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Maryland Statewide Offices

Governor / Lt Governor

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

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see <u>Maryland Manual Online</u>

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of Governor? **BUDGET:** What are your priorities for the state budget, particularly regarding education and transportation?

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

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Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a partner in a business or ran large advocacy organizations since I was 26 years old. As a businessman, I've helped to grow small businesses in Maryland and across the nation. While leading the NAACP, I was named Marylander of the Year for my pivotal roles in abolishing the death penalty, passing the Maryland DREAM Act, helping pass marriage equality, and expanding voting rights.

BUDGET: As a businessman, I'll also make sure our transportation policies also encourage economic growth and help to create good jobs. We don't have a money problem when it comes to education, we have a priority problem and we need a governor who is willing to make education a number one priority. We will fully fund our schools and make sure lottery and casino revenues supplement education funding.

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: I've dedicated my life to service and I have a long track record of

securing progressive victories in our state. Growing up as the child of a biracial Maryland couple who were forced to leave the state in order to legally marry, Marylanders know I'll stand up to Trump's hateful attacks on our environment which disproportionately harms marginalized communities and his attacks on our public schools.

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

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

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

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

REDISTRICTING: Shawn Quinn wants to give all citizens a voice at the state and federal level. Lines shouldn't be drawn just so that the party in power can stay in power. Take the power to draw boundaries away from partisans and politicians. Draw the lines algorithmically using fixed rules. This takes human bias away from drawing boundary lines as much as possible. **ENVIRONMENT:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay is the number one environmental problem

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

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in any form is bad for all of us. When a person is not allowed to live to their full we all miss out of all of their possible achievements. There are

already laws on the books to address discrimination. If somebody has an idea to improve an existing law or policy then Shawn will weigh the merits of each proposal individually. Every change will be looked at for its benefit to people.

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

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

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

BUDGET: We'll create programs for the well-being of all Marylanders and create universal, single-payer health care for all Marylanders. We'll raise taxes on millionaires and use the new tax revenue and invest in the well-being of all Marylanders. Public school funding should be allocated according to the needs of disadvantaged students, We'll prioritize public transit over the construction of new roads.

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: Our priorities of creating a universal, single-payer health system, free

tuition to public colleges and universities, a basic income, and jobs guarantee are all designed to address discrimination by giving Marylanders the tools they need to be successful regardless of the privileges or lack of privilege they possess based on their race, gender, religion, disability, or wealth.

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

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

Comptroller

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see Maryland Manual

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **REVENUE SYSTEM:** What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency and fairness of the collection of Maryland taxes?

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

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

Candidates

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

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: As Maryland's independent fiscal watchdog, I'm proud of my record of achievement and results that I've delivered for Maryland taxpayers since I became Comptroller

in 2007. Thanks to initiatives that we have implemented, and the hard work of the dedicated public servants in our agency, ours is regarded as the most efficient and effective Comptroller's Office in the nation.

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

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

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

Attorney General

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see Maryland Manual

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** What steps will you take to improve the efficiency and fairness of legal processes in Maryland?

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

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

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

Candidates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Congressional Offices

U.S. Senator

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

How Elected: Elected statewide. In 2018, Maryland voters will elect one of our two Senators. About one-third of the 100 members of the Senate is elected every two years. Senators must be at

least 30 years old, have been citizens of the United States at least 9 years and be residents of the state they want to represent.

Term: Six years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year.

Website: https://www.senate.gov

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **HEALTH CARE:** What changes in federal healthcare policy do you advocate and why? **DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

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

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

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

address them?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: Bills I have authored or cosponsored include: the End Racial and Religious Profiling Act, a resolution to remove the deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment, the Democracy Restoration Act, The Equality Act of 2017 and the Paycheck Fairness Act. I

continue to support legislation to protect our LGBT students and adults. I support an increase in the federal minimum wage.

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: I will sponsor legislation to abolish Obamacare, Medicare, Medicaid, the FDA, and cut taxes accordingly. Consider this: laser eye surgery, which is not covered by government insurance, has dropped from several thousand dollars to a few hundred per eye. EpiPen, which is covered, has increased in price from a hundred to several hundred dollars. Free markets make medicine actually affordable

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

government programs and cut taxes accordingly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: One of my primary objectives as your Senator is to create high-paying jobs in Maryland. I will work with our Governor & other leaders to attract large businesses and

incentivize investment in small businesses, especially in lower income parts of our state. As far as infrastructure, I find it inexcusable that the two major parties have failed to work together to invest in our future.

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

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

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

Michael B. Puskar Write-in

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: 1. Legal immigration needs to be prioritized to asylum seekers: We have an

ancestry of immigrants based on need, not based on whom we like or dislike. 2. For every issue (not just immigration), I will put children first. So, when it comes to families not entering legally, we need to look at the needs of migrant children.

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

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

Lih Young Write-in

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

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

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

threat/coercion/victimization; physical/mental/financial/medication/litigation/levies/ foreclosures **ECONOMIC POLICY:** Prosecute/eliminate " official misconduct-government gang-MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust/false/misleading practices; private-public; 3 branches, local-fed- global, inc. non-profit, think tanks. Protect people/families/ businesses: lives, rights, reputation, assets, vehicles, resources. Promote

productivity, public interest, cost-benefits, social needs, budget constraints.

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

ENVIRONMENT: End: dependence/subsidies for fossil fuels, coal, nuclear energy, offshore oil drilling, spills. Curb carbon pollution, medical costs. Improve regulation/oversight. Promote

clean air, water, renewable energy. Protect public health, environment. Promote efficiency, technology, research. Reduce unjust practices, hacking, manipulation, obstruction; false excuses, distortion. Prosecute wrongdoers.

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

U.S. Representative District 5

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

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **HEALTH CARE:** What changes in federal healthcare policy do you advocate and why? **DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

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

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

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

address them?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been an effective and bipartisan leader who works to deliver results for my constituents. Economic development continues to be one of my top priorities and I am proud to have helped create and save 23,000 jobs. I remain dedicated to ensuring all Marylanders have access to middle class opportunities. **HEALTH CARE:** The Affordable Care Act has provided thousands of families in Maryland with quality, affordable health care. Rather than undermining the law, Republicans in Congress and President Trump should work with Democrats to improve the law, and ensure the affordability of insurance and access to quality care.

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will continue to protect our military installations like Pax River, Indian Head and Webster Field, and federal facilities as well as continue to advocate to bring the new, consolidated FBI Headquarters to Prince George's County. I will also remain an advocate for our nation's federal employees who keep our food safe, keep planes in the air, and protect our country and serve our people.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I hold an MA in Gov't from the Univ. of MD. I've been a business owner, teacher, and political activist for forty years. I know what it's like to meet the payroll of a dozen employees. I've also worked on issues relating to homelessness, children, militarism, and the environment. I embrace the role of government in regulation and taxation, with services on a par with our European counterparts.

HEALTH CARE: We must enact a publicly funded health care system. People are suffering needlessly. I support HR 676. This bill provides everyone with free health care that includes all medically necessary care, such as primary care and prevention, dietary and nutritional therapies, prescription drugs, emergency care, long-term care, mental health services, dental services, and vision care.

DISCRIMINATION: We must counter the mass incarceration of African Americans for nonviolent drug offenses. Many are caught in an atrocious revolving door of arrest, incarceration, release, and re-arrest. Many are sick, in desperate need of intensive drug therapy and job training. I support policies to increase investment in marginalized communities, affordable housing, education, job training, and health care.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I support the policies advocated by the Democratic Progressive Caucus. The wealthiest must be taxed, as they are in Europe, to radically change American society and create high-paying jobs. I'd invest \$2 trillion over 10 years to rebuild transportation, water, energy, and information systems, while overhauling unsafe and inefficient schools, homes, and public buildings.

IMMIGRATION: Undocumented immigrants and their families should be granted a legal status which includes the chance to become U.S. citizens. Persons should be excluded from this process only if they present a danger to other members of our society. All persons fleeing political, racial, religious, or other types of persecution must be welcomed and given permanent resident status.

ENVIRONMENT: The 5th is home to Morgantown and Chalk Point, two of MD's nine coal-fired plants. They're poisoning us, and they should be shut down and replaced with renewable energy sources. The Naval Surface Warfare Center and Pax River have polluted the air, groundwater, surface water, and the soil. We must subject the irresponsible actions of the military to state oversight.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Calvert's school budget is \$115 Million, about the cost of one F-35. The F-35 is the most expensive DOD program ever, with a total lifetime price tag of \$1.5 trillion. That's 13,000 times what Calvert spends on its schools. Modernizing nuclear weapons will cost \$1 trillion over the next ten years. We must cut defense spending and work out our problems overseas nonviolently and multilaterally.

Johnny Rice Write-in

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 25 years of Christian Volunteer Ministry work in W.Africa for 2 years as a Bible teacher in Ghana at a UN Refugee Camp; Liberia, Nigeria, India & Churches/Ministries, 2 Christian TV stations, TBN, and TheCrossTV. My Mission is on Capitol Hill to lift up Jesus & Prayer in America and expose the Atheistic/ Anti-Biblical Agenda of the Democrat Leaders / Democrat Party.

HEALTH CARE: Want to work with Dana Rohrabacher and Corey Booker to legalize Cannabis/Marijuana to be legalized Federally as a Homeopathic Medicine & for Responsible 21yr old Adult usage, which studies have shown is a much safer alternative medicine. Websites

advocating & educating are: https://www.mpp.org/issues/medical-marijuana/; http://www.marylandcannabispolicy.org/; http://www.marylandnorml.org.

DISCRIMINATION: Will promote Jesus's teachings of Loving our neighbor as ourself & forgiving our enemies, those who have offended. Matthew 5 And support current Anti-Discrimination laws on the books, which great American leaders pushed for, such as Pres. Lincoln; Dr Frederick Douglass, my biggest hero; & Dr. Martin Luther King. Promote Biblical Truth that Everyone is Equal as God has ordained Galatians 3:28

ECONOMIC POLICY: Support Pres Trump's Economic; Trade; Taxes; policies. Support putting Tariffs equal, Fair Trade, as Peter Navarro, Trump's Trade Policy Advisor, to resurrect Industries, destroyed by Bad Trade deals of Clinton, Bush Sr&Jr, Obama, NAFTA, China, Mexico, 800 Billion trade deficit Ross Perot warned millions of jobs lost. Support No Tax increases Pledge led by Grover Norquist group/book.

IMMIGRATION: My solution to DACA/DREAMERS NO AMNESTY CITIZENSHIP! NO WELFARE! CANNOT STEAL ELECTIONS for DEMOCRATS! LIFETIME GREEN CARD which gives RESIDENCY /WORK PERMIT. NO FAMILY CHAIN MIGRATION. Only for Illegals physically here. STOP LEGAL IMMIGRATION until 2020!!! NO more ILLEGALS /GREEN CARD HOLDERS on WELFARE (75% currently). Must make Welfare illegal. E-VERIFY required for ALL EMPLOYMENT.

ENVIRONMENT: Promote Hydro Electric power as The Safest, Cleanest Energy source, should build more Hydro Electric Dams with the goal to replace all other Unclean Energy sources, especially Nuclear Power Plants, which all should be shut down ASAP, as 80% are leaking contaminating Water supplies. Also replace Coal. Goal to have 100% Hydro Power, as Norway has 98%. Clean up Chesapeake Bay with Oyster project.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Disagree w/Pres Trump on the Military budget. Would push to decrease the Military budget by 25% +(not Military service pay), rather the Billions wasted on Neverending spending on Weapons; Nuclear; etc. Cutting the Military Budget, provide Fed Funding \$1 Trillion Infrastructure, keep SocialServices STRONG. Stop Military invasions, for Defense. Cut NASA/CIA/NSA/FOREIGN AID/UN, except Israel.

Maryland General Assembly

State Senator District 29

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

EDUCATION: What education policies would you support and how would you fund them? **HEALTH CARE:** What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the President of St. Mary's County's Commission on the Environment, Parliamentarian of St. Mary's College of Maryland's Alumni Council, and I have been employed by Fortune 500 companies as well as independently-owned small businesses in the community. I believe that my unique perspective as a pharmacist and bartender provide me with an ability to understand local concerns better than most.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that Maryland can set an example for other states by decreasing the gerrymandering of our districts. If we can show that we do not require complicated district lines to elect our representatives, we can provide a model that can be extrapolated nationwide,

and I believe it is our duty to set that example.

ENVIRONMENT: I have identified 1) emissions from vehicles sitting in traffic congestion, 2) methane release from organic waste in landfills, and 3) nutrient runoff from agricultural land as the top challenges with solutions coming in the form of 1) traffic infrastructure funding, 2) industrial composting facilities and anaerobic digesters, and 3) oyster restoration initiatives.

DISCRIMINATION: I would support policies that address any form of discrimination that deprives an individual of their rights. I believe that Maryland has appropriate anti-discrimination legislation in place, but as problems arise or become evident, I would support legislation to address any issues that may emerge.

EDUCATION: I support Fix the Fund legislation that requires the Education Trust Fund from gambling tax revenue to be in addition to General Fund spending rather than allowing the Trust Fund to supplant the rest of the budget. With the extra resources, I support increasing student support staff to assist educators with overcrowded classes and social skill initiatives to improve social interactions.

HEALTH CARE: As a pharmacist, I believe the opioid epidemic is the most alarming health challenge facing Maryland, and I will address it by requiring prescribers and pharmacists to follow up appropriately on novice and chronic pain prescription patients. Furthermore, I support education initiatives that focus on diet and exercise, as these are the two most important subjects presently neglected by healthcare.

TRANSPORTATION: In my area, there are 3 transportation projects that have been identified by MDOT SHA, but the funding for the later phases of the projects has not been a priority for our present representatives. I feel that I will do a better job of securing the funding of these phases. Instead of complaining about government spending, I will aim to retrieve the tax dollars that we have sent to Annapolis.

House of Delegates District 29A

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

EDUCATION: What education policies would you support and how would you fund them? **HEALTH CARE:** What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an effective leader who works to deliver results for my constituents. I have fought for tax relief, lower healthcare cost, and implementing policies that made the government that works for you instead of against you. I am a member of Health and Government Operation Committee, Minority Disparages and Government Operation subcommittees and the Medicaid Citizen Advisory Committee.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering has been a problem in this state for 20 years, it disenfranchises voters and it's wrong. I felt so strongly about this I was a named plaintiff in a Judicial Watch lawsuit. I have co-sponsored bills that would enact non-partisan redistricting reforms to improve fairness. I believe that single-seat districts should be mandated for the House of Delegates throughout the state.

ENVIRONMENT: For the third year in a row, and for only the third time in state history, the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund will be fully funded. Also unlike during the O'Malley administration, we have stopped diverting funds from Bay restoration to plug budget holes. I support major environmental projects, like dredging behind the behind the Conowingo Dam, and believe Exelon should share some of the cost.

DISCRIMINATION: I have the same belief and hope as Dr. King had a color-blind society. I voted for the anti-discrimination legislation and will continue to promote and champion anti-discrimination policies.

EDUCATION: I will continue to promote discipline policies that will remove children with

behavioral problems from the classroom in order not to infringe on the educations of others. I support the BOAST funding and enabling parents to use tax deductions to pay for private education for their children. I support prioritizing funding the classroom over the Board of Education administration.

HEALTH CARE: Cost is the most significant challenge in Healthcare. I co-sponsored and passed legislation to allow Maryland to seek a waiver to get out from under the overly burdensome Obamacare regulations. I will sponsor policies to promote tort reform and fix antiquated self-referral laws that, once eliminated, will result in lower healthcare cost and while improving Healthcare services.

TRANSPORTATION: I have successfully secured funding for the Rt. 5 expansion in Leonardtown and now will make sure that project is completed. Over the last four years, we have paved almost all state highways in North St. Mary's and I will continue to advocate for our share of road maintenance. I will continue to be a strong advocate and champion of the new 301 Nice Bridge and replacement of the TJ Bridge.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Proven leadership in community organizations: St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce, United Way of St. Mary's County, Medstar St. Mary's Hospital Board, Library Foundation, CSM Advisory Council. Extensive experience in Departments of Social Services in Southern Maryland working with community partners to improve the lives of vulnerable adults and children.

REDISTRICTING: Require districts to follow community lines. Take the process out of the hands of elected officials and create an independent citizens commission. Eliminate partisan guidelines such as party affiliation and location of incumbents

ENVIRONMENT: Protecting and improving our supply of clean air and clean water. Are our clean energy tax incentives effective? Are we making the best use of public/private partnerships to encourage the development of wind, solar and renewable energies? The solution lies in science, funding and stewardship to address these challenges

DISCRIMINATION: No one should face discrimination because of their race, gender, religion, disability or poverty and I would add age to those characteristics. Discrimination limits education, training, and employment and income generation opportunities. Discrimination often comes from ignorance and fear. I would champion commonsense policies to prevent discrimination.

EDUCATION: Policies to encourage school, family and community partnerships are key for student success. Schools can't do it alone. We must invest in early childhood mental health and crisis services for families, helping them get services before a crisis happens. Children who are physically and emotionally healthy and safe learn better.

HEALTH CARE: The opioid epidemic is a public health crisis with no quick cure. Prescription drug costs place a heavy burden on hard working families and those 65 and older. Employers

struggle to provide affordable health insurance to their workers. Is it time for government price regulation for prescription drugs?

TRANSPORTATION: Priorities in line with those submitted by our County Commissioners in March 2018. Let's explore "hop-on hop-off" buses on Route 235 in the California – Lex Park corridor during the work week. Retrofitting sidewalks to encourage travel by foot. Let's explore funding for these last two suggestions via public/private partnerships

House of Delegates District 29B

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

EDUCATION: What education policies would you support and how would you fund them? **HEALTH CARE:** What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

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

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the incumbent, I've been performing the duties of the office for the past 4 years and am the Deputy Minority Whip of the House Judiciary Committee and Chair of the St Mary's County Delegation. In addition, my 20 years as a US Air Force officer in the logistics and information management career fields made me adept at managing complex systems and solving difficult problems.

REDISTRICTING: I support the creation of an independent nonpartisan commission to draw the district lines. I believe the Governor should have the ability to approve the commission's plan and send it to the General Assembly for a vote. The Governor and the General Assembly should not have the ability to amend the commission's plan; just the ability to approve or reject it. **ENVIRONMENT:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay is the state's most significant challenge. I support expansion of caged aquaculture, rotational oyster harvest of the public bottoms with the state and counties re-seeding the oyster bars after harvesting, and oyster shell recycling. I support dredging sediment behind the Conowingo Dam to improve its ability to filter pollutants before they enter the bay.

DISCRIMINATION: The State of Maryland already have laws in place addressing discrimination in the first 4 areas. The legal barriers are removed and now society faces personal biases that are in the process of slowly changing in which laws can't transform. I support lowering taxes and reducing regulations to improve economic and job opportunity for all. By doing this, people can lift themselves out of poverty.

EDUCATION: I support creating an education lock-box of the gaming revenues to supplement tax revenues currently funding education. The increased funding would allow local school districts to improve school safety, increase counselors and security staff, and allow for smaller classroom sizes. Also I support tax deductions for families educating their children in non-public schools.

HEALTH CARE: The failing health care insurance market is our most significant challenge. Rising premiums and co-pays are pricing citizens out of the market. I support the "Copper Plan" (House bill 1509) which would create another option for health insurance covering the Affordable Care Act's 10 essential benefits while cutting premiums by 24%.

TRANSPORTATION: My priorities include expanding the capacity of MD Rt 5 between Great Mills Rd & Rt 249 (Piney Point Rd) to reduce congestion, & replacing the TJ Bridge between St Mary's and Calvert Counties. Both would be paid out of the Transportation Trust Fund. My record shows I'm strong on safeguarding the Trust Fund and fighting for balance between urban mass transit projects & rural road improvements.

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QUALIFICATIONS: This election is about leadership. After five years and three deployments as a United States Army Ranger, I have learned that no matter your background, race, gender, or religion, you must work with people. Countless combat operations have taught me that everyone matters when trying to accomplish a mission. Elected office is much like working on a military mission: you are serving for a purpose.

REDISTRICTING: An independent state panel should adopt the "efficiency gap" and conduct redistricting in every state using a four-prong test. 1. Data should draw the fairest boundary lines as a baseline. 2. Factor "communities of interest" so elected officials represent districts with similar communities. 3. Competitiveness should be factored so districts are even. 4. A federal panel reviews the efficiency gap.

ENVIRONMENT: We must combat nitrogen, phosphorous, and plastic pollution in the Bay to protect a \$5 billion economic engine. When elected, I will work to: Increase the number of oyster sanctuaries; Find solutions to replenish the Lwives; Support legislation to fix the Conowingo; Find practical solutions to help farmers combat pollution without inhibiting the industry or overburdening the farmers.

DISCRIMINATION: Same-day voter registration; Universal pre-K; Ensuring the demographics of students enrolled in education programs such as STEM reflect the demographics of the community; Paycheck transparency to prevent wage discrimination

EDUCATION: Education is an investment in our future, and I will place it first in our budget priorities. Reduction in actual class size is the first priority, then disciplinary measures; Increase in ancillary services; Target poverty through increased engagement and achievement in high-poverty areas; Increase mental health professionals; Increase para-professional support, especially K-2; Expand Early Ed.

HEALTH CARE: Health care costs rising faster than GDP is the most severe threat to America. I will support the All Payer System to ensure health care costs are capped at 3.58%. I will find innovative solutions for transportation to allow seniors to attend doctor's visits. Lastly, actively push for medical directives to keep costs lower, especially end-of-life care.

TRANSPORTATION: There are four major transportation projects that impact 29B residents: Expansion of Route 5 and Great Mills Road; Replacement of the Thomas Johnson Bridge; Expansion of Point Lookout Road; a four-way traffic light at the intersection of 235 and Buck Hewitt Rd. Additionally, I want to find an innovative point-to-point shuttle system. I will propose legislation to move these projects forward.

House of Delegates District 29C

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

EDUCATION: What education policies would you support and how would you fund them? **HEALTH CARE:** What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

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

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong resident of Calvert County, small business owner, public servant, father and husband. I bring the experience of serving as both a County Commissioner and State Delegate. I bring my life experiences as a small business owner, family man, and

dedicated public servant to this role and will work with Governor Hogan to lower taxes and provide more jobs for Marylanders.

REDISTRICTING: I support giving legislative redistricting authority to an independent commission, as Governor Hogan has proposed. It's time to end corrupt partisan gerrymandering in Maryland. The people deserve to have their votes count and have fair representation.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of the Chesapeake Bay and our waterways is paramount. We need to continue to increase funding for bay restoration efforts. I support Governor Hogan's decision to dredge the Conowingo Dam, a huge polluter of our Bay, and I strongly support and encourage the Aquaculture industry that helps to not only clean our waterways but provides jobs to hardworking Marylanders.

DISCRIMINATION: I strongly oppose policies that discriminate against any individual or group. I will always support policies that seek fairness and equal opportunity. Maryland is open for business, for ALL Marylanders.

EDUCATION: I continue to support Governor Hogan's Budget, which year after year has fully funded K-12 education in Maryland – above and beyond the state requirements. I support creating a lockbox for casino revenue to only be used for Education in Maryland. I strongly support local control of education decisions and reducing the over-burdensome regulations and guidelines placed on teachers and students.

HEALTH CARE: We need to make Healthcare affordable again. Simply put, Obamacare has failed to control costs. I support a free-market solution that will bring increased consumer choice and decreased costs. I believe we need to continue to address the Opioid & Heroin Crisis. We need to focus our efforts on preventing access to these harmful drugs while increasing treatment options to those affected.

TRANSPORTATION: I support Governor Hogan's approach to restoring transportation funds, including Highway User Revenues, back to their intended purposes. I will continue to work with Governor Hogan to bring much-needed resources to Southern Maryland to build a new Thomas Johnson Bridge and improve surrounding roadways. The improvement of this critical infrastructure must be our top priority.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a proven record of community leadership: served as Treasurer & Pres. of the MOMS Club of SoMD; served as Treasurer & Pres. of the Chesapeake Public Charter School Alliance; founded and served as Pres. & serve as VP of the Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra & Choir Board; serve as Secretary on the St. Mary's County Arts Council. Education: BA in French, Yale University; MLS, UMD College Park

REDISTRICTING: Redistricting is an issue that affects many states in our country, and I believe should be addressed at the federal level. In the age of big data, we need to have a common standard which can be applied. In addition, district lines should be drawn by an

independent, non-partisan group and approved by the voters.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed is crucial to our watermen as well as to our tourism industry, our local economy and our residents' quality of life. I will work to ensure that policies implemented across the state will take into account the necessity for clean water in our region, and I will support environmental standards that will keep our land, air and water clean.

DISCRIMINATION: I will support policies that will create equity in education and the workforce. I will advocate for policies that will close the achievement gap and policies that will address economic equity. I will work to protect the rights of all of my constituents regardless of race, gender expression, sexual orientation, religion, disability or socio-economic status. **EDUCATION:** We need to ensure an adequate funding formula for our schools in order to maintain high quality education for all children. Once this is in place, it will be easier to recruit and retain high quality educators by offering competitive salaries. Furthermore, additional funds must be made available for school safety enhancement and student mental health and counseling services.

HEALTH CARE: The opioid epidemic needs a coordinated approach targeting both primary prevention & treatment. State and County Health Depts. are working to coordinate efforts to combat the problem. I will ensure these departments have the resources necessary to maintain and increase their efforts as needed. I will also work on increasing the availability of health care in rural communities such as ours.

TRANSPORTATION: For my district, the Gov. Thomas Johnson bridge is a huge priority. The current structure is inadequate for the needs of our community. I will seek federal funding to supplement MD's infrastructure budget. In addition, public transportation in my district is insufficient for the needs of the community. We should make more coordinated use of what is currently available and expand where needed.

St. Mary's County Commissioners

St. Mary's County Commissioner President

DUTIES: The Board of Commissioners exercises both executive and legislative powers granted to it by the laws of Maryland, though the Maryland General Assembly retains power to adopt laws applying specifically to St. Mary's County. The Commissioners adopt a budget for all county functions, including education, fire protection, and road maintenance. They also appoint a County Administrator who oversees the work of county agencies.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **BUDGET:** What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased? **DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools? **EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Randy Guy Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: Have served as President of St Mary's County Commissioners the past Three plus years. Served on Board of Appeals 5 plus years, Elect to Central Committee for four years and served 26 years in the U.S. Air Force. It has been an honor to serve the people of St. Mary's County and hope to continue serving.

BUDGET: We must balance our budget yearly with the resources that we receive from the citizens. We must provide the needed services that they need to have a good quality of life. Good Schools, Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS services, Parks and Recreation facility's. Do to recent events, increase in school and law enforcement my need additional funds, we set aside 1 Million to assist in school safety.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We have developed a master plan for the county the past few years with master development around the town centers and major work areas. We had a report completed recently that identified over 200 procedures that could be changed or streamlined to speed up the permitting process. I have been told as of 31 August 2018 80% have been implemented.

EDUCATION: We have meet school MOE the last four budget cycles, plus Millions More for teacher salary increases and text books/computer soft wear upgrades. I have always said: Educated society is a successful society.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We are fortunate to have a large Department of Defense presence, but I see a need to expand Economic Development past DOD with concentration on small business that complements our DOD partner. That is why much has been directed to our local airport area with UAV Technology a big player. We have incorporated tax incentives at County level to attract new business and growth of existing business.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We have put in place tax incentives for three different rental/townhouse developments in FY 2018. We continue to update our development plans to attract developers to build affordable housing.

INFRASTRUCTURE: This has been a challenge since our state government over 10 years ago changed our share of highway revenue. We are constantly fighting with MDOT to fix and upgrade our highway system. We are presently working to complete FDR Blvd. This should help with traffic problems on RT 235.

J. Howard Thompson

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the SMC Zoning Board of Appeals, as a member and as their Chairman. Also, I serve on the Planning Commission, as a member and as their Chairman for the past few years. I serve as the president of Christmas In April. I am a manager for the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Education. Leadership is very important in all of these jobs and has helped prepare me for this position.

BUDGET: The Board of Education and the Sheriff's Department are on my list of budgets to be increased. The BOE needs to provide quality education for all students, by educators that are treated fairly through equitable pay & benefits. Our Sheriff's Dept needs support to provide safety for children & citizens. I would have to review, with our budget office and dept heads, any decreases that may take place.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I would like to review, with LUGM and commissioners, any changes or ideas that may enhance our land use policies. Our county is rapidly changing, and we need to make sure our policies are compatible with the future. Working with the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals has given me insight on what is needed for our future. We need to make sure we can preserve what makes our county special.

EDUCATION: We have to make sure that we keep our present funding and find ways to increase it if necessary. We have to provide adequate funding to provide safe and secure, up to date schools. To ensure that our educators are the best we can provide for our children, we have to come up with the funding for competitive wages and benefits. I will work locally and with the state to provide what is needed.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Incentives. Work with the state (Governor's Office has had great success) to find ways to provide incentives to bring/keep technological & commercial business opportunities to our county. Work with them to find ways to utilize open commercial space. Support small businesses, which provide mid level employment. Support technology transfer opportunities, which grow new businesses

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We need to work in conjunction with our state representatives to find ways to offer developers incentives to provide more workforce & affordable housing in our county. Work with developers to provide a percentage of their developments to provide this. Our Planning Commission has seen only a few of these opportunities. Our development district, with its high density zoning, is the place for this

INFRASTRUCTURE: I have tried from my seat on the Planning Commission to get MDOT/SHA/DPW more involved and aware of the traffic problems that impact our county. It's of local and statewide importance that we provide the road system, and oversight of its completion, that is needed to protect our county's investment in Pax River NAS. I will be in

Annapolis as often as necessary to make sure our message is heard.

St. Mary's County Commissioner District 1

DUTIES: The Board of Commissioners exercises both executive and legislative powers granted to it by the laws of Maryland, though the Maryland General Assembly retains power to adopt laws applying specifically to St. Mary's County. The Commissioners adopt a budget for all county functions, including education, fire protection, and road maintenance. They also appoint a County Administrator who oversees the work of county agencies.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Each Commissioner represents one of 4 council districts, but all voters in the County get to vote for the candidates from all districts.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **BUDGET:** What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased? **DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools? **EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

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

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

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a graduate of the Citizen Academy and a member/former chair of the Commission for People with Disabilities, I have a strong familiarity with county government. I have a BA from Salisbury University in Political Science and History and an MBA from The College of William and Mary, and my career as a financial analyst is to help manage budgets (funded by taxpayers) in the millions of dollars.

BUDGET: The county government employees work hard and provide exceptional services to residents using tight budgets. Before any programs are decreased I would need to do a careful analysis of the success of the program, the usage by county citizens, and the funding requirements/sources for the program. The budget is a delicate balance and I am impressed and proud of the great work of our county staff.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: It is vitally important before making any changes to land use policy to examine any impacts it would have on property owners. St. Mary's County must continue to work closely in partnership with the base in order to ensure air space is protected in the AICUZ. We need to remain as flexible as possible to encourage creative use of the AICUZ space and help with revitalization in Lexington Park.

EDUCATION: The key to a good relationship between the Commissioners and the Board of Education is open communication. I will advocate that the funding for the BoE budget be the first area discussed in the budget process, not the last. The running of the school system is the responsibility of the elected BoE, not the commissioners, and I intend to respect that division of responsibilities.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I will rely on the Dept of Economic Development's Strategic Plan to Build an Innovation Driven Economy. I applaud the decision to create a more flexible economic development board. In all decisions I want to be conscious of any impact to our heritage of farmers and watermen. I am excited about the push to make a center of excellence for UAS and the expansion of the airport as a business hub.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Affordable housing is an important concern for St. Mary's County with critical ripple effects to our local economy. One excellent way to increase the availability of affordable housing is through the use of the Affordable Housing Project Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement. The idea is that a developer will build affordable housing on vacant property in exchange for future discounted property tax.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Traffic congestion is a huge infrastructure problem in our county. 1st, complete FDR Boulevard, something that should have been completed years ago. 2nd, I fully support Sheriff Cameron's re-instituting the Traffic Safety Council and will help to implement the recommendations in their strategic traffic safety plan. 3rd, work closely with our state delegation to advocate for a replacement bridge.

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QUALIFICATIONS: i have worked campaigns for other candidates. I have followed the policies of county government for a long time.

BUDGET: Increase Education, School Safety, Law Enforcement Budgets

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: i would like to see time lines shorten for building

permits. I also would like to see more inspectors. **EDUCATION:** Increase budget for more teachers.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The county could give temporary tax breaks for new business or for new housing projects.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The county government should not be a landlord. County government could offer temporary tax breaks for housing developers.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I would like to see more public transportation. I would like to see traffic light adjustment for high traffic times . I would also like to see better road maintenance.

St. Mary's County Commissioner District 2

DUTIES: The Board of Commissioners exercises both executive and legislative powers granted to it by the laws of Maryland, though the Maryland General Assembly retains power to adopt laws applying specifically to St. Mary's County. The Commissioners adopt a budget for all county functions, including education, fire protection, and road maintenance. They also appoint a County Administrator who oversees the work of county agencies.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Each Commissioner represents one of 4 council districts, but all voters in the County get to vote for the candidates from all districts.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **BUDGET:** What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased? **DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools? **EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

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

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

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: A 55 year resident of St Mary's County, attended Piney Point Elementary, Esperanza Middle and Great Mills High schools. Graduated from St Mary's College of Maryland and owned/operated a small business in the County for 37 of it's 53 years in business. My service to the County includes, St Mary's County Planning Commission, Board of Education, Zoning Board of Appeals and County Commissioner.

BUDGET: With current challenges facing the Board of Education, the budget for school safety should be increased and the negotiated teacher agreement should be funded. The Sheriff's budget needs close review to make sure allotted funding meets the needs of making our County safe. The Homestead Tax Credit should be reduced from 5% to 3% to benefit more seniors and homeowners on fixed incomes.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: County completed a study of the land use polices in a document called the Zucker Report. This report contained over 200 recommendations to improve the process. The current timeline for permit approvals is to long and to cumbersome. The process needs to be more user friendly to the average citizen and not require the use of professional engineers and surveyors who drive up the costs of permits.

EDUCATION: The County already funds public education above State required levels but more funding is necessary due to safety challenges and attracting and retaining qualified teachers and staff. The current Board of Commissioners have raised per pupil funding from last in the State up five notches to 19th. While 19th is not acceptable it is better than 24th and a step in the right direction. We can do more.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The County currently provides a tax incentive for companies who expand or open new businesses that create 10 or more new jobs. These tax incentives will keep companies from leaving the area and encourage job expansion. Streamlining the permit process to gain faster approval of commercial properties will create jobs faster. Expansion of educational opportunities at CSM and Higher Ed Center too.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The County currently has 10 PILOT programs that reduce property taxes if property owners commit to lower rents for county residents. These programs insure housing for teachers, deputies, young professionals starting out the careers and other groups affected by the high costs of living in the county. This is another process that needs streamlining and faster approvals as rents are to high for most.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Completion for FDR Blvd is a priority to ease traffic congestion on MD

RT235. FDR will provide an alternative route in case of disruptions on RT235. Improved bus transportation in the County and on NAS Patuxent River will reduce traffic on State and County roads. Thomas Johnson bridge replacement, improvements to RT235/4 and RT5/Great Mills road intersections are top priorities too.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a retired federal government employee, I have worked in many capacities. As a Federal Business Financial Manager, I efficiently administered programs and policies, effectively execute budgets, and proficiently manage people. Volunteering on county boards and commissions have prepared me for the role of a County Commissioner.

BUDGET: I do not believe in arbitrarily decreasing funds in one program to increase another. I believe in reviewing and understanding an entire budget, its purpose and the associated requirements before making a very educated and agreed to budget decision that affect every program.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: It is essential to protect our rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Growing up in St Mary's County, I understand the importance of the waterways to our area. For decades the waterways and Chesapeake Bay have been the primary source of income to many families. Storm water inspections is an area for stiffer control measures.

EDUCATION: As a Commissioner, I will insist upon higher recruitment standards. The children of St. Mary's County deserve the opportunity to receive a high quality education and our children deserve an opportunity to learn in a safe environment. I will also work to ensure our educators and support personnel are fairly compensated.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Economic development and growth is critical to Southern Maryland. We cannot totally depend on the Naval Air Systems Command for economic sustainability. I will work as a team member of the Board of County Commissioners to seek diverse economic development opportunities to create future jobs and economic growth.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Eliminating substandard housing and homelessness is a must for St. Mary's County. I will work with public and private homeowner partnerships to build and upgrade homeless shelter to 21st Century standards and secure affordable homes. I will push for home buyer education, counseling, and financial capability workshops.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Traffic congestion is an issue I will address additional commuter bus services with inter-connections; additional park and ride areas for ride sharing, particularly for those commuting to/from the southern corridor of the county (California/Lexington Park areas); Long range improvements include discussions with neighboring counties for support of a Light Rail System.

St. Mary's County Commissioner District 3

DUTIES: The Board of Commissioners exercises both executive and legislative powers granted to it by the laws of Maryland, though the Maryland General Assembly retains power to adopt laws applying specifically to St. Mary's County. The Commissioners adopt a budget for all county functions, including education, fire protection, and road maintenance. They also appoint a County Administrator who oversees the work of county agencies.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Each Commissioner represents one of 4 council districts, but all voters in the County get to vote for the candidates from all districts.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **BUDGET:** What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased? **DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools? **EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

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

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

Candidates

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John O'Connor Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: A graduate of The Johns Hopkins University and 18 years of public service through the US Army, local, and County Service. My service as a County Commissioner has also given me the knowledge and understanding of the dynamic needs of St Mary's County. All of this knowledge, understanding, and life experience allows me to keep a balanced approach to keeping a responsible future for our County

BUDGET: Non-Profit Funding (Increase), Public Safety (Increase), School Systems (Increase), Roadway improvements and vital infrastructure (Increase). I do not see how any of the vital functions of County Government could be decreased without the quality of service to our citizens suffering. Increasing in one area means balancing in less critical areas to avoid tax increases.It also means accountability.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I have worked hard to ensure we maintain our rural legacy while keeping in line with planned and managed growth. If this was three years ago I would have a list a mile long, but significant changes to Land Use and Growth Management have been implemented. We have preserved more land than any other county in the State of Maryland. Growth will happen, but It's how you manage the growth that counts.

EDUCATION: I am currently working on a comprehensive tax reform package for St Mary's County that will help support the school systems long-term mission, negotiated association agreements. This will call for Tax cuts, Fee cuts, consolidation, and realigning how funds are allocated to support the school systems budget. This will ensure BOE is directly responsible to the people of the county for spending.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The current board has taken an aggressive approach to economic development. Offering the first tax break incentive package for businesses that move to the county and we have leveraged our aviation/technology ability to target those rapidly growing industries. This board has created the first technology incubator located at St Mary's Airport and empowered our staff to take bold steps for job growth

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Ensuring affordable and safe housing is important. I will continue to work diligently with our industry partners, non-profit groups, and the St Mary's Housing Authority. The housing options and programs they offer have been invaluable. This board of commissioners has issued millions in tax credits to help affordable and sustainable housing programs that also serve neighborhood revitalization.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Since taking office I have supported and aggressively pushed for the completion of FDR Blvd. I am proud to say it will be finished in just under two years. Opening a major roadway that was long overdue. I will continue improving our STS transportation system as our ridership is growing. I have always been an advocate of fixing our outdated infrastructure. I will never kick the can down the road.

Clarke Guy Unaffiliated Candidate

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QUALIFICATIONS: Born & raised here w/ Pride Inside! A lifelong public servant, a retired USAF CMSgt(E9) w/ 24+ yrs of ldrshp development & exp, to include running multi-million dollar prgms, an MBA, Grad of Citizens Academy, mbr of Planning Commission, 2 County focus grps, KofC, Vets of Helen, VFW, Amer Legion, Moose Ldg & Pres of Lions Club. My involvement w/in our county & mil exp have prepared me to serve you.

BUDGET: We do not have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem. 3 prgms w/in the Budget everyone agrees on; Good Schools, a Strong Sheriff's Office & Effective County

Services, especially our emerg mgmt dept, including our Fire and Res vols. More incentives to keep our most valued partners. More Public/Private partnerships to find savings & give tax dollars back to our citizens w/ property tax cuts.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Preservation of the rural areas in the county is a must, w/ over 400 miles of shoreline we must protect. However, we cannot do it on the backs of our property owners. Adjust the minor subdivision and farmstead planning & zoning ordinances to allow affordable housing in areas where additional infrastructure would not be needed for some time. Work with the State to repeal the Septic Law of 2012

EDUCATION: Partner w/ the Brd of Ed & the Supt to understand the burdens the State & Federal governments have placed on our school system. Hold the elected officials & school administrators accountable w/out being condescending or obstructive. Increased understanding of the unfunded mandates will bring respect & pride back into our system thru our children's achievements & greater parental participation.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: More Private/Public partnerships can create jobs. Be better at supporting small business through tax incentives & land use ordinances to create more jobs. Entice other Public Agencies (State & Federal) to operate w/in our County. Reducing the Property tax below constant yield will further entice larger corporations to move operations to our County & garner support for skilled residents to thrive.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Planning Commission has consistently provided for variances to building affordable housing complexes w/in the Developmental District. Adjust our land use ordinances to encourage this needed development. Adjusting the minor subdivision & farmstead planning & zoning ordinances will allow affordable housing in areas where additional infrastructure may not be needed for some time. It's a win-win.

INFRASTRUCTURE: FDR Blvd must be completed as soon as possible. We cannot rely on developer financed projects, we must direct development where it's suitable & provide infrastructure. Our county is relied upon to be a State bill payer & not a receiver of State funded infrastructure that our county needs & deserves. We must develop our own way ahead, using our own county roads. Expand our bus routes & bike lanes.

St. Mary's County Commissioner District 4

DUTIES: The Board of Commissioners exercises both executive and legislative powers granted to it by the laws of Maryland, though the Maryland General Assembly retains power to adopt laws applying specifically to St. Mary's County. The Commissioners adopt a budget for all county functions, including education, fire protection, and road maintenance. They also appoint a County Administrator who oversees the work of county agencies.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Each Commissioner represents one of 4 council districts, but all voters in the County get to vote for the candidates from all districts.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **BUDGET:** What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased? **DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools? **EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Todd B. Morgan Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I will be serving a third term as a County Commissioner. I thoroughly understand our budget process and have strong working relationships with our County employees, local businesses and civic leaders. I understand the complimentary relationship of the base and the community having worked there for 40 years.

BUDGET: I don't see any program decreases forthcoming. I will be supporting an increase to our Recs and Parks budget to establish a regional outdoor sports complex in the Lex Park/California area to support our growing youth sports programs. I will work to find efficiencies in government operations, adequately staff our departments and fill existing vacancies with experienced personnel.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need a clearer and better streamlined process. Time to get permits needs to be reduced and establish better coordination within departments. Adopt zoning regulations for the Lexington Park Development District that will incentivize developers to invest in the downtown and Great Mills Road area. Need to ensure our mapping tools align with zoning

EDUCATION: School funding is a complicated issue dealing with County, State and Federal monies and laws. I will continue to work with our BOE to provide a right sized school system that not only supports our students but also our teachers and staff. I am committed to school safety programs.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We are fortunate to have the Navy installations that provide a significant portion of well-paying high tech jobs and provides the base of our overall local counties economy. We are working aggressively to expand our non DOD markets particularly at our county airport. We are also working hard to expand opportunities in the trade, health care and tourism industries.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I am an advocate to expand the availability of affordable housing across the County. We need to help our teachers, law enforcement, health care and entry level persons find homes to or own or to rent. We need to reexamine mixed use models to encourage more affordable housing units particularly in our development and town centers.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Completing FDR Blvd. is my top priority. I will work with our delegation to find funds to complete the Great Mills Rd. / Rt. 5 intersection and address the growing problems in the Charlotte Hall/Mechanicsville area. Transportation funding is a function of local, state and federal programs. There are numerous public facility issues that will need to be addressed.

Judicial Offices

Judge in Court of Special Appeals (At-Large)

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

SALARY: 168,633 annual base.

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

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

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **DISCRIMINATION:** How can the courts address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

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

Candidates

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

Donald E. Beachley

No response received by deadline.

Matthew J. Fader

No response received by deadline.

St. Mary's County Offices

St. Mary's County Treasurer

DUTIES: The Treasurer is responsible for collection of the majority of all county funds, has custody of and disburses County funds such as: county property taxes, personal property taxes, revenues from permit fees, land-fill income, water and sewer payments, gambling and liquor license fees. Acts as agent of the State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the registration of motor vehicles.

TERM: Four (4) years as specified in public local law.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

The Issues

- **1. QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
- **2. CHALLENGES:** What do you see as the most important challenge for this office in the next year, and how would you address it?
- **3. OUTREACH:** Should this office work to increase public understanding of the income-based property tax credits that are available to low-income County residents? If yes, how?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Christy Kelly Republican Party

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- **1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I have spent this past term meeting the challenge of the office of the Treasurer. This has included learning two separate tax systems to transition the tax office to our new tax system. I have effectively worked with multiple state and county government departments to efficiently manage our daily work. Each day's goal is to provide the best customer service to the citizens of St. Mary's County.
- **2. CHALLENGES:** My office is looking at a transition in staffing. Several employees are at the end of their careers. With these next four years the face of my office will be very different. Overcoming the transitions in training these new employees will be the most important challenge for this office. I am looking forward to instilling outstanding customer service skills, and diligent accuracy in account keeping.
- **3. OUTREACH:** Yes! I am working closely with the Office of Aging and Human Services to publish our Senior Tax Credit application. We have a new consolidated application for these Senior Credits which will simplify the process. The Homeowners Tax Credit application is available via my website and my staff has been trained to council customers at our service counter.

St. Mary's County State's Attorney

DUTIES: The State's Attorney prosecutes any cases in St. Mary's County in which the State may be interested. St. Mary's County State's Attorney Office has four Divisions: Circuit Court: Criminal Division, Circuit Court: Child Support Division, Circuit Court: Juvenile Division, and District Court Division.

TERM: Four (4) years. * Must be a member of the Maryland State Bar Association.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you implement to prevent discrimination in law enforcement?

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

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: How will you address the problems of domestic violence? **OTHER PRIORITIES:** In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Richard D. Fritz Republican Party

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Campaign Facebook: http://Richard Fritz State's Attorney

No response received by deadline.

St. Mary's County Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the office that performs many administrative duties for the Circuit Court, including the maintenance of court records. Other duties include recording of deeds and collecting taxes and fees based on property transactions, issuing licenses for fishing, hunting, sales of liquor and marriage. The Clerk also performs civil wedding ceremonies and processes passport applications.

TERM: Four (4) years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **AREAS OF NEED:** What are the areas of greatest need in the Clerk's office and how would you address them?

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Debbie Mills Burch Republican Party

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St. Mary's

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have almost 29 years of service to the State of MD all revolving around customer service, starting with the MD State Police as a dispatcher, Exec. Admin. Asst. to Dir.(s) at DSS and the last 14 years with MD Judiciary as a courtroom, juvenile, criminal, civil and jury clerk. I am experienced in a wide variety of admin. duties, court functions and procedures and customer service.

AREAS OF NEED: The Clerk's Office is a great office. As with any State of Maryland Office, we can always use the newest in technology and updated technology/equipment. I would make sure that we can continue to obtain/maintain all updated programs, equipment and training as needed.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I want to continue to provide knowledgeable and accurate information in a prompt, professional and courteous manner all while maintaining the highest integrity of the Clerk's Office and its staff.

PRIORITIES: Maintaining its integrity and customer service.

Faye Wheeler Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: 25 years experience within the St. Mary's County Clerk's Office. Hired by Evelyn Arnold as Deputy Courtroom Clerk. In 2009, Clerk Joan Williams advanced my role to Lead Judicial Worker for all departments (Civil, Criminal, Juvenile and Jury). In 2013, I became Acting Supervisor for Criminal, Juvenile and Jury departments. In June 2013, I became permanent supervisor and still hold that position.

AREAS OF NEED: Making Odyssey/MDEC e-filing system more user friendly for all staff, pro-se litigants, attorneys, State's Attorney and their staff. Work with the Maryland Judiciary and Administrative Office to review available resources to the Clerk's Office to keep qualified personnel.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I will ensure all Clerk staff deliver the highest level of professional, courteous & efficient service to the public. It's important that all personnel receive ongoing training pertaining to their position as well as being cross trained throughout the Clerk's Office.

PRIORITIES: I want to instill leadership skills across the Clerk's Office to enhance professional growth. I have a passion for learning new things and challenging myself. I care about the quality of work, integrity of the office and the public we serve.

St. Mary's County Register of Wills

DUTIES: The Register of Wills is responsible for administration of all estates. Admits wills to probate; appoints Personal Representatives; audits accounts; determines/collects fees, costs and

State inheritance tax; maintains all records and a depository for Wills of the living. Acts as Clerk to the Orphans' Court.

TERM: Four (4) years.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **AREAS OF NEED:** What are the areas of greatest need in the Orphans' Court system and how would you address them?

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Phyllis A. Superior Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I began working in the Office of the Register of Wills in May 2003. In December, 2010 I was appointed Chief Deputy/Administrator. During my 15 years working in the office I have overseen every aspect of the office. Prior to my employment with the Register of Wills, I was employed as a Paralegal for the Law Offices of Karen H. Abrams for seven years.

AREAS OF NEED: As the population in the county increases, the number of contested estates has grown. As the clerk to the Orphans' Court, I plan to work hard to ensure that the hearings are scheduled and adjudicated in a timely manner. Along with my staff, I will strive to provide assistance to the families who have lost a loved one deal with the complexities of the probate process.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: As Register I will offer public speaking and educational services to the community. I would like to educate the public of the vast resources of estate records maintained in our office and assist them in their genealogy research. I will work with the Maryland Register of Wills Association for continued improvement in the services offered to our constituents such as the online estate search.

PRIORITIES: I look forward to providing the citizens of St. Mary's County the same efficient, professional and caring service that I have provided for the past 15 years and continuing the tradition of outstanding public service that the Register of Wills office is known for.

St. Mary's County Judge of the Orphans' Court

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

TERM: Four years, no term limits.

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

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **DISCRIMINATION:** How can the courts address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

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

Candidates

Vote for up to 3.

Albert "Allie" Babcock Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a current incumbent I have held this position for the past four years. I have presided over dozens of probate court hearings, working with the St. Mary's County Register of Wills, family law attorneys and families of the deceased. Prior to that, I spent most of my career as a Safety Specialist at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, which required extensive research on laws and regulations.

DISCRIMINATION: I firmly believe that there should be no discrimination in any court system. If judges would just look at the statue of Lady Justice; she holds the scales and is blindfolded. Judges need to weigh the evidence before them and be blind to people's race, gender, religion, disability or poverty in cases that come before them.

COURT NEEDS: I have already successfully petitioned the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for technology advancements for the Orphans Court Judges and the board funded new laptop computers which were sorely needed. In my next term, I would encourage our supporting staff to attend more events for senior citizens to ensure that seniors complete a will on behalf of their families.

Bill Mattingly Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have four years experience as a Judge of the Orphan's Court. I very much enjoy helping people navigate through this difficult and stressful time in their lives. I am uniquely qualified to understand the delicate balance that is needed to make decisions related to this process. In the end the Will of the decedent is what must be adhered to. I believe common sense must also be used.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination has no place in the process. The facts of the Will should prevail. There must be no hidden agenda when administering the law. However, we are placed in this position to help everyone regardless of their race, gender, religion, disability or poverty. I adhered to these principles on the bench and will continue to do so.

COURT NEEDS: I served for four years and found the office and the staff to be very qualified. That being said, I do feel more training for the staff is needed to keep them current. Also, Judicial and probate continuing education is always needed. St. Mary's County is growing and with that comes more workload. The staff and the judges must always participate in continuing education for their positions.

Michael R. White Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: Orphans Court oversees the distribution of property for a deceased person's estate and can include surviving family members, organizations, the State, and sometimes orphans, widows, and other vulnerable persons. As a retired Maryland State Police Detective, I am trained to protect the public against fraud and abuse. I also have four years experience serving as an Orphans Court Judge

DISCRIMINATION: The Maryland Administration of the Courts require all judges in the state to attend classes to eliminate discrimination based on race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, marital or familial status, sexual orientation, genetic information, physical or mental disability, and age. All courts need to see, treat, and render decisions without allowing any discrimination.

COURT NEEDS: The most important thing needed by the Orphans Court are judges that can combine knowledge of the law with the ability to work through family problems, during the worst of times for those families and friends and loved ones. Careful election and then appointment of those kind of judges will best support the role of the Maryland Orphans Court.

Deborah J. Curtis Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: The Orphans' Court is a probate court and its main function is to preside over the administration of estates and wills. As a former banker, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), and a Paralegal Specialist for the Navy, I know how the court system and the laws work in the real world.

DISCRIMINATION: I will treat all citizens with dignity and respect while professionally interpreting the law.

COURT NEEDS: The Court needs diversity and as a woman, I can bring a different perspective to the court.

Julie Randall Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am married, have 3 children and 2 grandsons and have lived in St. Mary's County over 40 years. I recently retired as a Government Contractor, responsible for a \$155M+ organization. I have served as President of the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners and School Board. I currently serve the community as officer/member of many nonprofits and continue my lifelong advocacy for disabled citizens

DISCRIMINATION: Addressing discrimination must begin with the officers of the courts. They must not only uphold nondiscrimination laws, they must believe that discrimination of any kind has no place in our society. They must be a role model for the community in this regard. Officers of the court must be first in recognizing discrimination and working to confront and eradicate it in the courtroom and community.

COURT NEEDS: The Orphans' Court needs educated responsible Judges whose business,leadership and community backgrounds support their ability to act as probate in St. Mary's County. This includes working closely with the Register of Wills to ensure estate distributions are made to the proper heirs and beneficiaries and carrying out the serious responsibility of jurisdiction over guardianships of minors.

St. Mary's County Sheriff

DUTIES: The County Sheriff is the Chief Executive Law Enforcement Officer for the primary law enforcement agency within the territorial boundaries of St. Mary's County. The Sheriff manages the crime and traffic enforcement efforts, crime prevention and control efforts, and coordinates law enforcement activities within St. Mary's County. The Sheriff has direct responsibility for court and judicial security and overall responsibility for county jail operations.

TERM: Four (4) years. * Must be 25 years of age and a state resident for at least five (5) years.

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by county-wide election.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? **OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY:** How would you reach out to county residents to improve public safety?

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Tim Cameron Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 37 years of progressive law enforcement and public safety experience, and currently serving my third term as Sheriff of St. Mary's County. As a career peace officer I have attended significant specialty law enforcement training, management and leadership courses such as the FBI Command School. I received my B.S.in Management and M.S. in Management from Johns Hopkins University

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: As Sheriff I have broadened the use of social media, our web site, and community meetings to engage the citizens of St. Mary's County. We routinely host and participate in a variety of community meetings with stakeholders to enlist participation in our community policing efforts. The Sheriff's Office utilizes a number of specialty platforms such as NIXLE.COM to securely pass along emergency Info

DISCRIMINATION: The Sheriff's Office commitment to bias and discrimination free policing begins with the screening process during pre-employment, reinforced during our entrance level academy with RITE training, during in-service training, and in our comprehensive agency policies and procedures prohibiting any type of discrimination, or bias based policing.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My goal has been, and continues to be, establishing our Sheriff's Office as a premier law enforcement agency that is responsible and accountable to the

community. We combine long term vision with strategic planning to move progressively into the future. We work to develop a Sheriff's Office reflective of its diverse communities and work with our communities to solve crime and improve service.

What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse? The Sheriff's Office has been a leader in engaging, and educating our community on the Opioid Public Health emergency. Through partnerships with local stakeholders we have held a number of educational summits, forums, and trainings. We support Harm reduction use of Narcan in the community, have a drug take back program, and continue to investigate, charge, and arrest dealers, www.sheriffcameron.

Ted Belleavoine Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: 26 years St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, retired as a Lieutenant, District Commander focused on quality of life issues, crime control. 1.5 years at the LaPlata Police Dept; currently at Calvert County Sheriff's Office. My tenure has given me a multifaceted perspective in our regions law enforcement. Graduate of Northwestern University. I motivate, train and produce top performing servants.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: As your Sheriff, I will effectively address our current quality of life issues. Having developed and participated in the first community policing effort in the early 90's for St. Mary's County, I learned establishing a true trusting relationship between the community and law enforcement is paramount to opening the lines of communication. We all want a safer community for our children.

DISCRIMINATION: The current practices are not working; diversity surrounds us every day, just not in our Sheriff's Office. By ensuring we hire employees from different cultural, societal backgrounds and experiences, we have the ability to learn from one another, enhance our understanding, and serve our community in a more productive, effective manner. Ensuring we are respectful to all cultures within St. Mary's.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Above all I want to ensure the safety of all of our residents; business owners. We must first address the lack of retention, and build our workforce in both numbers and expertise. For the past twelve years we have worked with the lowest number of officers across the state. This causes me great concern as this practice threatens the safety and security of our personnel and citizens alike.

What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse? All our professionals are addressing the opioid epidemic collaboratively. I would expand internal efforts by educating, adding personnel to the current handful of investigators. I experienced the loss of a loved one to illicit drug use, also the secret we all knew but didn't discuss, I feel partnering with our medical professionals and addressing the silence in families will enhance our efforts.

Board of Education

St. Mary's County Board of Education District 1

DUTIES: The Board establishes specific policies that govern school system operations and has authority over fiscal year budgets, curriculum materials, textbooks, personnel appointments, capital improvements, land acquisitions, grant applications, and other policy decisions. In addition to selecting and appointing the Superintendent of Schools, the Board also employs legal counsel and external auditors.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Candidates for this office must live in this district. This is a non-partisan position. During elections (both primary and general), any registered voter may vote for a candidate. However, only contested races (more than two candidates) appear on the primary ballot.

The Issues

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

BUDGET: What areas within the school budget should be increased or decreased?

STANDARDS AND TESTING: How should the national standards for education ("Common

Core" standards) be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: How should our schools address the needs of students who are

not planning to attend college?

TERM LIMITS: For or against? Please explain.

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Rita Weaver Nonpartisan

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No response received by deadline.

St. Mary's County Board of Education District 3

DUTIES: The Board establishes specific policies that govern school system operations and has authority over fiscal year budgets, curriculum materials, textbooks, personnel appointments, capital improvements, land acquisitions, grant applications, and other policy decisions. In addition to selecting and appointing the Superintendent of Schools, the Board also employs legal counsel and external auditors.

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Candidates for this office must live in this district. This is a non-partisan position. During elections (both primary and general), any registered voter may vote for a candidate. However, only contested races (more than two candidates) appear on the primary ballot.

The Issues

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

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

BUDGET: What areas within the school budget should be increased or decreased?

STANDARDS AND TESTING: How should the national standards for education ("Common

Core" standards) be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: How should our schools address the needs of students who are not planning to attend college?

TERM LIMITS: For or against? Please explain.

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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No response received by deadline.

Ballot Questions

Question 1 - Education Funding

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

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

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

[State Board of Elections <u>summary</u> of Ballot Question 1.]

Question 2 - Election Day Voter Registration

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

Ballot Language: Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to allow a qualified individual to register and vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day. The current law requires voter registration to close before Election Day. (Amending Article 1, sections 1 and 2, and adding Section 2A to the Maryland constitution.)

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

[State Board of Elections summary of Ballot Question 2.]

Voting Information

General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Polls Open: 7AM – 8PM

Early Voting for General Election:

Thursday, October 25th, 2018 – Thursday, November 1st, 2018 10AM – 8PM

Hollywood Firehouse Main Building 24801 Three Notch Road Hollywood, MD 20636

Last Day to Register to Vote before the General Election: October 16, 2018 at 9PM

Online Voter Services: You can now register to vote, update voter registration and check your polling place location online at www.elections.maryland.gov.

Voter Registration Status and Polling Location

Check with your <u>Local Board of Elections</u> at <u>http://www.elections.maryland.gov/</u> to verify your registration status and polling location.

Come Prepared to Vote

- 1. Read your sample ballot from Board of Elections.
- 2. Note your polling place location on the front; polling locations change!
- 3. Use this Voters' Guide to become informed on candidates and issues.
- 4. Mark your candidate selections and ballot question decisions ahead of time.
- 5. Bring your completed sample ballot with you

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in public policy debate and governmental decision-making. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. The League offers this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare for the primary election. **The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.**

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No write-in candidates will appear on the ballot but the list of filed write-ins will be available at each polling place.

In most areas of Maryland, the Local Leagues have been able to have Voters' Guides printed for distribution.

The Interactive Voters' Guide, published by League of Women Voters of Maryland is available at http://www.vote411.org.

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