryland inheritance tax on estates and probate fees; maintains all records of wills and estates of deceased persons, and safeguards wills of living persons.

Salary: \$114,500.

Term: Four years; no term limit.

How Elected: Elected countywide.

Questions

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

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

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: Drafted Wills & Trusts for 25 yrs as atty- no job training needed- 12 yrs experience as Register- Achieved 3 perfect State Legis. Audits-Staff & I work together to exceed public expectations- public satisfaction rating 99.24% & Atty. Satisfaction rating 95.73%. Created website for public for Case info & online order system. Outreach programs created to inform clubs & civic grps regarding estates.
PRIORITIES: Maintenance of a well trained, knowledgeable, compassionate, computer savvy staff guaranteeing you

efficiency & virtually no waiting time. Transitioned to paperless to save the public supply & storage costs. Preparing plan for making all ROW services to be Cloud based & available to public. Prepping estate paperwork E-filing project. Continued excellence thru caring public service & experience.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my life in public and private offices finding efficiencies and providing services to help **improve my "community"**. I have personal experience, and those of others, who feel this office needs compassion and innovations. The office has stagnated and needs to be revitalized. This will be my

new "community" passion

PRIORITIES: The office is unknown to the public, but it tells the life and death story of every citizen, in all age groups. We should create a citizen outreach to gather information and educate the public,

about the importance of a valid will and what to expect when a will needs to be executed. Develop a larger online presence. Evaluate cybersecurity and inefficiencies in the office and make improvements.

Judge of the Orphans' Court

Duties: Three judges comprise the Orphans' Court. Orphans' Court is the county's probate court, and also has jurisdiction over guardianships of minors. The Court supervises the handling of estates of people who have died (with or without a will) while owning property in their sole name. Orphans' Court judges are responsible for making sure that only appropriate payments are made from estate assets.

Salary: \$29,000

Term: Four years; no term limit.

How Elected: Elected countywide.

Qualifications: Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of the county for at least one year immediately preceding election. Anne Arundel County does not require Orphans' Court judges to be lawyers.

Questions

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

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

COURT NEEDS: What are the greatest needs of the Orphans' Court and how can these be addressed?

Candidates

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Maureen Carr-York (REP)

No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was first elected in 1998, & previously appointed Chief Judge by Governor Hogan. I maintained the Orphans' Court within budget with fiscal responsibility. I have consistently served on the bench with professionalism, integrity & compassion for the families' of the deceased. I have knowledge of estate & probate matters. Previously, I was the President of the MAJOC and received numerous citations.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe that court matters should not be influenced by discrimination in any way. I understand the importance of truth and fairness in the courtroom, and make it my priority to treat everyone fairly.

COURT NEEDS: The Orphans' Court needs to maintain dedication to resolving probate matters expeditiously, fairly and effectively. I will always have the interests of the citizens of Anne Arundel County first. Public awareness of the Orphans' Court and estate planning for the family deserve immediate attention.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a Judge of the Orphans' Court, I am completing a 4-year term of office and my experience has grown with regard to serving the public in this important role for family members who have are going through the estate process. My business and professional experience have been useful in becoming an effective judge by carefully considering the facts and writing effective case decisions.

DISCRIMINATION: The Orphans' Court serves the families of those who have experienced the death of a loved one as the Personal Representative opens an estate and works to distribute the assets of the decedent. With regard to discrimination, all heirs, interested parties, and legatees are treated equally under the law and this subject is not an issue that is a consideration in the administration of an estate.

COURT NEEDS: The Orphans' Court is a court of the public for family members seeking the proper adjudication of an estate for the deceased. There are no specific needs of the Orphans' Court that need to be addressed.

Vickie Gipson (DEM)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30 years of legal experience.

DISCRIMINATION: The courts can provide implicit bias training to judges and other court staff members and establishing no tolerance policy and proactively address issues as they arise

COURT NEEDS: The greatest need is there to be unfettered fairness and compassion towards all those who come before the court.

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Sheriff

Duties: The County Sheriff's office is responsible for enforcing the law, providing security for the courtrooms and operating the county jails. The sheriff carries out court orders, delivers summonses, deals with protective orders and other injunctions, and executes bench warrants.

Salary: \$128,064 (2014 figure; current year N/A)

Term: Four years; no term limit.

How Elected: Elected countywide. To be eligible for the office of Sheriff, a person must be at least twenty-five years of age and must have been a County resident for at least five years immediately preceding election.

Questions

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

TRAINING: What plans do you have to enhance the training of deputies and other staff?

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

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: 26 years of AA County law enforcement leadership and administrative experience to correct the outstanding warrant and court security issues in the Sheriff's Office. I have command & management experience in Personnel, Media Relations, Technology, Purchasing, Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Organized Crime. My integrity, honesty and accountability are key to success in office.

TRAINING: Currently, deputies are not properly trained in modern law enforcement best practices regarding use of technologies in warrant service, and response theories for active shooter.

These are top training priorities to ensure safety of deputies in the performance of their duties, and the general public frequenting the Circuit Court in Annapolis.

Current practices are obsolete and out of touch.

OTHER PRIORITIES: #1 Warrant Reduction - With nearly 12,000 un-served warrants in Anne Arundel County, this reduction must begin immediately by implementing modern leadership and practices. #2 Addressing Failed Audits that uncovered gross administrative oversight issues regarding failed or improper collection of fees, and, failures regarding reporting of hours for a federal grant for child support enforcement.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a retired command officer from a large police department. During my 27 years in Public Safety, 24 of which with the police department, I've gained extensive experience in the leadership, administration, and management of a diverse, progressive agency. My current employment as a deputy has allowed me to gain experience with the daily operations of the Sheriff's Office.

TRAINING: I would implement training to help sheriff personnel to better understand and communicate with diverse cultures. Enabling deputies to communicate with citizens whom English is not their primary language, will help to strengthen community relations. I would also require additional training to enhance the understanding of persons with mental disabilities and how to provide better services.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will reduce the number of open warrants by working to eliminate the need for new warrants, i.e., better public transportation to those who do not have a vehicle. Better public transportation will provide the ability to attend court so citizens are less likely to receive a warrant for failing to appear. Domestic violence issues and reforming the Sheriff's Office will also be top priorities.

Board of Education

Background: Legislation was enacted in 2017 changing the Anne Arundel Board of Education from an appointed to an elected body, and eliminating one adult Board position. Implementation of the new structure begins in 2018 with the election of four Board members, who will serve a six-year term. Three previously-appointed members will remain in office through 2020. In 2020, three Board members will be elected to a four-year term, and in 2024, all seven adult Board positions will be on the ballot.

Duties: The duties of the Board include, but are not limited to, the following: selecting and appointing the Superintendent of Schools; appointing personnel; continuous appraisal of the educational and administrative management of the school system; communicating and meeting with community members, staff and students; ratifying collective bargaining agreements; adopting policies, budgets, and courses of study; establishing school boundaries; making decisions on facility, procurement and financial matters; and deciding appeals.

Base Salary: \$8,000 per year.

Term of Office: Six years if elected in 2018, four years thereafter; limited to two consecutive terms.

How Elected: Elected by the qualified voters of the councilmanic district in which the member resides.

Qualifications: The Board is comprised of seven adult members, and one student member who serves a one-year term. Members must be residents of Anne Arundel County; elected members must reside in the councilmanic district they represent. The student member is selected by the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC), and is a regularly enrolled senior-year student of good character and in good standing in a public county high school.

Questions

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

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

AREA OF NEED: What do you consider the greatest area of need in our county's public education system, and how do you propose to address it?

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: What steps do you support to ensure an equivalent quality of education for students in every Anne Arundel County public school?

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: There is a current countywide initiative whose mission is to "fight hatred and promote understanding." What do you see as the role of the Board of Education in supporting this or related initiatives?

COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Do you favor county-funded financial assistance for non-public schools? Please explain why or why not.

District 1

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a mom with a child attending two Anne Arundel County Public Schools. I am also a disabled U.S. Navy veteran with over 20 years of service to my country and community. I am prepared to humbly and effectively serve

others, especially the students of Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

PRIORITIES: Optimizing safe learning is critical. Anything that disrupts safe learning in our schools should be addressed and eradicated. Hate actions like inciting violence, bullying, sexual assault and racism are intolerable. I plan to get them out of our schools!

AREA OF NEED: Protecting our students and preserving safe learning are great needs in our county's public education system. I am already addressing it. However, I plan to work with the rest of the board to ensure we take actions with a sound accord that builds trust-relationships within the schools and our communities.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: I recently reviewed the Anne Arundel County Public School's strategic plan over the next few years. Let's start there and be willing to adjust, as necessary. <https://www.aacps.org/Page/1690>

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: The Board of Education serves to oversee the established educational infrastructure of the public school system. The educational models and curricula in our schools already do these things. It is important that when hatred and misunderstanding are introduced, action is taken to correct complications.

COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Yes. Non-public Anne Arundel County schools should be able to request and receive available funding from the County. However, there should be prioritization based on need. There should also be a separate budget for non-public schools. The public school system is already greatly financially constrained.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I graduated from North County High School, a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from UMBC, and two Associate Degrees from Anne Arundel Community College. I volunteer with the UMMC NICU Advisory Board. I am a parent of two young children, my oldest entered Kindergarten this fall. I am a parent of a child with special needs and I believe in the importance of giving back to our community.

PRIORITIES: I believe the classroom needs of students and teachers must come

first. Three of the biggest issues facing our Schools are academic achievement, school construction, and a shortage of teachers. Increase in population, the lack of new school construction, and difficulty retaining teachers have caused class rooms sizes to record highs.

AREA OF NEED: Academic achievement is one of the greatest need in our public schools. Studies have shown that smaller class sizes yield better academic results. Therefore, I fully support an increase in teacher hiring and new school construction to reduce class sizes with a goal of improving student achievement.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: The classroom needs of students and teachers must come first. School spending must first be directed towards our students academic achievement. To ensure a quality education for all students it is important to provide them a quality learning environment that fosters their needs. Studies have shown the importance of smaller class sizes on our children's academics.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: As a parent of child with special needs, I understand the need to "fight hatred and promote understanding." The Board of Education should promote these ideals to preserve a safe and uninterrupted learning environment. Our children should never be afraid to go to school. I look forward to helping our schools "fight hatred and promote understanding" in the classroom and in our community.

COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Due to the funding shortfalls in the Anne Arundel County Schools, I do not currently support funding non-public schools. I would like to provide our children the quality education they deserve and eliminate the need for families to seek non-public schools. I support allowing families who choose non-public schools the opportunity to participate in Public School Extracurricular Activities.

District 4

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QUALIFICATIONS: I earned a BA in Psychology at UMBC, focusing my studies and research experience on child development and learning. There is a science to learning that is largely ignored in public education. I want to bring a whole-child approach to our schools that will level the playing field, focusing on developing the mind rather than preparing for tests, and eliminating the achievement gap.

PRIORITIES: A budget that is focused on dollars in our schools rather than central office, developing retention strategies for our teachers that includes a competitive salary and greater autonomy in the classroom that allows teachers to focus on their students' needs, greater transparency and accessibility among the board, and greater accountability with our administration will be many of my top priorities.

AREA OF NEED: Our resources must be focused within the walls of our schools. It was not the curriculum that failed our under-achieving students, it was their support system that failed. We must adequately staff our schools and engage greater community support to lift all students to achieving their greatest potential. We must bring a whole-child approach to education.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: We need adequate staffing and greater community involvement, including parents, businesses, and organizations, to address the issues that stand in the way of academic achievement for many students. I want to bring back bonus pay to retain our most effective teachers in our most challenged schools. Again, if we focus on developing the mind and take a whole-child approach, every student can succeed.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: We cannot deny the role our schools play in the character development. A greater partnership between schools and parents is needed in addition to our PTsAs, as well as more team-building and social-emotional skills exercises in our classrooms. This is not a political issue, but a practical one. Social skills do not have to be separate from academic skills and can be developed in the same lesson.

COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Financial assistance for students should only be in cases where our schools are unable to meet the needs

of a disadvantaged student, which I believe is the current practice; for example, for a student who has experienced trauma in the school. If managed effectively, I believe we have the resources and ability in our county to make all of our public schools the best option for all students.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a masters degree in special education and five years experience teaching students with learning and emotional disabilities. I am also the mother of five children with five very different personalities and learning styles. Children have always been my focus, especially the most vulnerable children. I bring experience in education from the teacher, student, and parent perspective.

PRIORITIES: Improve delivery of social/emotional support services by increasing personnel, particularly in counseling, special education, & English language acquisition. Increase teacher/staff compensation to bring system into top third of school systems state wide. Develop collaborative relationships with the new & veteran county elected officials so that budgets are crafted to meet real needs of schools.

AREA OF NEED: We must provide adequate social/emotional supports for our students. Adequate funding has to be provided for the needed personnel such as school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and special educators. The Board must craft budgets that include these resources, and then advocate with the county elected officials to see that these budgets are funded.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: Resources must be allocated in an equitable way, not an equal way. Equal means each child receives the same thing; equitable means each child receives what they need. Many of our students come with greater needs than others, whether due to poverty, lack of opportunity, or limited English proficiency. We must be committed to meeting the needs of each child so he or she can achieve and succeed.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: The Board must publicly affirm and support positive actions within our schools and communities. Members must speak out at Board meetings, in the community, & in schools against any forms of hate or intolerance. Our students often are the leaders in promoting kindness and understanding; members must encourage & support their efforts & ensure they are given the freedom to speak out.

COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS: No. Public schools are required to teach every child, no matter their race, religion, or disability. Private schools do not have to accept every child, & unlike public schools, they are held to no accountability standards for academics or achievement. Public funds should be used to educate EVERY child, and schools should be accountable to the public for how public funds are being spent.

District 5

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: My entire professional career has been devoted to education. I currently serve as the State Director of Adult Education at the MD Department of Labor and previously led multinational teams overseeing curriculum development and both online and blended learning solutions while at Laureate Education. I also taught as an adjunct faculty, teaching courses in economics, entrepreneurship, and finance.

PRIORITIES: My priorities have been and will continue to be: 1) reducing class sizes to increase student performance and reduce teacher workload, 2) adding guidance counselors for student support needs, 3) reducing the construction and maintenance backlog with smart operational solutions, 4) increasing SROs and security measures, & 5) increasing responsibility, accountability, and transparency to taxpayers.

AREA OF NEED: Increasing academic achievement remains paramount and will

continue to be my primary goal, should I be privileged to continue serving on the Board of Education. Research shows that smaller class sizes are an enabler of success and I will continue to advocate for additional teacher positions to support class size reductions.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: AACPS excels with programs of choice, which include magnet and signature programs. These programs, emphasizing 21st Century learning skills at the middle and high school levels, help students prepare for both college and workforce readiness to compete for both local and global opportunities. Expanding Triple E (Enhancing Elementary Excellence) to all feeder systems is critical, as well.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: The Board of Education should have a seat at the table to discuss and propose solutions, but this needs to be a community-driven initiative that involves stakeholders from the community at-large. The Board and AACPS have taken a number of internal steps to remedy the issues within the schools, but additional efforts are needed, including student and staff input on both awareness and enforcements.

COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS: I am not aware of current county funding for non-public schools. I am a product of AACPS and believe in our public school system. As a state legislator, I supported state funding for private and independent colleges and universities, and as a proud graduate of Loyola University Maryland (undergrad), I value the partnerships with non-public partners, at both the K-12 and higher education levels.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I bring the right mix of education, experience, persistence, and dedication to successfully advocate for ALL AACPS students. Highlights include an MBA, an extensive record working with diverse populations, and 30+ years of volunteer, activism, and advocacy experience. As an at-home mom, I will devote the time needed to close the gaps, develop meaningful policies, and effect real change.

PRIORITIES: My priorities include teacher retention, establishing pay/working conditions for all teachers, secretaries, and staff equal to their counterparts in surrounding counties, decreasing class sizes, developing budgets that reflect actual school needs, aligning school start times with evidence-based research, and providing needed fiscal oversight, including eliminating transportation inefficiencies.

AREA OF NEED: Teacher and staff retention is a huge problem and requires re-focusing Board culture towards crafting budgets and policies that reflect actual school needs and fully supports ALL teachers and staff. Fiscal oversight is needed to close funding, program, and resource gaps between schools to ensure that, upon graduation, ALL students will be adequately equipped to pursue the path of their choosing.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: All means ALL. Every school must be placed on equal footing, including providing schools serving low-income communities with the funding/resources equal to those that are generated by affluent schools with active PTAs/PTOs. Providing all schools equal programming, technology, renovations, and hiring/retaining the adequate number of teachers, staff, counselors, psychologists, etc. is my priority.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: The board must develop/fully support policies and initiatives via continual parent/community education and required age-appropriate programming at every grade level focusing on multicultural and social justice education, culturally responsive learning, compassion, celebrating diversity, practicing empathy, and allows for open and safe discussion of issues surrounding culture, race and racism.

COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS: I absolutely oppose ANY effort to direct public school funding, in ANY way, to non-public schools. Directing funding away from public schools undermines their success and negatively impacts graduation, crime, and unemployment rates, as well as property values. Non-public schools should raise their own funding, via tuition and other revenue streams entirely separate from public funding sources.

District 7

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: 20+ years working to improve AACO. Diverse professional experience combined with volunteering for various civic and educational organizations means I have unique understanding of how our schools are funded and operate. I currently serve AACO as Constituent Services Officer representing Council Districts 4 and 7. served 2007-2009 as Chair of the Planning Advisory Board. Im a wife and mother of two

PRIORITIES: Teacher and Student Needs Must Come First. Lets re-prioritizing spending to make our classroom the highest priority. Teachers are our most valued resource in the classroom. We need to retain and recruit high-quality educators. High student to teacher ratios and antiquated, inadequate security infrastructure create unhealthy, unsafe learning environments. Mental health **resources don't meet needs**

AREA OF NEED: My priority issues require systemic change of spending, policies and procedures. Re-prioritize spending and policy objectives back into classrooms; teachers and students always come first. Recognize that we can only be successful with parental, community and business involvement. More mental health services that better meets students and **families' needs. Continue to Restructure School Security**

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: After decades of federal, state and local initiatives, we still struggle to make good education accessible to all. AACPS needs to review its ESL programs, remove barriers limiting **families' participation at school, and** develop more a more comprehensive compensation and resource strategy to better support teachers who educate students with unique socio-economic needs.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Gather stakeholders and develop a strategic plan that responds to immediate situations, while establishing a foundation that rises above politics and rhetoric of hatred and

anger. It must be more realistic, relevant **to our communities' families' needs, and** most importantly meet the needs of students. Kindness Campaigns, AA United, and similar are good beginnings.

COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS: I feel that although we have a very robust education system, we should recognize the important role private education has in our communities. Charter schools have proved a successful integration of alternative learning choices is possible. Some of our special education needs continue to be met successfully by the public school partnering with the private school industry.

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PRIORITIES: The issues that will be a priority during my term in office include advocating for a sufficient school budget, retaining and recruiting effective teachers, reducing class sizes, and adopting proactive policies to address the safety and

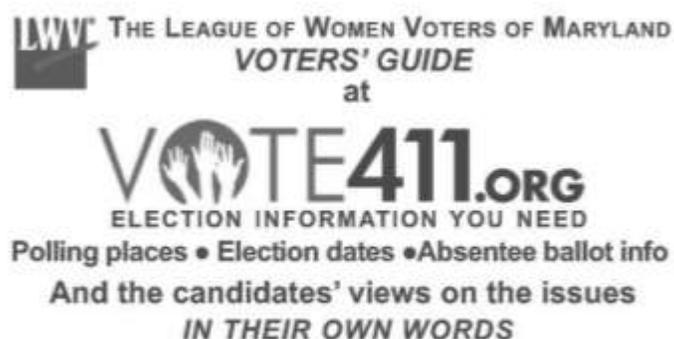
well-being of all students in our district.

AREA OF NEED: The public education system must have the ability to address the needs of all students while providing educators with appropriate resources to achieve that goal. We can begin to address those areas with a fully funded budget and by implementing the recommendations from the Kirwan Commission. We should work better with educators, community members and business leaders to gain support.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: I support the review and evaluation of resources within schools and across the school system to identify and address disparities in resource allocation. This includes improving the funding formula, adopting policies to close the achievement gap, and proposing a budget that adequately addresses student needs.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: The BOE must support the enforcement of policies and procedures that protect all of our children from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying. The Board must **review the county's discrimination policies** and complaint procedures to ensure that they are consistent with current laws and are fully implemented.

COUNTY FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS: If the public schools were adequately funded, then consideration could be given to financially supporting non-public schools provided their agreement to adhere to the same accountability and reporting standards as the public schools. This includes transparency in admissions, curriculum, test results, and budget.



Statewide 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.]

Statewide 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.]

Anne Arundel County Question A

Charter Amendment

Legislative Procedure - Notice of Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinances

Ballot Language: To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require notice by posting on a subject property pursuant to requirements found in the County Code before amending a comprehensive zoning ordinance to include a zoning change request made to the County Council and not proposed or reviewed by the Office of Planning and Zoning before introduction of the comprehensive zoning ordinance.

Origin: Introduced by County Councilman Trumbauer.

Present Practice: Comprehensive zoning ordinances are enacted to implement land use guidelines established by the General Development Plan (GDP). The County Office of Planning and Zoning proposes comprehensive zoning ordinances to County Council, and the public is notified as part of the normal legislative process. A property owner who wants to change a pending comprehensive zoning ordinance that has already been publicly advertised can ask a member of County Council to introduce an amendment. As there is no requirement to advertise a zoning change resulting from an amendment, owners of nearby properties may be unaware and/or unable to comment.

Proposed Change: In the event of a direct request to a County Council member resulting in an amendment to a pending comprehensive zoning ordinance, a sign will be posted on the property in question announcing the requested zoning change.

Pro: Owners of nearby properties will be informed of the requested zoning change in time to appear at a public hearing and otherwise comment.

Con: Possible added expense for the County. If the charter amendment passes, County Council will pass legislation assigning responsibility for posting the signs and other details.

A vote FOR means that a sign will be posted to notify nearby property owners of a zoning change.

A vote AGAINST means that property owners will have to monitor Council Council meetings to learn whether amendments have been made to comprehensive zoning ordinances affecting neighboring properties.

Anne Arundel County Question B

Charter Amendment

Purchasing Contract Limits

Ballot Language: To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to restrict the County Council's ability to increase the minimum value of purchases and contracts requiring full competitive bidding from \$25,000 to an amount not less than \$25,000 and not greater than \$50,000 and to require that the award of contracts greater than \$5,000 and less than the minimum dollar requirement for full competitive bidding shall be awarded through a simplified competitive process except as otherwise provided by law; and to require that the County Purchasing Agent shall cause to be published on the Anne Arundel County website all awards of contracts through the full and simplified bidding processes for capital improvements, contractual services, professional services, or supplies of \$5,000 or greater awarded by the County in accordance with the Anne Arundel County Code.

Origin: Introduced by request of the County Executive.

Present Practice: Full competitive bidding, involving a formal sealed bidding process, is required for County purchases and contracts valued at \$25,000 or more. Purchases and contracts valued between \$5,000 to \$25,000 are awarded through a simplified process in which multiple unsealed bids are considered. There is no requirement for **contract awards to be posted on the County's website.**

Proposed Change: The County Council will have the ability to increase the minimum

value of purchases and contracts requiring full competitive bidding up to a cap of \$50,000. Purchases valued less than the minimum value for full competitive bidding set by Council will be awarded through a simplified competitive process, and all contract **awards of \$5,000 or more will be posted on the County's website.**

Pro: The full competitive bidding process can be costly and time-consuming, and Anne Arundel's minimum is lower than most county jurisdictions in the state. Changing the allowable minimum value has the potential of making the purchasing process more efficient and provides County government flexibility to adjust as prices increase with inflation. Unlike a 2016 proposed charter amendment which would have raised the minimum to \$75,000 and was defeated by voters, this amendment assigns County Council the authority to raise or lower the minimum within the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range.

Con: Sealed bids facilitate participation by a larger number of vendors and can result in cost savings for the County.

A vote FOR the amendment would permit the County Council to set the minimum value of a contract subject to competitive bidding to a value between \$25,000 and \$50,000, and would require the County Purchasing Agent to publish awards of contracts with a value of \$5,000 or more on the County's website.

A vote AGAINST the amendment would keep the current minimum value of \$25,000 for a contract subject to formal competitive bidding, and would not require any posting of contract awards on the County's website.

Anne Arundel County Question C

Charter Amendment

Legislative Branch - Duties of County Auditor - Reports of Fraud

Ballot Language: To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require that the County Auditor receive a copy of any report related to employee theft or fraud in the County and to permit the County Auditor to inspect the records relating to the report and forward any exception to the findings of the fraud investigation to the County Council and the County Executive.

Origin: Introduced by County Councilman Walker.

Present Practice: The County Auditor is authorized to inspect all County financial records and to report to the County Executive and County Council any irregularity or improper procedure found therein. However, the charter does not require County agencies to report incidences of employee theft or fraud to the Auditor.

Proposed Change: The County Auditor will receive and review records related to employee theft or fraud, and will assess the findings of fraud investigations and report any exceptions.

Pro: Open communication and cooperation within County government improves operations and transparency. Timely notification may help limit losses of County **resources through theft and fraud. The County Auditor's office has four staff members** who are certified fraud examiners.

Con: None.

A vote FOR means that records related to theft of County resources by an employee or fraud in County government perpetrated by an employee would be provided to the County Auditor who would review and report on any exceptions to the findings of the fraud investigation.

A vote AGAINST means that the County Auditor would not automatically be informed about reports of theft or fraud by County employees.

(Anne Arundel County Board of Elections [summary](#) of ballot questions.)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I registered to vote?

In Maryland, registration is permanent as long as you continue to live in the state and keep your current address. To verify your registration, go to voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch, or call the Board of Elections.

When you first register to vote or change your registration (name, address or party affiliation), the Board of Elections will mail you a Voter Identification Card. If you **don't receive a card within 3 weeks or if the information on the card is incorrect**, contact the Board of Elections.

Am I eligible to register to vote?

To register, you must be at least 16 years old, a U.S. citizen and a Maryland resident. You must not be under court-ordered ineligibility to vote due to mental disability, nor convicted of buying or selling votes. If you have been convicted of a felony, you must have completed serving any prison sentence.

How and when can I register, change party or update my address?

To vote absentee OR on November 6, General Election Day, the deadline to register to vote or make changes to your party affiliation and/or address is Tuesday, October 16, at 9 PM. Go to aacounty.org/elections and click on "Register to Vote."

You may also register to vote during early voting (October 25-November 1) at any AA County early voting center. **Bring a Maryland driver's license, identification card, learner's permit, or other proof of residency. If you are already registered, you may correct your address at an early voting center, but you cannot alter your party affiliation.**

Who can vote in the General Election?

U.S. citizens must be at least 18 years of age on or before the General Election date, November 6, 2018, to vote.

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