



# Cecil County Voter's Guide 2018 General Election

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## About this *Voters' Guide*

This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Maryland Education Fund. 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 participation in the general election. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for a particular office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates who will appear on the Primary Election ballot are printed exactly as submitted to the LWV. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 400 characters and any additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond by the September 15 deadline, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Additional information on the candidates is available at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) which has any updates received after the deadline.

Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. If the candidate submitted a campaign website, it is listed under her/his name.

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## Voting Information

### Three Ways to Vote

#### Early Voting

Where: Cecil County Administration Office, 200 Chesapeake Blvd. Elkton, MD

When: **10:00 am to 8:00 pm** from Thursday, **October 25, 2018** through and including Thursday, **November 1, 2018**.

If you vote by Early Voting, you cannot vote by absentee ballot or on Election Day.

Cecil County Board of Elections  
200 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite 1900  
Elkton, MD 21921-6395  
410-996-5310

#### By Mail (Absentee Ballot)

You may request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you or sent via an email link.

Apply online or by printing out an application from the State Board of Elections website:

<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

An application for an absentee ballot must be received by your local Board of Elections **Tuesday, October 30, 2018**, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax; or **Friday, November 2**, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website (you must still print and mail the ballot - you cannot return it by email).

If you hand deliver your ballot, you must deliver it to your local board of elections by **8 pm on election day**.

If you mail your ballot, the envelope must be postmarked on or before election day (**November 6, 2018**) and received by your local board of elections by **10 am on November 16, 2018**.

NOTE: If you request an absentee ballot, you will not be permitted to cast an ordinary ballot during Early Voting or on Election Day - you will be provided a provisional ballot that will be counted only if your absentee ballot is not received.

## ELECTION DAY VOTING

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

## ELECTION INFORMATION

***Don't know your polling place? Not sure if you are registered?***

Visit – <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/votersearch>

Maryland State Board of Elections – P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Toll Free: 800-222-8683

Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258

Hours: 8 - 5 Monday - Friday.

***Rumors about the election?***

Visit – [https://elections.maryland.gov/press\\_room/rumor\\_control.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/press_room/rumor_control.html)

**On the following pages, offices and candidates are listed in ballot order.**

Websites and social media information reported as listed on the State Board of Elections unless updated by candidate.

# Statewide Offices

## Governor / Lt Governor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford**

**Republican Party**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.LarryHogan.com>

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/LarryHogan>

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/LarryHogan](https://twitter.com/LarryHogan)

**Campaign Instagram:** [instagram:@LarryHogan](https://www.instagram.com/LarryHogan)

NO RESPONSE RECIEVED

### **Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull**

**Democratic Party**

**Campaign Website:** <http://benjealous.com>

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/benjealous/>

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/BenJealous](https://twitter.com/BenJealous)

**Campaign Instagram:** @BenJealous

**Campaign Email:** [sydney@benjealous.com](mailto:sydney@benjealous.com)

**Campaign Phone:** (904) 891-1843

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

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** I've dedicated my life to service and I have a long track record of securing progressive victories in our state. Growing up as the child of a biracial Maryland

couple who were forced to leave the state in order to legally marry, Marylanders know I'll stand up to Trump's hateful attacks on our environment which disproportionately harms marginalized communities and his attacks on our public schools.

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

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

## **Shawn Quinn / Christina Smith**

### **Libertarian Party**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.citizens4quinn.com>

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/ShawnQuinn>

**Campaign Email:** [citizens4quinn@outlook.com](mailto:citizens4quinn@outlook.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Politics in Annapolis needs a cultural change. When Shawn Quinn is Governor, there will be no special favors. When Shawn Quinn is Governor, he will make our

legislature answer to the people every year. Not just every four years. Shawn Quinn will break the two-party agenda here in Maryland. Shawn cares what people think. People are more important than philosophy or politics or policy.

## **Ian Schlakman / Annie Chambers**

**Green Party**

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**Campaign Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/IanSchlakman>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Comptroller

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

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

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

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

## The Issues

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

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

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

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

## Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Anjali Reed Phukan**

**Republican Party**

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**Campaign Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/mscomptroller>

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**Campaign Instagram:** MsComptroller

**Campaign Email:** [Mscomptroller@gmail.com](mailto:Mscomptroller@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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



## Peter Franchot

### Democratic Party

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.franchot.com>

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/peterfranchot>

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/peterfranchot](https://twitter.com/peterfranchot)

**Campaign Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/peterfranchot](https://www.instagram.com/peterfranchot)

**Campaign Email:** [info@franchot.com](mailto:info@franchot.com)

**Campaign Phone:** (443) 254-6000

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

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

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

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

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## Attorney General

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

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

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

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

### The Issues

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

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

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

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

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



## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Craig Wolf**

**Republican Party**

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**Campaign Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/craigwolf4ag>

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/Wolf4AG](https://twitter.com/Wolf4AG)

**Campaign Instagram:** [wolf4ag](https://www.instagram.com/wolf4ag)

**Campaign Email:** [craig@wolf4ag.com](mailto:craig@wolf4ag.com)

**Campaign Phone:** (202) 415-6732

**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.

### **Brian E. Frosh**

**Democratic Party**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.brianfrosh.com>

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/BrianFrosh>

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/FroshforAG](https://twitter.com/FroshforAG)

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**Campaign Phone:** (240) 479-9788

**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.

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## U.S. Senator

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

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

**Term:** Six years.

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

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

## The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Tony Campbell**

**Republican Party**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.campbell4maryland.com>

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/campbell4maryland.com>

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/campbell4md](https://twitter.com/campbell4md)

**Campaign Email:** [info@campbell4maryland.com](mailto:info@campbell4maryland.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 30 years of government and non-profit experience. I served on a Congressional staff and as a presidential appointee at Social Security Administration. As a

former Army officer, I understand national security issues as well as the need for sound foreign policy based on our national interest. I have real world experience and academic knowledge which is necessary to serve in the US Senate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Ben Cardin**

### **Democratic Party**

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**Campaign Phone:** (443) 865-7290

**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.

## **Arvin Vohra**

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

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

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

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

**IMMIGRATION:** I will sponsor legislation to open borders and end all welfare, including

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

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

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

## **Neal Simon**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The extremes of the two parties have co-opted our government, and

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

## **Michael B. Puskar**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an experienced, tried and true leader. I collaborate well with others. I am not on the take like all other Democratic and Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate in Maryland, who take money from PACs and wealthy individuals, and in return do their bidding, instead of representing the People. I will represent the best interests of all



Marylanders and Americans. Vote Shlikas for Senate.

**HEALTH CARE:** Universal Single Payer Healthcare for all Americans. Our current healthcare system sucks. We pay the most money for our healthcare and we get the worst healthcare of all developed nations. Because our current senators are so corrupt and on the take, insurance and pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and doctors make an exorbitant amount of money for providing horrible healthcare to Americans.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Criminally prosecute companies that discriminate against people based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty. Criminally prosecute executives in companies that discriminate, including CEOs and Board Members. Criminally prosecute members of Congress and the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government, who discriminate based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Include in the negotiations affecting international trade, from the start, all Americans' interests, not just the wealthy and corporations, who own and control all three branches of our federal government. Include environmental, health, and labor interests. Get rid of the Federal Reserve, who artificially set interest rates to benefit bankers and the Wealthy1%. End the War on Plants/Drugs.

**IMMIGRATION:** Stop allowing corporations like Tech and Agricultural companies exploit immigrants by paying them below market wages and benefits, which suppresses the wages and benefits of American workers, through programs like H1-B. Criminally prosecute corporations, executives, and the wealthy who employ and exploit illegal immigrants by paying them below market wages. Stop scapegoating immigrants.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Pollution. Stop coal, oil, chemical, power, and agribusiness corporations from polluting our environment with impunity. Criminally prosecute the corporations, executives, board members, and government officials who knowingly pollute out environment and sicken and kill people. Stop subsidizing corporations with taxpayer money that pollute our environment. Stop farm runoff into the Chesapeake Bay.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We must get the Wealthy1% and corporations, who own and control all three branches of our government, out of power. We must get moneyed interests out of the business of buying our representatives elections through "donations," aka bribes, and publicly finance all candidates with the same amount of money. We must End the War on Plants/Drugs and legalize all plants to reduce overdoses and deaths.

## Lih Young

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** Equal protection, non-discrimination; employment/business/activities;



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

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

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

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

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

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## U.S. Representative

### U.S. Representative District 1

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

**TERM:** Two years

**BASE SALARY:** \$174,000

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

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

### The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Andy Harris**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Having raised my family in the 1st District, I understand the difficulties that face families in today's economy and culture. As a practicing physician, I have first-hand experience with the problems people have dealing with insurers, the high cost of health care and the difficulty finding providers, especially for our seniors. As a veteran, I know how hard it is to find the benefits they earned

**HEALTH CARE:** We have to bring down the cost of health care and health care insurance, which was a failure of the Affordable Care Act. We can do this by opening up price transparency in the health care system, by bringing down the cost of drugs, and most importantly, by re-establishing high risk health insurance pools in which the cost of high premiums are brought down by sharing the cost among everyone.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination in any form should not be tolerated in a free society like America - which was established on the principle that all people are created equal - and should therefore be treated that way. One policy that I support is the conscience protection laws that are unfortunately necessary at the state and federal level for freedom of religion protection.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** The tax reform passed last year was essential in re-establishing America's pre-eminence in the global economy. Lowering our business tax rates to be competitive world-wide will result in millions of jobs returning to the United States. I support the proposals to increase investment in our infrastructure which has fallen so far behind - including public-private partnerships and rural broadband.

**IMMIGRATION:** We have to enforce our current immigration laws while offering continuing temporary legal status to DACA recipients. We should end the diversity visa lottery and shift to a merit-based system like Canada. Finally, we have to recognize that many industries in the 1st District, like seafood processing and tourism, depend on temporary foreign labor - so we have to enhance the H2B visa system.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and an economic boon to Maryland and the First District. That's why I have supported full and continued funding of the Chesapeake Bay Program in the federal budget. We have to work with our upstream states to make sure that progress continues, and we have to come up with innovative affordable solutions to the problems of the Conowingo Dam sediment.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** American defense strength has to be restored. It has languished under the last administration, and that has led us to a more dangerous world situation in areas like Eastern Europe, the South China Sea, and the Korean peninsula. American pre-eminence in the world has to be re-established, as we are the leading force for freedom and liberty throughout the world - much of which looks to us to lead.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've spent my adult life running towards difficult problems. 9/11 led me to study Arabic, teach English in Syria, and join the Army. I served as a intelligence officer and U.S. Army Ranger through four combat deployments to Afghanistan. Afterwards, I worked to identify insider fraud at an investment bank. Our country and our district need leadership, vision, and action - right now.

**HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare is a right. I want to allow any individual or business to purchase Medicare coverage; convert Medicaid into a branch of Medicare, so each enrollee receives equal benefits and states can go back to education and transportation; convert CHIP into MediKids, so every baby receives comprehensive healthcare until she is an adult; and permit Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination of any sort is abhorrent and contrary to our ideals. As an Army Ranger, I fought to protect and defend our Constitution, which ensures equal protection under the law for each American. I support prohibiting all forms of discrimination as I believe this will make our nation stronger and more just. Similarly, I firmly support guaranteeing women's right to equal pay for equal work.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** The next generation of software developers, solar panel technicians, or cybersecurity experts can learn, work, and grow businesses in MD1. Let's invest in tomorrow. Let's invest in solar jobs, MD1's burgeoning ecotourism economy, and technologies and sustainable practices that protect the Bay and allow farmers to increase harvests and more effectively access markets near and far.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need a comprehensive immigration bill that honors our "nation of immigrants" history and protects Dreamers, offer a pathway to citizenship to aspiring Americans, and secures our border. Most people agree with these goals: the only thing stopping us is partisan politics. I will work with any other representatives to find common ground.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Sea-level rise is the one of the most pressing challenges facing MD1. To prevent disaster, we must convert our economy into a renewable one: it's cheaper, safer, and one of the fastest growing industries in country and state. Solar will soon enough be the cheapest source of energy on the planet. We should help fund installations because they provides clean energy and well-paying jobs.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our district's drug-related deaths trend nearly 50% higher than the national average. We must join together—regardless of our differences—to face this challenge. We need a comprehensive plan that includes prevention, treatment, and recovery. To succeed, it must also have buy-in from federal, state, and local governments as well as healthcare professionals, insurers, and communities themselves.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I hold a M.A. in Public Policy. I worked with a non-profit legislative organization in Washington, D.C. I successfully fought against labor law violations for 1600+ workers in NYC. I worked with the Catholic Charities Department for Persons with Disabilities as an advocate for the disabled community. And, now I serve as an advocate for

abused and neglected children in foster care.

**HEALTH CARE:** Repeal the ACA and other Federal interventions while, fostering a stronger health care market encompassing already established innovations (Prepaid Group Plans, Affordable Primary Care, Reverse Deductibles, and Secure Health Insurance). Eliminate federal interference that hinders market innovations. Market innovations promote lowered costs and better access to secure health care.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Government should neither deny nor abridge any individual's human right based upon sex, wealth, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, personal habits, political preference or sexual orientation. This includes supporting legislation such as, the Protecting Girls' Access to Education Act, the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act, and the Accelerating Individuals into the Workforce Act.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Cut federal spending from 21% of the GDP to less than 18% then, balance the budget to pay down the debt. Reform federal laws that impede the privatization of state and local infrastructure. Foster universal savings accounts for families to build wealth without double taxation. And, eradicate tariffs on imports that reduce production costs and promote domestic industry investments.

**IMMIGRATION:** Allow states to regulate and operate their own migrant worker programs. Reform the H-1B visa program for highly skilled migrant workers by eliminating the cap. Restrict noncitizen access to means-tested welfare. And, expand legal immigration opportunities by implementing easier and more affordable pathways to citizenship (current programs can take up to 10 years for citizenship acquirement).

**ENVIRONMENT:** Limit the quantity of emissions and funnel the proceeds from sales to those who are exposed to the pollutants. Eliminate the federal regulatory intervention of renewable energy access. Protect State's rights to regulate off-shore drilling and 'fracking'. And, foster stronger protection for national waterways and air quality.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Combat the opioid crisis by implementing the financial accountability of pharmaceutical companies. Eliminate proposals to utilize taxpayer dollars to address opioid addiction consequences. Offer greater and easier access to alternative pain management options including, medicinal marijuana. Require greater cessation educational programs and options for patients prescribed opioid based medications.

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## General Assembly

### Senator District 35

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

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

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

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

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

### The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My successful career in agriculture (owner, Hopewell Farm) and leadership experience within the volunteer fire service (life member, past Chief, past President of Level Volunteer Fire Company) and other local groups reflect my deep knowledge and strong relationships within these communities, my effective organizational skills and high ethical standards.

**REDISTRICTING:** I served on the 2011 Harford County Council Redistricting Commission. I am in favor of fair redistricting and oppose gerrymandering practices used to give one political party an unfair advantage.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The biggest challenge we face is getting Pennsylvania and New York to assist us with lowering pollution entering the bay. The Maryland agricultural community is already addressing this issue by using best management practices on their farms.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a Senator I will always oppose discrimination. I believe every life is a gift from God and has value.

**EDUCATION:** The more decisions made by parents, students, teachers, and local school boards the better. Children must feel safe while attending school and parents should have peace of mind knowing their children are in a secure place. I support having school resource officers in every high and middle school along with limited entry and exit points into school buildings.

**HEALTH CARE:** The heroin and opioid epidemic. We should focus on prevention and education to all ages, especially elementary school aged children, strictly enforce our laws, ensure tough penalties for drug dealers, hold healthcare providers, pharmacies, and drug companies accountable for proper and safe prescription opioid use, and provide necessary treatment to people who are addicted.

**TRANSPORTATION:** My priorities are to relieve traffic congestion and repair infrastructure that is not up to par. Funds designated for these issues must be used just for these issues and not moved somewhere else.

### **Christopher Randers-Pehrson**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience in politics is greatly rooted in calling and emailing my elected officials without ever getting any indication that my voice has ever been heard. This has been a driving force for me to make this run for office. I have excellent problem-solving skills. I enjoy finding effective solutions to complex problems and Maryland has plenty of problems to solve.

**REDISTRICTING:** I would like to see district lines drawn out by a board of people of no strong political affiliation and without information on hand of voter registrations.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I would like to institute a Clean Fuels program with an Industrial Hemp Farming component. Not only would this reduce our carbon footprint, It would bring a new cash crop to our farmers and reduce our demand for foreign fuels. I would also like to see a higher percentage of our criminals sentenced to community service clean up efforts along our waterways including around the Conowingo Dam.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I believe in Equality and I will fight tooth and nail to preserve the Constitution and our Bill of Rights. The war on drugs has been a futile effort that has negatively impacted minorities as well as driven a wedge between Law Enforcement and the general public. I see drug use as a Mental health issue rather than a criminal problem and I will support legislation that reflects that opinion.

**EDUCATION:** The Casino money issue must be addressed. The people were manipulated and no legislation will slip by like that under my watch. Otherwise, with the internet at our fingertips, our outlook on education has the opportunity to change with the times. Textbooks cost more than tablets and tablets can store several textbooks at a time. I will also keep my ears open to our teacher's recommendation.

**HEALTH CARE:** The health care system in Maryland would be best served to add a stronger mental health element including adopting new ways of treating drug addiction. Maryland would be greatly served by allowing an Ibogaine clinic to help clean up our Opioid, Heroin & Fentanyl crisis.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Maryland should grow our own fuel. All Maryland state-owned transits should be running on renewable resources. All of our busses could be driven on Biofuel that we grow here in our own state, not imported from the middle east or other foreign countries. I would like to see Biodiesel as an option at every pump. Let's get fuel grown in Maryland and refined in Maryland. BioFuel can drive our economy.

## **Frank Esposito**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** • A veteran of the US Marine Corps • Retired Md State Trooper • Former President of the Maryland Troopers Association for Harford And Cecil, former Public Relations Chairman, legislative and finance committee member • Lobbyist in Annapolis for the MTA • Assisted in the development of the State Law Enforcement Officer Labor Alliance • Established an endowment at the Cecil College Joseph T Lanzi

**REDISTRICTING:** I do support changes in Maryland's congressional and legislative district lines. I support Governor Hogan's plan to put Maryland's redistricting process in the hands of a nonpartisan commission and stop Gerrymandering.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I support the Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts and a focus on critical issues like the need to address sediment flowing through the Conowingo Dam. We need to



hold other states accountable for the debris and storm water that is coming down to our most precious resource. Additionally, I support renewable energy and would assist our farmers to diversify using these clean energy techniques.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As Senator there will be zero tolerance with regards to discrimination as long as it is in line with my moral and ethical values. I truly believe in the following: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness".

**EDUCATION:** • Zero tolerance for Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation in Maryland Schools. No fiscal Impact. • Improving drug prevention and drug education; extending this to elementary students. Retention of School Teachers by supporting higher salaries using casino and medical cannabis excise tax. Projected medical cannabis sales in Maryland being \$34 mill in tax year 2018 reaching over \$400 mill by 2023

**HEALTH CARE:** • Mental health and substance use disorders are a significant issue. Provide funding for behavioral health. • Work with the Department of Budget and Management to assist individuals who are affected by the state pension reform legislation passed in 2011. Retired state employees eligible for Medicare will be moving from the state's prescription program to the federal Medicare Part D program Jan 1.

**TRANSPORTATION:** • Support the development of a new interchange ramp at the Principio Business Park in Cecil County, funds will come from a US DOT grant and the MD Transportation Auth. • Move Tydings Bridge tolls to an Electronic Toll north of Belvidere Road in Cecil Co. to improve commerce or give tax credits to companies doing business at the park. Encourage more companies to provide buses in Cecil and Harford

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## Senator District 36

**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.

### **Stephen S. Hershey Jr.**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** It has been an honor to serve as your State Senator for the last 5 years. The last 4 years I have held a leadership role as the Minority Whip, I am a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Health Policy Subcommittee, Committee on Legislative Ethics, Oyster Advisory Commission and Rural Healthcare Workgroup. I own a specialty construction company. Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and MBA.

**REDISTRICTING:** To achieve fair representation, reform is essential. The last 3 years, I have joined Gov. Hogan and co-sponsored legislation to create a nonpartisan, independent commission to draw district boundaries. The surest way to end partisan gerrymandering is to re-elect Gov. Hogan to a 2nd term, only then will Maryland's democrat leadership remove this power from the governor and hand it to a commission.

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

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

**EDUCATION:** Maintenance of Effort and costs of teacher pension plans make it difficult for Counties to make budgetary decisions that affect all citizens. I oppose unfunded mandates by the State on the Counties, policy changes must have funding sources. I was a co-sponsor of Gov. Hogan's bill creating a lockbox to ensure money from gambling revenues is used to supplement K-12 education funding not supplant it.

**HEALTH CARE:** Access to quality healthcare and costs are the biggest challenges. I just passed two bills that: 1) creates the Rural Health Collaborative to support Mid-Shore communities and stakeholders in planning a regional health system; 2) will reimburse EMS for providing the non-emergency community based services in our Mobile Integrated Health program. I'm committed to sustaining the Chestertown Hospital.

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

### **Heather Lynette Sinclair**

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

**REDISTRICTING:** NO RESPONSE RECIEVED

**ENVIRONMENT:** Maintaining the health of the Chesapeake Bay, addressing land erosion, the Conowingo Dam debris, protecting farm land and farmers while striking a balance to create green energy policies that help the shore become self-sustaining, cleaner and create jobs are top priorities. We can't pass one-sided policies that are meant to reduce our damage while increasing our energy bills.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Populations that face significant discrimination through our current policies, but remain largely under-represented in Annapolis, are on my platform: women, veterans, the homeless population. I had HB280 introduced and passed; making birth certificates for the homeless absolutely free. I have experienced the failing out-dated policies that reinforce discrimination and oppress certain populations.

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

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

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

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## House of Delegates 35A

**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.

### **Kevin Bailey Hornberger**

**Republican Party**

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NO RESPONSE RECIEVED

### **Jobeth Rocky Bowers**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been either an attorney, or part of a law practice for well over a decade. My role within the profession has always been client service, regardless of the specific legal issue or case that a client has brought to me. The high attention that I pay to client service and satisfaction will be the basis of my ability to serve constituents in my district, and throughout my county.

**REDISTRICTING:** I believe that both congressional and legislative districts should be even and fairly apportioned. I do not believe that an incredibly "gerrymandered" district or set of districts provides for a proper representation of constituency in a given area. Additionally, when the "powerful draw the lines" it detracts from democracy.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I believe that a continued focus on the Chesapeake Bay needs to be in the forefront of any legislative agenda. Additionally, furthering the goal to bring clean energy and as a result clean energy related jobs to the area will be a goal of mine in this legislative term.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I feel that in addition to this listing of potential discriminatory criteria, that we will see an added grouping of those who are in addiction recovery. As we continue efforts to combat the current opioid epidemic, one of the major issues will be curbing the stigma associated with drug use and recovery, and as a result curbing the potential discriminatory practices that come with it.

**EDUCATION:** I would support the new legislation/referendum requiring that all casino profits are earmarked for our education, but would also like to see added money from the general fund allocated to education. I would strive to bolster the programs that were in place to make Maryland's schools #1 in the nation for several years during the previous administration.

**HEALTH CARE:** We have a broken healthcare and health insurance system. There is disarray on the national spectrum, and not enough fixes in place on the State level. I would work hard to bring reasonable change to how health insurance is administered and sold through the exchange so that it is competitive, affordable, and provides actual benefit to our consumers.

**TRANSPORTATION:** In Cecil County we still have the only "gap" in continuous rail transit

in the North East, where our Marc rail service stops short of meeting Pennsylvania's Septa service in Newark. I feel that continued focus on the planning and studies previously performed to bridge this gap are necessary. Funds should come from earmarked transportation funding, and those monies should be appropriately utilized.

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## House of Delegates 35B

**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

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

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

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

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

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

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 2.

#### **Andrew Cassilly**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Served in Army National Guard. Earned Master's Degree from Loyola. Former therapist at the Perry Point Veterans hospital. Served in the education systems for Cecil and Harford Counties as a Teacher, Coach, Assistant Principal. I currently serve as the Energy Manager for the school system overseeing an 8 million dollar utility budget and energy efficiency projects that save schools system millions.

**REDISTRICTING:** It is important for legislators to be close to the citizen whom they represent. Continuous gerrymandering is not fair to the citizens. It defeats appropriate and thoughtful representation on issues affecting their community. I support efforts to design districts around core communities.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Lowering Federal regulations have resulted in our State increasing environmental oversight in construction, industry, and agriculture. I believe we are making

steady progress. Our biggest challenge is gaining cooperation with Pennsylvania to lower pollution entering our bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I have always voted to address discrimination. This past session I supported Sb 528 targets hate crimes based on race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, or disability.

**EDUCATION:** We have many issues facing our schools. Loss of local control, overcrowding, school safety, increased testing, and assuming more roles traditionally held by the family. We have passed many new laws this session to address these issues. This session I supported HB dedication of casino revenues for education as well as increasing funding for our schools.

**HEALTH CARE:** Health care costs continue to rise while health insurance coverage is rising beyond the middle class. I voted to support HB1194 which creates a Drug Cost Review Commission to help reign in the growing cost of prescription medication, as well as in support of fertility preservation coverage and a study to analyze infant mortality rates in rural areas.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Both our rural and urban areas of the County are reliant on our roads and bridges. Our economy suffers from traffic congestion and crumbling infrastructure. I will continue to work to insure that tax dollars intended for our roads and highways are in fact spent on our roads and highways.

## **Teresa Reilly**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served in the House of Delegates the last 4 years representing Harford and Cecil Counties. I was also honored to be elected by my colleagues to be Chair of the Harford County Delegation in my first term. I was also selected by the party leadership to be Deputy Minority Whip in the Ways and Means Committee.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support creating an Independent Commission with district lines drawn in a nonpartisan fashion.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Environmental issues should never be partisan but address by using common sense solutions based on facts with a partnership approach between local, state and federal agencies.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I personally disagree with any form of discrimination based on race, gender, religion, or disability.

**EDUCATION:** I support our teachers and the ability to have the tools necessary to teach. I support apprenticeships programs which allows schools to partnership with the business community. Excellent education is paramount to our children succeeding.

**HEALTH CARE:** Opioid and heroin epidemic needs to be address by all resources that government, nonprofits and religious institutions can assemble. Education of this health crisis needs to be funded so our children understand the peril of these drugs. Courts also need to hold drug dealers accountable so they are not back on the street pedaling this killer to our kids.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I fully support the restoration of highway users fees back to the local government. To continue to fund highway and bridge infrastructure.

## **Ronnie Teitler Davis**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a former teacher, now a small business owner, and a leader in my community: as past chair of the Harford County Commission for Women, graduate of the Harford Leadership Academy and as a leader in my Rotary club and district, I have been exposed to various issues that plague both our county and state. Listening and collaboration is one way to help solve the issues that plague us.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support changes only if they are done with a non-partisan, independent body.

**ENVIRONMENT:** One environmental challenge we have and continue to have is taking care of our Chesapeake Bay and surrounding waterways. We all need to preserve the Bay and we need to make sure our state as well as the surrounding states helps by increasing state funds as federal funds have decreased. We need to continue the ban on fracking and push more for clean energy options.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We as a society should never discriminate based on any reason. We cannot and should not condone "hate crimes" and prosecute to the full extent of the law should one be committed. We need to teach tolerance in schools, homes and places of worship. We need to help lift up those who are impoverished and support anyone who is different from us. I support the policies in place at this time.

**EDUCATION:** I fully support the findings of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education and the 9 Building Blocks for a World-Class Education System. Through the addition of the casino revenue to a healthy education budget, these findings can be implemented. We need to give students options rather than expect all students to attend college.

**HEALTH CARE:** The opioid issue is one of the greatest challenges facing Maryland today. Seeing another overdose or fatality listed brings home the importance of working on a solution. Controlling the number of opioids being prescribed at one time with no renewal is one way. Pharmacists should be given the right to refuse to fill a prescription and should enter it in a statewide database for prevention.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Our roads are in need of repair, however, this cannot be the only avenue we have for transportation. We need to increase spending on mass transit that connects not only the city, but also the city and surrounding counties with one another. Tolls and gas taxes should be earmarked for these improvements and expansions.

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## House of Delegates 36

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

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

**HOW ELECTED/QUALIFICATIONS:** District 36 includes all of Kent and Queen Anne's counties and parts of Cecil and Caroline counties. Qualified voters in District 36 cast votes for 3 candidates. The 3 candidates who receive the largest number of votes are elected EXCEPT that each person elected must live in a different county. Delegates must be 21 years of age, be a resident of Maryland for 1 year, and be a resident of District 36 for 6 months.

**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 3.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TRANSPORTATION:** Locally, it is the Bridge Traffic in QAC and in Cecil it is the toll bridges. The Bay Bridge should be funded by toll dollars along with federal dollars. For years we



robbed the Highway user fees to fund the States General Fund. We need to put a lock box on Highway funds. In Cecil we need to address the access for residents by eliminating the tolls locally.

## **Jeff Ghrist**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Jay A. Jacobs**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a lifelong resident of the Eastern Shore and from a family of watermen and farmers. I am the former Mayor of Rock Hall and am currently a Delegate. I

also own a small business. I have found that my professional and political experiences, and my reputation of advocating for common sense solutions have been well received. It is a privilege for me to represent the Eastern Shore in Annapolis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Keirien Taylor**

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** We must pursue policies to transform this state into a place that affirms the value of its people of color, LGBT, and women. That starts with addressing the five central types of violence waged against marginalized communities: physical, political,

legal, economic and environmental. As a believer in TRUE and UNIVERSAL equality I support all legislation that supports equality. EX: Bail Reform

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

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

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

## **Michael Ian Welker**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

major funding surplus. That money is much needed here in Maryland.

## **Crystal Woodward**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Being born and raised in a working family on the Eastern Shore, my values deep. My parents, retired small business owners, taught me the value of hard work and to do the right thing even if it's not the easiest solution. My work with the American Diabetes Association has taught me to be an effective advocate through consensus building, leadership, and pursuing legislation as a last resort.

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

**ENVIRONMENT:** Maryland has made remarkable progress in decreasing the amount of nitrogen and nutrient pollution. We need to continue to help farmers manage manure, support the extension and upgrading of septic systems, reduce plastics, promote smart growth and development, and transition to renewable energy sources to protect our environment and to promote economic prosperity and job growth.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Under the law, all Marylanders are equal. I am dedicated to protecting the rights and freedoms of all Marylanders regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin through enhanced voter access, advocating for equal pay, supporting marriage equality and anti-hate measures. I will continue to be a champion for civil rights and social justice.

**EDUCATION:** Our students must come first. I support the Kirwan Commission recommendations and the "Fix the Fund Act" enabling casino revenue to support public school resources including new school construction and repair, enhanced safety measures, updated technology and classroom resources, before and after-school programs, trade school and college preparation, the arts and athletics, and teacher retention.

**HEALTH CARE:** Every Marylander has the right to access to affordable quality healthcare and medications regardless of their employment or economic status or age. I will fight to lower the cost of quality health care for all Marylanders including seniors and patients with pre-existing conditions and explore state-funded dental insurance options for seniors.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I am a Kent Island resident who commutes to DC for work so I live and understand the daily Bay Bridge/Rt. 50 traffic frustrations. Every transportation dollar must be spent wisely to improve safe traffic flow and build and fix infrastructure. District 36 must have a seat at the table to ensure that decisions and plans will maximize economic and job growth in an environmentally responsible manner.

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## **Local Leaders**

### **Cecil County Council**

**DUTIES:** The five-member Board of County Council Members and the County Executive

make up the governing body of Cecil County. Council responsibilities include confirming appointments made by the County Executive for individuals to head each principal operating department and individuals to serve on boards, commissioners or committees; enacting the annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, levy the amount of taxes required by the budget and approving budget amendments.

**SALARY:** \$25,000

**TERM:** 4 years

**HOW ELECTED:** Each Council Member is required to live in his/her District. Terms are staggered, so that Districts 2, 3 and 4 are elected in Gubernatorial Elections, and Districts 1 and 5 in Presidential Elections.

### **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?

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## **County Council District 2**

### **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

#### **Bill Coutz**

**Republican Party**

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NO RESPONSE RECIEVED

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** With nearly a decade in the retail and business management industry, I feel that I have acquired through training the necessary requisites to effectively serve the community that raised me on our county council.

**BUDGET:** There are many things that need addressed within the budget, most importantly I believe we should look towards increasing the budget for law enforcement and first responders. I would also like to see more funding towards improving our roadways and public transportation expansion. These can be achieved by shifting funding in the annual

budgets around.

**DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** Cecil County is in a good spot in terms of economic growth and development. I would like to see some improvement to our digital infrastructure and a little more transparency to Cecil Countians.

**EDUCATION:** Our children's education is the forefront of the future of Cecil County, I also understand there's a fiscal red flag regarding the funding in the annual budgets. I would like to explore better ways to fund priorities for CCPS without minimizing the curriculum taught. I would also like to see the implementation of more security in our public and private schools.

**EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** This falls directly in line with development and land use, I feel that we're in a good spot in Cecil County. There's still ways to ensure better opportunities for Cecil Countians and I would like to help be a part of it by making it easier for small business owners to set up shop and exploring ways to help folks not only find but, keep gainful employment

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Addressing blight and vacant sites by exploring options or creating programs at the County level to help residents rent or buy homes.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** public transportation expansion is high on the list of what I've been campaigning for along with bringing a MARC/Amtrak stop in Elkton.

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## Cecil County Council District 3

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

#### **Al Miller**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As President and/or long-term Board Member of many significant organizations in Cecil Co (such as County Fair Board 40 Years, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission, Cecil Farm Bureau, MD Farm Bureau, Bd of Elections, Soil Conservation, Parks & Rec Board) I gained invaluable management, business development, and budgetary experiences. Graduate Univ DE. Sales-Ag Industrial Inc 30 yrs.

**BUDGET:** Increase income by expanding our tax and employment base through sustainable economic growth in the designated growth and transportation corridor. Continue to fund an aggressive economic development program to ensure that Cecil is always friendly to new and sound business opportunities. Reduce spending by increased efficiency and reduced redundancy in the delivery of essential government services.

**DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** Install the fundamental requirements of business (water, sewer, natural gas and broadband infrastructures) into the I-95/Rte 40 corridor to stimulate job growth and revitalize our communities. This is critical to reduce future development pressures on our family farms and will allow the agricultural and business communities to prosper while maintaining the rural character of our county.

**EDUCATION:** Our children's future is at stake. In addition to providing a superior education foundation, we must ensure that a safe and secure environment is provided. Our School of Technology is a resource that should be fully utilized. Could be nation-wide model for technical education. Solving our local opioid crisis will require extensive educational



programs that should begin at the elementary level.

**EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** Pursue an aggressive industrial development program to target companies that require a business location in the Mid-Atlantic and provide significant employment opportunity. Our economic development efforts should build on our strengths - promote retention and expansion of existing firms; plus ensure that agricultural businesses prosper and ag remains to be the number one industry in Cecil

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** While a free and open market system will undoubtedly respond to local housing demands as the population of our largely-rural County changes, it remains the responsibility of local government maintain team relationships with each Town, CCPS, Cecil College, CCPL, and Parks & Recreation. Safe, healthy, and active communities are key to affordable and continued residential growth in Cecil County.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** While Cecil has a superior network of transportation infrastructure (I-95, US 40, CSX and Norfolk Southern freight rail, Amtrak and Marc passenger rail lines) county government should work with all its municipalities to provide efficient services. Efforts to create an interchange at I-95 and Belvidere Rd, plus extend the Marc commuter rail line from Perryville to Elkton should continue.

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## County Council District 4

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

#### **George C. Patchell**

**Republican Party**

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://georgepatchellforcountycouncil>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Experience is important in dealing with the county's complex issues.

**BUDGET:** Quality of life issues are important me. Budgets that have those qualities always get my special attention.

**DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** We need to continue to follow the county's Comprehensive Plan.

**EDUCATION:** Additional staffing needs in Special Education need to be funded.

**EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** First is to have a Pro-Business Environment by the local politicians and administration. The second is to provide incentives to businesses to locate to Cecil County.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Affordable houses especially for senior's is important and the county can provide support letters that assist with tax credits.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** It is important to improve the county's infrastructure needs, especially in the growth corridor. This will encourage additional economic growth without jeopardizing our rural character. The county has a deficiency when it comes to public transportation. We must expand the route system to assist as many residents as possible with public transportation.

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# Judicial Offices

## Cecil County Circuit Court Judge

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

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

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

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

### The Issues

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

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

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

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

#### **Will Davis**

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**Qualifications:** I have been on the bench since August 2016 after being appointed by the Governor of Maryland on July 7, 2016. As a judge of the Circuit Court for Cecil County I have presided over all types of cases including criminal, domestic and civil. Additionally I am the judge who solely presides of the Juvenile Delinquency docket.

**Discrimination:** The court can address discrimination by admonishing those who actively discriminate against people. Admonishment can be oral or by sanction such as monetary awards and even through the dismissal of cases. Litigants all need an equal opportunity to be heard in court. It is also my duty to not discriminate from the bench. I have taken a course on discrimination and will continue to remain aware.

**Court Needs:** We need more resources to assist litigants. Obvious resources are related to drug rehabilitation and treatment. But resources to assist people in obtaining skills, education and employment can span into civil cases as well as criminal cases. We have many low income and uneducated people who can use skills to stay out of trouble and to assist in providing for their families.

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

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

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

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

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

### The Issues

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

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

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

### Candidates

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

**Donald E. Beachley**

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

**Matthew J. Fader**

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

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## County Offices

### Cecil County State's Attorney

**DUTIES:** The State's Attorney's Office is a constitutionally created independent agency. The State's Attorney is the chief prosecutor for criminal violations; and educates the public about criminal justice issues, provides training to lawyers for future service, addresses inequality and promote fairness in the criminal justice system, ensures access to the criminal justice system, promotes professional relations with judges and attorneys, and seeks to further the efficient use of criminal justice resources.

**SALARY:** \$134,267

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

### 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.

**Amanda Bessicks**

**Republican Party**

**Campaign Website:** <http://BessicksforStatesAttorney.com>

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

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## **Cecil 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. They also perform civil wedding ceremonies and process passport applications.

**SALARY:** \$112,000

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

### **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.

**Charlene M. Notarcola**

**Republican Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have over 33 years of experience with the court system. I have worked in a lot of different offices within the Court with the last 3 years as Clerk of Court.

NO OTHER RESPONSES RECIEVED

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## Cecil County Register of Wills

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

**SALARY:** \$105,000

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

### 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.

#### "Lyn" Allyn Price Nickle

**Republican Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As an experienced paralegal, I served as your Register of Wills for 16 years and Chief Deputy Register for 8 years. Advanced studies in estate administration, accounting, specialized computer training, mediation and conflict resolution and overseeing proper and timely administration of thousands of estates uniquely qualifies me to handle problematic probate matters and complex estate litigation.

**AREAS OF NEED:** It is essential that the Register and Orphans' Court continue to advance in the area of E-Services to keep up with advancing technology. Electronic courts management systems will save taxpayers time and money. As always, I would serve on statewide committees to effectuate these advances.

**ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC:** Realizing that death is not one of life's planned events, often times taxpayers need immediate assistance. My door will always be open and my staff and I will be ready to serve taxpayers at their time of need. In addition, pleadings will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

**PRIORITIES:** I am committed to continue the tradition my office maintained over the years by providing families with courteous, professional and efficient service. Information will be offered with empathy, realizing that families may not only be dealing with a loved one's death but also, the often-complicated process of settling an estate.

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## Cecil 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.

**SALARY:** \$6,500

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

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

### **The Issues**

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

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

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

### **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

#### **Bob Amato**

**Republican Party**

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NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

#### **Carolyn L. Crouch**

**Republican Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am currently serving my third term as an Orphans' Court Judge. I have served as Chief Judge for the last two terms. We are dealing with people going through one of the most difficult times in their lives, and while it is important to have empathy, it is equally as important to understand the statutes of this office. I believe that I have the experience and knowledge to ensure that this is the case.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The Orphans' Court is a probate court. These issues are not factors in this court.

**COURT NEEDS:** The greatest need is for people to understand the importance of having a will and what constitutes a valid will. In today's world, people can go on the Internet and prepare their will. Unfortunately, we see many self-prepared wills that do not meet the requisites set forth in the MD Annotated Code of Estates and Trusts. Unfortunately, when this happens, the will can't be admitted for probate.

#### **Bill Harris**

**Republican Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** The yrs. spent reviewing facts in Finance, Hospital Admin. & Corporate positions will serve well to determine the matters of the Court, regarding: a decedent's estate, including validity of wills; legal questions of property transfers; approving awards of personal representatives; Commissions & Attorney fees in estates; and determining the guardianship of minors and their property.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There should be, in my opinion, no discrimination involved. The information on each case is reviewed by 3 Judges. Their decisions are based on the Law, not race, gender, religion, disability or poverty. All cases are serious in nature, and should be handled in a manner that secures the Rights & Dignity of all persons.

**COURT NEEDS:** Having not sat on the Orphans' Court Bench, I know not the needs of the Court. But once seated, if needs are found, I'm confident after careful evaluation, I will make the needs known and recommendations will follow.

## **Gary A. Brown**

**Democratic Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Having served for eight years as Chief Judge of the Orphans Court, I am very familiar with the workings of the court. I also served for thirty years in the financial field having retired as president and CEO of a community bank. This service provided me with experience in accounting, appraising and related duties in serving the public.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Working within the framework of the laws that have been established by the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Maryland Rules of Law, for the probate court, avoids discrimination. My professional practice during my service in the probate court has been to follow this framework to the best of my ability.

**COURT NEEDS:** The greatest needs in my opinion for a Judge of the Orphans court is to be a good listener, and serve with compassion and fairness within the framework provided by law.

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## **Cecil County Sheriff**

**DUTIES:** The sheriff performs law enforcement functions, carries out court orders, delivers summonses, and executes bench warrants, and supervises the county corrections facility except in counties where a separate corrections department has been established.

**SALARY:** \$75,075

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

### **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.

## **Scott A. Adams**

**Republican Party**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.scottadamsforsheriff.com>

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://Scott Adams Sheriff of Cecil County>



**QUALIFICATIONS:** Working my entire career at the Sheriff's Office (over 25yrs.) with the previous 4 years as Sheriff has certainly prepared me for the job.

**OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY:** I have greatly improved our community outreach during my past 4 years as Sheriff. The first unit I created was the Community Resource Unit which solely focuses on community outreach and problem solving. I have held virtual town halls, and physical town halls in every corner of Cecil County. I started and continue to develop our social media platforms and pride myself in being accessible.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We have a non-bias policing policy which is chapter one of our policy and procedures.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Continue to grow and improve our agency through training and hiring the best possible candidates.

**What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of opioid abuse?** I assume this is supposed to read, "Cecil County, not Harford County" Also assume it is supposed to say opioid abuse, not abuse? We will continue a three tiered approach with prevention/education, Enforcement, and treatment (working with our health dept. partners.)

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## Cecil County Board of Education

**DUTIES:** The Board of Education hires the superintendent and sets the policies that provide a framework for the program of studies. Work sessions focus on comprehensive presentations and discussions about instructional and curricular matters, short-range and long-range planning and associated budgetary issues. The board is made up of 5 voting members and 5 non-voting student members.

**SALARY:** \$5,000

**TERM:** Four years.

**HOW ELECTED:** Each board member is required to live in his/her council district but is elected at large to serve a four year term. Terms are staggered so that districts 3, 4, and 5 are elected in the gubernatorial election and districts 1 and 2 in the presidential election.

### The Issues

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

**BUDGET PRIORITIES:** How would you rank the priorities of education needs, including teacher retention, class size, and school buildings?

**STANDARDS AND TESTING:** How should the national and state standards be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** What programs will you support to prepare students for employment, particularly for those not planning to attend college?

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** How will you address school safety issues such as gangs, bullying, and substance abuse?

**PARTNERSHIPS:** How will you promote partnerships with businesses and community organizations to improve the educational experience of our students?

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

# Cecil County Board of Education District 3

## Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served as a volunteer in the Cecil County Public School system for almost 10 years. I recently have gained experience serving on the CCPS Advisory Committee, Curriculum Committee, and various focus groups. I believe my experiences as a parent, volunteer, community member and substitute teacher have given me perspective on the needs of our students and families.

**BUDGET PRIORITIES:** Fully funding our schools is imperative for our students and the future of our communities. We will sow what we reap. School security funding is especially important. Parents, like myself, agree that this is a non-negotiable. We must also create engaging, fun learning experiences both in and outside the classroom. We must also attract and retain the best teachers by offering competitive salaries.

**STANDARDS AND TESTING:** Standardized testing should be used appropriately such as diagnosing student needs and providing the best services. They should not be used to make decisions about policy, schools or teachers.

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** I fully believe in the trades. This is a fantastic option for those students who do not wish to attend college. I believe the school system should empower the individual student to do their very best using the strengths and desires they uniquely possess. I support the expansion of tech schools and collaborations with local businesses in training and employing students.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** I believe our students are incredibly talented and smart. Let's utilize their creativity to create programs and promotions that will encourage healthy relationships and healthy living. Our children are our first line of defense. They are aware of problems before most adults. We must develop trust and genuine relationships between the students and leadership (teachers, principles, law enforcement).

**PARTNERSHIPS:** We are better together. I absolutely believe in the importance of community. Inviting business owners into our schools and providing experiences for the student to integrate with businesses outside of the school building will build community.

**PRIORITIES:** I want to advocate for funding for the human element - more teachers (smaller class sizes) and psychologists/counselors to work with the many children who come from broken homes. I want to advocate for school security - secure entrances, law enforcement presence, policies for threats/acts of violence. I want to advocate for expanded classroom experiences - technology, field trips, extracurriculars

# Cecil County Board of Education District 4

## Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a retired Maryland public school educator with a master's in Advanced Educational Leadership from Johns Hopkins and a master's in Administration. I've been a small business owner in Cecil County and chairman of the Perryville Zoning Board of Appeals for over 30 years. I also bring the experience I gained during my first term as a Cecil County Board of Election member.

**BUDGET PRIORITIES:** Improving teacher retention begins with hiring quality teachers who reflect our community values. We must ensure that our schools continue to receive the funding they need to address the complexities of modern education and attend to the needs of every individual student. I prioritize effective class sizes, aptitude specific programming, and modern advanced facilities.

**STANDARDS AND TESTING:** While State and National standards are valuable tools, they do not always effectively reflect the needs and priorities of local communities. We need to assert some local control over standards by identifying and working toward shared priorities while maintaining our commitment to addressing our local educational needs.

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** CCPS has one of the biggest, newest, most well attended, and best vocational schools in the state. We are a model for the state and I will work to ensure that we continue funding this county gem alongside our emerging Gifted and Talented, STEM, and dual college credit programs.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** Student safety is paramount, beginning with our new "safe entrance" infrastructure. But we need to do more for emotional and physical safety. I will continue to promote, fund, and extend administrative, counseling, and student-driven programs already in place, including "DARE," "no student sits alone at lunch," "see something, tell someone" and "ALICE" training--in the event of an active shooter.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Currently, CCPS partners with 60 businesses/community orgs. who contribute 40K to our budget as well as hundreds of hours of volunteer service in individual schools and classrooms. County budgetary cuts are making these relationships even more important. I prioritize these partnerships and will work to ensure their vitality. I also fully support our PTOs, which are active in every CCPS school.

**PRIORITIES:** I take a hands on approach to guidance and support and believe in being visible and present in our schools. In my second term as a Board Member, I will continue to actively engage in dialogue with school boards around the country and bring curricular innovations and research back into CCPS to ensure that we are an inspired and effective leader in the education of diverse populations.

## Cecil County Board of Education District 5

### Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I bring a broad range of perspectives and experiences to the table. I have been active in the school system as a classroom volunteer, student mentor, longtime PTO President, PTSO officer, and substitute teacher. I have also served on various CCPS committees and am familiar with the annual budget process. I have a background in early childhood education and early intervention.

**BUDGET PRIORITIES:** My budget priorities include providing secure and safe facilities; hiring and retaining quality teachers, specialists, and support staff; and providing adequate resources to serve all types of students effectively, including quality extracurricular activities

and athletics.

**STANDARDS AND TESTING:** In MD, the Common Core standards are used by counties to develop a curriculum based on the student needs. In order for students to learn the material they are expected at each grade level, teachers must be trained on this curriculum. I fully support providing educators with sufficient professional development so that they can deliver high-quality instruction aligned with the State standards.

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** I support having strong Career and Technology Education (CTE) programs in the high schools and the CCPS School of Technology. It is important to have a variety of options to educate students and effectively prepare them for the workforce, the military, a trade, or college so they can become productive members of society. Financial life skills trainings are also important.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** We need to consistently review and enforce our policies relating to gangs and bullying, and continue to incorporate age-appropriate anti-bullying and substance abuse education and prevention services in the schools--at all levels. Working with other agencies and funding school staff who are trained to provide mental health services for students can also help prevent long-term problems.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** CCPS has already established many partnerships with local organizations and agencies. We must continue to build these positive community collaborations. Working and effectively communicating with agencies that provide overlapping services and gaining business support and funding as appropriate can help provide needed resources. Networking, combining forces, and advocating for funding is crucial.

**PRIORITIES:** 1) Student safety (both physical safety and mental well-being) 2) Securing and retaining quality educators who can successfully implement an effective curriculum, & having a realistic number of educators, support staff, and resource staff in each school 3) Providing student opportunities for a wide variety of interest levels 4) Effective communication with all stakeholders and the leadership team

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I just want our children to have the best education possible. I believe that standards have been lowered and I will fight to raise the standards. We are competing with the rest of the world and I think our students are falling behind. As I am retired, I will have the time to visit with teachers and students and get their views on how to better and fix things. I will not do this on my own.

**BUDGET PRIORITIES:** The budget priorities should be set with the student's educational needs first. Keeping good teachers is very important. There are times when hard decisions must be made and not just go with the flow.

**STANDARDS AND TESTING:** I believe it is more important that local communities create their own standards because they know better what the needs are rather than federal and state agencies. It is important that we do not stymie creative teachers with national and state standards. We should look at these standards and see if they fit what our children need.

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** We should look at bringing back industrial arts to the schools. We should explore more arts and music classes also. Another class I would like to see would be classes on personal finance and money management, which I think are very important in this world.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** These issues are very important in educating our children. I don't believe that teachers should be armed. Many of these issues need to be addressed by parents also. We must find a way to get parents more involved with their children and their education and in this day and age I'm not sure how to do that.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** We must seek out businesses and community organizations to provide

programs and jobs for our youth. If we work hand in hand we can improve the chances for our children to succeed. In doing this, businesses and community organizations will reap the rewards of better educated citizens.

**PRIORITIES:** My priorities are to improve our educational system with the students in mind, to help them better go out into the world and succeed. If you have a solid foundation to build on, success comes easier. We must start at an early age to build this strong foundation. Each student needs to be looked at as an individual and not as a group.

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## 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**

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.

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## 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.

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