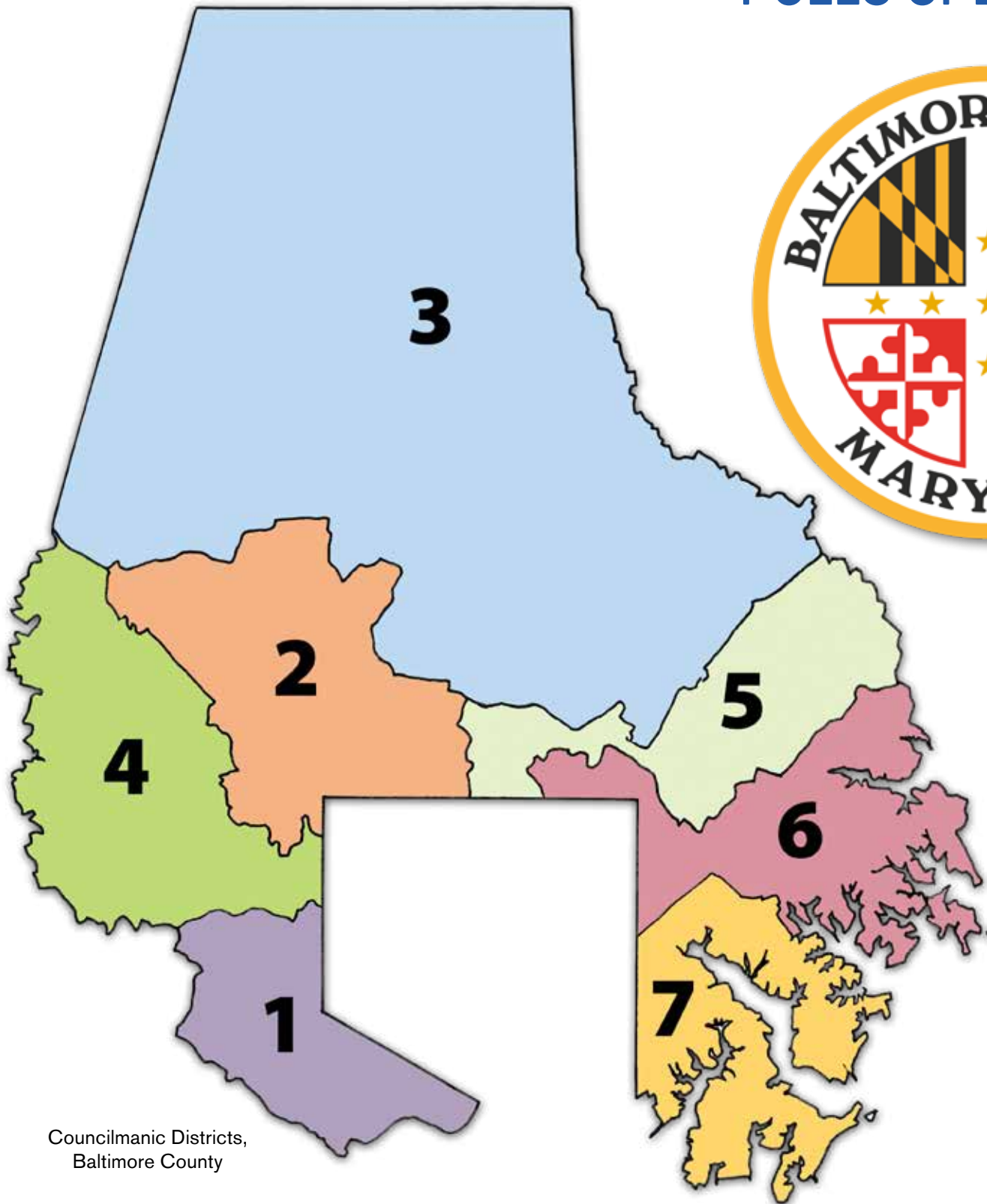


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VOTERS' GUIDE

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Baltimore County



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EARLY VOTING

OCT. 25-NOV. 1 (10AM-8PM)

Early Voting Locations Listed Instead

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- ### EARLY VOTING DATES

October 25-November 1
10 AM-8 PM
Voter registration is available.

Early Voting Sites

Arbutus Recreation Center
865 Sulphur Spring Road
Halethorpe, MD 21227

Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park
1114 Shawan Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030

County Campus Metro Centre at Owings Mills
10302 Grand Central Avenue
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Honeygo Run Community Center
9033 Honeygo Blvd.
Perry Hall, MD 21128

Jacksonville Recreation Center at Sweet Air Park
3605 B Sweet Air Road
Jacksonville, Maryland 21131

Randallstown Community Center
3505 Resource Drive
Randallstown, MD 21133

Reisterstown Senior Center at Hannah More Campus
12035 Reisterstown Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center
323 Sollers Point Road
Dundalk, MD 21222

Towson University Administration Building
7720 York Road
Towson, MD 21252

Victory Villa Community Center
404 E. Compass Road
Middle River, MD 21220

Woodlawn Community Center
2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue
Gwynn Oak, MD 21207

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GOVERNOR/LT GOVERNOR

Vote for 1 pair

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

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see Maryland Manual Online

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REPUBLICAN

Larry Hogan/Boyd K. Rutherford

www.LarryHogan.com

No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRAT

Ben Jealous/Susan Turnbull
<http://benjealous.com>

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.

LIBERTARIAN

Shawn Quinn/Christina Smith

www.citizen4quinn.com

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.

GREEN

Ian Schlakman/Annie Chambers

<http://schlakman.com>

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

COMPTROLLER

Vote for 1

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

CANDIDATES FOR COMPTROLLER WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING 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.

REPUBLICAN

Anjali Reed Phukan

<http://mscomptroller.com>

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 loving enforce the law equally for all.

DEMOCRAT

Peter Franchot

www.franchot.com

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

Vote for 1

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see Maryland Manual Online

CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

REPUBLICAN

Craig Wolf

<http://wolf4ag.com>

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former state and federal prosecutor, counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, business leader and decorated Soldier/Veteran. I have also been a volunteer EMT/Rescue Diver. I have a 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.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT

Brian E. Frosh

www.brianfrosh.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as Maryland's Attorney General for the past three years. Prior to being elected Attorney General, I was Chair of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, where I sponsored many laws that now protect Marylanders and our state including the law prohibiting oil drilling in the Chesapeake Bay, the Maryland Recycling Act and the Maryland Firearm Safety Act. **ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** Among the many steps that my office has taken to improve the efficiency and fairness of the legal processes in Maryland is our fight for and achievement of reforming the cash bail system, which jailed people in our state simply because they were poor. I will continue to work with the legislature to find and invest in strategies that increase public safety and recidivism. **LITIGATION:** The Attorney General should join lawsuits relating to federal regulations or corporate misconduct when there is evidence that the people or state of Maryland have been or will be adversely effected. **DISCRIMINATION:** In 2015, my office was the first in the country to issue guidelines to all law enforcement agencies prohibiting profiling based upon race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual preference, etc. We published a study of discrimination against LGBT citizens that was cited by the Supreme Court in its historic Obergefell decision. We have penalized and shut down industries that prey on the poor. **OTHER PRIORITIES:** Over the past three years my office has achieved hundreds of millions of dollars of settlements and judgments from Wall Street Banks, Predatory Lenders, Automakers, Tobacco Companies, and Polluters who sought to injure or defraud Marylanders. My office is working with the multi-state investigation of opioid manufacturers. If re-elected, I pledge to remain the People's lawyer & continue our efforts.

U.S. SENATOR

Vote for 1

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: www.senate.gov

CANDIDATES FOR U. S. SENATOR WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Ⓡ REPUBLICAN

Tony Campbell

www.campbell4maryland.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30 years of government and non-profit experience. I served on a Congressional staff and as a presidential appointee at Social Security Administration. As a former Army officer, I understand national security issues as well as the need for sound foreign policy based on our national interest. I have real world experience and academic knowledge which is necessary to serve in the US Senate. **HEALTH CARE:** I advocate for an end to ObamaCare. The national government should not be in the business of mandating health care coverage. A possible change I would be in favor of is looking at providing block grants to states from the national government to try to solve the opioid epidemic. Another change in health policy would be to allow Veterans to go to any hospital to get the care they need. **DISCRIMINATION:** The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberties for citizens so they are equal under the law through the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Education Reform is one of the most pressing issues which can help to eliminate discrimination in our country. I support School Choice initiatives for all parents to send their children to the schools of their choice. **ECONOMIC POLICY:** I am against raising taxes. I support a balanced budget amendment. I am in favor of bi-lateral Fair Trade policies. Keeping America Secure is a key focus of my campaign for US Senate. Our cyber infrastructure is severely compromised with American companies being hacked by foreign countries. Our energy grid infrastructure is also at risk and should be priority of the national government. **IMMIGRATION:** National Sovereignty is connected to the ability of a country to protect its borders. I support enhancing our border security through a variety of means including building a border wall and increased border agents. I am against current policies of the diversity lottery and chain migration. I am against a pathway to citizenship for undocumented people. I would support permanent residency status. **ENVIRONMENT:** In Maryland, a pressing environmental challenge is the dredging of our waterways.

Maryland is unique in the amount of waterways we have and the need we have for a partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers. As your next United States Senator, I will work to fully fund dredging projects to make sure our beautiful Chesapeake Bay is environmentally healthy. **OTHER PRIORITIES:** Advocating Success, not subsistence. The American Dream has been not possible for a lot of Marylanders. As your next United States Senator, I want to promote a vision of economic success. I believe limited government intervention is important so people can build a legacy of wealth creation to pass onto their children and grandchildren.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT

Ben Cardin

www.bencardin.com

QUALIFICATIONS: In the Senate, I fight every day for the issues of concern to my fellow Marylanders, promoting policies, legislation and programs that help our local and regional economy, encouraging public safety and supporting public health. My success navigating the Small Business, Environment & Public Works, Finance and Foreign Relations committees allow me to effectively continue my advocacy for Marylanders. **HEALTH CARE:** Health care is a human right. We should have seamless quality health care from pre-natal to death that is affordable without sacrificing quality and basic protections. Congress must restore the payments to insurers that have helped keep premiums in reach for millions. I have long supported a public option in the health exchanges that would increase competition, put patients first and lower costs. **DISCRIMINATION:** Bills I have authored or cosponsored include: the End Racial and Religious Profiling Act, a resolution to remove the deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment, the Democracy Restoration Act, The Equality Act of 2017 and the Paycheck Fairness Act. I continue to support legislation to protect our LGBT students and adults. I support an increase in the federal minimum wage. **ECONOMIC POLICY:** We should modify our tax code to truly target middle-income and working families, help small businesses & make smart investments in infrastructure & green technologies. Investments should address income inequality & raising wages. We need trade agreements that level the field for our workers, including robust & enforceable labors rights, environmental provisions & anti-corruption provisions. **IMMIGRATION:** I support bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform, but Congress must first pass legislation to permanently protect Dreamers. We need a legal pathway to residency for TPS recipients. We don't need a wall but we can strengthen technology and other border security. We must stop President Trump's proposal to slash legal immigration, break up families and mostly close America's doors to refugees. **ENVIRONMENT:** The president's unwillingness to confront climate change. I will fight for federal resources that compel this administration to invest, especially in clean air, clean water, renewable energy and public transit. We've seen success with funding for the Chesapeake Bay. If the Trump administration will not take steps necessary to protect our environment, we must encourage states to continue their work. **OTHER PRIORITIES:** Opioid addiction and abuse is a public health crisis. We must fight it head on with every available resource at all levels of government. Our drug laws must be smart, fair and rational, and treat addiction as a disease that

requires treatment. We should improve access to evidence-based treatment centers, promote prevention education methods, and provide support for those in or seeking recovery.

LIBERTARIAN

Arvin Vohra

<http://votevohra.com>

QUALIFICATIONS: As an educator and entrepreneur, I have seen the damage government has done. I advocate repealing regulations, ending government involvement in education, abolishing public schools, abolishing all government welfare, and ending the income tax. As Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party, I support ending the welfare-warfare state, ceasing involvement in foreign civil wars, and downsizing the military. **HEALTH CARE:** I will sponsor legislation to abolish Obamacare, Medicare, Medicaid, the FDA, and cut taxes accordingly. Consider this: laser eye surgery, which is not covered by government insurance, has dropped from several thousand dollars to a few hundred per eye. EpiPen, which is covered, has increased in price from a hundred to several hundred dollars. Free markets make medicine actually affordable. **DISCRIMINATION:** I will sponsor legislation to immediately end Affirmative Action and all other government racial quotas and preferences. I will also work to eliminate all “anti-discrimination” laws, which accomplish nothing besides creating resentment. Any business has the right to refuse service to anyone, or fire any employee, for any reason. I will defund related government programs and cut taxes accordingly. **ECONOMIC POLICY:** I will work to end the income tax by cutting federal spending, eliminating federal departments, firing federal employees, dismantling the welfare state, shutting down foreign military bases, and bringing the troops home. We’ll have more money to spend on businesses that work, creating more free market, legitimate jobs, while also attracting job creating businesses to America. **IMMIGRATION:** I will sponsor legislation to open borders and end all welfare, including food stamps, public schools, social security, medicaid, and college financial aid. I also support ending the income tax, in order to attract entrepreneurs and job creators. Anyone who wants to come to America to work and create jobs should be welcome. No one who comes to America should get a cent of welfare. **ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government is the biggest polluter in America. Much of that comes from massive military production of unneeded equipment. If elected, I will sponsor legislation to end production of needless military equipment, and to cease all environmentally destructive military overreach. I will work to end all involvement in foreign civil wars, bring the troops home, and cut taxes accordingly. **OTHER PRIORITIES:** I will sponsor legislation to end all welfare, to encourage personal responsibility. I will sponsor legislation to end the drug war, to eliminate prohibition-created violence. I will sponsor legislation to cut federal spending, fire federal workers, dismantle federal agencies, in order to increase freedom and end the income tax.

UNAFFILIATED

Neal Simon

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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.

WRITE-INS

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Lih Young

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REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S. CONGRESS

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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: www.house.gov

CANDIDATES FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S. CONGRESS WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING 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?

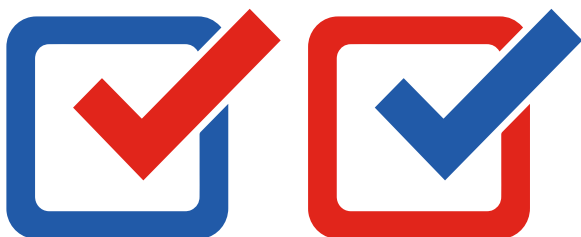
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

REPUBLICAN

Andy Harris

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having raised my family in the 1st District, I understand the difficulties that face families in today’s economy and culture. As a practicing physician, I have first-hand experience with the problems people have dealing with insurers, the high cost of health care and the difficulty finding providers, especially for our seniors. As a veteran, I know how hard it is to find the benefits they earned. **HEALTH CARE:** We have to bring down the cost of health care and health care insurance, which was a failure of the Affordable Care Act. We can do this by opening up price transparency in the health care system, by bringing down the cost of drugs, and most importantly, by re-establishing high risk health insurance pools in which the cost of high premiums are brought down by sharing the cost among everyone. **DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination in any form should not be tolerated in a free society like America—which was established on the principle



that all people are created equal—and should therefore be treated that way. One policy that I support is the conscience protection laws that are unfortunately necessary at the state and federal level for freedom of religion protection. **ECONOMIC POLICY:** The tax reform passed last year was essential in re-establishing America's pre-eminence in the global economy. Lowering our business tax rates to be competitive world-wide will result in millions of jobs returning to the United States. I support the proposals to increase investment in our infrastructure which has fallen so far behind—including public-private partnerships and rural broadband. **IMMIGRATION:** We have to enforce our current immigration laws while offering continuing temporary legal status to DACA recipients. We should end the diversity visa lottery and shift to a merit-based system like Canada. Finally, we have to recognize that many industries in the 1st District, like seafood processing and tourism, depend on temporary foreign labor—so we have to enhance the H2B visa system. **ENVIRONMENT:** The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and an economic boon to Maryland and the First District. That's why I have supported full and continued funding of the Chesapeake Bay Program in the federal budget. We have to work with our upstream states to make sure that progress continues, and we have to come up with innovative affordable solutions to the problems of the Conowingo Dam sediment. **OTHER PRIORITIES:** American defense strength has to be restored. It has languished under the last administration, and that has led us to a more dangerous world situation in areas like Eastern Europe, the South China Sea, and the Korean peninsula. American pre-eminence in the world has to be re-established, as we are the leading force for freedom and liberty throughout the world—much of which looks to us to lead.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT

Jesse Colvin

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've spent my adult life running towards difficult problems. 9/11 led me to study Arabic, teach English in Syria, and join the Army. I served as an intelligence officer and U.S. Army Ranger through four combat deployments to Afghanistan. Afterwards, I worked to identify insider fraud at an investment bank. Our country and our district need leadership, vision, and action—right now. **HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare is a right. I want to allow any individual or business to purchase Medicare coverage; convert Medicaid into a branch of Medicare, so each enrollee receives equal benefits and states can go back to education and transportation; convert CHIP into MediKids, so every baby receives comprehensive healthcare until she is an adult; and permit Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices. **DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination of any sort is abhorrent and contrary to our ideals. As an Army Ranger, I fought to protect and defend our Constitution, which ensures equal protection under the law for each American. I support prohibiting all forms of discrimination as I believe this will make our nation stronger and more just. Similarly, I firmly support guaranteeing women's right to equal pay for equal work. **ECONOMIC POLICY:** The next generation of software developers, solar panel technicians, or cybersecurity experts can learn, work, and grow businesses in MD1. Let's invest in tomorrow. Let's invest in solar jobs, MD1's burgeoning ecotourism

economy, and technologies and sustainable practices that protect the Bay and allow farmers to increase harvests and more effectively access markets near and far. **IMMIGRATION:** We need a comprehensive immigration bill that honors our "nation of immigrants" history and protects Dreamers, offer a pathway to citizenship to aspiring Americans, and secures our border. Most people agree with these goals: the only thing stopping us is partisan politics. I will work with any other representatives to find common ground. **ENVIRONMENT:** Sea-level rise is the one of the most pressing challenges facing MD1. To prevent disaster, we must convert our economy into a renewable one: it's cheaper, safer, and one of the fastest growing industries in country and state. Solar will soon enough be the cheapest source of energy on the planet. We should help fund installations because they provide clean energy and well-paying jobs. **OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our district's drug-related deaths trend nearly 50% higher than the national average. We must join together—regardless of our differences—to face this challenge. We need a comprehensive plan that includes prevention, treatment, and recovery. To succeed, it must also have buy-in from federal, state, and local governments as well as healthcare professionals, insurers, and communities themselves.

🔥 LIBERTARIAN

Jenica Martin

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QUALIFICATIONS: I hold a M.A. in Public Policy. I worked with a non-profit legislative organization in Washington, D.C. I successfully fought against labor law violations for 1600+ workers in NYC. I worked with the Catholic Charities Department for Persons with Disabilities as an advocate for the disabled community. And, now I serve as an advocate for abused and neglected children in foster care. **HEALTH CARE:** Repeal the ACA and other Federal interventions while fostering a stronger health care market encompassing already established innovations (Prepaid Group Plans, Affordable Primary Care, Reverse Deductibles, and Secure Health Insurance). Eliminate federal interference that hinders market innovations. Market innovations promote lowered costs and better access to secure health care. **DISCRIMINATION:** Government should neither deny nor abridge any individual's human right based upon sex, wealth, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, personal habits, political preference or sexual orientation. This includes supporting legislation such as, the Protecting Girls' Access to Education Act, the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act, and the Accelerating Individuals into the Workforce Act. **ECONOMIC POLICY:** Cut federal spending from 21% of the GDP to less than 18% then, balance the budget to pay down the debt. Reform federal laws that impede the privatization of state and local infrastructure. Foster universal savings accounts for families to build wealth without double taxation. And, eradicate tariffs on imports that reduce production costs and promote domestic industry investments. **IMMIGRATION:** Allow states to regulate and operate their own migrant worker programs. Reform the H-1B visa program for highly skilled migrant workers by eliminating the cap. Restrict noncitizen access to means-tested welfare. And, expand legal immigration opportunities by implementing easier and more affordable pathways to citizenship (current programs can take up to 10 years for citizenship

acquisition). **ENVIRONMENT:** Limit the quantity of emissions and funnel the proceeds from sales to those who are exposed to the pollutants. Eliminate the federal regulatory intervention of renewable energy access. Protect State's rights to regulate offshore drilling and 'fracking'. And, foster stronger protection for national waterways and air quality. **OTHER PRIORITIES:** Combat the opioid crisis by implementing the financial accountability of pharmaceutical companies. Eliminate proposals to utilize taxpayer dollars to address opioid addiction consequences. Offer greater and easier access to alternative pain management options including medicinal marijuana. Require greater cessation educational programs and options for patients prescribed opioid based medications.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

🇺🇸 REPUBLICAN

Liz Matory

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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 temporary 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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C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger www.dutchforcongress.com

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 case-work 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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Michael Carney <http://carneyforcongress.us>

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.

◆ GREEN

Guy Mimoun www.guyforcongress.us

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 and deficit spend. There are perhaps more accomplihsed people running against me but I know how to pay for programs without raising taxes. **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:** Amnesty 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. With a FJG, we will need all the people power to restore our infrastructure including GND labor. **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

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

 **REPUBLICAN**

Charles Anthony

No response received by deadline.

 **DEMOCRAT**

John Sarbanes

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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.

 **LIBERTARIAN**

David Lashar

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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 7

 **REPUBLICAN**

Richmond Davis

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a congressman, I will have had decades of experience dealing with problems derived from my experience as a practicing attorney. I, further, am well read and knowledgeable on public affairs to which I will bring a conservative perspective. **HEALTH CARE:** I oppose Obamacare. I will support alternatives—expanded health savings accounts and increased competition among insurance companies. **DISCRIMINATION:** I oppose discrimination based on such factors. **ECONOMIC POLICY:** I am a firm believer in the free enterprise system and free trade. **IMMIGRATION:** First priority—control our borders. It is a national obligation. Keep better track of the whereabouts of legal admittees authorized to stay on a limited or visitor visa. **ENVIRONMENT:** There are undoubtedly legitimate worries about the status of the world's environment but none is "pressing". **OTHER PRIORITIES:** The state of America's educational systems. The nation's cultural divide and the animosity that accompanies it.

 **DEMOCRAT**

Elijah Cummings

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QUALIFICATIONS: Howard Univ. (Phi Beta Kappa 1973). Univ. Maryland Law School (JD 1976). Md General Assembly (14 years-Speaker Pro Tem). U.S. House of Representatives (1996-). Oversight & Government Reform (Ranking Democrat) and Transportation & Infrastructure Committees, Congressional Black Caucus (Past Chair). Lifetime 7th Dist. Maryland resident. **HEALTH CARE:** I have long supported universal access to affordable, high-quality healthcare. I will continue to defend the Affordable Care Act as a first step toward making healthcare a federal civil right, while also fighting for a single-payer system based on expanded and improved Medicare (H.R. 676), expanded children's healthcare, and reformed veterans' healthcare. **DISCRIMINATION:** As a former civil rights attorney and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, I will continue our fight for fair and equal treatment of all Americans, especially in the areas of education, healthcare, economic empowerment, criminal justice reform and voting rights. **ECONOMIC POLICY:** I am working to create more 21st Century jobs by investing in American manufacturing, exports, sustainable energy and innovation while ensuring a living wage, protecting union organizing, expanding worker training, making higher education affordable for all, solidifying the social safety net, fighting pay discrimination, and improving corporate governance. **IMMIGRATION:** I support comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship to better secure our borders, protect workers against abuse, limit the downward pressure on wages, and unify families—policies that are both realistic and humane. **ENVIRONMENT:** I support efforts to (1) limit carbon pollution from power plants and other major sources; (2) strengthen federal efforts to clean our air and water; (3) strengthen and implement national and international climate change

agreements and (4) protect the Chesapeake Bay and our natural heritage. **OTHER PRIORITIES:** I will continue our fight to hold the President and Executive Branch accountable; to defend our voting rights and electoral process from both foreign and domestic interference; to better protect our communities from inadequately regulated firearms; and to strengthen and sustain Social Security, Medicare & Medicaid.

LIBERTARIAN

David R. Griggs

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QUALIFICATIONS: My principle qualification is holding a Ph.D. degree in physics. I worked for approximately 35 years with several DoD and NASA contractors as a senior physicist and analyst. I am well acquainted with many aspects of government activities, especially in the area of national defense. My scientific education and libertarian principles will allow me to more effectively address the issues of the day. **HEALTH CARE:** As a Libertarian I think the federal government is too involved in healthcare. My position is that healthcare should not be paid for by the government; the only money it has is taken from the taxpayers. If taxes were lower and government control lessened, we would eventually more easily pay for our own healthcare. Libertarians believe each person should be in control of his/her own life. **DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination by all levels of government for any reason should not exist. Individual discrimination based on the listed individual properties is a sign of ignorance; libertarians believe in completely equal rights for all. Non-violent discrimination by an individual, however abhorrent, cannot be banned but can be countered with education and wisdom. All people have all inalienable rights. **ECONOMIC POLICY:** A smaller, less costly government would better serve the people. The federal government controls too much of the economy. The American populace is over taxed by a significant amount. The government should have minimal control of international trade. People should be able to work for anyone who will employ them and unionize if they so desire. Publicly-financed infrastructure should be minimized. **IMMIGRATION:** The success of the United States has been based on immigration. Everyone here (with few exceptions) is an immigrant or a descendant of immigrants. Except for criminals or the seriously ill, immigrants should be welcomed to our country. They are making a choice to become Americans as millions of people have done before. We should consider them as contributors, not hindrances, to our nation. **ENVIRONMENT:** On the macro scale, the largest environmental problem is global warming. Undoubtedly, human activity is having a generally negative effect on the environment. The looming question is how best to address this issue. On a more local scale, pollution can have a detrimental effect on our quality of life; polluters should be responsible for paying for the negative effects of their pollution. **OTHER PRIORITIES:** My primary other priority is ending the ineffective, harmful, ridiculous, and racist War on Drugs. We should not penalize the possession or voluntary sale of any chemical and should release from jail or prison everyone convicted of a drug possession or sale crime. We would save money and cease to ruin many lives. We need to try to help our fellow citizens who have become addicted to any drugs.

STATE SENATOR

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE: <http://mga-leg.maryland.gov>

CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING 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 6

REPUBLICAN

Johnny R. Salling

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QUALIFICATIONS: Being in the Senate for 4 years has helped me tremendously working with my other senators. I believe I will work well with other Senators for the next four years to pass laws that makes sense for the people in my district and in the state of Maryland. **REDISTRICTING:** All! This has been a problem for years and it needs to change for the people in Maryland. **ENVIRONMENT:** We need to take care of the Bay. It is our gem. And we need to take care of all pollution and types that will help out our communities. **DISCRIMINATION:** Just being fair to all Races is not the issue. But being fair to everybody including American Indians is important to me let alone every other race. **EDUCATION:** I believe that the education in our state has a flaw. Money is not the issue. It is homes with two parents taking care of our kids and the right policies like Common Core which is not the answer to help out our kids. Let's get back to the basics. **HEALTH CARE:** These days are medical

systems and the flaws that they have in payments has been a major problem in our hospitals and our clinics. The only way we can change these issues is going back to the old ways which makes sense and applying them in a proper manner. That would take care of the issue. **TRANSPORTATION:** Do the federal state and County they are applied. They need to work together to take care of our roads are aliens are highways and every part to make a difference for our people.

DEMOCRAT

Buddy Staigerwald

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a community, political and public servant for most of my adult life. I serve as the Volunteer Chairman for The Sky's the Limit Community Theater. I am a veteran of the Balto. County Vol. Fire service. I am a member of the Southeast Area School Advisory Council School Board. In each of these roles I have served in leadership. All of this prepares me for the Maryland State Senate. **REDISTRICTING:** I am a supporter of an independent committee either drawing the lines or having review and oversight of redistricting lines. I believe this allows for public input and transparency in the process and helps to alleviate concerns over the current process. **ENVIRONMENT:** I live on the Chesapeake Bay and I think it is one of our greatest natural resources in my area. Many people work on the bay and harvest the seafood that we all enjoy. I believe we need to protect this resource for future generations. In order to do this, we need to closely regulate water runoff from all industries that threaten the bay as well any dredging. **DISCRIMINATION:** I would support and sponsor any type of legislation that promotes fair and equitable treatment for all. There is no room in our society for any type of discrimination for any reason. We have the right to be who we are as citizens of this great nation. **EDUCATION:** I would support higher pay for teachers as well as making sure pension funds are fully funded. We need to make sure that those we entrust to educate our children have fair and equitable pay as well as a secure future for themselves. I would fund them through Casino revenues and through private public partnerships. These funds would be in addition to current funding not in place of current funds. **HEALTH CARE:** I believe we need health care for all, but most importantly our senior citizens need not worry about eating verses getting medication or doctor visits. I would look at sponsoring laws that would have pharmaceutical companies offset senior costs as well as using Casino profits to strengthen Maryland's Health Care System. **TRANSPORTATION:** Safe, reliable and clean public transportation should be focused on. I would look to employ reusable energy and the latest technologies for a comprehensive program. I would seek to use public private partnerships to fund such projects. Both, businesses willing to install this technology as well as existing community business partners could work together to install and maintain such systems

UNAFFILIATED

Scott M. Collier

No response received by deadline.

VOTE:

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 7

REPUBLICAN

J. B. Jennings

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

REDISTRICTING: Process should be done in a non-partisan way that ensures politics is taken out of the process. Each district should be drawn in a way to ensure communities stay connected and not divided between multiple districts. **ENVIRONMENT:** One of the biggest challenges facing the Chesapeake Bay is the hundreds of thousands of tons of sediment and pollutants sitting behind the Conowingo Dam. Another issues is the over-development of agricultural land and green space. This is taking away the natural filter that purifies the storm water before it makes its way to the Chesapeake Bay. **DISCRIMINATION:** I have and always will support legislation that fights all forms of discrimination. **EDUCATION:** 83% of the Maryland's budget is mandated spending. These are fixed formulas that automatically dictate how tax dollars will be spent. Some of these formulas date back 75 years. There should be a review of all these formulas to ensure each jurisdiction is receiving its proper allotment of school funding. **HEALTH CARE:** The costs for individual insurer market is out of control. Rates have risen as much as 34% year after year. It has gotten to the point that many can't afford to have insurance. This is an issue that should be addressed on a federal level. However, with the feds not acting to fix it, legislation needs to be looked at next session to see what can be done at the State level to lower these prices. **TRANSPORTATION:** About 10 years ago the counties and local jurisdictions had roughly 98% of their transportation funds cut. Due to these, many of our roadways have not been maintained properly. Potholes, cracks and erosion are causing serious traffic issues. These funds need to be restored so that these failing roadways can be repaired. Additionally, new technology, such as 'smart' stop lights need to installed

DEMOCRAT

Donna Hines

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have taken on the big boys like BG&E when they eliminated my position while I was on maternity leave even though I was promised a promotion. I took this case all the way to the supreme court. I took on my neighbor, Jones Dealerships, when they erected stadium lighting in my backyard..... I have taken on Harford County zoning. I am willing to fight the big fight for fairness and justice. **REDISTRICTING:** I would make them more equal in population. Rather than make them based upon a particular area, I would even out the distribution so each district has a similar number of households. **ENVIRONMENT:** I am very concerned how the trump administration is attempting to roll back EPA measures. Please see <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/10/05/climate/trump-environment-rules-reversed.html>. The Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the U.S. is in my back yard. It took

25 years after the clean water act was passed before we saw real change. We have to protect this waterway. I could go on.. **DISCRIMINATION:** I worked for a bank where the men were paid more than the women for the same job. I was determined to work for a company that paid employees equally and offered full transparency. This is why I chose to work at BG&E. They published the paygrade of each position based upon years of service. This information should be published for all jobs. **EDUCATION:** I would legalize marijuana and use all of that money to increase:—salaries for our teachers—our school budget—provide greater resources for our teachers Short of enacting that legislation, I would fight to ensure that the lottery and casino agreements properly pay the education system their due. I have many ideas to make education better that will not fit here.. **HEALTH CARE:** The affordable care act has helped me greatly and I will fight to keep this coverage and to expand it. I am for universal health care and making sure the greatest number of people from Maryland have coverage. I wish to assist with the Opioid Crisis and started an online site to assist people in recovery: <https://quit-thehabit.org>. This is a free online site to get and give assistance. **TRANSPORTATION:** We should provide transportation so people can get to work, local colleges, medical centers and grocery stores. I am in a county that is slow to respond to the needs of the underserved community. I just heard one woman explain that it takes people from Edgewood 3 hours by bus to get to Harford Community College. I would encourage surveys to find this type of issue.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8

REPUBLICAN

Christian Miele

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, as well as my experiences as an attorney and former college administrator, inform how I approach complex issues. These experiences have collectively taught me the value of building consensus and the importance of civil discourse, as well as how to address issues in a thoughtful, systematic way with an eye toward justice and equity. **REDISTRICTING:** I have been one of the most outspoken advocates for redistricting reform in Maryland. In fact, I have introduced legislation to create an independent, nonpartisan body to draw congressional and legislative districts in a fair and impartial manner. I have also authored the Maryland Fair Representation Act to guarantee that every Marylander has equal representation in the House of Delegates. **ENVIRONMENT:** We must continue to focus on Bay restoration efforts and the protection of Maryland's environment and natural resources. Under Governor Hogan, we have made great strides in this area, but we must continue to invest in preservation and sustainability projects. Doing so will help improve public health outcomes for our citizens and grow and support Maryland's economy, which relies heavily on the Bay. **DISCRIMINATION:** My voting record reflects my commitment to ending discrimination wherever it might exist. For example, I voted for Equal Pay for Equal Work legislation to ensure that women are not paid less than their male counterparts on the basis of gender. I also sponsored a bill that would give nursing mothers privacy in the workplace

so that they can express breast milk in a more safe and comfortable manner. **EDUCATION:** The heroin and opioid crisis in Maryland has led Governor Hogan to declare a state of emergency. We MUST do a better job educating young people on the dangers of experimenting with these highly addictive and deadly substances. That is why I introduced legislation to create a compelling educational video that every Maryland high school student would be required to watch. Awareness can save lives! **HEALTH CARE:** Health insurance is unaffordable for an estimated 174,000 uninsured people in Maryland who are working but make too much money for ACA subsidies. Assessing a higher deductible while providing the ten essential health benefits as defined by the ACA is one solution that could lower premiums by as much as 25% for Bronze Plan families, and as much as 84% for Gold Plan families! **TRANSPORTATION:** While I believe that state government has appropriately balanced roads and transit spending, I am focused on securing more funding for local road improvements in Baltimore County. In my district, major arteries like Joppa Road and Kenwood Avenue are in desperate need of repair. The state must partner with county government to get these projects done for the benefit of the people in our community.

DEMOCRAT

Katherine Klausmeier

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QUALIFICATIONS: Started off as a PTA Mom and President at Gunpowder ES. Became active in the Baltimore County PTA, and served on the Board. Served on the Baltimore County Commission for Women, and served on various community, business, and professional organizations. Former member of House of Delegates, Member of Maryland Senate since 2002. Chair of the Rules Committee and Vice-Chair Baltimore County Delegation **REDISTRICTING:** I support an independent, nonpartisan redistricting committee. **ENVIRONMENT:** Climate Change—We need renewable energy sources—I have supported legislation in the past to increase this and will continue to in the future. We are continuing to move to 50% renewable standard and preserving our offshore wind, and solar. Chesapeake Bay Health—We must reduce runoff pollution, and increase our use of aquaculture, keep our ban on fracking, and fight oil drilling in the Bay **DISCRIMINATION:** We cannot fight against this until we encourage decent respect from all aspects of society for one another. I supported legislation to ensure medical marijuana was expanded to the African-American community, and continue to fight against gender discrimination and for pay equity. **EDUCATION:** I supported the initial recommendations of the Kirwan Commission this year, and look forward to implementing the final recommendations, though I am not supportive of raising taxes to do so. We must look at all options including a longer phase in. We also need to better utilize our Community Colleges for certification, and continuing education to make sure everybody gets the training they need. **HEALTH CARE:** Opioid Crisis—We need more funding for crisis centers and treatment Affordable Care Act—We must stabilize the marketplace and look at all options. In the short term, we should consider a downpayment form of the individual mandate, but in the long-term we need to address a health care system where premiums do not skyrocket, and where people get the health care coverage they need. **TRANSPORTATION:** We must maintain and take care of the roads we have, whether county or state

reducing potholes, and updating our infrastructure. We must also look at utilizing mass transit and other innovative ways to get people to work and help reduce the horrendous traffic on 695, and help our commuters spend less time in their cars and more time with their families.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 10

REPUBLICAN

Stephanie Boston

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience includes being a daughter, granddaughter, wife, mother, Christian, educator, state worker, advocate, and community volunteer. All of these have given me the skills, compassion, understanding, and the insight necessary to address the needs of the people I will serve.

REDISTRICTING: Efforts should be made to balance the districts so they are more political even. I would improve the redistricting process by making sure that district lines are drawn in such a way that do not snake through counties with exclusion being based on race or income. **ENVIRONMENT:** Energy and the battle of what is good or not good. It is everyone's responsibility to always improve our environment. It starts with personal and corporate responsibility and ends with constantly updating acceptable lawfully passed legislation and regulations.

DISCRIMINATION: The first step in addressing discrimination is to acknowledge the gravity of the problem. Overcoming prejudice requires education, community engagement and dialogue, leadership and, laws and policies which reflect—and promote—the principle of non-discrimination. Political and community leaders have a vital role to play in speaking out against discrimination and promoting principle of non-dis **EDUCATION:** I will support policies that enable all students to acquire basic literacy, problem-solving and communication skills. I will also support policies that ensure nurses, social workers, and counselors are not on the “expendable” list when budgets are tight. These priorities should be funded with some federal, state and local funds.

HEALTH CARE: The most significant health challenge facing Maryland is the concern of the working middle- class and those just below the poverty line that cannot afford the premiums nor have the access to health-care. I will address these health challenges by consulting and/or conferring with both providers and consumers to exam situations and solutions for varying types of issues. **TRANSPORTATION:** My transportation priorities are ensuring that our existing infrastructure is safe while pursuing more efficient and rider-friendly mass transportation. These priorities should be funded with some federal, state, and local support, with considerable support coming from ridership fares.

DEMOCRAT

Delores G. Kelley

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QUALIFICATIONS: 27 years in the General Assembly, with 164 of my primary sponsorships enacted into law; I have chaired the Committee on Executive Nominations, I am current Vice Chair of Judicial Proceedings, and I represent Maryland

on several interstate bodies, including Education Commission of the States, and I am Past Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission. **REDISTRICTING:** Maryland redistricting should be done by a bipartisan committee of citizens with some experience in cartology, statistics, and in demographics analysis, with public hearings on proposed maps before their adoption. **ENVIRONMENT:** State and local governments must stop burning waste as a so-called environmental protocol; chicken farmers should not bear liability for environmental hazards dictated by interstate and/or national corporations who have Maryland farmers under contract. **DISCRIMINATION:** Much of today's discrimination results from a lack of adequate and ongoing analysis of systems (public education, overuse of tax credits for private development, over-policed communities, public contracts targeted mainly to wealthy businessmen, with women and minorities on the sidelines). **EDUCATION:** We need strict adherence to Article VIII of the Maryland Constitution and cessation of vouchers and/or grants to private and parochial schools and/or students. We need periodic review of public funding formulas and fewer grants to multinational corporations. **HEALTH CARE:** The loss of the federal individual mandate, which greatly reduces the size of the individual market so as to drive up the cost of health care to an unaffordable level, while possibly losing one or both of the two health insurers serving our individual market (CareFirst and Kaiser). I support HB1782 designed to address this problem. **TRANSPORTATION:** We need more mass transit in the Baltimore region, fewer highway lanes, and no additional privately owned or controlled toll roads. We need the Red Line again under consideration.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11

REPUBLICAN

No Republican candidate entered this race.

DEMOCRAT

Bobby A. Zirkin

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been serving the residents of District 11 for 20 years, first as a Delegate and now in the Senate where I currently Chair the Judicial Proceedings Committee. In that time, I am proud of our accomplishments including marriage equality, banning fracking, criminal and juvenile justice reform, education funding, and so much more. We have done so much together but there is so much more to do. **REDISTRICTING:** I believe that the redistricting process is broken both here in Maryland and across the country. Although it appears the Courts will soon intervene to provide guidance on the issue, Maryland should lead by example and create a non-partisan redistricting commission rather than the current political process. I voted for legislation 2 years ago to do this and would again support such efforts. **ENVIRONMENT:** We have made a lot of progress over my time in office, particularly in the area of renewable energy. I have already been endorsed by the Sierra Club and LCV. I was proud to sponsor the fracking ban and intend to continue to pursue a Constitutional Amendment for a clean

environment. Pipeline regulation, climate change, renewable energy, and deterring offshore drilling are a few of my priorities. **DISCRIMINATION:** I am proud to have supported marriage equality, hate crime legislation, pay-equity, the anti-discrimination law, and more. I have led the fight for criminal justice reform particularly related to addiction, which has disproportionately affected minorities. I will continue to pursue hate crimes enhancements, criminal and juvenile justice reform, expungement, and anti-discrimination legislation. **EDUCATION:** I support full funding of the Kirwan Commission and the legislature this Session insured that commitment. We also placed casino money into an education “lockbox.” K-12 education funding is critically important. I support full Commission funding, GCEI and the new school construction baseline, as well as enhancements for reduced class size reduction, teacher training, and school safety including SRO **HEALTH CARE:** Providing high quality and affordable healthcare is critical and the General Assembly has been active in this area, particularly in the wake of President Trump's undermining of the Affordable Care Act. When the individual mandate expires in 2019, insuring that all Marylanders have access to insurance is our main challenge. We have to insure access to affordable prescription drug coverage as well. **TRANSPORTATION:** This year's capital budget includes \$2.6 billion for transportation. We mandated \$167 million from TTF for Maryland's share of the DC Metro and \$178 million to MTA for operation of the Baltimore subway. I supported revenue for funding transportation needs and that has helped, but we still fall short. Mass transit is critical infrastructure that must be funded in addition to roads and bridges.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12

REPUBLICAN

Joseph D. “Joe” Hooe

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a business owner, husband and father, community activist, past volunteer firefighter, former trustee of the Lansdowne Improvement Association, Maryland State Inspector, Roman Catholic, Member of Howard Lodge and a Johns Hopkins University graduate with a Bachelor's of Science in Business and Management, I know what it takes to balance a budget, create jobs and fairly solve our state's problems. **REDISTRICTING:** Gerrymandering is, in my opinion, one of the most offensive practices in politics and all voters should be incensed at the mere mention of the word. Unfair redistricting has kept numerous highly qualified public servants from getting into office and improving the problems we all face, while it has allowed many unproductive politicians to exploit their positions of power. We need fair boundaries. **ENVIRONMENT:** We need to protect the Chesapeake Bay, our drinking water and the air that we breath. It is absolutely unacceptable that Maryland has been deemed a “non attainment zone” since the clean air act standards were implemented in 1975. Our politicians have repeatedly failed us for decades with regards to the environment. We must improve green initiatives as well as vehicle safety and pollution standards. **DISCRIMINATION:** Even with record job numbers we still have more work to

do. We need to elect new senators like me, who will work with Governor Hogan to continue his success. We need to make sure that the working class gets stronger and that everyone gets a fair chance to succeed. Let's fight crime and drug addiction, let's make education affordable, let's build new schools and let's work together. **EDUCATION:** We need more teaching and less testing, more studying and less protesting, better safety measures, new schools, better pay and benefits for teachers. Let's implement my "Immigrant pay to work program" it will raise \$350 million annually in permit sales alone and millions more after income taxes. My "Pay to Work Program" will generate revenue without raising taxes, and it will treat people fairly. **HEALTH CARE:** I believe we need to make improvements to healthcare by making sure that all insurance is affordable, and that all insurance is accepted at each and every hospital or treatment facility of a patients choosing. Hospitals should not be allowed to "cherry pick" the services that they provide, and patients should not be bounced from one location to the next because of inconsistencies in coverage. **TRANSPORTATION:** Let's improve our roads, safety laws and services with particular focus on: The elderly, Americans with disabilities and minorities. Transportation is a form of freedom and we should all have access to that freedom. As for financing improvements: We need more transportation trust fund money. We can achieve additional revenue generation by implementing my immigrant pay to work program.

DEMOCRAT

Clarence K. Lam

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QUALIFICATIONS: Over the past three years that I have represented District 12, I have become deeply familiar with the priorities, perspectives, and challenges facing the diverse communities that span both Howard and Baltimore Counties. As a physician, I recognize the importance of being a good listener, working together with others, and basing decisions on evidence—all important qualities for a legislator. **REDISTRICTING:** I am concerned about the level of partisanship involved in the drawing of district maps, and that is why I support legislation that creates a nonpartisan, independent body to oversee redistricting in the state. California has a nonpartisan redistricting commission that I believe has been fairly successful in drawing reasonable district maps, which I believe could serve as a model for Maryland. **ENVIRONMENT:** The most significant environmental challenges facing Maryland are climate change, reducing the negative impact of runoff on the health of the Bay, and decreasing federal funding for Bay programs. I support higher standards to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment runoff; better technology to reduce septic effluent; reduction of greenhouse gases; and increased state funding for Bay initiatives. **DISCRIMINATION:** In employment, I support equal pay for equal work, prohibitions on requiring disclosure of prior salaries, expanded family leave policies, and greater support for childcare and preschool programs so that working families won't face gender discrimination. I favor increasing the number of contracts allocated for women and minority-owned businesses and ensuring better compliance with targeted goals. **EDUCATION:** I support greater funding for school construction and renovation, improving teacher recruitment and retention, increasing resources

to students in low-income schools, narrowing the achievement gap, and expanding career/technical programs. I favor increasing fees on developers to support local school systems and the referendum to spend 100% of Maryland's casino revenue to supplement school funding. **HEALTH CARE:** The state's most significant health challenges include rising insurance premiums, soaring prescription drug costs, and a growing opioid epidemic. I favor increasing the number of insurers on the health exchange, implementing a state individual mandate, expanding eligibility for Medicaid, creating a commission to review drug price increases, and greater funding for opioid prevention and treatment. **TRANSPORTATION:** My transportation priorities include reinvesting in public infrastructure and improving accessibility of mass transit options like light rail and bus rapid transit that are tightly linked to connecting people to job centers in order to help working families and businesses. These projects should receive prioritized support from the Transportation Trust Fund and through public-private partnerships.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 42

REPUBLICAN

Chris West

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a Past President of the Bar Association of Baltimore City and have been active in the greater Baltimore community for over 40 years. In 2014, I ran for public office for the first time and was elected as State Delegate from District 42B (Towson north to the Pennsylvania Line). I approach issues with neither partisan nor ideological blinders and do my best to represent my constituents. **REDISTRICTING:** Maryland is a poster child for bad behavior. We have the worst gerrymandered districts in the country. Even Martin O'Malley has admitted that Maryland Democratic leaders drew crazy district lines for partisan reasons. I support Governor Hogan's proposal to take redistricting out of politics and consign it to ordinary citizens who have no partisan axe to grind. Let's lead by example for once. **ENVIRONMENT:** I have an 86% pro-environment voting record, the highest for any Republican legislator. We are on the right track, and the Bay is becoming cleaner with each passing year. Our biggest threat is the huge quantity of contaminated silt trapped behind the Conowingo Dam. We need to dredge that pool to such a depth that high water events won't pick up the sludge and wash it into the Bay. **DISCRIMINATION:** I have no patience with discrimination of any kind. This year, I introduced a bill to enable homeowners' associations to record amended Declarations in the State's Land Records that will permanently expunge from such records restrictions on the sale or leasing of homes based upon race, religion or national origin. I also support minority ownership of medical marijuana firms. **EDUCATION:** In my district in Baltimore County, we badly need a new Towson High School and a new Dulaney High School. Both of these schools are old, overcrowded and deteriorated. The community needs to be consulted about the issues that will develop during the planning process. I pledge to work closely with our new County Executive to devise an appropriate approach to funding these

projects. **HEALTH CARE:** I have spent a lot of time recently figuring out how to preserve health insurance for 150,000 Maryland citizens in the face of the likely collapse of the individual healthcare market. Obamacare was well intentioned but poorly designed. The "fix" that we designed will be a one-year Band-Aid for 2019, so we'll have to return to this issue next year and devise a more permanent solution. **TRANSPORTATION:** Thank heavens Governor Hogan is moving forward with plans to add an additional lane in each direction on the Baltimore Beltway. No single measure will alleviate traffic congestion in Baltimore County than this one. I also support the concept of a circulator bus in central Towson. The election of a County Executive who supports such a bus will clear the way for it to be implemented.

DEMOCRAT

Robbie Leonard

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a public servant for over a decade. For 11 years, I have been an attorney representing indigent people in Baltimore. Mostly advocating on behalf of lead-poisoned children. My career has centered on fighting for our kids, having been a Youth Development Professional with the Boys and Girls Clubs, on the Board of Parks & Recreation, a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters, and a dad. **REDISTRICTING:** I am in favor of an independent commission to redraw congressional and legislative district lines. While my party might lose a congressional seat, I understand it is the right thing to do. My hope is that the Supreme Court makes a decision this year based on the maps of Maryland, North Carolina, and Wisconsin so that neither political party is at a disadvantage. **ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is real and we are seeing its effects. We need to quickly reduce our dependency on fossil fuels by shifting to renewable energy. I support offshore wind and expanding solar to more commercial/industrial areas, not farms. We also need to pick up the tab if the White House cuts the Chesapeake Bay from the federal budget. Investing in mass transportation is also a priority. **DISCRIMINATION:** The children that I represent didn't choose to live in areas of limited opportunity. We need to have equitable public schools so all children regardless of zip code have a chance to succeed. We need to invest in infrastructure and transportation to create economic mobility. I support the HOME Act to end clustered poverty. Indexing the minimum wage to inflation will also help people survive. **EDUCATION:** I support current legislation to have a lockbox on casino revenue that goes to our schools. We need to fund our schools according to the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission. Maryland recently had the #1 rated public school system nationally, but not anymore. Our kids deserve better. They deserve 21st century schools, not brown water. Taxable marijuana sales should be our next funding source. **HEALTH CARE:** Congress is working to gut our healthcare and has its eyes on Medicaid and Medicare next. Maryland lawmakers have a smart idea to recreate the individual mandate at the state level similar to what Mitt Romney did in Massachusetts. Any penalty could be used by the taxpayer for a future policy. This will help keep premiums from rising. In the end, I would like to see a Medicare-for-All system here. **TRANSPORTATION:** Every world-class city has a world-class transportation system. Baltimore County

will only be as strong as having a vibrant Baltimore City. Investing in the Red Line and revamping our mass transportation system will benefit our entire region. This is a matter of funding priorities and taking advantage of a federal partnership to get it done.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 44

REPUBLICAN

Victor Clark Jr.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have many valuable experiences that have prepared me for this position which are all encompassing. My (15) years of employment with the State of Maryland at DBED/Commerce in small business development, service on Baltimore City boards and commissions which include the Wage Commission, Community Relations Commission, Board of Fire Commissioners and the Planning Commission. **REDISTRICTING:** I support any efforts that would make the process less partisan and more community focused. This could range anywhere from an outside commission to having citizens becoming more engaged in the overall process by voting on competing proposals prior to the actual passage of the laws that implement the changes.

ENVIRONMENT: Clean air to me is the most challenging of our environmental issues. Expanding the use of the many emerging technologies available today to overcome some of our more stringent concerns that effect everyone. Use of legislation that helps to accelerate through incentives the growth of small innovative companies to address environmental problems. **DISCRIMINATION:** I would be supportive of any and all policies including many that currently exist to overcome the inhumane obstacles placed in the path of people through discriminatory practices. Equal protections under the law would as always be my primary concern in the areas of employment, housing and education. **EDUCATION:** I have always supported education policies that give more power to parents in the process and would continue to follow that methodology. Ideas that include attainable performance and evaluation criteria for both the students, teachers and administrators of our school systems. I could be supportive of having certain funding sources of the State to be lock boxed for education only. **HEALTH CARE:** Mental health issues in my opinion are the number one significant issue of today. With the explosion of drugs, an aging population with many suffering from a declining mental state this issue surpasses all others. The quality of life issues that are not addressed as wholeheartedly as I believe they could be would be a good starting point as we develop programs along those lines. **TRANSPORTATION:** In today's society the transportation issue is ever changing. Mass transit modes, personal transportation needs and access to all forms of transportation are a priority to me. Because of this I think there is a need to create flexible funding sources that have the ability to be expanded or contracted as the needs arise and I would support efforts along these lines.

DEMOCRAT

Shirley Nathan-Pulliam

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was elected as State Senator in 2014 and I am finishing up my first term. Prior to that I served as a State Delegate for 20 years.

REDISTRICTING: I support the development of a bi-partisan or non-partisan committee after a census to create the mapping for congressional and legislative districts. **ENVIRONMENT:** The challenges are trash burning incinerators have contaminated the air quality, threats of harmful pesticides to humans, birds, and most specifically the pollinating bees, off-shore drilling, and fracking. I sponsored the Pollinator Protection Act that protects bees and other pollinators. I have also sponsored similar bills that address harmful pesticides. **DISCRIMINATION:** This session I sponsored SB 350 Taskforce on Reconciliation and Equity Conversation on Race that will explore issues on inclusionary justice and racial equity and make recommendations to the Maryland General Assembly. I also sponsored SB 444 Taskforce on Social Determinants of Health in Baltimore City. The purpose is to examine economic stability, education, social justice and housing. **EDUCATION:** I support the findings of the Kerwan Commission and especially want to work to ensure that the appropriate resources are allocated for early childhood education, quality teachers, and equalizing funding for at risk students who live in areas of concentrated poverty. I supported legislation that would direct revenues from Maryland casinos to education and would provide \$500 million over four years. **HEALTH CARE:** Health disparities around chronic illnesses like cancer and cardiovascular disease. Increased violence and drug addiction are currently a public health threat and should be treated as chronic health care concerns. The cases of HIV, Hepatitis C are growing to be a public health crisis, screening and treatment need to be accessible and available. Need to ensure access to care for the uninsured. **TRANSPORTATION:** Reducing traffic congestion and improving crumbling infrastructure. Also providing a transit system that is interconnected and increase mobility van services for the disabled, elderly and chemo and dialysis patients. Funding should come from money set aside from the transportation trust fund, and revenue from the highway tolls.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE: <http://mga-leg.maryland.gov>

CANDIDATES FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING 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 6

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REPUBLICANS

Robin L. Grammer

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an incumbent elected official, my experience in office passing legislation and working with state agencies will help me execute the duties of the office. However, I believe one of the best parts of American politics is that it provides opportunities for the citizen legislator. In that spirit, my best qualification is that I stand up for the values and beliefs of the people that I represent.

REDISTRICTING: The current state of redistricting has left Maryland with the most gerrymandered districts in the entire country. Instead of physical boundaries that are drawn to organize a collection of communities with similar interests, our districts are explicitly drawn to benefit one party over another. I believe we should pass Governor Hogan's bill putting in place a non-partisan redistricting commission.

ENVIRONMENT: One of the biggest environmental threats to southeastern Baltimore County is the potential dredging of Man-O-War Shoal. We have destroyed resources in the upper Chesapeake Bay for forty years and are no closer to solving our oyster problems. This shoal is a unique resource in the Chesapeake Bay that is utilized by residents and local businesses. We should not destroy it for a short term solution. **DISCRIMINATION:** Many of our troubles are due to the biggest disparity, economic disparity. Historically, Baltimore was the city of opportunity for the working poor. Steel and the surrounding industries offered prosperity for generations of families. However, for decades we destroyed our manufacturing industries with bad policy, divested from trade skills and pushed students into college. We must retune education. **EDUCATION:** Over the last term, the state legislature passed funding measures aimed at tacking issues such as population growth,

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water/air quality and school construction which were much needed reforms. Currently, our biggest goal should be connecting disadvantaged communities with good paying jobs that need employees—that is skilled trades. We must emphasize skilled trades and erase the skills gap. **HEALTH CARE:** We must introduce competitive forces back into our health-care system. Due to a lack of competition, we see perpetually increasing healthcare costs which makes affordability tough for the average family. Also, we must continue to educate Marylanders on the source of the opioid epidemic. Most people still do not understand the link between chronic pain, prescription drugs and addiction. **TRANSPORTATION:** One huge transportation problem currently is the lack of a proper interchange at Broening Highway and 695. Currently, residents of local communities don't cross the bridge but still pay the toll. The people of Dundalk pay a toll into order to enter 695. Due to this, commercial traffic will cut through community streets wreaking havoc on small county roads. We need a properly designed interchange.

Bob Long

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QUALIFICATIONS: Raised by a single mom I was taught that you can accomplish anything with hard work, dedication & tenacity. Husband, father, youth leader, union truck driver, business owner, real estate broker, community activist & 4 years as an elected official. I have achieved many accomplishments in Annapolis working together to get things done. It doesn't matter who proposes the bill it's about passing good laws. **REDISTRICTING:** It should be done by an independent committee and it should be fair and balanced to represent the area. **ENVIRONMENT:** Chesapeake Bay a national treasure, we must continue to ensure clean water & air. In 2017 I introduced State wide leg. allowing non-profits to remove sunken & abandoned boats was signed into law by Gov. Hogan, 15 boats have been removed from my District alone. We need to address sediment from the Conowingo dam, address placement of sediment, failing infrastructure, eliminate sewage spills. **DISCRIMINATION:** I will support any legislation that will ensure discrimination will come to an end. **EDUCATION:** I will rely on Kirwan Commission Recommendations. I've been in the forefront leading MD to create a safe learning environment for students, teachers, faculty & staff, I've been working on this since 2016. I introduced legislation in 2017 & 2018 that are integral parts of SB1265 MD Safe to Learn Act of 2018. I've been working w/Center for Safer Schools, MSP & Homeland Security. **HEALTH CARE:** The opioid epidemic which has many challenges. Through education, family support, identify and treat mental health issues and to use best practices available to treat this addiction. **TRANSPORTATION:** HB807 Transportation-Highway User Revenues-Distribution creates formula which local government will receive additional HUR dollars. Restoration under this bill isn't permanent, but it's an important step in getting these dollars returned to local governments. It's required to be used under the authorization trust fund to be distributed to Baltimore City, Counties & Municipalities through a formula

Ric Metzgar

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QUALIFICATIONS: first term was wonderful experience, what I find is very simple it is called relationships, working together is how things get

done. **REDISTRICTING:** it takes everyone working together, not one party. **ENVIRONMENT:** we really need to look at air quality, I work with every one with common sense, the bay has come along way but we have a long way to go, **DISCRIMINATION:** plain there is no room in my life for any kind of discrimination. **EDUCATION:** we need to revamp the education system, for example vocational tech in high schools, we still need the labor pool, brick layers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc, the current education moneys can handle this. **HEALTH CARE:** act, we really only did a temp. fix, much more needs to be done, the individual mandate needs to be fixed, the feds need to get to work now **TRANSPORTATION:** toll roll backs, surely no tax increases

DEMOCRATS

Nicholas C. D'Adamo, Jr.

QUALIFICATIONS: As a prior councilperson of 24 years and a small business owner of Shocket's of Highlandtown, I have developed the skills to work across all party lines on my constituents behalf. Being the former director of the Maryland State police community outreach and former Baltimore City Fire Commissioner, I have worked extensively to solve citizens concerns and Issues. **REDISTRICTING:** I would like to see more citizen involvement in this process. This committee needs to be open and transparent to allow for citizen input. **ENVIRONMENT:** We need to strictly enforce and expand the littering and pollution fines. Holding persons and businesses accountable for polluting is the only way to restore the damage to the bay. Fines from these infractions would then be allocated to the bay clean up. **DISCRIMINATION:** Enforcing our civil rights laws is of utmost importance. Equal opportunity is in place to protect equal rights for everyone, **EDUCATION:** It is essential to meet with educational leaders, parents, students and teachers to hear what their needs are. Every school should be a safe and welcoming environment. Funding will be found in future state budgets to help meet these needs. **HEALTH CARE:** The most significant challenge of healthcare is the cost. Revamping the system from the insurance companies, hospitals and pharmaceuticals is needed from the state level on up. I would like to work with the insurance commissioner to help make costs affordable for every citizen and business. **TRANSPORTATION:** My priority would ensure citizens have access to reliable and timely transportation. Citizens need to have input as to where transportation needs to be improved. The funding is in the transportation budget and needs to be allocated according to priority.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Appointed to the Maryland Senate July 2002-January 2003 Served on the Senate Committee on Education, Health & Environmental Matters Member of the Maryland House of Delegates 1994-2002 Served on the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee. Served as House Deputy Majority Whip. Member of the House Legislative Leadership. Member of the Democratic State Central Committee 1985-1994. **REDISTRICTING:** I support an independent redistricting reform commission to be set up. Maryland has some of the most gerrymandered districts in the country. An independent

redistricting commission could be set up to make clear redistricting criteria and promote public input and transparency in processes, by putting these in place, representation may be enjoyed by all of our Citizens. **ENVIRONMENT:** Water Pollution: Water is essential for healthy living, yet it is polluted by chemicals, airborne diseases or toxins. Waste disposal: Trash ends up in two places, landfills or local waterways, sheds, system and ocean. Deforestation: trees serve as Carbon sinks, meaning they absorb CO-2 so it won't escape into the atmosphere. Republicans & Democrats & Citizens through legislation must work on these issues. **DISCRIMINATION:** Put equal opportunity policies in place. Even with rules in place, people still fall victim to discrimination. Everyone should be treated equally if they are an American Citizen. In order to be effected, people need to be made aware that a problem exists. Contact your elected representatives, The ACLU, and the office for Civil Rights **EDUCATION:** Schools must be updated: Security & Safety, Air Condition & Heat, Wi-Fi, Access for Students with Disabilities, Smaller class size. Over Achievers & Under Achievers should work together. Over Achievers can look at it as extra credit & Under Achievers can be brought up to date and this can cut cost down. This can be funded by Federal, State, Counties and revenues from the CASINO'S **HEALTH CARE:** Affordability to prescriptions drugs, Affordability to Healthcare Ins, Address the Drug epidemic & care of our Veteran's: I would absolutely try to address these challenges through legislation trying to create a commission on the effects of Revenue, rising cost loss of labor and quality of life for our citizens. **TRANSPORTATION:** Improve the lack of Maintenance to our roads and bridges. Add more bus routes in rural communities. Stop Truck traffic that impacts residential communities. Widen lanes where there is congestion from cars. Improve some roadways for bikes and pedestrians. Funding will come from Federal, State, Counties, Grants, Private & Public Partnership and through legislation

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a Bachelor's degree in Medical Laboratory Science and I work in Sinai Hospital's Pathology department. In 2014, I was the youngest person elected to serve on The Baltimore County State Central Committee. I currently serve on the Dundalk Parade Committee and organized blanket drives for the local animal shelter. I hope to continue to serve my community in The House of Delegates. **REDISTRICTING:** I believe redistricting needs to be a bi-partisan decision. Too often, district lines are changed and people who have lived in the same house are no longer in the same district. One party should not have complete control to sway elections. **ENVIRONMENT:** We have a problem with being too dependent on fossil fuels. By increasing the use and implementation of solar and wind energy, we would be creating jobs and protecting the environment. A second environmental challenge is protecting the bay. We have dumping grounds close to waterways and we are dredging. If we don't take care of the bay, we will lose our sea life. **DISCRIMINATION:** I would support any policies or bills that would protect our citizens from discrimination. I would also support creating opportunities to educate the public. **EDUCATION:** We need to support any policies that

would help our schools. We need to invest in education and apprenticeships to increase the likelihood of finding long lasting careers. We can also remove public education revenue from the general fund. This would make sure that money for education stays with education and other departments cannot borrow freely. **HEALTH CARE:** A significant healthcare challenge we are having is the quality of coverage by Medicare and the overpriced medical field. The opioid crisis is another challenge that is affecting numerous people each day. We need to help those who are being affected. We need to have places for people to go to get help and counseling. **TRANSPORTATION:** We need to have an increase of public transportation. We could also increase the likelihood of someone using public transportation by allowing tax credits for people who commute.

LIBERTARIAN

Michael J. Lyden

No response received by deadline.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 7

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REPUBLICANS

Lauren Arikan

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a small business owner in the Financial Services industry and have been on the boards of several local 501c3's, including Maryland Friends of Midwives and the Victoria Russell Foundation. I am also the founder of Love Maryland PAC and have spent the last 8 years in Annapolis regularly testifying both for and against legislation that I believe will harm the family and undermine parental rights. **REDISTRICTING:** I fully support a non-partisan, term-limited committee for redistricting. No one party should ever be able to gerrymander a state in the manner that the state of Maryland has experienced. **ENVIRONMENT:** I care deeply about issues relating to the impact the environment has on our children's health. My faith in our government to impact these issues is at an all time low. Industries ultimately dictate all of our environmental movements in this country and due to the revolving door between industry and regulators in D.C. change will need to come from the consumers. Don't like it, don't buy it! **DISCRIMINATION:** I abhor all forms of discrimination. Due to the institutionalized discrimination that is pervasive today, smaller government and less government is the only way to truly address this. You cannot change the hearts and minds of people through legislation, but you can take away the power they have by limiting the scope of all government institutions that perpetuate those beliefs. **EDUCATION:** I would end federal education policy completely. I believe the best decisions for curriculum are made at the LOCAL level, by the teachers and the communities they serve. I would like to see Maryland never again participate in any type of Federal Education initiatives. I would also like to see a focus on family and including family in the process of education. **HEALTH CARE:** Maryland's healthcare systems are in the same state that much of the country is in. We have a highly regulated insurance industry which is driving businesses

out of our market and have over inflated the costs of services to unfathomably high levels to cover the additional costs of the layers of administrative expense. A la carte insurance plans would help here, but also citizens opting out. **TRANSPORTATION:** I think there are many areas in my district where roads could use repaving to lower the cost of constant damage to our cars. Outside of my district, I would like to see 295 addressed immediately. That road is a nightmare, lacks proper shoulders and makes commuters heading toward DC suffer major delays with even a small accidents.

Rick Impallaria

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been in the legislature since 2003. I have been a registered Republican since I was 18 years old and I have voted in every election. My first political experience with Annapolis was in the year 2000 when I was the Chairman of Citizens for Property Rights. Along with others, we held the last successful referendum in the state of Maryland stopping SB 509. **REDISTRICTING:** I support Governor Hogan's efforts in the courts. I would like to see fair and reasonable boundaries drawn that represent the public, not political parties. **ENVIRONMENT:** I'm very concerned about the spread of solar farms in our rural communities due to the fact that they could possibly take up as much as 100,000 acres of pristine farm ground and forest land. **DISCRIMINATION:** I am actually engaged in a fight for fair housing concerning the ANSAR Community in Joppa, MD. I want fair housing for all Americans. **EDUCATION:** I want to see more vocational programs in our high schools. They will be funded in the same way as all other classes. Our teachers should be allowed to teach students basic educational skills rather than be forced to teach parents how to pass government required tests. **HEALTH CARE:** While I do not sit on the Health Committee, I do support tort reform and the free market healthcare economy enabling Marylanders to choose their healthcare plans themselves from a wider selection. **TRANSPORTATION:** We have great policies on transportation and whether one likes it or not, roads are the primary means of transportation in the state of Maryland. It's not that roads are underfunded, the problem is the taking of highway funds and using those funds for other projects in the state. There should be a lockbox on road funding.

Kathy Szeliga

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a mom, grand-mom, and small business owner with a degree in education, I will always put people first and work to ensure that every Marylander has the opportunity to live the American Dream. A fiscal conservative, I have a proven record of working with Gov. Hogan for lower taxes, better education, and protecting the Constitutional rights of all Marylanders especially the 1st and 2nd Amendments. **REDISTRICTING:** I have been a cosponsor of Gov Hogan's redistricting reform bills. We need to implement a non-partisan panel to draw our state and federal districts. Maryland has some of the most gerrymandered districts in the nation. The current process deprives Marylanders of real choices and a fair political debate. Voters should choose their representatives, not politicians choosing their voters. **ENVIRONMENT:** The Chesapeake Bay is the centerpiece of Maryland and our national treasure. Cleaning up the Bay for our kids and grandkids is the priority we can most directly impact. Ensuring the

pollution behind the Conowingo Dam is cleaned up and that neighboring states enforce clean water and environmental standards is a challenge we must meet. This needs to be a local, state and regional partnership. **DISCRIMINATION:** Every child deserves a world-class education in a safe neighborhood, regardless of their zipcode. Baltimore City Schools are failing our kids and lack educational and fiscal accountability. Crime and gun violence in the City has been intensified by judges and prosecutors who fail to get violent criminals off the streets. Expanding job opportunities including the trades and technology is essential. **EDUCATION:** I cosponsored Hogan's bill to create an independent unit in the State to investigate, analyze, and report on educational standards and investigate fraud, abuse and waste in our schools. Our funding levels are some of the highest in the nation at \$16K/pupil/year. VIP-more efficient use of dollars to get more resources to the classroom & expanding school choice, especially for kids in failing schools. **HEALTH CARE:** The Affordable Care Act is not affordable. Health insurance premiums are too high, especially for those without employer insurance. I voted for a reinsurance program that lowered premiums and a bill to allow more choices in coverage. We must reduce the overall cost of health care and drugs with innovation and incentives for healthy lifestyles and help managing chronic diseases like diabetes. **TRANSPORTATION:** Improving our roads and highways using the gas taxes paid by motorists is a priority. I support Gov Hogan's efforts to restore the local and county road funds and repeal of the annual automatic increase in the gas tax every July. I supported Gov Hogan on toll reductions and modernization of the tolling system. Expanding flextime and work from home incentives for employees will reduce congestion.

DEMOCRATS

Allison Berkowitz

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a social worker, I've seen the face of trauma, poverty, and chronic stress, and the toll it takes. This would help me draft laws which take the concerns of everyday Americans into account. I also have more traditional qualifications, such as eight years of legislative advocacy, helping usher in just laws on state and federal levels, which has helped me understand the legislative process. **REDISTRICTING:** I support moving Maryland towards redistricting by independent, nonpartisan panels to ensure that all voices are heard politically. **ENVIRONMENT:** Excess nutrients could be fought with incentives for better manure management, planting wildflowers along the shore, and using "smarter" drainage systems. For deforestation, I'd fight for an amended Forest Conservation Act to protect existing trees and require new trees be planted in the wake of ones demolished for construction. Regarding high carbon use, I'd like to see a carbon fee and dividend. **DISCRIMINATION:** I care deeply about inclusiveness and everyone getting a fair shot. One of my policy ideas is to support the passage of the HOME Act (which seeks to end discrimination by landlords on the basis of income). As poverty is my number one legislative priority, I would seek to reduce wealth inequity—especially on a systematic level—in any ways I could. **EDUCATION:** Every person benefits from a well educated population, so I believe public money should stay in public schools. It's critical we take care of our teachers by increasing pay and keeping classrooms under a 25:1 student to teacher

ratio. To pay for these measures, Maryland can put casino revenue into an education lock-box, legalize and tax recreational cannabis, and prioritize investing in education. **HEALTH CARE:** We desperately need more preventative care. One way to work on this could be through community schools, wherein communities have free and/or low fee medical services, along with other services, built into the school system. Another vital issue is opioids. Supervised consumption sites reduce opioid deaths and bring down associated costs by millions. I would sponsor a bill calling for this measure. **TRANSPORTATION:** I believe Maryland should invest in trains and public transit that can link our largest cities, from Ocean City to Frederick and Towson to Waldorf. Connecting our state will foster a greater sense of community, develop businesses, and increase mobility for many of Maryland's workers. This could be funded by levying a tax on recreational cannabis, a tax on pollution, and on carbon emissions.

Gordon Koerner

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QUALIFICATIONS: Supervising an electrical maintenance unit of 35 employees and managing a budget of over 15 million dollars. Experience in computers and improving the production of steel while lowering maintenance costs and production delays. Working on the campaigns of Mark Warner, Tim Kaine, Al Weed, Tom Perrillo and Terry McCauliffe gave me knowledge of the political establishment. **REDISTRICTING:** Work to make the legislative lines into a more sensible arrangement. The length and width of District 7 and the shape on Congressional District 1 point out just how bad gerrymandering is for the candidates and the voting public. **ENVIRONMENT:** Global Warming is at the top of my list. Pass laws to reduce the carbon effect. Clean water is next. Pass laws that cannot be overwritten by executive orders. Move the Bay restoration into cleaning up the rivers and streams before they pollute the bay. Enhance the 2018 Bay restoration sublimit to put all septic systems near rivers onto a sewer system. Promote wind and solar energy. **DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination is the most difficult tissue in our society to make progress. I believe it will take a national effort of education to overcome the bias set in human minds. So many people do not even realize the resentments they harbor. Laws can be passed but I feel only education can override the racism in this country and the world. **EDUCATION:** I would fund education by revenue from Marijuana, fund the schools much like the gaming laws do. I would want laws that no child can be expelled or suspended from school. School funding should include more councilors, etc. to educate troubled students. The school to prison pipeline has gotten entirely out of hand. I would definitely want smaller class size and better teacher pay. Less administrator **HEALTH CARE:** Health cost ate totally too high. Much of that can be traced back to no health insurance. As a state I believe we can build our own Medicaid for All system. Medicaid far exceeds Medicare benefits and would be much easier to pass cause the feds already give us funds. **TRANSPORTATION:** High speed rail in other countries have proven to be the most effective means. I would want a hi speed rail system from Philadelphia thru Baltimore to Annapolis to DC. And a high speed rail from the corridor system at Baltimore to the W.VA. border. Also on education I would promote that Verizon, Comcast. erect towers to bounce the wifi signal across the state for more high speed internet and jobs

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No response received by deadline.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8

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🇺🇸 REPUBLICANS

Joseph C. Boteler, III

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QUALIFICATIONS: Former Member House of Delegates, consistently voted against tax increases and growing government. Rank 4th most business friendly (twice received John Shaw Award) 4th most conservative delegate. Owner Print Solutions. Former member MD Taxpayers, Optimist Club, Parkville-Carney and Overlea-Fullerton Business Assocs. Member Perry Hall Improvement Assoc.. Married four children and eleven grandchildren. **REDISTRICTING:** I believe it is very important that Communities should not be so divided. There are communities that have so many representatives that it makes it difficult for citizens to know whom they should call when a problem arises. The process of redistricting should be placed in the hands of an independent commission with all stakeholders represented. **ENVIRONMENT:** Challenges I consider important (Chesapeake Bay, Energy Development, Bee population survival). Reducing impact on the environment is crucial. Not seeing people as separate from nature or harmful to environment, allow freedom to choose how to live, but take responsibility to pay. With cooperative and property-rights-based approaches and use of regulations only when it is the only effective option. **DISCRIMINATION:** There are already numerous state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination based on age, race, color, sex, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, religion, pregnancy, and gender. In place are measures that allow you to file a complaint with a government agency before you go to court. It's important that we enforce current laws and introduce new regulations as needed. **EDUCATION:** MD schools are among the best in the country. What is needed less bureaucracy, more local control and better partnership with parents. Allow teachers to teach instead of teaching to tests. Encourage all forms of education (public, private, online, and homeschooling.) Enhance vocational and trade skills training. Make public schools competitive allowing parents a voucher to use. **HEALTH CARE:** Our health-care system needs big reforms to bring down costs and improve access to care. The question is how do we change it? Part of the answer are market-based reforms, which will inject real competition into the marketplace, improve quality of care, and ultimately drive down costs. The real answer to better care is a market system that puts patients and not government in charge. **TRANSPORTATION:** Long record of support for transportation improvements I was lead sponsor of four 8th District Streetscape projects.) Will not support increases in gas tax. Transportation Trust Fund has enough money for

worthy transit projects not new state programs. Need to evaluate the metro bus system for cost efficiencies. Make sure the Trust Fund lockbox is not raided.

Joe Cluster

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No response received by deadline.

Joe Norman

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a community leader for many years. As Vice President of the Perry Hall Improvement Association I lead community input meetings, interfaced with government officials, and advocated for Northeast Baltimore County. I have been active in the local recreation council as a coach, and served on the Commission of Home Appraisers and Inspectors as an appointee of Governor Hogan. **REDISTRICTING:** I will advocate for an immediate transition to a non-partisan redistricting scheme. The current multi-state compact being pushed by General Assembly leadership is completely insincere, especially when viewed through the lens of State Legislators drawing their own Legislative boundaries. **ENVIRONMENT:** Air pollution from power plants, incinerators, and automotive traffic have significant negative impacts on our environment. I will support a transition away from coal fired power, as well as incentives for individuals and businesses to pursue greener transportation. Municipal sewage and industrial waste are significantly impacting our Chesapeake Bay and I will focus reducing these pollutants. **DISCRIMINATION:** I believe that we have strong anti-discrimination policies in place in the State of Maryland and that efforts should focus on enforcing the laws currently on our books. **EDUCATION:** I believe that our commitment to public education should be measured by results, not in the amount of dollars spent. I would support an expansion of charter schools, vouchers for students who attend failing public schools, and increased funding for proven programs and staff. I would fund these initiatives initially by reprioritizing resources & reducing abuse like we are currently seeing in BCPS **HEALTH CARE:** The lack of affordable health care is an issue that primarily needs to be solved at the federal level. **TRANSPORTATION:** My transportation priorities would be focused on funding road, bridge, and tunnel projects that are important to the people of Baltimore County. I would also support improving MARC train service between Baltimore and the DC suburbs.

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Harry Bhandari

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QUALIFICATIONS: As President of the Linover Community Association, I have connected with the people of my community and have gained their perspectives on issues facing Balt. Co. As an educator, I see what is wrong with schools in the county and have a plan to fix what needs fixing across the state. I have connected with people from both sides as Vice President of YDA Balt. Co, and acted as a community organizer. **REDISTRICTING:** Creating a true bipartisan team to redistrict Maryland fairly is the only way to move forward to the polarizing gerrymandering of the past. Ensuring everyone in the state is properly represented is one of many goals I hope to accomplish if given the opportunity to serve District 8 as

Delegate. Gerrymandering by both parties is wrong, and creating a neutral party to draw lines is extremely fair. **ENVIRONMENT:** 1)Reducing carbon emissions is a goal of my campaign, and expanding the roads to add bike lanes will help ease the amount of carbon emissions that we produce and providing a safer place for biking in Baltimore County. 2)Stopping overdevelopment, and focus on re-developing businesses and focus on selling already built homes rather than continuously building more homes, it is turning us into a city. **DISCRIMINATION:** Racism and discrimination have grown in recent years, whether it comes to the issue of immigration or just utilizing housing vouchers in Baltimore County. Discrimination based on race, gender, orientation, religion, disabilities, or financial status is unacceptable in any form. We need to enact legislation that protects all groups from discrimination, including housing discrimination. **EDUCATION:** As an educator for many years, I have been an advocate for better schools and funding to the teachers who teach our youth. I currently work as a teacher and I have seen issues facing the education system. Overcrowding schools, brown fountain water, the schools that are structurally not sound. These safety hazards are not acceptable. We need to create funds using models of other states like CO & MA **HEALTH CARE:** The Trump administration has hampered on the progressive strides we made in healthcare under President Obama. Healthcare premiums are sky rocketing and Medicare and Medicaid are under attack; this is something we cannot stand for. As Delegate, I would make the health of the entire state is a top priority, by ensuring protections for Medicare and Medicaid and healthcare to seniors & families. **TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation systems in Baltimore County have been underfunded by the State and we have to provide better access to transportation both in the state and Baltimore County. We need to expand access to transportation not only with better access to buses, but the creation of more bike lanes. Better care and funding of transportation means more citizens can travel safely to work and activities.

Eric Bromwell

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my entire adult life serving my community in the MD House of Delegates. I am the Vice Chairman of the Health and Government Operations Committee, one of six standing committees in the House. I was appointed Chairman of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse as well as the Opioid Workgroup started in 2017. Both of those committees have played a leadership role in the fight against th **REDISTRICTING:** I support non-partisan redistricting. Partisan politics should take no role in redistricting in Maryland or any other State. **ENVIRONMENT:** I have supported and will continue to support some of the toughest pro-environmental legislation in the Country. We are the stewards of the Chesapeake Bay, and must continue fighting for that resource, especially at a time when federal funding is in question. The same goes for air quality. If the federal government will not take measures to maintain and improve air quality, I will continue to **DISCRIMINATION:** I have no tolerance for discrimination in any form. Furthermore, I look at equal pay for women as a discrimination issue. We must ensure equal pay. **EDUCATION:** I have and will continue to vote for record school construction and renovation dollars. In Baltimore County, I have supported legislation to make our school administration more

transparent. I also voted to bring accountability to the Board for the first time in Baltimore County history by having elected members on the Board. Our job in Annapolis is to bring back the resource our schools need, **HEALTH CARE:** As Vice Chairman of the Health and Government Operations Committee, I play a role in all health policy in the State of Maryland. This year, we worked with Governor Hogan to pass legislation to address the soaring costs of healthcare. I sponsored and passed a, “gag rule” bill that makes it so a pharmacist has the ability to tell you your cheapest option for buying your prescriptions. And again, **TRANSPORTATION:** I have fought for years for a revenues stream for transportation that doesn’t include raising taxes. I do not support simply widening highways like I-295. I think instead we need a better overall picture of transportation as an entire State. Chesapeake Bay crossing? I feel we currently lack the needed vision to address our transportation infrastructure needs. I plan to help create such a plan.

Carl Jackson

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QUALIFICATIONS: As one that has spent his entire adult life working in the public sector I have firsthand experience of working with people from different backgrounds and experiences to find common ground that helped move projects forward. A successful State Legislator has to have the ability to work with others to find common ground on legislation that helps move our great state and Marylanders forward. **REDISTRICTING:** I think a nonpartisan process is necessary, in order to take the politicization out of the way districts are drawn. I also believe that we need a framework for requiring that districts be drawn more densely, so that communities have more unified political representation. **ENVIRONMENT:** The General Assembly recently attempted to move towards a 50% renewable portfolio standard by 2030, meaning Maryland has to source or off-set 50% of its energy consumption by renewable sources like wind and solar. We need to continue to push towards this goal. We should also be protecting the Bay and the funding threatened to be removed by the federal government. **DISCRIMINATION:** I want to facilitate a more compassionate approach to the relationship between community and police, so that communities of color and working class neighborhoods can see officers as an asset, not as a oppressive force. I also believe in creating access to economic opportunity through apprenticeships and better wages. Discrimination in any form is unacceptable. Diversity is always our strength! **EDUCATION:** We need better school buildings that have 21st Century heating and air, drinkable water and sound building structure. I also believe that we should have universal pre-k in our public schools, so that all of our children get a head start on a lifetime of success. A new funding formula coming from the Kirwin commission and requiring casino revenue to go towards education are potential funding stream **HEALTH CARE:** Access to affordable healthy foods is a statewide issue, and Baltimore County is no different. We also need more recreation centers where the community can get physically active in a family setting. I also believe more affordable prescriptions for our seniors is important. All of these issues require more funding, which I believe we can secure from the emerging medical marijuana market in Maryland **TRANSPORTATION:** We need to make work commutes more quick and convenient for Baltimore County residents. The solution here necessarily includes investments in public transportation

structures like metropolitan DC and Philadelphia have. We can help fund those investments by using existing highway funds, just as many other states have successfully.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 10

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REPUBLICANS

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QUALIFICATIONS: Diverse work experience with national security, public school teaching, and State government, along with community leadership provide a sound basis for almost any functions required in State government. State work touched on water quality, chemical safety, fish health, pesticides, truck safety, noise, and nuclear disaster planning. B.S. and graduate education focused on biology and chemistry. **REDISTRICTING:** An independent body using a “blind” computer must be created to remove biased boundaries and form compact districts with starting points originating in the corners of the state and counties. Almost no consideration should be given ethnic, religious, or other social factors that have been used in the past. **ENVIRONMENT:** Holding the line on past progress with an eye on efficiency and cost considerations are paramount. Water, land, and air quality need continual evaluation in the face of population growth. Local planning and zoning need to include more environmental considerations to PREVENT future degradation. **DISCRIMINATION:** I will support the strengthening of family and religious policies. These two inter-related focal points can do more to help society than almost anything else. Creation of the attitude for self-determination will promote equity throughout our communities. Economic opportunity for all will likewise benefit any concerns with discrimination and equality. **EDUCATION:** Family values are key to strengthening the educational potential of our youth. Financial accountability in using existing funding is needed before more money is used for excessive numbers of administrators in some jurisdictions. The lack of traditional family values creates challenges for students that go beyond the capabilities of teachers and counselors. **HEALTH CARE:** Opioid drugs are a critical issue and we need to reduce the reliance on them for “routine” pain by working with doctors and drug companies. Importation from foreign producers needs to be evaluated. Strengthening families can be critical in reducing teen pregnancies and help with poverty. Senior care will be a growing challenge as the population ages. Future self-funded retirement will be key. **TRANSPORTATION:** Traffic on our highways is untenable. Local zoning must be used to link jobs with local residential capacity. We cannot build our way out the problems created by poor historical planning. Sustainability of BWI into the future must be evaluated and planning alternatives implemented. The Port of Baltimore’s needs for dredging must be met to maintain equity with other ports.

Matthew Kaliszak

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am more than qualified for this office, im turning 26 and the age stated for this office is 21 and over I am a lifelong Maryland resident

born in Baltimore city raised and live in central maryland and graduated from Maryland public schools. I will be a breath of fresh air and new blood that Annapolis sorely needs at this time, I will be a public servant not a politician. **REDISTRICTING:** I would argue that highways and certain cities shouldn't connect whole districts solely because they touch significant pockets of specific registered voters. I would further suggest that the lines be drawn indiscriminately and by the State Board of Elections to show absolute fairness and impartiality, the state elections board has a record of operating fairly while the legislature has not. **ENVIRONMENT:** We need to keep cleaning up the Chesapeake bay and connecting waterways as much as possible, Maryland's ecosystem is very fragile and in need of continued focus, i will consider most rational measures to help heal the bay and keep our beaches clean without trying to raise taxes. Maryland has a lot of things that need to be done that are expensive but we need to spend frugally. **DISCRIMINATION:** There are already enough laws on the books, Maryland citizens should just get over the fact that people are different, be more kind to one another it is that simple. Be kind and respectful to everyone you meet even if you fundamentally disagree on some issues it is not weakness to agree to disagree at certain places and times it shows mutual respect. If you show respect, it should be reciprocated. **EDUCATION:** I would introduce legislation if elected to lower the pay of all state elected lawmakers down to \$30k / year stipend from Governor to State Delegate, elected officials get paid out of general funds (tax dollars), smaller paychecks for politicians means more revenue for projects for the citizens like funding education. I would also vote to remove common core standards from the state curriculum. **HEALTH CARE:** Maryland needs to foster the growth of private health insurance companies providing for the population at fairer costs at higher rate of coverage. **TRANSPORTATION:** I would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation protecting gas tax funds from being used on anything other than transportation and roads, our roads in some parts of the state are in bad repair and we need to entice more people join State Highway Administration as a career to keep maintaining our roads.

Brian Marcos

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QUALIFICATIONS: Being in management of customer service for many years has taught me a high level of professional service. As a leader building credibility, establishing rapport, and maintain communication with stakeholders at multiple levels. Being a former Baltimore County Police Officer also has taught me how important the role of our public servants to our community is. **REDISTRICTING:** I am supporting redistricting reforms at every level in Maryland. I support Governor Hogan's efforts in creating a nonpartisan redistricting commission to draw congressional and legislative boundaries. **ENVIRONMENT:** I will not support any drilling that can possibly cause harm to our communities from any oil or gas companies. We must ensure our public's safety is number one and I do not plan of rolling the dice with the track record they have. I will also be in support of more solar power industries and making solar power more attainable to our communities without harming our natural lands and resources. **DISCRIMINATION:** I will support any policy that involves helping another human regardless of race, gender, religion, disability or poverty. I believe it is

our sole duty to serve the public at all levels to ensure we can give equal opportunities to everyone affected. Also holding the individuals accountable when discrimination has been located is a must for all of us to move forward. **EDUCATION:** I am 100 percent for our students, teachers, and families in any policies that will help our community and better our schools. I believe we need to ensure our students have all the opportunities we can give them to ensure a future they can be proud of. I support Gov. Hogan's efforts in giving schools more funds from the "lockbox" money from the casinos. **HEALTH CARE:** I am in complete support of any legislation that will address helping our people. Obtaining healthcare for all is a must in the time we live in today. I'm in full support of Gov. Hogan's efforts in stabilizing the universal health care act market in order to maintain reasonable cost of healthcare. **TRANSPORTATION:** Maintaining our public transportation will always be something I'll be in favor of. We must ensure our streets infrastructure is well maintained and up to date. Giving our communities and visitors into our state and cities are important for all of us. It ensures safety for drivers & pedestrians, smarter paths for less driving, saving time, reducing wear & tear on vehicles.

DEMOCRATS

Benjamin Brooks

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am finishing my fourth year in this role as the State Delegate for District 10. My experience as a community member for over 40 years, business owner, and engaged citizen has made me an effective representative. I have worked hard to hear from community members and take their views back to Annapolis. I am prepared to take this experience into my next term to continue serving the people of D10. **REDISTRICTING:** I would support putting a nonpartisan commission in charge of drawing the state's congressional districts. **ENVIRONMENT:** I believe the threat of global warming is critical. To address it, I have fervently supported incentives to increase the use of green energy like solar. I also see preservation of land and waterways as a significant environmental issue. For this reason, I have supported measures like the ban on fracking and land conservation. **DISCRIMINATION:** In my role as a member of the Economic Matters Committee, I have had the opportunity to vote on many issues that address the workplace discrimination, including the Equal Work Equal Pay Act. I have and will continue to support legislation that prohibits employers for seeking salary history from applicants, as I know that this practice disproportionately affects women and people of color. **EDUCATION:** I have been supportive of efforts to better fund our Maryland public schools including recommendations from the Kirwan Commission and the efforts to secure the funds from gaming revenue for public school funding. I will continue to support these funding changes in order to pay for facility updates in our schools and more resources for our students and teachers. **HEALTH CARE:** As a member of the Legislative Black Caucus, I have been acutely aware of how health challenges and disparities affect people of color. I have supported efforts to bring more transparency and accountability to the prescription drug industry, to stabilize the Maryland healthcare market, and to provide more resources to mental health and addiction centers to help address the opioid epidemic. **TRANSPORTATION:** Like many of my constituents and colleagues, I was frustrated with the way MTA

handled the need for repairs to the Baltimore Metro and the unexpected closure. I joined my colleagues in passing legislation to increase MTA funding in the budget while requiring an assessment of capital needs, specifically backlogs in repairs.

Jay Jalisi

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am in office and have served as a Delegate since 2014. **REDISTRICTING:** It should be done by a group of bipartisan voters based on scientific and mathematical reasoning. **ENVIRONMENT:** Water and air pollution are probably the most significant issues. We can improve both by restricting air pollution from our factories and vehicles, and water pollution by reducing runoff in Chesapeake Bay from factories, poultry farms, etc. **DISCRIMINATION:** I am a minority both by color and by religion, so naturally I support any efforts to make Maryland more accepting of people of all ethnicities, races, and religions. **EDUCATION:** Education is a right not a privilege, and I believe college education should be free. The funding can be from the revenue collected from the casinos taxes. **HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare, like education is a right and not a privilege so we need to make sure Maryland maintains the coverage provided through the ACA and continue to make efforts to reduce peoples' out of pocket expenses. **TRANSPORTATION:** Public transportation needs to be improved a lot. We need to have very good under-ground and over-ground transportation system, and we need to maintain our road infrastructure as well.

Adrienne A. Jones

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QUALIFICATIONS: A member of the House of Delegates since 1997. Became Speaker Pro Tem in 2003 and have served in that capacity for the past 15 years. I serve on the Appropriations Committee, Chair the Education and Economic Development Subcommittee and Chair, the Capital Budget Subcommittee. In addition to the General Assembly, I worked for Baltimore County Government for 38 years, before retiring in 2014. **REDISTRICTING:** I support any redistricting changes that are fair and nonpartisan. Committees that participate in the redistricting process should be objective and open to fairness for every citizen in the State. **ENVIRONMENT:** Climate Change- The MGA passed legislation, HB 3-Environment-U.S. Climate Alliance-Membership requiring the Governor to join the U.S. Climate Alliance which is a group of states that have committed to greenhouse gas reduction goals. Protect Our Waterways- The MGA passed, HB 1456-Offshore Drilling Liability Act **DISCRIMINATION:** There are already laws on the books to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability and thanks to a bill I sponsored in 2005, sexual orientation is also a protected class. As it relates to Poverty, there is the Alice Report that provides a framework to understand the number of Households that don't earn enough to afford basic necessities. **EDUCATION:** As the Chair of the House Education Subcommittee and as a member of both the Kirwin Commission and Knott Commission. I am responsible for working on the Education Budget, both Operating and Capital. Both Commissions had legislation that passed this Session that had associated funding attached. **HEALTH CARE:** Affordable Health Care -The House of Delegates took steps by forming an Affordable Care Act Workgroup to address the issue of the rising cost of care due to insurance market

uncertainty and the individual mandate repeal by Congress. Opioid Epidemic- HB 1092-Behavioral Health Crisis Grant Program-Provides funding for local Health organizations for mobilr crisis teams, 24hr walk-in services,etc. **TRANSPORTATION:** Balancing both roads and transit. HB372 allocates \$178 m to the MTA over the next three years accounting for inflation. Funding was increased for highway user funds. Funding was not increased to keep up with inflation. The Metro Subway closure should not have happened if the proper funding was provided.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11

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REPUBLICAN

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QUALIFICATIONS: As adjunct faculty at Loyola University, where I teach Marketing; a project management consultant on projects at Medicare and the NSA; a volunteer at an anti-human trafficking organization; and an Eagle Scout, I believe that the variety of my experiences help me find common sense solutions to every challenge. I am also the ONLY candidate for Delegate in District 11 that supports Governor Hogan.

REDISTRICTING: Voters should be the ones choosing their representatives, not politicians choosing their voters. That is why we need to implement a non-partisan panel to draw our state and federal districts. I fully support Governor Hogan's redistricting reform bills and efforts. **ENVIRONMENT:** As a recreational sailor, I want to see the Chesapeake Bay cared for and protected. I applaud Gov. Hogan for standing up for the Chesapeake by defending multi-jurisdictional efforts to protect the Bay and its watershed. Conservation and the protection of green space are critical. We must work to find common ground on the right mix of environmental and economic safeguards.

DISCRIMINATION: It's infuriating that this is still a topic in the 21st century. Everyone should have a safe community to live in. Every child should have a world-class education. Everyone should have the opportunity to advance themselves. Gov. Hogan has helped us move toward achieving these goals. But each one of us must work together to communicate, build relationships, and truly change the culture. **EDUCATION:** As an educator, I support Governor Hogan's call for an Education Inspector General. Accountability and transparency in Baltimore County's schools are essential. An independent audit will help develop a long-term plan for school construction, maintenance, and management. If administration is more effective, we can deliver better value and a better education to students. **HEALTH CARE:** Gov. Hogan has spearheaded the bipartisan effort to protect Maryland's unique Medicare waiver. This program incentivizes hospitals, nursing homes, and primary care providers to increase quality while better managing costs. I support these efforts, and will pursue opportunities to find sustainable solutions for all Marylanders. We can't let an expensive bureaucracy jeopardize people's healthcare. **TRANSPORTATION:** Economic growth, job creation, and quality of life are all facilitated by safe and reliable infrastructure. I support Gov. Hogan's Traffic Relief Plan, and continued investment and exploration of improved mass transit solutions.

DEMOCRATS

Jon S. Cardin

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QUALIFICATIONS: With a JD, an MA in policy and 17 years practicing law, I have the education, specialized experience, strategic planning and managerial skills to reignite confidence in our political systems. I also have a proven record, as a three-term legislator, a government affairs consultant, a foundation director and a Spanish school teacher—for being an innovative, legal-minded and dedicated leader.

REDISTRICTING: As former Chair, Election & Redistricting, I lead the charge to protect our sacred civil liberty—the right to vote—and successfully blocked voter suppression efforts & improving measures against election fraud. I also wrote the most comprehensive campaign finance reform and election integrity legislation Maryland has seen in 50 years. I support legislation to make redistricting non-partisan. **ENVIRONMENT:** I lead by example, living in a carbon-neutral house. In the legislature, and my community, I have been a voice for protecting Maryland's unique environment for future generations. I increased the recycling requirement for the state and fought energy companies polluting our backyards. And I will do it again! The Environment inspired me to serve 2003-2015 and with two girl, it will be my legacy. **DISCRIMINATION:** I lead the fight to re-enfranchise ex-felons with the right to vote, supported increases in minimum wage, fought for equal pay for equal work and demanded more discretion in judicial proceedings. I will also continue to support and sponsor these and other efforts to demand equality such as equal pay and equal protection efforts for women, and protected classes. **EDUCATION:** I am a supporter of common-sense gun reform. We should NOT arm teachers. I sponsored the Maryland Gang Prosecution Act of 2007 which established tougher accountability measures for schools to monitor gang involvement. I authored 2014 Grace's Law, the toughest anti-cyber bullying laws in the nation and a bill requiring schools to develop bullying policies. A priority is school construction money. **HEALTH CARE:** We need to ensure that the Affordable Care Act is not in jeopardy, and if elected, I will monitor it annually as the federal guidelines keep changing. Keeping all our constituents healthy is the way to make the state realize its potential and to give each individual his or her given right to freedom and liberty. I support medical cannabis as well, **TRANSPORTATION:** I support mass transit and subsidies for public transportation. I believe that data-driven policies to reduce pollution from cars and trucks and to increase public use programs is essential. I am not opposed to an increase in gas tax to fund the transportation trust fund. As an avid protector of Maryland's natural treasures, I will implement incentives to expand solar & hybrid technologies.

Shelly Hettleman

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an effective advocate in my first term as an 11th district Delegate, improving our education system, advocating for working families and underrepresented communities, expanding access to healthcare and cleaning up the environment. Whether it is standing up for survivors of domestic violence and rape or fighting for additional school funding, I am not afraid to fight for my constituents **REDISTRICTING:** I support efforts to make the redistricting process more fair &

transparent. For state legislative offices, I support a nonpartisan commission to make recommendations. For Congressional districts, I am concerned about the impacts on Maryland if we modified our districts and other states did not. Neither Democrats nor Republicans should have an advantage, so I support a national effort. **ENVIRONMENT:** The most significant environmental challenge is climate change. In Maryland that means the health of our greatest treasure, the Chesapeake Bay, and preparing for rising sea levels. We need to reduce pollutants that wash into the bay, and enforce laws set up to protect our waterways. We also need to make investments in alternatives like wind and solar that will provide jobs and clean energy. **DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination of any kind that is based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty, has no place in our state. I supported bail reform to prevent defendants from being jailed because they are too poor to pay bail; voted to end gay conversion therapy used on teens; voted for pay equity for women; and have sponsored educational programs in support of making policy using a racial equity lens **EDUCATION:** I support the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission. Critical priorities are: teacher recruitment and retention; early childhood programs including wraparound family services; targeted assistance for at-risk students including students with disabilities and limited English proficiency; and career and technology education. Additional funding must be available to reflect regional differences. **HEALTH CARE:** Marylanders face significant healthcare challenges: soaring insurance premiums, the rising cost of once affordable prescription drugs, insufficient behavioral healthcare coverage, opioid abuse and addiction, as well as access to treatment. Healthcare is a human right, and should not put people deep into debt. We support moving in the direction of providing a single pay system. **TRANSPORTATION:** Our transportation policy needs to focus on the many modes Marylanders use. Baltimore has an inadequate public transit system that needs expansion. I supported additional funding this session that will bring more MTA funding for operating and capital needs and require a capital needs assessment. Our crumbling infrastructure requires attention, so Highway User Revenue should go back to localities.

Dana Stein

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a delegate representing District 11 since 2007. A key part of the job of legislator is being an advocate for constituents, and I believe that I have been an effective advocate. I also have been executive director of Civic Works, Inc., an "urban Peace Corps" that engages young adults in community service and job training activities. **REDISTRICTING:** I would support the establishment of a non-partisan commission to draw congressional and legislative district lines. **ENVIRONMENT:** Given Maryland's extensive coastline, the biggest environmental challenge we face is climate change. To address this, Maryland needs to continue to increase renewable energy requirements, and we must also prepare for the inevitability of rising sea levels. We also need to ensure that Maryland stays on track to reach its pollution reduction requirements for the Chesapeake Bay. **DISCRIMINATION:** I supported 2017 legislation that would have prevented housing discrimination on the basis of source of income, and would support future legislation on this issue. I also would support

efforts to reduce the pay disparity between women and men. **EDUCATION:** I support implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (Kirwan Commission). This year, the legislature reserved \$200 million to begin implementation of those recommendations. I also support the proposal (to be on this year's ballot) that would amend the Constitution to require that all casino-related education revenue be put into a lock box. **HEALTH CARE:** Premiums of policies on Maryland's Health Benefit Exchange are rising significantly. We must do all we can to stabilize the health benefit exchange so that individuals can still purchase affordable health plans. This year, the legislature took action that will shore up the health exchange, at least temporarily. We must also continue to fund efforts that fight the opioid crisis. **TRANSPORTATION:** We should invest more in mass transit. Cancellation of the Red Line was a mistake. I would support a light rail system that connects Lexington Market and the Social Security complex. I also support construction of the Maglev. At the same time, I support widening of the Baltimore Beltway to relieve congestion.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12

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REPUBLICANS

Bob Cockey

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a small businessman I have had to deal with making payroll, keeping budgets, and human resource issues for over 40 some years. I am familiar the plight of the small businessman with complying with regulations and restrictions. I am eager to transfer these skills to help and become the champion of the little man. I know what they are going through to make ends meet and I want to help. **REDISTRICTING:** I would recommend the removal of any reference to race, religion, sex, political affiliation, or any other personal information from the census. Redistricting would then be done on a fair, numeric basis and not slight any category of persons. Redistricting should be based on population alone. **ENVIRONMENT:** I would encourage the use of high-tech, non-fossil fuel vehicles. Corporate incentives should be offered for employees to telecommute and work from home in today's digital world. Create more flex hours to reduce road congestion thereby saving fossil fuels. I would also expand commuter ride-share and parking. **DISCRIMINATION:** I would remove all reference to the aforementioned criteria employment applications, driver's licenses, loan applications and census bureau's forms. People would then be judged on information provided and not by any ethnic origins. The fact that we ask these questions are discriminatory in themselves. It encourages discrimination rather than promote unfair practices. **EDUCATION:** I would create more vo-tech schools specializing in the trades and other vocations not requiring the traditional college education. By graduates entering the workforce from high school with a skill encourages more people to be successful. I would work hard to raise the salaries of the teachers who do not receive the accolades they deserve. I would investigate where the lottery/casino monies go **HEALTH CARE:** I believe that all citizens deserve health care and that corporate

incentives and tax breaks can be channeled for health care for everyone. It has to be an open market across state lines to create a competitive industry which would result in lower rates for everyone. Through a healthier workforce, employers would see greater productivity from their employees. More public clinics are needed. **TRANSPORTATION:** Along with the previously mentioned program under the environment section, we need to improve the routes of public transportation. These routes were created in the 1950s to get the public around. Using today's technology and rider volume points of destination can be better charted. A smaller, hybrid bus could be used to transport citizens. Carpool lanes, bike/ pedestrian paths could be used.

Melanie Harris

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm the only candidate besides the incumbents that has worked in Annapolis. My experience working for a state Senator has prepared me for everything this job entails, from constituent relations to shaping policy. I began a formerly defunct political club, bringing its local membership to the highest in the state. I'm extremely well-organized, thoughtful, and purpose-driven. **REDISTRICTING:** I support Governor Hogan's efforts to put together a nonpartisan redistricting commission to redraw fair lines statewide. Maryland has some of the most gerrymandered districts in the country, and with the help of our legislature, we can support redrawing the lines in a fair and nonpartisan process. **ENVIRONMENT:** Improper waste disposal and dumping are large challenges that we face to our environment and our Bay. I recycle, compost, carpool, and eat vegetarian, but I don't expect everyone to. We need more environmental education in schools. We have a lot of environmental regulations on the books, and rather than more, we need greater enforcement. **DISCRIMINATION:** I support school systems in allowing Muslim and Jewish students leave for holidays to practice their faith. I support higher penalties for employers who violate Title VII in the state of Maryland, whether the causal relationship between the firing and the racial, gender, maternity status or any other is expressed or implied. There is currently too much leniency with circumstance. **EDUCATION:** We are paying \$17k per student in Baltimore City. We need to introduce a voucher system, and evenly distribute school funds to parents, who can send their children to any public or nonpublic school they choose. This eliminates All location-based discrimination, and will pay more to teachers. Any leftover funds can be in a lockbox for any future health or testing needs for that child. **HEALTH CARE:** One is the opioid crisis. There are proposed treatment centers being added to areas with high need. We need more public health options, and to stop the overprescribing of pain pills. There aren't enough checkpoints in the public school system to address behavior and mental health signs. We need more training. If caught early, we can address and even quell some of the concerns happening nationally. **TRANSPORTATION:** We need to structure the bidding process for highway construction projects to reward contracts to Maryland businesses, and hold construction projects accountable to the timeframe allotted. GPS apps pose a challenge to our infrastructure by routing traffic through residential streets. We need to use transportation funds to widen highways to take pressure off these streets and ease congestion.

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No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRATS

Eric Ebersole

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as a state delegate since 2015. I serve on the Ways and Means committee Education, Elections, Revenues, Finance Resources subcommittees. In particular, I find the work in Ed Sub to be the most important. As a public school teacher for 35 yrs., I attach great value to education and I have a unique classroom perspective to offer on educational issues and how they will manifest themselves. **REDISTRICTING:** I believe we need more compact and fairly drawn districts. One of the great dangers of unfairly drawn districts is that voters feel powerless and disenfranchised. Voting may be suppressed. The most significant thing we can do to advance the democratic process is encourage voters to the polls. Drawing more representative districts will do that. The process needs to be as non-political as possible. **ENVIRONMENT:** The large issue is climate change. The first challenge is to get everyone to acknowledge the science behind it. We need to take actions to decrease our contribution to it. We need to incentivize clean energy production by increasing goals for percentage of and offering tax incentives for it, as well as more restrictively defining clean energy. We must also continue to protect our natural resources. **DISCRIMINATION:** Justice reform. From bail reform to flexible sentencing to decriminalization of lesser non-violent offenses, we can help mend the extreme racial imbalance in our justice system, which tends also to follow socio-economic lines. Also, we must eliminate biases in the work place against women and the LGBT community. Restrictions on employer questioning and information gathering are critical here. **EDUCATION:** We need universal pre-k for 3 & 4 year olds. The funding can come from the Ed Trust Fund once we "lock the box." A severe imbalance of school quality exists along socio-economic & disability status. We must make sure educational opportunities are equitable, both for those who are in poverty and those with disabilities. Finally, we need to let school calendar decisions be made at the local level. **HEALTH CARE:** In the face of the changes made in Washington to the tax code, we need to institute the individual mandate in Maryland to keep costs down. We need to continue our efforts to control prescription drug costs and to address the opioid crisis. Finally, we need to provide health care for every Marylander. It is past time for us to take a serious look at single payer health care in Maryland. **TRANSPORTATION:** Public transportation must be our priority. I have been disappointed with the recent focus of the transportation trust fund usage almost exclusively on roads. The long-range focus must be on mass transit and it must be affordable. For example, while I like the idea of a fast train between Baltimore and DC, I would rather see the MARC line running every 30 minutes at its affordable price.



Jessica Feldmark

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've worked 22 years in a variety of nonprofit and government roles with a single common focus of strengthening our communities. As Chief of Staff and Council Administrator, I have extensive experience in the legislative process and government operations. I tackle complex issues and get things done. I'm a practical progressive who collaborates on solutions without compromising on values. **REDISTRICTING:** It is the job of the voters to elect their representatives, not the job of the elected representatives to select their voters. I support reforming the redistricting process as well as other small-d democratic efforts including public campaign financing and initiatives to increase access to and ease of voting, such as same-day voter registration and voting by mail. **ENVIRONMENT:** Without federal leadership on climate change, we must redouble our own mitigation efforts: increasing renewable energy standards, investing in clean energy job training, strengthening forest conservation, and pricing carbon. We must focus on resiliency and adaptation strategies for communities at risk from rising sea levels, rising smog levels, and flooding from increased major storm events. **DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination continues to persist in a number of areas. One specific example is wage discrimination. We should require transparency and accurate reporting of wage data; prohibit retaliation against employees who share information about their pay; prohibit use of salary history during the hiring process so historical disparities are not perpetuated; and establish real penalties for pay inequity. **EDUCATION:** Strong public schools are essential to our democracy, economy, and opportunity for upward mobility. We must ensure all schools and students get the resources they need: universal pre-K, highly qualified diverse teachers, and college and career readiness. We can't afford to underfund education any longer. We must approve the Fix the Fund Act and stop diverting public dollars to private schools. **HEALTH CARE:** Health care costs are growing at unsustainable rates. Access to health care is a universal right, and affordability should not be a barrier. We must have a health care system that closes gaps in coverage, reduces the costs imposed on patients, delivers true person-centered care, and eliminates health disparities. I support a single-payer system as a way to achieve these goals. **TRANSPORTATION:** We must shift more focus to decreasing dependence on single-occupancy vehicles. We need convenient, reliable transit alternatives that have shorter wait times, extended hours, better integration of bus and rail, and options for bus rapid transit. We also need complete streets to ensure safe and convenient routes for pedestrians and cyclists. Reprioritization of existing resources is necessary.

Terri Hill

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a District 12 delegate serving on the HGO committee, I review every bill before my committee. I rely on my unique experience as a practicing surgeon to introduce legislation to improve health care access and peoples' lives. I've built relationships and gained the respect of colleagues, advocates, and house leadership for my tenacity, thoroughness, coalition building skills and analytic approach. **REDISTRICTING:** I've introduced legislation to create a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative maps and separate non-partisan

commission to study ways to dismantle MD's congressional gerrymandering without disadvantaging citizens. Governing rules and factors to prioritize must be spelled out. The 2020 and future censuses must be as accurate as possible. Supreme Court may establish national standards. **ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change, environmental disparities and Bay health are our greatest environmental challenges. I support accelerating transition to 100% renewables, joining the US Climate alliance, challenging EPA's retreat on environmental protection, assuming EPA's role, and am against increased underwater fracked gas pipelines, unfettered drilling off MD's shoreline, and weakened mitigations for runoff. **DISCRIMINATION:** Systemic discrimination effectively creates a caste system. Correction requires looking at policies and practices through an equity lens, asking "who might be hurt by this action", and checking for compounding, unintended consequences. Banning inquiries on past salaries, assuring equal pay for equal work, supporting affordable childcare, enforcing laws that address inequities will help. **EDUCATION:** Lock box and grant funding to support Kirwan recommendations: universal pre-k; trade and technical training; p-tech & other accelerated curricula; resources for students facing barriers such as poverty, disability or language; identifying, hiring and retaining great teachers; assuring diversity in admin and teaching staff; and providing compensation and incentives commensurate with their value. **HEALTH CARE:** Fix rising premiums and co-pays, esp. the individual market via re-insurance fund & federal pass-through dollars from waiver. Decrease number of uninsured via population wide cost sharing (support single-payer system). Determine cause of high Rx drug cost via pricing transparency commission and empowering AG to address. Tackle the opioid epidemic and other addictions via multi-pronged approach. **TRANSPORTATION:** Investment in mass transit maintenance and expansion is critical. The decision to reverse direction was ill advised from job, work force, economic, environmental and social justice standpoints. Lower tolls on public byways undermine the ability to fund our transportation needs, particularly as increased fuel efficiency and resistance to higher levies steadily decreases gas tax revenues.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 42A

Vote for 1

 **REPUBLICAN**

Stephen A. McIntire

<http://stevemcintire.org>

QUALIFICATIONS: -Policy understanding: University of Pennsylvania, business & public policy -Diverse experience: tech/telecom, finance helping mid-sized industrial & services businesses fund growth, and small business owner -Active in community & schools Shared goals: World-class schools, safe welcoming communities, good-government accountable to the people & economic opportunity for all. **REDISTRICTING:** Yes to an Independent Commission! Gerrymandering undermines democracy, increasing the power of special interests, fringe pressure groups and party bosses. SD 42 was created to punish Sen. Brochin (D) for being too independent. They carved out a 1 member sub-district to protect a loyal partisan, Del. Lafferty. He now votes 99% with

Busch. The interests of 42A residents are an after-thought. **ENVIRONMENT:** We need to continue MD's tradition of protecting natural resources with strong policies based on sound cost/benefit calculations. The risks posed by climate change should be addressed with a REVENUE-NEUTRAL shift in taxation towards carbon based consumption (away from income & property), improving both the environment & MD's economic growth. Need to protect old-growth trees in our communities. **DISCRIMINATION:** We need to stop excusing total failure from public education bureaucrats. There are a dozen schools in Baltimore City where not a single kid tests proficient, despite spending \$17k/year. This is a systemic failure of policy. This status quo is unjust and unsustainable. But it works for machine politicians, even if it fails parents and kids. We need real choice for parents in failing schools. **EDUCATION:** I am a parent of 2 BCPS elementary students. This requires more than 400 characters, but the first step to achieving world-class public schools is accountability and transparency in the hundreds of millions worth of tech contracts signed by corrupt leadership. We also need to reform this systemic failure in Baltimore City that drives out middle-class families & fails disadvantaged kids. **HEALTH CARE:** Decades of super-inflationary cost growth are making healthcare unaffordable. Yet many important services like addiction recovery are still rationed and difficult to access. Policy should create incentives to drive costs out of the system, for example by pushing back on pharma pricing scams. **TRANSPORTATION:** The chokepoint on York at Aigburth needs to be fixed by widening and adding a 5th turn lane. It's a state road next to a state institution. No excuse why this hasn't been addressed by Towson's state Delegate. It's also needed for the Towson High expansion. The 6 Bridge Trail project should also be funded and extended to Overlook Park. Projects should be funded through development fees & gas taxes.

 **DEMOCRAT**

Stephen Lafferty

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a member of the House of Delegates for 12 years, serving on the Environment and Transportation Committee. I have been a subcommittee chair, Chaired the Regional Revitalization Workgroup and the Baltimore County House Delegation and served on the Joint Audit Committee and Joint Committee on the Critical Areas. I have received honors for my work to protect the Bay and communities. **REDISTRICTING:** The Supreme Court has never said that partisan politics in drawing maps violates the Constitution. But, we need some better ways to formulate a body that can recommend new districts so that they are contiguous, compact and representative. I do not know how such a body can be chosen but am open to ideas. **ENVIRONMENT:** I have fought to protect Maryland's environment since being elected in 2006. My legislation has expanded recycling, improved strategies for reducing septic pollution, reducing sediment pollution and improving waterways, protecting pollinators and reducing pesticides. We still need to ban plastic bags, support clean energy and eliminate polystyrene and reliance on fossil fuels. **DISCRIMINATION:** I fully support efforts to eliminate all discrimination. Prior to my election, and since, I have worked to eliminate discrimination in housing and have advocated for greater investment in

communities, schools and individuals where poverty and inequities exist. We need more focus on equity in educational investments, transportation and job opportunities. **EDUCATION:** I support the lock-box to ensure that casino revenues are dedicated to education. I support the recommendations of the Kirwin Commission that will intensify efforts to help low income communities and students, be more aggressive and creative in recruiting teachers and address under performance. We need to support and promote career and technical education as well. **HEALTH CARE:** We must provide a sustainable individual market so more people can have health insurance. I support efforts to create a reinsurance program which should help insurers take on more risks and provide coverage for more people. I support decentralized health care delivery. But, in the long run, I think we need to determine how Maryland can establish a system to provide affordable health care for all. **TRANSPORTATION:** I have had legislation to support pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and motorists. We must have the ability to 'share the roadways'. This means new designs for the ways that roadways function. I also want to see more local transit services so that Baltimore County residents do not have to rely on roads and cars. We need better east-west transit and re-prioritization of transportation funds.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 42B

Vote for up to 2

REPUBLICANS

Nino Mangione

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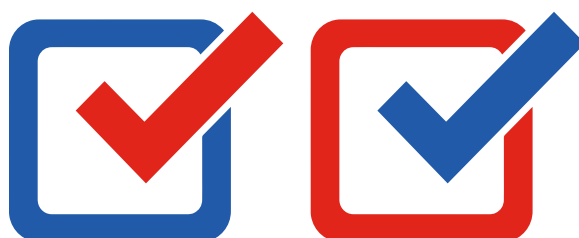
QUALIFICATIONS: I was born and raised in Baltimore County and feel like I have a good understanding of the issues that our residents are concerned about. My career at WCBM has allowed me to exchange views and learn from some of the foremost authorities on critical issues facing our community. **REDISTRICTING:** I feel like the process was unfair in Maryland and has served to hold our state up to ridicule across the country thanks to Governor O'Malley. It is wrong, the process is flawed and must be changed. I totally support Governor Hogan's approach to resolving this problem. **ENVIRONMENT:** I feel like the continued clean-up and restoration of the Bay is the top priority on the environmental front in Maryland. We are making progress and that must continue. It is essential that we solve the problem with the Conowingo Dam and the sediment issues. It is equally important that we require our neighbors from the north to assist and help pay for the clean-up. **DISCRIMINATION:** We are against discrimination of all kinds and our decision making will reflect how we respect individuals and their rights. **EDUCATION:** My priority is to make certain that our tax dollars make it into the classroom. Today, too many of our education dollars are diverted away from the classrooms. Additionally, I want to make sure we are providing a sound foundation in reading, writing, arithmetic, sciences and computer skills to our children. Security at our schools is a priority as is removing illegal drugs from them. I believe **HEALTH CARE:** Clearly the Obamacare experiment has been a failure. We have to do better. One way is to allow better access, more affordability and better treatment to our citizens. We need to apply a free market

approach to insurance and look at liability reform as well. **TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation is a key issue for Marylanders. We have a growing and robust area now and we must make sure our infrastructure issues are addressed. We need regular and routine maintenance on our roadways and bridges. We need make certain our transportation dollars are spent upgrading, improving and maintaining our road systems.

Tim Robinson

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QUALIFICATIONS: I practiced as a general practitioner for the Public Health Service in rural Louisiana, and then as an anesthesiologist in Maryland for 25 years. I have spent many years on the legislative committee of Medchi, and been president of a large group of physicians in Towson. The current chaos in medicine demonstrates the need for legislators with knowledge of all parts of medicine and patient care. **REDISTRICTING:** We need an impartial, non-partisan commission on redistricting. New districts should draw heavily on continuity of community groups along with geographic continuity, with strong emphasis on minimizing changes from census to census. Voters should be able to identify their district from election to election, rather than knowing their district was chosen to advantage a political party or politician. **ENVIRONMENT:** Protecting the agriculture and agricultural nature of rural Baltimore County, by respecting conservation easements, and carefully controlling development above the Urban Rural Demarcation Line (URDL). Protecting the Chesapeake Bay, most critically by control of sediment overflow from the Conowingo Dam after storms, and continuing to work toward relief of sediment buildup behind the dam. **DISCRIMINATION:** We've made a lot of progress in the last few decades, but often it has come at the price of lost civility and sense of community. We can and must do better; civility and progress are possible together. I want to keep moving forward, working to bring us together by working on the problems that separate us. **EDUCATION:** School choice and the ability of parents to pick the schools with the best fit for their children are crucial. Every child is different and has individual needs, which may not fit into a common curriculum. Communities should control their schools and determine the best methods. Individual children have different needs and strengths, as do communities. We must strengthen Charter School laws. **HEALTH CARE:** Affordability for many middle class and working class Marylanders, soaring rates have made insurance unaffordable. Access- while technically having insurance, very high deductibles have caused delaying or avoiding care, meaning functional lack of insurance. Choice- we must offer greater choice of insurers and of insurance products. **TRANSPORTATION:** All Marylanders rely on the infrastructure of roads and bridges, and the support of that infrastructure is the first and most crucial transportation priority, so gas tax funds must be primarily directed here. Mass transit is crucially important as well and must be supported, but works efficiently only when going to and from areas of high density housing and businesses.



DEMOCRATS

Michele Guyton

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QUALIFICATIONS: My educational and work history as an advocate for at-risk families and students with disabilities, my personal experiences as a mother with children who have challenges, and my experience making policy decisions within a large state department (MSDE) have all uniquely prepared me for this office and will certainly inform the decisions I make as State Delegate for 42B. **REDISTRICTING:** I believe that a nonpartisan committee should redraw the districts after each census. The current Maryland districts are so unfairly gerrymandered that they do not allow fair representation for all citizens. **ENVIRONMENT:** The environment is very important to our state and county economy and identity and I will fight to fiercely defend our rivers, bay, coastlines and forested areas from over development and pollution. I will strongly support clean renewable energy efforts, land preservation and open space programs and re-training for workers to make conservation a viable economic alternative. **DISCRIMINATION:** My adult life has been dedicated to trying to level the playing field for all families regardless of race, income, sexual orientation, immigrant status or disability. I believe in investing in comprehensive community school models, supporting family leave plans and a living wage, providing access to high quality child care, early intervention programs and essential health care for all families. **EDUCATION:** I support the Kirwin Commission recommendations to fund universal access to high quality Pre-K programs, increase teacher salaries to recruit and retain high quality educators, increase Career Technology Pathways and provide more comprehensive supports to our under performing schools. We must focus more on student safety and less on test scores and should only use public money for public schools. **HEALTH CARE:** Access to quality health care including reproductive and mental health care is a challenge for many Maryland families. In addition, evidence-based drug treatment programs should be more accessible to the public than either legal or illegal narcotics. Eventually I do believe that Maryland will move to a single-payer system but in the meantime, we need to strengthen ACA and MDCHP. **TRANSPORTATION:** Infrastructure improvements on roads and bridges in rural areas are priorities as is investing in a faster, safer and more extensive public transit system for Baltimore and the surrounding suburbs. Baltimore lags behind other similar-sized cities in this regard and improvements would lessen traffic, reduce pollution and make the city safer and more economically viable.

Sachin Hebbar

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QUALIFICATIONS: I earned my Ph.D. and conducted cancer research for 17 years. I have the necessary understanding to attract healthcare startups in Maryland. I am the VP of a middle school PTA. I know the challenges facing our public education system. I founded and lead a grassroots advocacy group. I am an immigrant, and I shaped my destiny with hard work, perseverance, and support from my community and family. **REDISTRICTING:** We need to take politics out of redistricting. Communities that live together should be represented together. People

should choose their representatives and not the other way around. I support the formation of an independent commission to draw new district lines after the 2020 Census. **ENVIRONMENT:** We should enforce existing environmental regulations, follow through on our commitments on limiting nutrient flow into the bay, and work to prevent shoreline erosion. We should save our open spaces and prevent overdevelopment. We must engage in public-private partnership to install solar panels on parking lots and commercial buildings to reduce our dependence on conventional energy sources. **DISCRIMINATION:** We need to end discrimination in housing on the basis of source of income. I will also support equitable funding of schools. I applaud legislators for protecting LGBTQ against forced conversion therapies. I strongly support protecting women's right to privacy. We also need to ensure that the decennial census counts all residents to ensure appropriate funding and representation. **EDUCATION:** The interim Kirwan Commission report calls for more money and renewed commitment for early childhood education, teacher training, hiring of qualified teachers, and more emphasis towards at-risk students. I broadly support these goals, and I am looking forward to the findings in the final report. I also support locking in casino revenues for public schools. **HEALTH CARE:** Maryland is in the throes of an opioid epidemic, and we need to have a comprehensive plan and make adequate resources available to combat this problem. The Affordable care act enabled many people to buy insurance on health exchanges. The introduction of a public option in our healthcare is a viable first step in ensuring that all Marylanders have access to high quality healthcare. **TRANSPORTATION:** Maryland's transportation spending is imbalanced. While we have invested in developing rail and road systems in DC suburbs, the Baltimore area has been chronically underfunded. Infrastructure projects that add jobs and bring economic prosperity are worth being financed by municipal bonds.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 44B

Vote for up to 2

REPUBLICANS

No Republican candidate entered this race.

DEMOCRATS

Charles E. Sydnor, III

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QUALIFICATIONS: My educational background and professional experience as an attorney provide me the skills that I need. I had a successful first term sponsoring impactful legislation that ushered in the use of police body cameras statewide and was one of three freshman appointed a subcommittee chair and expect to continue working smart for my district and the state as a whole. If re-elected, I'm ready! **REDISTRICTING:** I support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census. The concern for me is how the non-partisan, independent body would be formed and how reflective of the state's diversity it will be. While I support the work of the Maryland Redistricting Reform Commission, I believe some recommendations should be revisited.

ENVIRONMENT: There are likely multiple things we can all do and many things may not be new. Maryland must continue on its path to ensure that the TMDLS protects this resource. I think we also need to work with our federal elected officials to make sure they have what they need to ensure this administration does its job. **DISCRIMINATION:** This last session I introduced six bills that addressed discriminatory practices and policies that I came across in higher education, insurance underwriting, campaign finance and criminal law. This included the HBCU Equity Act of 2018, HB 656, HB 657, HB1748, HB759 and a law to clarify Maryland's Hate Crime Statute. I have also supported the HOME Act during my first term. **EDUCATION:** I support the findings of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. To fund the reforms noted by the Commission, I supported HB 1697 during the 2018 session to achieve the promise made years ago when casino gambling was first allowed in Maryland—to supplement funding for our public schools. **HEALTH CARE:** This session we took an important step when we voted to create the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission. It "is required to study and make recommendations for individual and group health insurance market stability" and provide recommendations by December, 2019. I hope the report will have an answer on how we can ensure the broadest possible access to affordable health care. **TRANSPORTATION:** The Baltimore region is not adequately served by transit. Earlier this year, the Baltimore Subway system was unexpectedly shut down for emergency inspection and repairs. This hindered many passengers, including my constituents' ability to get to work. Many riders were forced to find other means to reach their workplace. Regarding the funding, I would have to look at various funding sources.

Pat Young

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as a Delegate in the Maryland General Assembly since 2014 and have gained a valuable perspective related to passing legislation and supporting the needs of my community on the State level. My time as a United States Marine has provided me with a work ethic and "never quit" mentality that I employ in Annapolis as a Delegate and back home as a father and community advocate. **REDISTRICTING:** I support revamping out redistricting process where the majority of the power falls in the hands of an independent commission. **ENVIRONMENT:** Maryland has a special responsibility to care for and maintain the health of the Chesapeake Bay. With the Federal Gov't backtracking on important regulations that help us ensure we hold accountable those that would pollute the bay we must be more vigilant than ever in passing and enforcing environmental laws in Maryland. **DISCRIMINATION:** I will continue to support legislation that works to dismantle institutional racism and bias. Specifically hiring bias, pay disparities, housing discrimination, health disparities. **EDUCATION:** I support the recommendation of the bipartisan Kirwan and Knott commission that have worked tirelessly to provide recommendation to improve our public school system. I support changing the way we fund school construction, putting budget power back in the hands of local jurisdictions. I also support looking at innovative ways to reduce testing times that distract from planned curricula and learning **HEALTH CARE:** Access to care and cost affordability are the greatest

barriers to obtaining healthcare. As a member of the Appropriations committee we have worked hard to reduce costs and provide adequate funding resource to those in need. Maryland has a unique all payer system that outperforms other states nationally. Supporting this system and our medicaid waiver are the most immediate steps we can take. **TRANSPORTATION:** A comprehensive public transit system is essential to the growth and prosperity of any great city or region. We currently lack this needed resource and must do more to build a transportation system that serves all and meets the needs of a 21st century economy.

BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Vote for 1

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

ANNUAL SALARY: \$175,000 per year.

TERM: Four years with a term limit of two terms.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

CANDIDATES FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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

PRIORITIES: What are your 2 highest priorities as County Executive? Explain.

EMPLOYMENT: What role, if any, should the County government play in encouraging economic development and job growth?

EDUCATION: What role can, and should, the County Executive play to ensure quality public schools?

FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING: How would you approach the discrepancy between the current level of affordable housing in Baltimore County and the need for such housing?

PUBLIC WORKS: How would you prioritize the county's most critical infrastructure needs?

LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT: How would the following factors influence your zoning decisions: a) property owners' wishes; b) Planning Board recommendations; c) the planning board staff recommendations; d) Master Plan directives; e) developer's wishes?

HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES: The growth of poverty in Baltimore County has outpaced urban and rural poverty growth. What steps, if any, should government take to respond to this trend?

REPUBLICAN

Al Redmer, Jr.

<http://Redmer2018.com>

QUALIFICATIONS: I have more executive-level leadership experience than any candidate in this race or recent Baltimore Co. Executive. I have 35 years' experience in the public & private sectors, running large and small companies. I have started 2 businesses of my own, and have twice lead the MD Insurance

Admin as Commissioner. I served as a state Delegate for 13 years, serving as Minority Leader for the last two. **PRIORITIES:** The county has failed to make proper investments in nearly all priorities. My first act will be to create an Office of the Inspector General to conduct a review of county govt, find ways to streamline operations, reduce waste, & help build a blueprint for a long-term plan & budget. We're also grappling with complex education issues. I will be hands-on, and engaged in our classrooms & school system.

EMPLOYMENT: The county needs to ensure that businesses aren't burdened by needless regulations or high taxes & fees. We need to address crime and education issues that negatively impact economic development opportunities, particularly in low-income areas. Additionally, I will work with Gov. Hogan to continue the success of the More Jobs for Marylanders Act in Baltimore County. **EDUCATION:** While the County Executive doesn't control the Board of Education, the county has a fiduciary responsibility to make sure that our tax dollars are being spent efficiently and wisely to benefit the education of our children. This is an area where the current administration has been totally disengaged and has ceded everything to the school system without thought of oversight, including discipline. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I do not believe that additional Section 8 vouchers are the way to solve our need for affordable housing; rather we need to find ways to reduce the unit cost of building homes in our county. This can be done through targeting smaller infill projects, making them more efficient, and more affordable to build.

PUBLIC WORKS: As mentioned, county govt has failed for years to make appropriate investments in infrastructure, particularly in school construction and our aging water & sewer infrastructure. Our Office of Inspector General will help identify, quantify, & prioritize our infrastructure needs to assist our administration in creating a long-term plan and multi-year budget to ensure that these needs are addressed.

LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT: My career has been about creating long-term plans in an open, transparent & collaborative way. The plan should drive decisions. The plan would be made in an open, transparent, & collaborative fashion bringing all stakeholders—council members, legislators, community groups, Chambers of Commerce, development professionals & others—together to identify the issues, and prioritize them. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** Poverty can only be mitigated with a good paying job and a quality education system. We will energize job growth, and increase job training. We will clean up Baltimore County, target crime, improve education, and make our county a welcoming place for job creators.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.
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QUALIFICATIONS: I have done it all in Baltimore County: been a student, school board member, teacher, state Delegate and private sector software executive. Yet my most important titles, by far, are father and husband. I am ready to lead our county into the future. My experiences have prepared me to fight for you and your family. I believe it's time for Baltimore County to get back to working for the people. **PRIORITIES:** My highest priorities are improving our school system and reforming local government so that it is transparent and accessible to the people it serves. I will invest the resources

necessary—in our people and infrastructure- to make our school system among the best in the country. I'll also enact campaign finance reform, hold regular community meetings and expand outreach efforts in the county. **EMPLOYMENT:** Baltimore County government should be at the forefront of encouraging economic development. I have a record of helping to create jobs and will chart a course where Baltimore County is a center of job growth. We will do that by building out job training programs, creating arts and entertainments districts, investing in our main streets and incubators and through partnering with the private sector. **EDUCATION:** The County Executive should be leading the charge to improve our schools. As the only former BCPS teacher in this race, I know what it takes to improve our public schools. I will make education my top priority—implementing universal pre-K and making community college debt free for residents. I will pay teachers better, feed our kids, hire more staff and better address our infrastructure needs. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:**

Baltimore County is behind on addressing the need of affordable housing for our residents. I'll address the gap by thoughtfully leveraging incentives and requirements for developers to create more units. We'll also end discriminatory housing practices. In fact, I am the only candidate running for Baltimore County Executive committed to ending housing discrimination through passage of the HOME Act. **PUBLIC WORKS:** For all infrastructure needs, we will develop a comprehensive long-term plan that maps out our priorities and addresses the most pressing needs first, continuing our work until the needs of every community is met. We will launch an interactive platform where residents can explore the plan and track progress in real-time, helping to hold my administration accountable for progress on this plan. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** It's time that Baltimore County get back to smart land use and development. An Olszewski administration will develop comprehensive, long-term plans for land use and development in close consultation with community leaders and the Planning Board—aligned with Master Plan directives—and we will ensure that the county follows these plans.

HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES: Government has moral and an economic responsibility to address poverty in our communities. That begins with expanding access to pre-k so that we level the playing field and increasing access to CTE, community colleges, and apprenticeships to strengthen the education to career pipeline. As Executive, I will also lead on issues such as affordable housing, regional transportation, and pay equity.

WRITE-IN

Tony Solesky
<http://writeinsolesky.com>
 See responses from write-in candidates at www.vote411.org

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL

Vote for 1

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

the legislative branch.

SALARY: \$62,500 for council members and \$70,000 for council president.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: The county is divided into seven council districts. Each district is represented by one council member who must reside in that district and who is elected by only those citizens who reside in that specific district.

CANDIDATES FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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

PRIORITIES: What are your 2 highest priorities as County Council member? Explain.

EDUCATION: What role can, and should, the County Council play to ensure quality public schools?

FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING: How would you approach the discrepancy between the current level of affordable housing in Baltimore County and the need for such housing?

PUBLIC WORKS: How would you prioritize the county's most critical infrastructure needs?

LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT: How would the following factors influence your zoning decisions: a) property owners' wishes; b) Planning Board recommendations; c) the planning board staff recommendations; d) Master Plan directives; e) developer's wishes?

HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES: The growth of poverty in Baltimore County has outpaced urban and rural poverty growth. What steps, if any, should government take to respond to this trend?

EMPLOYMENT: What role, if any, should the County government play in encouraging economic development and job growth?

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 1

🇺🇸 REPUBLICAN

Albert Nalley

Campaign Facebook: <http://AlbertNalley>

QUALIFICATIONS: In my career I have worked for small companies and Fortune 500 Companies. I ran my own business for 11 years. All matters large or small must be handled with the same priority. This practice I have done and will continue to do.

PRIORITIES: My first priority would be to change the approach and philosophy of the Councilman's Office. Assume when dealing with constituents that they deserve help on all issues. Don't give them a phone number and send them on their way. Call the appropriate agency, get the answer/solution, and call the constituent back. Help them! Second, A new air conditioned high school for Lansdowne.

EDUCATION: With the school board making policy for the schools, the major role for the County Council is to provide the resources needed to reach the goal we all want: A safe, sound, and functional opportunity for students, to give the student the best environment to learn. Also, to provide oversight that the school board does not go on a strange experimental tangent under the guise of better education.

FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Fair housing

should be open to everyone. No discrimination of any sort. Affordable housing. The government, federal, state or county should not be in the business of subsidizing rent or housing payments. **PUBLIC WORKS:** Safety first would be the first priority in determining which infrastructural need to be addressed. Offer programs with deferred cost to home owners to repair damaged caused by storms or sewage. Put in sidewalks so children don't have to walk in the street to school. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** The first priority in zoning decisions would be property owners. After all it is their land. Planning board would follow due to impact on schools, roads, and utilities. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** The growth of poverty in Baltimore County has outpaced the growth in urban areas because of government. If government takes poverty out of urban areas and transfers to Baltimore County it makes sense that it slows in the city and grows at the accelerated rate in the county. Stop subsidizing housing. **EMPLOYMENT:** The county should play a major role in encouraging economic development. With economic development comes jobs; with jobs comes income; with income comes affordable housing; with jobs away goes poverty.

DEMOCRAT

Tom Quirk

www.councilmantomquirk.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Father with children in public schools. Small business owner of a successful financial planning practice. Certified Financial Planner. Chair of the Spending Affordability Committee. Elected twice as Chairman of the Baltimore County Council by my colleagues. Past Vice President of the Catonsville Chamber, President of my community, CCBC Foundation Board member and active citizen. **PRIORITIES:** My two highest priorities as County Councilmember are making sure we have the best quality schools and teachers for our children and working with the police, firefighters and first responders so people feel safe in their communities. People move in and out of areas depending on the quality of education in the area as well as their sense of public safety. Endorsed by the Police and Teachers. **EDUCATION:** As your councilman, I have secured an unprecedented and historic \$317M funding for our community schools. We have tackled lack of air conditioning, aging infrastructure and overcrowding. Councilmembers must advocate for competitive teacher salaries so we continue to attract the best and brightest. We must continue to push for the best quality schools for our teachers and students to excel. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** The county has agreed to spend \$30 million over a decade to help the private and nonprofit sectors build 1,000 homes for low-income, minority families in neighborhoods that do not have high concentrations of poverty. I have also worked on an affordable housing development in Southwest Baltimore County. We need to attract living wage and high paying jobs to the area. Endorsed by AFL-CIO. **PUBLIC WORKS:** Our pipes underground are aged out and many need to be replaced. Every cold spell exposes pipes that burst around the county. The county is investing well over a billion dollars to meet this challenge and this will continue to be an important issue we have to face head on. I'm concerned that our overall metro funding is very inadequate and must be dealt with soon. Continued school investment. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** Property rights are based on zoning classifications.

As Councilmember I have tried to balance economic revitalization with community concerns and needs. I take seriously the Master Plan and planning board recommendations. I've downzoned hundreds of acres around the Patapsco State Park. Transparency and communication are critical. Build communities where people can live, shop work and play. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** I strongly support our Department of Social Services. We also have recently invested in a permanent homeless shelter in Southwest Baltimore County. We need to continue to provide resources to help give the less fortunate a hand up as opposed to a hand out. I support job training and education. I think that CCBC also does a wonderful job with work skill development. **EMPLOYMENT:** The county should work hand in hand trying to attract and retain high quality investment. Jobs and business provide a stable tax base and attract residents to live in the area. As a recent example, I'm proud to have worked closely to bring \$80M Guinness to the Halethorpe/Relay area which will attract over 300,000 people annually. Sustainable community legislation has also revitalized Paradise.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 2

REPUBLICAN

Michael Lee

<http://MikeLeeBC.com>

QUALIFICATIONS: I believe my 15+ years of running an international small business prepares me well for this position. I understand not only Return on Investment but Opportunity Costs and Budget Management (like real families have to). Working in an international company with a diverse team of men and women in leadership roles is only possible by fostering clear communication and shared end vision. **PRIORITIES:** Education: Our children will compete against the best in the world, and our schools need to focus on preparing them for the future (language, arts, STEM, nature, financial and health training). Public Safety—We require more officer training. More technology for surveillance of communities, and common sense gun regulations. **EDUCATION:** I believe it's critical to be involved. The Council must be a check and balance on the Executive and School Board with an eye to common sense and long term solutions to make Baltimore County schools the best in the Maryland. We must demand more from our leaders, schools, teachers, parents and all residents. If we do this BC will be the envy of the State (home values will rise). **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** There are already initiatives set forth to increase affordable housing and there should be. But, I believe this should come with resident responsibility and the government's responsibility to provide a way for those initiatives to succeed. Affordable income housing, without addressing underlying problems will simply make situations and tensions worse. **PUBLIC WORKS:** Technology as a basic utility should be our top priority. Private/public (google) partnership to provide internet in the County will provide businesses, residents, schools, public safety a necessary tool. If done properly technology can help our county then expand into providing improved public transportation options using connectivity (as in other countries). **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** I believe the Property Owner with the Master Plan directives should first try to be in cooperation. Once

they are in alignment, they should ensure compliance with the Planning board recommendations and the developer. In the end they should consult with the Planning Board staff for specific execution. Generally, I believe Baltimore County should ensure the safety / preservation of land & water. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** Education and care of our children, with expanded hours, services, training and even days should be our top priority. Our school year should be longer (and our kids educated better), our internet "free", our streets safe and our transportation viable. If we take care of the children, our social services would by default improve. **EMPLOYMENT:** By improving our access to technology and public safety, our County would be improving the living standards of our County—it would be more desirable to live here. That will encourage businesses, entrepreneurs and growth in the County.

DEMOCRAT

Izzy Patoka

<http://voteizzy.com>

QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my entire lifetime working to strengthen, improve and protect communities at the neighborhood level, community level, local level, state level and private sector (non-profit). I have an unparalleled track record of fighting for communities especially on issues of land use, budget, contract review and constituent services which are the core functions of County Council. **PRIORITIES:** Public safety is my top priority. I plan to work closely with police & with the council member in the adjacent district in Baltimore City to drive down crime. 2nd is protecting the environment. Development must be done in a respectful way to the community, to the environment & to the small business community. The urban rural demarcation line (URDL) works well and I will hold the line in place. **EDUCATION:** I will work to have a robust capital budget for county schools which includes a new Dulaney High School. For the first time, Baltimore County will have a hybrid school board that includes elected members from each council district. I look forward to working with the 2nd District School Board Member to help improve our schools. I will also work closely with the Pikesville Schools coalition. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I will work with appropriate county agencies and other council members in furthering fair housing principles, including provisions to expand the locations available to multi-family housing and prioritize the investment of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). **PUBLIC WORKS:** 90% of Baltimore County's population lives inside the Urban Rural Demarcation Line (URDL), and 2/3 of the land remains rural. Much of the County's infrastructure was built in the 1950's. Water and sewer pipes are aging and severely strained. Some may be undersized. Funding needs to be prioritized to replace aging infrastructure inside the beltway and other vulnerable areas. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** Master Plan directives, Planning Department staff recommendations and property owner's wishes would influence my zoning decisions. Planning Department staff has a good sense of community sentiment. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** I will work to strengthen efforts to promote the well-being of strong families and communities. I will also work to protect vulnerable children and adults from abuse & neglect

and provide the wrap around services to help people achieve and sustain economic independence. I will also work to provide high quality services to our older adults and more recreational resources for all ages.

EMPLOYMENT: I will work to provide incentives for respectful development. Development that is respectful to the community, respectful to the environment and respectful to small business (Main Street) equals jobs. Pikesville Main Street and Reisterstown Main Street are critical economic engines. There is also a great opportunity to grow the Pikesville area by transforming the Pikesville Armory.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 3

Vote for 1

 **REPUBLICAN**

Wade Kach

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am currently serving in my first term on the Baltimore County Council. Previously I served our County for many years in the Maryland House of Delegates. As a graduate of Baltimore Poly and Western Maryland College, I have worked in the county school system as a math teacher and an auditor for most of my career. My experience has lead to many legislative successes on behalf of my constituents. **PRIORITIES:** I am committed to decreasing county taxes. I bring to this effort a working knowledge of government budgets and the ability to identify and eliminate wasteful spending while targeting resources to provide needed services. My other priority is to continue to advocate for openness and transparency. Two bills I introduced, which are now law, provide for a greater opportunity for citizen input. **EDUCATION:** My experience as a school teacher gives me the background and knowledge to be an effective advocate for making our schools safer and stronger. The County must provide adequate facilities for current and future populations. My legislative experience in both the state and county has enabled me to address the needs of our schools, including securing funding for new Towson and Dulaney High Schools. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Revitalization and possible expansion of our aging and deteriorating communities should be a County priority. Encouragement of development where adequate public facilities (roads, schools, etc.) and open space is smart as well as preferable. However, I do not support mandating that landlords accept government run section 8 vouchers. **PUBLIC WORKS:** In the next term, public works priorities must center first and foremost on road repair and repaving, then storm water management improvements and stream restoration designed to reduce pollution and soil erosion. Also needed are new recreational facilities to meet the needs of County citizens. With our growing senior population, expansion of senior center facilities is equally as critical. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** The county must achieve a balance between economic development and the preservation of farmland and open space. Property rights must not be compromised. The County Master Plan should be our guide. With local reservoirs cited for excess levels of phosphorus and nitrogen, protective buffer zones assume a crucial importance. Development must be limited to areas within the Urban Demarcation Line. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** Both public and

private assistance play an important role. Community action groups should be encouraged through funding to develop programs that assist people in getting education, health care, jobs and offer assistance in solving problems that impede individual progress. It has been my experience that because private sector assistance has flexibility, the odds of long term success increase.

EMPLOYMENT: Businesses which are considering expansion or reallocation consider the following factors: availability of desirable housing, good schools, supportive infrastructure, low crime, affordable taxes and reasonable regulations. Addressing these factors is a more effective strategy than corporate welfare. Corporate welfare tends to benefit politically connected businesses (\$43 million for Towson Row).

 **DEMOCRAT**

Colleen Marie Ebacher

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a working mom of four children, teacher, small business owner, and organizer, I'm qualified to make our county even stronger. 30 years as an educator, with 22 as a Towson University professor, I'm equipped to address problems through cross-sector partnerships. I've managed budgets, run a successful consulting business and bring people together to solve difficult issues. **PRIORITIES:** 1. Ensuring Transparent Co Government. Residents of the county deserve representation that understands and responds to their concerns in a timely and effective manner. I will hold regular forums for county residents and share information through regular newsletters and social media. 2. I will work to green the power grid, reduce waste impact, protect rural and green spaces, and build consensus. **EDUCATION:** Recent lapses in leadership underscore the need for transparency and accountability. We need to implement the Kirwan Commission solutions: from increasing teacher pay to expanding access to free pre-K and offering more vocational training and dual high school community college degrees. We need a 10 year plan to fund repairs and new construction without pitting one school against another. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** We must offer affordable housing opportunities throughout the county. New development should offer affordable housing and incentives for redevelopment in older areas encouraged to provide market based housing for the current residents. I support the passage of the HOME act to prevent discrimination on the basis of housing applicants' source of income. **PUBLIC WORKS:** Baltimore County has many critical infrastructure needs including schools, public transport systems, roadways and bridges, water and storm water management systems. We must fund necessary repairs to our schools and construct new school buildings. Our current public transportation network is inadequate and requires real vision and investment to move beyond a car-centric system. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** Responsible zoning decisions must balance property owner interests with the impacts of the proposed land use on tax-payers and align with the Master Plan and Comprehensive Zoning Map. My decisions will be fact-driven, balanced and aligned with the County's articulated land use vision, including preservation of North County's rural character. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** We must address poverty through an integrated approach providing affordable housing, reliable transportation to jobs, supportive community schools, and easy access to health care. We must pass

the HOME act, determine how mass transportation can better address workers' needs, better equip schools to handle community problems, and create a responsive community based drug treatment delivery system. **EMPLOYMENT:** The most significant role the county can play to encourage economic and job growth is to pay all workers a living wage; an efficient public transportation network; a first rate K-12 and community college education system, and a transparent and responsive county government. The county should increase funding for its BOOST fund to promote small, minority, women, and veteran owned business.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 4

Vote for 1

 **REPUBLICAN**

No Republican candidate entered this race.

 **DEMOCRAT**

Julian E. Jones, Jr.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a history of leadership, advocacy and accomplishments. AACo FD- 1985. 1st African-American Officer. Lt, Captain, Batt Chief and Division Chief. President AACo African-American FF Assoc. IAFF. Pres.-Capts and Lt.s Assoc. and Pres. of the AACo Chiefs Assoc. Pres- Hernwood ES PTA. Chairman of the Balt. Co. Council, becoming the 1st African-American Chairman Balt.Co.. **PRIORITIES:** #1. Children—My highest priority is doing what is necessary to ensure our children receive the best education possible, including recreation, employment and other opportunities to succeed in life. College Promise Program (Free Community College) come to fruition. #2. Community—I work hard every day to make our community a great place to live, work and play. Hosted many comm events business dev **EDUCATION:** The council should make sure schools are well funded and assist in every way to ensure schools and personnel within are of the best quality. The Council members should be engaged in the schools. By being engaged, I am available to provide assistance as needed to make surer our children receive the best education possible. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I supported the source of income legislation. My goal is to make sure people have the necessary tools to get a sustainable job that will allow them to afford a great home. I have been supportive of various affordable housing initiatives. **PUBLIC WORKS:** 1) Schools, improvements and new schools, has been our priority for the past 8 years. 2) Roads—Continue to resurface aging roads and invest in new roads I.E. Owings Mills Blvd. 3) Sewage system—Improve our aging water and sewage system. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** I would also start with what is best for the community. I would then weigh the Planning Staff and Board recommendations, then the master plan and then public testimony and the wishes of the owner. Unless someone was trying to rezone someone else property, then I would start with the owner and the planning staff and board. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** The government must take affirmative steps to provide opportunities for people, I.E. Education, Job training, free College, transportation, economic development and affordable housing. All these items

help prevent poverty and remove the impoverished.

EMPLOYMENT: The government must play a role in economic development and job growth. The amount of support is different for each project, some businesses just need a zoning change and others need millions of dollars in tax increment financing. Each project involvement and investment is evaluated to determine the impact on the community and the return on investment to the citizens and county.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 5

Vote for 1



David Marks

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QUALIFICATIONS: For two decades, I have worked to improve the Fifth District—as a volunteer, community leader, and County Councilman. My record is clear: three new schools, eight new parks, and numerous local improvements. My opponent has skipped every community forum and lacks any visible accomplishments. **PRIORITIES:** Public safety must be the top priority for local government; I am proud to have been endorsed in every election by the Fraternal Order of Police. My second priority is education—strengthening discipline, removing repeat offenders, and eliminating school overcrowding. **EDUCATION:** The County Council funds the budget recommended by the School Board. I secured funding for three new schools, renovations at Dumbarton Middle School, and air conditioning at every Fifth District school. The Council also regulates land use. I downzoned thousands of acres to lighten the impact of development on overcrowding. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** We need to eliminate poverty, not spread it around. That's why I helped block legislation that would have oversaturated communities like Seven Courts, Carney, and White Marsh with Section 8 housing. The better approach is to invest in job training, better transportation, and temporary help for needy families. **PUBLIC WORKS:** As Councilman, I secured funding to resurface numerous neighborhoods, repair water mains, and plan for a Towson shuttle. I'm pleased that Baltimore County recently paved Bosley Avenue and Stevenson Lane, and will work to resurface Joppa Road once the water project is finished. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** The County Council should respect the interests of property owners, but I will not support overdevelopment which could lead to higher taxes. I have a proven record of making responsible zoning decisions. Today, more land is zoned for open space in the Fifth District than ever before in county history. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** Again, the best solution for eliminating poverty is to create jobs. Under my leadership, areas like Downtown Towson and the Joppa Road corridor are revitalizing. I support tax incentives for small businesses, a more robust job training program, and the construction of a new technical high school in White Marsh. **EMPLOYMENT:** Our limited county funds should be focused on public safety, education, and transportation. When government directly helps businesses, we should insist on loans that require specific outcomes. I opposed the \$43 million bailout of a development in Downtown Towson because the financial package was not in the best interests of Baltimore County taxpayers.



Alex Foley

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QUALIFICATIONS: TSU—now TU—provided me a broad-based education from academics to a concentration in the creative arena of fine arts. I am proud to have graduated from Towson with a Bachelor of Science. Towson provided an excellent education and I have been proud to see the success of my alma mater. Honest experience Business/Brokerage/Design/Tax Preparer/International Diplomacy and Projects. **PRIORITIES:** Responsible governance that is truth based with clear direction improving the lives of those who live in the district. I think improvement to the infrastructure and long-term planning. Infrastructure is not just roads and bridges, it is community relations between neighborhoods between teachers and students law enforcement and the public equity in education and adequate preparedness for the future. **EDUCATION:** Foster an environment of innovation in the classroom. Promoting incentive results based exchange between educators, and facility's in the district. Forward thinking ideas in regard to fluctuating populations with a focused on the long term stabilization. Equity in preparing all of the students in the district. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I have been personally involved with the process of assisting as a facilitator in real estate affordable housing since 2000. Equity in education that is a component that needs to be addressed as well as access to financing as well as reasonable guidelines landlords and tenants. Compliance and adherence to state law Annotated code state and federal. **PUBLIC WORKS:** Addressing infrastructure first must be safety to the public. Then economic viability study's need to be performed prior to consideration of new projects. Sustainable project that improve the quality of our citizens lives without jeopardizing financial viability need to be scrutinized with evidence provided to the legislature prior to consideration. that long term planning needs to be assessed. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** A) Property owners wishes should be considered. Governing on a local level is paid by constituents who's ownership is an investment that they have made, and it should be measured with the surrounding community as a component of the council and or committee assigned for evaluation. B)-C) Planning board recommendations should be considered and respected, evaluations of board participants. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** Attention to drug addiction. Mental health needs to be promoted with more focus on getting ahead of undiagnosed conditions through training. The growth of poverty part of this question speaks to a comparative reality that emphasizes the important of asking the right questions. The presupposition is directive and draws its own conclusions. It is not my statement. **EMPLOYMENT:** Economic development that is not only in keeping with the publics desires but is promotive of higher employment is necessary for sustainable growth, allows for a more communal culture/partnership an improves the outlook for the future of the district. Furthermore it is stainable as long as the business remains and continues maintaining employment.



COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 6

Vote for 1



Ryan Nawrocki

Campaign Website: <http://ryannawrocki.com>

QUALIFICATIONS: As a husband, father of four young children, and a small business owner, I understand the challenges facing our community. I had the honor of serving in the Hogan Administration where I oversaw a multi-million-dollar budget and a staff of 30. Prior to that, I worked on Capitol Hill for several members of Congress. I have a Master's Degree in Public Management from Johns Hopkins University. **PRIORITIES:** My top priority is addressing the dramatic increase in violence in our communities. In eastern Baltimore County, violent crime was up 32% in 2017 over 2016. Our families deserve to feel safe. My second priority is improving our schools. I will champion new school construction to combat overcrowding in our schools and work to combat the serious incidents of bullying in our schools. **EDUCATION:** The education system in eastern Baltimore County is failing our children. I will take an active role in our school system. We cannot have leaders who leave this key issue only to the Board of Education. The Council should exercise oversight through the budget process and work closely with the new elected Board of Education to improve our system. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I do not think that the current voucher program is working in Baltimore County. There is a need to ensure that there is access to affordable housing. One approach to consider is the method utilized in Montgomery County that encourages moderately priced housing, but that focuses on home ownership. We need to encourage redevelopment in established communities that often have available housing stock. **PUBLIC WORKS:** Unplanned development has put a strain on our infrastructure. It is a direct cause of school overcrowding and congested roadways. We need to update our long-term community plans and ensure that we stick to them. We should look at approaches like Harford County, which places a moratorium on new housing permits when schools become overcrowded. This allows the needed infrastructure to catch up. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** Each one of these groups has a role to play in the zoning process. Zoning decisions should be closely based off of the Master Plan and long-term community plans. Zoning decisions should not be a result of pay-to-play politics that often seem to be rampant in our current system. I will call for reforms that ensure all groups have a seat at the table, and not just politically-connected donors. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** Baltimore County has an unemployment rate of 4.3%, which is higher than the national rate and higher than every other suburban Baltimore jurisdiction. The lack of focus on creating good-paying jobs in Baltimore County is a serious problem. I will work to expand the job training being offered by the county. I will also work to ensure that families have access to desperately needed social services. **EMPLOYMENT:** The county should play an active role in encouraging economic development. We should examine the county's business licensing and regulations to find ways to reduce red tape to get out

of the way of small businesses looking to create jobs. Baltimore County has higher property and personal property taxes than other surrounding counties. We need to ensure that the county's tax rates are competitive.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT

Cathy Bevins

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QUALIFICATIONS: Prior to being elected to the County Council, I served as the Constituent Coordinator for Eastern Baltimore County under former County Executive Jim Smith. This experience taught me how to solve problems for people. This has helped me enormously as a Councilwoman because a big part of the job of the local government is constituent services. **PRIORITIES:** My two biggest priorities as a council member are constituent services and fully funding education and public safety. As a council member I am the closest representative to the people, therefore being able to help them with their issues and problems is a very big priority for me and since being elected my office has handled over 5,500 constituent issues. **EDUCATION:** The County Council's only formal role to ensure quality public schools is to approve the Baltimore County Board of Education Budget which comprises 52% of the entire County Budget. However there is a lot more an individual council member can do to ensure quality public schools. Such as visiting every school in the district and meeting with principals and teachers to advocate on their behalf. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Housing is a very challenging issue, especially in Eastern Baltimore County and the Sixth District where there is a disproportionate amount of affordable housing. This is why I voted to against the Home Act in 2016. **PUBLIC WORKS:** I would prioritize the county's infrastructure needs as fixing roads and bridges, filling potholes, repairing waterlines and installing traffic calming devices such as speed bumps or raised crosswalks in residential neighborhoods. I would also say that improving intersections to improve traffic flow is vitally important and I have worked to improve intersections around the district. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** A combination of the above factors inform my zoning decisions but I prioritize the community and the property owner's wishes. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** The County responds to this trend by attracting and retaining quality businesses with good paying jobs. There are a number of instruments the County uses such as tax credits and conditional loans to not only bring new industry but to improve long standing businesses as well. **EMPLOYMENT:** The County should encourage bringing quality businesses and jobs to Baltimore County. There are a number of tools at the county's disposal including tax credits and loans. New businesses and quality jobs can transform communities, for example Baltimore Crossroads on Rt. 43 will provide a total of 10,000 professional jobs when completed in a part of the county that has long been ignored.



COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 7

Vote for 1

🐘 REPUBLICAN

Todd Crandell

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No response received by deadline.

Ⓢ DEMOCRAT

Brian Weir

<http://Friends of Brian Weir>

QUALIFICATIONS: Community activist over 40 years volunteer service with Recreation and Parks. Board member last 6 years with Baltimore County Dept of Recreation. Involved in many community activities, Clean Bread and Cheese Creek, American Legion Post 38, Police Community Relations Council, representative for 13 local recreation councils. Had new park built for Eastwood, Out of characters much more to list **PRIORITIES:** Work on local issues, many local issues have been neglected. ex Failing sewer systems, Work orders not completed by County property management for over 2 years. Police monument not moved. Need more Police in our district with a power shift from 7pm-3am strictly for proactive policing not reactive. As the councilman I will ride with the police 1 night on the weekends going to the problem areas **EDUCATION:** Some don't like this but I would like to see common core go away need to get back to common sense IE "kiss Method". Need to hold students and parents responsible for unruly behavior. Need to be more transparent about the issues that ARE happening in our school system. Need better pay for staff including AA's and all employees. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Once again the government has this program all wrong biggest complaint about affordable housing is the condition of the house and its effect on the neighborhood. If a recipient rec's a voucher for \$1695. per month over the course of 5 years that's \$101,700 for a house that cost app 100K with addition to what the recipient pays which is app \$6000 per year. Not enough characters to finish statement **PUBLIC WORKS:** The failing sewer system and water lines that are over 70 years old in most cases. Fixing old hazardous bridges and roads. Our low level lands that continuously flood with a hard rain need better drainage. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** Need to approve and complete projects that best suit the community NOT the developer and developer money. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** The growth of poverty has led to the growth of theft and crime, along with drug abuse we need less clinics to enable the abusers and more treatment centers to finalize a solution not just a chemical dependent facility ie meth clinics. Need more education not just a band aid to help these clinic make a profit and never let dependent people get off opioid addiction. **EMPLOYMENT:** Need more living wage jobs in our district, need to hire more county employees and stop sub contracting to developers who are giving kick backs. The County has depleted the entire staff of employees for ex Rec And Parks Maint from over 100 employees down to less than 20. Along with the other specialized divisions with in ex Plumbers HVAC Electricians most have been let go and their jobs outsou

🕊️ LIBERTARIAN

Doug Stanley

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a lifelong resident of Dundalk and a volunteer in the community, I understand the needs and issues in my community. I am an IT Infrastructure Engineer by trade. Working in the field I am in and at national geographic has allowed me to work with people of all walks of life. My ability to compromise and see the bigger picture has helped me in life both professionally and personally. **PRIORITIES:** My top two priorities if elected to office would be education and crime. The schools in my district are so overcrowded we have teachers that feel like glorified baby sitters instead of actual teachers. We need a strong education system in order to educate future generations for success in an ever changing world. Police need more support to protect the community and to cut back violent crimes. **EDUCATION:** The county council should make sure that there are no issues with over-crowding and hold the school board accountable for any issues. If elected to County Council, I would advocate for local government to audit the spending in the school system. I am in favor of offering competitive wages and benefits to teachers so that they are compensated for quality instruction and care of our children. **FAIR/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Affordable housing is already offered in many parts of our district. Rather than having government be involved by forcefully allocating lower income housing for some but not others, I am in favor of promoting vocational skills training or advanced education so that individuals have the opportunity to earn competitive wages and afford housing within their means without government assistance. **PUBLIC WORKS:** The County's infrastructures have been neglected for many years. We need to utilize new technologies and identify areas of potential weakness and then fix those areas appropriately. For years, the County performed small quick patches to the infrastructure without adequately correcting the issues. I am in support of working with community leaders to identify areas of issue to be fixed. **LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT:** I will not make any zoning decisions without proper studies and feedback from the community. All request will follow proper channels. A.No Special treatment. B.All submissions will follow the same review path. C.Recommendations will not infringe on proper channels. D.Any master plan would have to be reviewed periodically for relevance. E.The people will always come before developers. **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES:** Poverty is a socio-political issue. Local government has a responsibility to its constituents to assess and offer tangible solutions to remedy this social problem. With the close proximity to urban areas and limited resources that promote growth in the District, government has the authority and responsibility to increase economic development in these communities. **EMPLOYMENT:** The county can help spur economic development in our area by investing in our citizens. At the individual level, we have a social responsibility to offer programs that assist people in acquiring specialized skills or learn a new trade to obtain competitive employment and provide for their families. Having a highly skilled workforce is an incentive for businesses.

WRITE-INS

Timothy P. Fazenbaker

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See responses from write-in candidates at www.vote411.org

Dave Rader

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JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT: CIRCUIT 3

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

SALARY: \$159,433.

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

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

CANDIDATES FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING 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?

Carey Deeley

www.sittingjudges.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Prior to my appointment to the Baltimore County Circuit Court, I spent nearly four decades representing clients in a broad range of civil and criminal cases and serving the community in various leadership roles. Recently, I received the Maryland Defense Counsel's Lifetime Achievement Award for the highest attributes of intelligence, character, impartiality, judicial sensitivity, and temperament. **DISCRIMINATION:** Judges must assure that the courtroom presents a level field by demanding and exemplifying an atmosphere of fairness. A judge must consciously identify and exclude bias from legal proceedings, apply the law forcefully, appropriately, and consistently, and treat represented and unrepresented participants in the Court process with the same

dignity that the law requires. **COURT NEEDS:** Fund additional personnel and improve facilities to address an ever increasing caseload. Provide dedicated community resources for follow up monitoring of litigants needing post trial support. Build further confidence in the Judiciary by observing and then accurately reporting on the work of the Courts. Rekindle our trust and belief in the Court system.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having tried nearly 500 cases of all kinds, from civil cases with severe injuries to murder cases, I have vastly more trial experience than some of my opponents had when appointed. At the Parole Commission I have conducted over a thousand parole hearings. This experience gives me a familiarity with the judicial and criminal justice system that few people have. **DISCRIMINATION:** A courtroom is not place to address these issues. A crime is a crime. Criminals who prey on the community should be held accountable for their actions. Those injured in accidents should be compensated appropriately based on their injury. Fair treatment of all is the best way to address discrimination. **COURT NEEDS:** Courts should always be fair and impartial. When Towson law firms fund and run the sitting judges campaign donating thousands of dollars and hold thousand dollar per person fundraisers (as occurred in the last judicial election) it appears unseemly and erodes public confidence. I will not accept any contributions from lawyers or law firms.

Michael Finifter

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having served as a Circuit Court Judge for 16 years, I have handled a wide variety of jury and non-jury trials involving civil, family, criminal, business and technology matters. Prior to my appointment, I was in private law practice for 20 years. I was also a Certified Public Accountant. Born and raised in Baltimore County, I have actively served in numerous organizations. **DISCRIMINATION:** Judges must be mindful of the need to prevent and eradicate discriminatory conduct in the court. We can achieve this goal by setting the proper example ourselves—by respecting and treating everyone equally, by reaching fair and impartial decisions, and by interceding to stop the discriminatory conduct of others, whether intentional or not. **COURT NEEDS:** Our greatest challenge is to ensure equal access to justice for all. Every person should have access to court that is meaningful, with the knowledge of available legal resources, the accommodation to physically enter the courthouse, the full understanding and participation in the process, with confidence that their case will be decided by a fair and experienced judge according to the rule of law.

Ruth Jakubowski

www.sittingjudges.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the Circuit Court since 2002. Over the past 16 years I have handled jury trials in both civil and criminal cases, family law and guardianship cases and administrative appeals. Prior to being appointed to the bench, I handled complex civil litigation for over 20 years. My diverse experience on the bench and in the practice of law has prepared me to continue to serve. **DISCRIMINATION:** As a Judge, I am acutely aware

of my role and responsibility to be fair and impartial. As judges we learn and have been trained to be aware of any implicit bias. We all come to the bench with different background and life experiences. It is important for judges to understand that implicit bias exists and to recognize it and assure that it does not interfere with your decision making. **COURT NEEDS:** The biggest challenge is assisting the self-represented litigants. Many can't afford to hire an attorney and navigating the legal system can be difficult. The Judiciary has implemented self-help centers and on line resources to help these litigants. Providing attorneys at no cost or a reduced fee service also help litigants that can't afford an attorney, especially in family law cases.

Dennis Robinson

www.sittingjudges.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I had extensive litigation and courtroom experience in a wide range of cases and was an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association. It is important to know the law, but it is also important to understand the communities we serve. I served as President of one of the oldest and largest community organizations in Baltimore County and on boards of many community and charitable organizations. **DISCRIMINATION:** Judges must make decisions based on law and facts. Raising awareness regarding possible implicit bias is critical. People may not know that their prior experiences might affect decisions. Diversity training is essential to understanding and appreciating differences. Using decision-making tools, such as checklists for sentencing, help ensure that decisions are based on non-discriminatory factors. **COURT NEEDS:** Not everyone can afford a lawyer. Some parties do not qualify for free legal services, but cannot afford to hire an attorney. Continuing to increase the number of self-help centers, adding online resources, making reduced-fee services available, and increasing the types of cases for which support is available will go a long way in providing parties resources to have enhanced access to the courts.

JUDGE, COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS AT LARGE

Vote Yes or No for Continuance in Office

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

SALARY: \$168,633 annual base salary.

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.

CANDIDATES FOR JUDGE IN COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING 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?

Donald E. Beachley

No response received by deadline.

Matthew J. Fader

No response received by deadline.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Vote for 1

DUTIES: The State's Attorney prosecutes felony, misdemeanor and juvenile cases in Baltimore County and assists victims and witnesses.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$206,229

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

CANDIDATES FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

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

GOALS: What are your goals that you hope to accomplish if you are elected to this office?

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

BAIL AMOUNTS: Explain your position on use of bail.

OPIOID USE: What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse in the county?

 **REPUBLICAN**

No Republican candidate entered this race.

 **DEMOCRAT**

Scott Shellenberger

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been the elected State's Attorney since 2007. I have run this office of 60 attorneys and approximately 60 support staff for over ten years. This experience makes me uniquely qualified to continue with our important work of fighting crime and supporting the victims of those crimes. **GOALS:** I hope to continue to prosecute violent criminals and

keep them off the streets of Baltimore County. I hope to offer services and professional prosecutions to the victims of all crime so that they have their day in court. My goal is to make Baltimore County as safe as possible. **ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON:** My office has pretrial Diversion programs for non-violent minor crimes such as bad checks, possession of certain drugs and underage drinking. For most first time non-violent offenders treatment of their underlying problems is always a must whether it be for alcohol, drug abuse or anger management. **BAIL AMOUNTS:** I have recently participated in the modernization of our pretrial process. We have instituted an objective risk assessment to determine who should be released and who should be held in jail. Money bail still has a place in the system for certain Defendants to assure they appear in court. **OPIOID USE:** When it comes to drug dealers who are dealing opioids we need to aggressively prosecute them so they cannot continue to sell. Users of opioids need to be brought to court and probation needs to be used to assure them to get the treatment they need.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Vote for 1

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court is responsible for the daily operation of the office, performing such functions as filing, docketing, and maintaining various legal records, recording real estate documents, and collecting of related fees, commissions and taxes.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$114,500.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

CANDIDATES FOR CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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

GOALS: What are your goals that you hope to accomplish if you are elected to this office?

AREAS OF NEED: What is needed to ensure efficient operation of the Clerk's office?

 **REPUBLICAN**

Deb Hill

No response received by deadline.

 **DEMOCRAT**

Julie Ensor

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QUALIFICATIONS: Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County since 2010; Member Conference of Circuit Court Clerks, Maryland Circuit Court Clerks Assoc., Court Security and Bench Bar Committees; 12 years Judge of Orphans' Court; Corporate Manager at PHH Corporation; 22 years Information Technology; Magna cum laude Graduate Business Administration at Towson State University; Lifetime Baltimore County Resident. **GOALS:** In 2015 we implemented eRecording of Land Record documents to be used statewide in all Circuit Courts and recognized by the Mid-Atlantic Association of Court Management with an Award. As an accomplished leader in Project

Management, with my strong technology and judicial background, I have the experience to successfully implement electronic filing for court cases in our Clerk's Office in 2019. **AREAS OF NEED:** Having served as your Clerk of Court for 8 years, we proudly received the top rating in our 2018 Legislative Audit from 2014 through 2017 with full fiscal compliance in our operations. We'll continue fiscal responsibility. I'll continue using my management skills to motivate our clerks to maintain our stellar reputation in providing excellent customer service. A happy staff means happy customers.

REGISTER OF WILLS

Vote for 1

DUTIES: The Register appoints personal representatives to administer decedents' estates, oversees the proceedings, determines and collects inheritance taxes and probate fees/court costs and serves as the Clerk to the Orphans' Court.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$114,500.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

CANDIDATES FOR REGISTER OF WILLS WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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

GOALS: What are your goals that you hope to accomplish if you are elected to this office?

AREAS OF NEED: What changes, if any, are needed to ensure more effective and efficient operation of the Register of Wills?

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

 **REPUBLICAN**

Jane Roger

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QUALIFICATIONS: Lifetime citizen of Baltimore County. Attended JHU. Worked with Register of Wills and attorneys. Familiar with Register's operations and Maryland law. Started various businesses and currently hold a supervisory position with the State of Maryland which requires management skills. Served on Balt. County Commission on Aging. Former Treasurer for the Balt. County Republican State Central Committee. **GOALS:** I want the citizens to feel confident they will receive quality service from the Register of Wills. My primary goals will be to treat individuals with respect and compassion while they face the challenge of resolving the affairs of deceased loved ones and to better educate the public and my staff on the duties of the Register. I plan to conduct thorough customer service training within the office. **AREAS OF NEED:** Electing me will be the first time the position has changed hands since the last century. I will work to modernize the office by improving its website and implementing a secure, electronic communication system. By improving coordination efforts with other elected officials such as the State's Attorney's office, I will combat issues like elder abuse in the most effective and just ways possible. **ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC:** As former president of

the Kiwanis Club and of my community association, volunteer at local women's shelters, and recipient of the Governor's Citation for Public Service, I have been a longtime public servant. In order to serve all of the County's residents, including those with low income, I will expand the office's public outreach to include free online tools such as educational webinars.

DEMOCRAT

Grace G. Connolly

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have currently served for 20 years as the Register of Wills of Baltimore County. Prior to that time, I served for 12 years on the Orphans' Court, the last 8 years as the Chief Judge. During that time, I have taken numerous courses on Estates and Trusts and have attended many classes and conferences to stay aware of changing rules and laws concerning probate. It has been a privilege to serve. **GOALS:** I plan to continue to have the best office full of qualified staff to be available to serve the public. I will continue to serve as Chair of the Legislative Committee for the Registers and implement changes that effectively aid in the administration of estates. I will continue to assist organizations requesting speaking engagements to educate the public regarding estate and trust matters. **AREAS OF NEED:** Due to the volume of estates that my office does on a daily basis, I have plans to enlarge the staff to better accommodate the needs of the public. I'm in the process of enlarging the area to better assist and expedite all who come to this office. Both attorneys and the public who utilize this office understand the need for this implementation. **ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC:** The office assists the public as much as possible. Given the restrictions placed upon by statute we are limited to procedural matters only. When possible we will answer questions and advise them to seek counsel if necessary. When appropriate we recommend that they call the Baltimore County Bar Association and request assistance

JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

Vote for up to 3

DUTIES: The judge of this court supervises the administration of estates. There is concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court over guardianships of minors. The judge conducts hearings involving probate and guardianship disputes, reviews and acts upon administration accounts and requests for payments from estates (or guardianships).

ANNUAL SALARY: \$43,000.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

CANDIDATES FOR JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING 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?

REPUBLICANS

No Republican candidate entered this race.

DEMOCRATS

William R. "Bill" Evans

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QUALIFICATIONS: 12 years as a Judge of the Orphans' Court, 9 of those years as Chief Judge for the Orphans' Court and 33 years as a litigator. **DISCRIMINATION:** The sitting Judges in the Orphans' Court for Baltimore County have a strong commitment to fairness in our courtroom, to ensure all parties are heard and any needs accommodated. Should any such discrimination occur, as Chief Judge, I would immediately correct it. Our courtroom is open daily and we invite the public to observe our proceedings at any time. **COURT NEEDS:** Our courtroom is obsolete and the court administrative staff operate in a crowded environment. As the busiest Orphans' Court in the state of Maryland our greatest need is more space and updated facilities.

Juliet Fisher

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an Orphans' Court Judge in Baltimore County since April 2014. **DISCRIMINATION:** The Court continues to receive education and updates as how to always be neutral and address the needs of all of the constituents of Baltimore County. **COURT NEEDS:** The greatest need is for people to understand that the Orphans' Court is a probate court. If people engage in estate planning prior to death, it makes it much easier for our court to do what they wish after death. Our three judges engage in education to the community and have recently spoken at all of the Senior Centers in the county.

Arthur M. Frank

<http://orphanscourtjudge.com>

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been engaged in the general practice of law for over 40 years. My experience as a trial attorney has involved just about every aspect of the law, so that I am able to handle any issues or situations that may come before me. With so much trial experience, handling cases in the courtroom is second nature to me. **DISCRIMINATION:** Our Court is already very cognizant of these issues. There is absolutely no place for any discrimination for any reason in our courtroom. When low income or impoverished persons come to our court, they are given information that can greatly assist them in finding either pro bono attorneys or lawyers that will accept cases at reduced fees. **COURT NEEDS:** Our court has already implemented a mediation program which has helped to resolve cases more quickly. There can never be enough information given to the public so that everyone understands how the Orphans' Court operates. I am also very grateful to and would like to thank the League of Women Voters for providing voters an opportunity to learn more about the Judges of the Orphans' Court.

SHERIFF

Vote for 1

DUTIES: The Sheriff provides service to the Baltimore County Circuit Court, provides assistance and support to the citizens and cooperates with all law

enforcement agencies in maintaining order.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$90,000.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

CANDIDATES FOR SHERIFF WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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

GOALS: What are your goals that you hope to accomplish if you are elected to this office?

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

COMMUNITY COOPERATION: How would you promote community engagement to improve public safety?

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

OPIOID USE: What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse in the county?

REPUBLICAN

Carl H. Magee, Jr.

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No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRATS

R. Jay Fisher

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have (33) years of professional law enforcement experience with the Baltimore Police Department. Prior to my retirement, I was the Operational Commander of the nationally famed Warrant Apprehension Task Force; a unit that is multi-jurisdictional and responsible for serving violent felony warrants throughout the State of Maryland. I am now serving in my fourth term as Sheriff of Baltimore County. **GOALS:** *Continue to increase the service of the "Dead Beat Parents Program" that prioritizes the service of child support warrants. *Expand the CCTV Surveillance System to include additional staircases and elevators. *Continue to be proactive and enhance the training on Homeland Security issues. *Begin and complete the accreditation process with (CALEA), Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement. **ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON:** An alternative to prison should be reserved for individuals convicted of less serious crimes or first time offenders. Alternatives to prison can provide benefits to the community, rehabilitate offenders, and treat the mentally ill or drug addicted. Probation, community service, and restitution would be the most appropriate sentence for nonviolent and non-serious offenders. **COMMUNITY COOPERATION:** Adopt and schedule regular forums and neighborhood meetings where members of the community can interact and have a dialog with Sheriffs/Police to air their concerns that will ultimately build trust. It is also of paramount importance to build trust and mentor our youth by creating various programs and projects; i.e. tutoring, coaching football, basketball, & creating an Officer Friendly Program. **DISCRIMINATION:** Develop a strong written policy statement (standard operating procedure) making certain the community is clear about the Sheriff's position against discrimination.

Every Deputy in this office must be held accountable for practicing & following that philosophy. Deputies and trainees need to be trained and educated through in-service & academy classes to avoid race discrimination. **OPIOID USE:** The opioid epidemic has become the leading cause of death. My Deputies have been trained to carry and administer Naloxone, the nasal spray medication that can reverse the effects of a heroin overdose, to save lives. Four out of five persons who are addicted to opioids began with legal prescription drugs. Our role is to educate the public about the dangers of prescription opioids.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Vote for 1

DUTIES: The Board of Education determines educational policies for the county school system. Its three major areas of responsibility are: school policy (enrollment, attendance and instruction), budget, and school property. The Board hires the Superintendent who is charged to carry out those policies.

ANNUAL SALARY: None

HOW ELECTED: Seven members are elected, one from each of the councilmanic districts; four are appointed by the governor

TERM: 4 years

NOTE: This race is NON-PARTISAN.

CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for the school system?

BUILDINGS: What steps would you take to address aging facilities, school capacity, and increased enrollment?

SAFETY: How do you propose to address safety issues such as the opioid epidemic, gang problems, and bullying?

BUDGET: What programs within the education budget should be increased or decreased?

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: What options do you support for (1) non-college bound students and (2) students who need an alternative path to graduation?

PARTNERSHIPS: How can the County Public Schools better integrate county and community services to enhance the educational experience of our students?

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY: How would you work to ensure administrative accountability and effective oversight?

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 1

Matt Gresick

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QUALIFICATIONS: Being a Maryland public school teacher for over 15 years teaching both middle and high school social studies has blessed me with insights as to what's best for our students and teachers. I also

have a bachelors in secondary education, masters in curriculum and instruction, and my certification in administration. **PRIORITIES:** We want the best educators for our schools and in order for that to happen, we need to empower them to do their best for every child. This empowerment includes reducing initiatives that overburden educators as well as reducing class sizes so that individual students are engaged in learning. **BUILDINGS:** In order to address all three, we need to raise revenue which is why I support the Fix the Fund Act as well as the Kirwan Commission proposals to increase school funding. There also needs to be a determined approach to an equitable allocation of resources. **SAFETY:** Schools need to be a safe place to learn and teach. To achieve this we need to promote progressive discipline, restorative practices, and the community school model which will provide a holistic approach in dealing with safety issues in our schools, while also helping build a more inclusive school community. **BUDGET:** The STAT program should be reassessed to best fit the needs of our students, and more staff including but not limited to educators, social workers, counselors, and pupil personnel workers need to be hired to meet state recommended ratios. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** Vocational training and apprenticeship programs need to be emphasized in order to meet local demands for the workforce. The career side of Maryland's College and Career-Ready Standards needs to be promoted and transparent in guiding students toward those local opportunities. **PARTNERSHIPS:** I agree with providing students the opportunity to take college and vocational training courses through our community college before they graduate high school. Summer programs should also be available to less fortunate families in accordance with our parks and recreation. Every student should have access to engaging Summer programs. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** I believe that accountability starts with holding ourselves accountable to our communities. I will adopt a practice from my own classroom called "Grade a Gresick." We need honest and open feedback from those we serve on a regular basis in order to best meet the needs of all stakeholders.

Lisa A. Mack

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a retired director from Verizon, I am skilled at problem solving, resolving budget constraints, leading others towards a common goal, and working in a collaborative environment. As a former adjunct faculty member at CCBC, I have had hands on exposure to recent graduates of BCPS and have specific knowledge of how well prepared, or not, our graduates are for work or college. **PRIORITIES:** My first priority for BCPS is to start the search for a new superintendent immediately after the election. The entire system can only be as good as its leader. My second priority is to address the increase in violence that is occurring in BCPS schools on a regular basis. Children can't learn when they are afraid; teachers can't teach when they are constantly addressing behavior issues. **BUILDINGS:** To address the issue of aging facilities, the BOE should create a template of standards for BC schools. Each school should be measured against the template. Schools must have adequate heat and air conditioning, drinking water, working bathrooms, no lead paint, and no asbestos. Once this inventory is completed, it can be used to look at the need for new schools or the reallocation of students. **SAFETY:** The school system cannot solve these problems alone. Changes made at the state and

federal level to address a disproportionate rate of suspensions/expulsions for minority students have made it almost impossible for schools to address safety issues so prevalent in schools today. For example, the current BCPS handbook indicates that a student detonating a bomb in school MAY be expelled. Insanity! **BUDGET:** BCPS should not renew the annual "lease" for the devices provided to all students. Every student does not need a device. The money saved by scaling back on the 1:1 device initiative can be better used to provide more wrap-around/holistic services to students since many BCPS students face issues at home that get in the way of learning. They need more counselors and crisis interventionists. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** High schools should continue to offer concurrent enrollment with community colleges that offer classes in automotive repair, HVAC, plumbing, welding, medical assisting, mortuary science, and other "non-college" careers. Schools must communicate often with students to spread the message that college is not for everyone and there will always be a need for someone to repair cars, pipes, and heat/AC. **PARTNERSHIPS:** If teachers/schools are expected to address all of the socio-economic issues that students bring to school, schools need to be staffed to address appropriately. For example, instead of centrally locating social workers, assign social workers to schools. Schools should also tap the huge resource of retired people/volunteers who are looking to give back by partnering with area Senior Centers, etc. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** The power of the BOE cannot be held in the hand of one person even if that person is the superintendent. The BOE must create and maintain an environment where it is okay to question and disagree and it must utilize the input of its greatest resource —teachers—on a regular basis. Any purchases must be made through an open bid process that is fully transparent and fully available to anyone.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 2

Anthony Miles Glasser

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ODforBaltimoreCountySchoolBoard

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a student, parent of students and a shareholder for most of my life. My wife works at a middle school in Baltimore County. I have been involved in PTA and other activities since my children began school. I spent 8 yrs on the Maryland Board of Examiners in Optometry with 4 years as its president. I feel as though I have sufficient experience to be able to help the school board as well. **PRIORITIES:** My priorities are first to help the county select it's next superintendent. Second, I would like to try to increase the number of teachers and support staff in order to help decrease class sizes. Third, I would like to reduce the standardized testing to allow for more, and better quality teaching time. Forth, I would like to see investments made in improving the deteriorating infrastructure. **BUILDINGS:** Until a new superintendent is found, the board should be finding the funds to repair or replace those schools that are not up to safety and security needs. Part of that endeavor should include utilization studies to determine where larger capacity is needed. This takes precedence over laptops for everyone budget items. We cannot be a technology leader with crumbling, outdated schools. **SAFETY:**

I believe we need more and better trained SROs in and around the schools. They should be able to act independently of the school's administration to handle drug and gang violence as they would according to the laws. Short of gunfire, the SRO should be able to remove students from the building if they commit criminal acts in or out of the school. Bullies should also be removed from the school. **BUDGET:** Increase spending on teachers para educators and support staffs as well as the necessary supplies to fill our classrooms with everything they need to teach. Increase spending on facilities and updating buildings to handle new technology. There is no need for every student to have a laptop but every student should have access to a computer and the kind of software they will need for college. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** We have been neglecting vocational education for years in the attempt to promote STEM to the exclusion of all else. We need to re-establish vocational programs to prepare those non-college bound students for apprenticeships and licensure exams. Students who may need alternative paths to graduation may need special programs to reach a minimal standard for a diploma. **PARTNERSHIPS:** Partnerships between schools and local businesses is also a subject that has been neglected in Baltimore County for many years. Allowing local businesses to support athletic and academic teams gives them a stake in the school that can lead to internships and summer jobs for students. Community outreach on a local level should be a part of every school's operation plans. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** This is a topic that falls under the heading of professional development and education. Programs to educate on and create better, more efficient accountability and oversight processes should be a part of the Staff Development days that are already built into the calendar. It would be the job of the administration to research and design efficient programs to implement.

Cheryl E. Pasteur

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having been a Baltimore County teacher, chair, specialist in the Equity Office, assistant principal at Carver and Sudbrook, and principal at Old Court and Randallstown HS gives me an opportunity to know this system from many perspectives. Having worked on both sides of the county affords me a knowledge of the various communities, their interests and needs, aspects which impact learning. **PRIORITIES:** Advocate for children and staff by finding ways to support the acquisition of learning materials and developmental opportunities for growth for children and staff. Focus on hiring, developing, and retaining educators. Support strong but equitable policies for positive behavior and safe schools, hiring mental health professionals. Ensure that schools are healthy and structurally safe and sound. **BUILDINGS:** Develop standards, benchmarks, and protocols for the maintenance and reporting about facilities, aging or new, over crowdedness, and changing demographics; create a skilled work force within the system to supply information about the needs and changes, and process how to correct or respond to the findings. **SAFETY:** Engage staff, parents, students, and other stakeholders in discussions and training opportunities to recognize, assess, and find or create remedies for problems in each area. Funding must be found to hire health care professionals and develop community relationships. It is important to support the funding of treatment plans for staff and students as well. in any of these areas.

BUDGET: Increase funding for—tools/materials for literacy—increased staffing—health care professionals and procedures for safer schools—upgrading facilities and training staff within the system versus outsourcing - staff development Decrease funding for programs which do not have set protocols or ample professional development to glean their true value. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** Students in every school should have the option of career/technology programs and other available opportunities to be successful in school and beyond. We should forge relationships with tech and training programs so that students may seamlessly move from high school to work, or more training, or to college, or the military. Every child should have pathways of interest and to success. **PARTNERSHIPS:** Relationships with parents, community and business stakeholders, and elected officials must be forged to support systemic initiatives and funding efforts. All of these groups have influences which will garner greater opportunities to offer programs and funding. Community programs can expand courses, internships, work study options and scholarships for starters. These relationships offer life. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** Wherever there are rules of decorum, ethics, and delivery of services, those who manage and supervise must know them well. Being vigilant and aware of how we all are required to conduct ourselves and be transparent is important. For the sake of the order, it is imperative that questions are asked and oversight done regularly to maintain unblemished and focused attention on education.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 3

Kathleen Causey

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QUALIFICATIONS: After 3 years of service, I am uniquely qualified & well prepared to continue as District 3's Board of Ed member. The position requires dedication, enthusiasm & integrity. It took courage to repeatedly vote against the former superintendent. I'm a parent of BCPS students & an advocate of quality public education. Student success is my reward. I'm a current real estate & former IT professional. **PRIORITIES:** Our mission is to educate, nurture & prepare young people to reach their potential & lead us to a safer, more equitable & prosperous future. Currently, a proper external audit must be performed & our Board of Ed must regain its former & legal role of governance & oversight of BCPS. County citizens demand ethical behavior, accountability, transparency & fiscal responsibility to attain vital goals. **BUILDINGS:** We need schools to foster high academic achievement in model learning environments—Dulaney High will soon be new! I listen to & amplify stakeholder concerns, research best practices & collaborate with our county & state leaders. Crowded schools are unacceptable. Our new Board should pursue a 10-year comprehensive strategic plan for facilities modeled on the Anne Arundel County Public Schools plan. **SAFETY:** The Board is committed to safety. Among many security measures, school resource officers are in all middle & high schools & now more SROs rotate among elementary schools. They provide awareness & prevention on bullying, gangs & drugs. We must strengthen resources to address needs for mental health, school climate & discipline to ensure a safe & orderly learning environment for students

& teachers. **BUDGET:** The former superintendent's STAT program gave each student a laptop—& drained important areas of the budget to keep itself alive. Class sizes are too high, special education support services are reduced, programs are cut (GT, music, art, PE), schools are in disrepair & 50 is the new zero in grading. Our focus must return to the well-being of students & teachers via budget & policy restructuring. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** I support expanding school to career transition (STCT) programs for both non-college & college bound students. STCT includes: career research & development (CRD), work-based learning, internships, career & technology education (CTE), Capstone completers, apprenticeships & job shadowing. 2014 to 2017, CTE enrollment increased 46% (from 11,274 to 16,475 students). Let's expand JROTC/career options. **PARTNERSHIPS:** The Board & BCPS collaborate with our partners: police, School Wellness Centers, Commission on Disabilities, Workforce Development, Rec & Parks, Social Services, Business Advisory Council, Education Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, CCBC, public libraries. Increased communication will allow us to better align these services with student needs. The Board, BCPS & county officials must meet regularly. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** With few members returning, my Board experience is crucial. I have seen how the system works & how it doesn't. BOE policies & procedures must be strengthened in areas of accountability, transparency, ethics & conduct. One of the Board's most important duties is to hire the best superintendent & provide oversight. I will engage with fellow board members to effectively govern & use resources wisely.

Paul V. Konka

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QUALIFICATIONS: BA, MBA, and JD. Teacher in Baltimore County Public Schools for the last five years. Adjunct professor with UMUC. Former professor at the University of Notre Dame. Management consultant with Booz Allen. Supervisory Accountant with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Contracting Officer with the Federal Government. Retired Navy Captain, with two tours as a Commanding Officer. **PRIORITIES:** 1. Ensure the safety of students, teachers, support staff, administrators, and the public with regard to public schools. 2. Ensure that teachers are paid adequately so that we do not have the problems that have been in the news regarding teacher walkouts in Arizona, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and West Virginia. 3. Effective oversight and accountability of the \$1.78 billion fiscal year 2019 budget. **BUILDINGS:** Just as we need an adequate school budget to pay teachers what they deserve, we also need an adequate school budget to ensure that we have enough new schools to prevent overcrowding in any school and to ensure that class sizes are reasonable. The Board must ensure that it does an excellent job of convincing the approval authorities of the need for new construction and renovations if appropriate. **SAFETY:** New buildings and renovations must consider safety as a priority in their design and construction. Safeguards must be enhanced for everyone entering a public school. A Student Resource Officer in all schools may be a necessity. Such an officer will also assist in addressing drug and gang problems, as well as to combat bullying. Hire more support staff, including security specialists. **BUDGET:** Increases for most programs to stay even with inflation. Ineffective programs should be decreased or eliminated. The fastest growing student groups

are students with severe disabilities and English learners and the budget should recognize that where needs are disproportionate, then so should be the budget. Students and Teachers Accessing Tomorrow (S.T.A.T.) may need decreases until it is proven.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: College bound or not, all students need basic skills. As they progress through the higher grades, students should have the opportunity to focus on those courses that are most meaningful to their particular path (college, vocational training, or direct employment). Alternative paths include opportunities such as summer programs, GED, or accredited online courses. Public-private partnerships. **PARTNERSHIPS:** Over 43 percent of Baltimore County students are enrolled in the free or reduced-price meals program. It is very difficult to learn to one's ability when one is hungry. Some students and their parents are not aware of the various social safety nets that are available. For the students to take advantage of them fully, services need to be widely communicated to both students and to their parents. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** I was a Supervisory Accountant at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and oversaw the internal controls for the Medicare and Medicaid programs. My team and I ensured effective internal controls over multi-billion-dollar programs. Such expertise is needed on the Board of Education to ensure administrative accountability and effective oversight of the Board's \$1.78 billion FY 2019 budget.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 4

Makeda Scott

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QUALIFICATIONS: My background as a former Congressional staffer taught me the importance of working in a collaboratively way to make meaningful change. Most importantly I was the PTA President for more than 5 years at my children's school to more than 800 students and more than 1,000 parents and grandparents. I formed a board and worked with parents to advocate on our children's behalf. **PRIORITIES:** School Safety- children and teachers deserve a safe learning environment College Readiness - preparing students to attend college Career Preparation - proper training and certification programs available prior to high school graduation Disciplinary Actions - countywide disciplinary reports that will disaggregate data by school, gender, age, race, and disability **BUILDINGS:** I would work with the board to create a report that outlined the needs of the schools in the county particularly showing the age of the facility, the school's capacity, and its enrollment. I would then work collaboratively to design a plan that would address the needs of the schools most in need of help. **SAFETY:** I would address each of these issues individually based on the needs of the school and which safety issue was most impactful. A solution for one school may not be the solution for another school. I would work with the board to create programs to dissuade young people away from using drugs, joining gangs and bullying. **BUDGET:** I feel that more money should be directed to hire more resource teachers and teachers aids to assist teachers in the classroom. Additionally, I feel that more money should be directed toward special education programs. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** Baltimore County students should graduate high

school ready for life and prepared for the future. Students should have the option to prepare for careers while in high school that do not necessarily include going to college. They should have the opportunity to learn about different careers through the education and exploration of vocational, technical and certification programs. **PARTNERSHIPS:** I would develop ways to work in a holistic fashion with community leaders, educators, and administrators to develop partnerships with the community so that students could work with local organizations in partnership. This can lead to future partnerships and even employment/internship opportunities with students and local businesses. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** I would work collectively with other board members to ensure that proper mechanisms were in place to hold administrative staff responsible for their conduct and for the management of school resources. I feel that there should be oversight mechanisms put in place to deter, prevent or address any issue that may occur.

Kathleen White

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QUALIFICATIONS: My career trajectory includes being a classroom teacher, lead teacher, assistant principal, principal, central office administrator, coordinator, director, etc. coupled with my education experiences; having a bachelor's degree, master's degree, and a doctoral degree, has equipped me with the foundational knowledge necessary to be an active and collaborative board member. **PRIORITIES:** The first priority are students; their safety, assurance that the best teachers are in front of students that are knowledgeable of content and pedagogy and that deliver instruction such that all students are equipped to compete globally with respect to academics and are college and career ready. **BUILDINGS:** Consulting and partnering with senior leaders whom oversee facilities will provide insight of school capacity and allow BCPS to prioritize facilities that require immediate attention; such that increased student enrollment and overcrowding is addressed with immediacy. **SAFETY:** Partnering and consulting with local senior police leaders and local health departments to disaggregate data statistics related to all safety issues with the intent of developing action steps that provide local communities with specified actionable steps to be implemented to address all safety issues unique to their specified communities. **BUDGET:** Conducting a forensic accounting analysis and internal auditing of current and past budget expenditures over a 3-5 year span will depict programs that warrant increases and/or decreases. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** Non-college bound students should be supported with career readiness programs and job placements subsequent to graduation, and students who need an alternative path to graduation should be supported with alternative pathways that are unique to their individual situations/circumstances. **PARTNERSHIPS:** Integration of county and community services with county public schools to enhance the educational experience of our students is best supported with partnering of resources, allocating building space within county schools, time for partner program development, and ongoing community feedback. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** Through county and community partnerships, effective oversight of resources are able to be monitored, and measured. By collaborating with community superintendents around expectations, actively partnering in the development of individual school targets/goals, and enforcing parameters that result in

school success at all levels, administrative accountability will be ensured.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 5

Julie C. Henn

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a proud current BCPS parent and have served on the Board since 2016, active on the Contracts and Safety in Technology committees. Since 2006, I have volunteered in BCPS and have advocated for education reform chairing the Northeast Area Advisory. I am an accomplished IT leader and have spent my twenty year career in education. I have proven to be an independent, responsive voice on the Board. **PRIORITIES:** Accountability & Transparency; Increased Staffing; Safety & Discipline; Healthy Classrooms **BUILDINGS:** A long-term, independent facilities plan is needed to address issues objectively and to prioritize construction projects. I would urge contracting with an outside firm to review and evaluate facility conditions including overcrowding, and to develop, without influence, a ten-year plan and budget for addressing our urgent school facility needs. The plan would also make short-term recommendations. **SAFETY:** Early detection and support services for at-risk students are critical for prevention. We must invest in staffing to provide these services. We must also strengthen discipline policies to include minimum consequences for serious offenses. Regular audits are needed to ensure that discipline is delivered consistently. The safety of students and teachers should be paramount in disciplinary decisions. **BUDGET:** The STAT (1:1 device) initiative is neither balanced nor fiscally responsible. The costs of STAT continue to be unnecessarily exorbitant. Less expensive devices that meet instructional requirements should have been selected. The savings of hundreds of millions of dollars spent on laptops could be allocated toward repairing facilities, additional school staffing, safety, and meal programs. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** I support Career and Technology Education programs that prepare students for fulfilling careers through hands-on learning and internship opportunities. Such programs provide the skills and certifications students need (and employers want) to transition from school to the workplace. I also support individualized instruction plans for students requiring alternate paths to graduation. **PARTNERSHIPS:** BCPS can provide professional staff to connect students and families to needed county and community services and can partner for referrals. Students cannot learn when basic needs are not met. County government and community organizations offer a myriad of family support, education, and health programs that increase student and family quality of life and promote solid educational experiences. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** The Board must hold BCPS accountable to stakeholders it represents. Board and BCPS work must be conducted openly and with ample opportunity for public input. Decision making must be driven by publicly available data for oversight and input - especially with regards to capital and operating budget planning. Stakeholder concerns must be addressed with action plans and delivery on those plans.

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COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 6

Edward Kitlowski

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30+ yrs. experience in BCPS as a Special Ed. & General Ed. teacher, Special Ed. Dept. & IEP Chairman & A.P. Intern. I was part of the BCPS Special Ed. Audit and Co-Chair of the MSTA Committee on No Child Left Behind. I am intimately familiar with the system's strengths and needs. I know the contractual agreements. I taught in District 6. I successfully ran a business. **PRIORITIES:** The school system must re-establish trust and integrity with parents, students, & teachers. Communities make the system strong. We need to prepare students for life and not just graduation, including an increase in vocational opportunities. School culture needs to be consistent with societal expectations. Future plans must be educationally driven. Computers don't change lives, people do. **BUILDINGS:** We need an authentic evaluation of facilities. There are issues that exist but are not addressed in capital planning. Educational programming needs to drive future planning, not number of students. The projected overcapacity of high schools requires examination of both facilities and programming. Community involvement is a priority. We need to work with the county government to explore options. **SAFETY:** There must be integrity and consistency in establishing safe schools. Actions to include: re-establishing school-based addiction intervention teams, reviewing the scope of operation of SROs, providing more educational options, revising current alternative school programs, establishing protocol to provide support for troubled students outside the classroom, & hiring more behavioral specialists. **BUDGET:** School staff is more important in education than software, both in learning and school climate. Technology is a wonderful tool but is not a panacea & has become a larger part of the budget. We need more personnel in the buildings. Mandatory testing in high school using College Board exams must end. None school-based staffing needs to be examined. We need to develop more vocational programs. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** We need to prepare students for life and not just graduation & end the stigma of vocational education. We can expand vocational opportunities immediately using existing programs & use data on job shortages for planning. We can create business partnerships for internships & apprenticeships. More Transition Facilitators are needed. High school programming needs flexibility. **PARTNERSHIPS:** I believe there has been hubris in school leadership which narrowed opportunities. That must change. Continuing partnership with CCBC is important. We need greater coordination with governmental agencies. More Transition Facilitators are needed as conduits between school and community. Other districts have effective programs from which we could learn. We need dedicated personnel for this. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** I know the system. I know the contractual agreements, education pedagogy & have connections with current teachers. I can ask the Superintendent questions from a position of understanding. Additionally, some outside oversight promotes integrity. I would have opportunities for conversations with parents, teachers & students. I would use the Perception Survey as a resource to assess school culture.

Lily Rowe

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No response received by deadline.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 7

William Feuer

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served and continue to serve on various boards and work with numerous organizations in my community. These interactions have taught me to understand what it takes to work with and for a diverse group of people with different backgrounds and personalities. I am willing to collaborate and contribute to an open dialogue. I have the dedication to spend the time necessary to be well informed. **PRIORITIES:** Allocation, Investment, and Safety. Our facilities need attention, we have inadequate school buildings and overcrowded classrooms. We need to get more resources to the classroom. Class sizes are increasing and teachers are not able to adequately reach every student with the attention they need. With a class size of 30 there is no way a teacher can reach every student. **BUILDINGS:** As a system we spend money to have a physical facilities rating of all schools. Logic says that you would go to the worst school and work backwards-addressing those worst schools because they need the most attention. We do not do it that in Baltimore. By reining in wasteful spending we can dedicate the resources necessary to ensure our children have adequate facilities for instruction. **SAFETY:** Smaller class sizes can be a very helpful method to address school safety. Being able to develop personal relationships with students and having the available time to do so leads to identification of bullying, drug use, and possible gang activity at an early stage. With smaller class sizes teachers can build a rapport with the kids and construct meaningful collaborative relationships. **BUDGET:** The budget needs to be more effective. We need to deliver as many resources to the classroom as possible. While many reports say Baltimore County spends roughly \$14,000/student that is misinterpreted. \$14,000 does not make it to the classroom, a lot is allocated to individuals that are not even in a schoolhouse. We need to be better stewards, yet make the investment, in proven effective programs. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** College is not the only path for our graduating students. There are many paths available to students and I support alternative options. Each student is an individual and needs a path molded to them. There are apprenticeship programs, technical high school, specialty certifications, the military, or straight into the workforce. I support whatever works for the individual. **PARTNERSHIPS:** BCPS should be in conversation with the community to promote and build upon services offered, whether they be through churches, recreation council, service clubs, or neighborhood associations. BCPS should work on partnerships to offer more physical and mental health services, early childhood development services, family engagement, mentoring and after school tutoring, and nutritional options. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** Contracts should be fully investigated and properly vetted by the board. The current way that the board has done things has led the board to lose the support of community and trust of those they are called on to represent. The tenants that I have built my campaign around are exactly what I would expect of BCPS: Community involvement, Oversight, Accountability, and Transparency.

Rod McMillion

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have taught school in Baltimore County for 35 years and 6 months. I am certified K-12 in Physical Education; I have also passed the Health praxis exam. I taught elementary PE for 10 years. The last 25 years I have worked at Chesapeake HS as a teacher, coach, department chair and athletic director. My work experience has provided me with the unique opportunity to see BCPS from within the system. **PRIORITIES:** We must resolve the Superintendent issues ASAP. The new Board members need to have available to them in Dec, a short list of qualified candidates. Getting BCPS headed in the right direction starts with a new Superintendent. School Safety is a paramount concern: School Resource Officers at all BCPS; addressing consequences for bad behavior; & attempting to reduce bullying behaviors. External Audit **BUILDINGS:** Fortunately in District 7 Dundalk Elem is being built; Colgate ground-breaking this fall, and Berkshire following. Prioritize all 34 District 7 schools according to facility needs. When county and state capital money become available, negotiate District 7's fair share. Study each respective school's capacity; and increased & projected enrollments. Plan ahead; trailers are not the long term answer. **SAFETY:** Opioid epidemic - Utilize the school nurse; PSAs in high schools; and opportunities within the curricula. Guest speakers; graphics; whatever it takes to get the message out to our children. Gang problems - School Resource Officers (grades 6-12) are the experts on this topic. Elem schools need to reach out to the local precincts. Bullying - Establish firm and swift consequences to the offenders. **BUDGET:** Special Education budgets need to be expanded. More and more students are being identified as deserving SE services. We need more teachers; occupational and speech therapists. I am not an advocate of giving every student a laptop. Our students absolutely need to have globally competitive computer skills. However in-house computers labs and carts can be reserved, supplemented by personal computers. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** BCPS already has 2 excellent alternatives to graduation: Academy Completers (concentrated areas of study - College; Advanced Tech; and Career and Research Development which requires an internship or work experience). And Pathway Options which includes 11 different choices. However, we seriously need to look at re-instituting some form of vocational education. College is not for everyone. **PARTNERSHIPS:** In recent years BCPS has increasingly hired more School Social Workers for our high schools, middle schools and elementary schools. Experienced School Social Workers can support students, parents and families by linking them to community resources such as financial aid; housing; child care; medical care; legal assistance; early educational intervention; emergency aid; and mental health assistance. **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY:** First of all we have to give our administrators the authority to do their jobs without the threat of retaliation. For example: if a certain behavior warrants the student being suspended, then allow the administrator to his/her job. Having written that, I believe admin. accountability is driven by accurate data collection. Analyzing the data goes hand-in-hand with oversight and accountability.

State Questions

Question 1: Education Funding

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

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

(Amending Article XIX, Section 1(c)(1) and (g), and adding Section 1(f) to the Maryland Constitution)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE: This amendment would require that beginning in 2020, the Governor must include specified amounts from gambling revenues in the state budget for public education. These amounts must be in addition to, and not a substitute for, any other state funding for public education. The amendment would also repeal the provision that allows gambling revenues to be used for capital projects at community colleges and state-supported colleges and universities.

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

ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

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

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

- The amendment would reduce the state’s flexibility to use gambling revenues for other state programs.
- The amendment would reduce 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.

☐ **FOR** the Constitutional Amendment

☐ **AGAINST** the Constitutional Amendment

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.

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

☐ **FOR** the Constitutional Amendment

☐ **AGAINST** the Constitutional Amendment

Baltimore County Questions

Question A | Charter Amendment

Bill 13-18

County Charter—Technical Changes

40 sections of the Baltimore County Charter are amended or repealed to make technical changes including: correcting cross references to the State Code; updating the names of departments and offices in the administrative services, providing gender-neutral language, transferring certain provisions within the Charter, repealing obsolete language, repealing references to an agency that no longer exists, and adding provisions to update duties of departments and offices in the administrative services.

- ☐ **FOR** the Proposed Charter Amendment
- ☐ **AGAINST** the Proposed Charter Amendment

Question B | Charter Amendment

Bill 14-18

County Charter—The Administrative Services

Sections 508, 522, 533, 540, 541 and 542 of the Baltimore County Charter are amended to: repeal an obsolete provision requiring the County Attorney to keep the journal of the County Council, repeal a provision about the removal of the Director of Planning, repeal obsolete provisions requiring the County Executive to be a member of two boards, repeal an obsolete reference to the County Home, and repeal obsolete provisions about the removal of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.

- ☐ **FOR** the Proposed Charter Amendment
- ☐ **AGAINST** the Proposed Charter Amendment

Question C | Charter Amendment

Bill 15-18

County Charter—Legislative Procedure

Section 308 of the Baltimore County Charter is amended to: repeal an obsolete provision authorizing the expeditious passage of bills in certain cases and increase from 40 days to 65 days the number of days a bill may be considered before its automatic expiration after introduction in the County Council.

- ☐ **FOR** the Proposed Charter Amendment
- ☐ **AGAINST** the Proposed Charter Amendment

Question D | Charter Amendment

Bill 16-18

County Charter—The Executive Branch

Sections 402, 403 and 404 of the Baltimore County Charter are amended to: correct obsolete Charter references, provide gender-neutral language, alter the name of a department to reflect the current name, clarify the requirement for the County Executive to appoint or reappoint the heads of departments and offices at the beginning of each term for approval by the County Council, repeal an obsolete requirement that the County Executive serves on the Board of Health, repeal an obsolete provision about the County Executive preparing regulations, repeal an obsolete provision about the County Administrative Officer appointing department and offices heads, and clarify the authority of the County Executive to remove department and office heads.

- ☐ **FOR** the Proposed Charter Amendment
- ☐ **AGAINST** the Proposed Charter Amendment

Question E | Charter Amendment

Bill 17-18

County Charter—Exempt Service Employees

Section 505 of the Baltimore County Charter is amended to provide that officers and employees in the exempt service shall have their compensation determined according to a system adopted or amended by the County Council on the recommendation of the County Executive.

- ☐ **FOR** the Proposed Charter Amendment
- ☐ **AGAINST** the Proposed Charter Amendment

Question F | Charter Amendment

Bill 19-18

County Charter—Administrative Services - Departments

Sections 307, 402, 504, 525, 526, and 527 of the Baltimore County Charter are amended to modify the functions of the Department of Public Works to provide that it shall be responsible for mobility and for traffic safety and engineering using a variety of transportation options including highways, bike lanes, pedestrian improvements and transit where appropriate.

- ☐ **FOR** the Proposed Charter Amendment
- ☐ **AGAINST** the Proposed Charter Amendment

Question G | County Ordinance

Bill 37-18

School Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$335,517,000 for public school projects, including but not limited to acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, repair, maintenance, conversion, and modernization of public school buildings and sites, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter.

- ☐ **FOR** the Bond Issue
- ☐ **AGAINST** the Bond Issue

Question H | County Ordinance

Bill 38-18

Agricultural and Rural Land Preservation Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$2,000,000 for agricultural and rural land preservation projects, including but not limited to the purchase of land, development rights and conservation easements, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter.

- ☐ **FOR** the Bond Issue
- ☐ **AGAINST** the Bond Issue

Question I | County Ordinance

Bill 39-18
Waterway Improvement Program Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$10,000,000 for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, extension, repair and modernization of waterway improvement and storm-water-related projects, including but not limited to shoreline stabilization, shore erosion control, wetland restoration and streambank and riverbank restoration, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter.

- ☐ FOR the Bond Issue
- ☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

Question J | County Ordinance

Bill 40-18
Parks, Preservation and Greenways Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$4,000,000 for parks, preservation and greenways projects, including but not limited to acquisition of playgrounds, parks and recreational facilities and the construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of playgrounds, parks and community centers, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter.

- ☐ FOR the Bond Issue
- ☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

Question K | County Ordinance

Bill 41-18
Public Works Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$68,384,000 for public works purposes, for the class of projects which includes, among other things, streets and highways, bridges and storm drainage systems, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter.

- ☐ FOR the Bond Issue
- ☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

Question L | County Ordinance

Bill 42-18
Community Improvement Project Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$1,000,000 for community improvement projects, including but not limited to construction, renovation, extension, alteration, repair or modernization of street curbs, gutters, water, sewer and other utilities, and sidewalk and pedestrian system improvements to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter.

- ☐ FOR the Bond Issue
- ☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

Question M | County Ordinance

Bill 43-18
Operational Buildings Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$47,000,000 for public operational buildings including, but not limited to, general, health, police, fire, recreation, libraries, senior center and detention buildings or facilities and necessary or desirable equipment, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter.

- ☐ FOR the Bond Issue
- ☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

Question N | County Ordinance

Bill 44-18
Refuse Disposal Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$8,816,000 for refuse disposal projects, including but not limited to the construction, reconstruction, improvement, acquisition, repair, and modernization of county refuse disposal facilities, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter.

- ☐ FOR the Bond Issue
- ☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

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Bill 45-18
Community College Borrowing

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow \$15,000,000 for community college projects, including but not limited to the construction, improvement, maintenance, and modernization of buildings and other improvements for the community colleges, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter.

- ☐ FOR the Bond Issue
- ☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

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2. Vote by Mail (Absentee) from home or away—no need to go anywhere! Applications are available from elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html and at the Board of Elections
11112 Gilroy Rd
Hunt Valley, MD 21031
You may also call 410-887-5700.

3. Vote at Your Assigned Polling Place on **Tuesday, November 6.** Go to your polling place. Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm. If you are unsure of your polling place, check your voter registration card, sample ballot or visit www.vote411.org.

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