



**Wicomico County
Voters' Guide
2018 General Election**
League of Women Voters of Maryland Education Fund

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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 ballot are printed exactly as submitted. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 400 characters and additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond before we prepared this *Guide*, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Additional information on the candidates is available at 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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Three Ways to Vote

Voting Information

Early Voting

Where: Wicomico County Youth and Civic Center, 500 Glen Avenue, Salisbury

When: **10:00 am** to **8:00 pm** from Thursday, **October 26, 2018** through and including Thursday, **November 1, 2018**.

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

Wicomico County Board of Elections
 345 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804
 Phone: 410-548-4830 Email: election@wicomicocounty.org
 Website: <http://www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/elections>

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:

<http://www.elections.state.md.us/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, 2018**, 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 completed ballot, you must deliver it to your local board of elections by **8 pm** on **election day, November 26**.

If you mail your completed ballot, the envelope must be postmarked on or before general 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>

MD State Board of Elections - P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
Phone : 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) Toll Free: 800-222-8683
Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258

Rumors about the election?

http://www.elections.state.md.us/press_room/rumor_control.html

Offices and Candidates are listed on the following pages in ballot order.

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

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No response received by deadline.

Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull

Democratic Party

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shawn Quinn / Christina Smith

Libertarian Party

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

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

transit over the construction of new roads.

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

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

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

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

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

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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 Instagram: MsComptroller

Campaign Email: 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

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

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

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: As a BPW member, I am proud to be a strong fiscal

watchdog for Maryland’s working families. I have advocated against single-bid contracts, fought for the inclusion of more Minority and Women-owned contracts in the procurement system, and have worked in a bipartisan fashion to instate reforms to our state’s previously broken procurement process.

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

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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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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

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

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

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

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

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

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United States Congress

U.S. Senator

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

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

Term: Six years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year.

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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Tony Campbell

Republican Party

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/campbell4md

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberties for citizens so they are equal under the law through the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th

Amendment. Education Reform is one of the most pressing issues which can help to eliminate discrimination in our country. I support School Choice initiatives for all parents to send their children to the schools of their choice.

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

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

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

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

Ben Cardin

Democratic Party

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Arvin Vohra

Libertarian Party

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

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: The federal government is the biggest polluter in America. Much of that comes from massive military production of unneeded equipment. If elected, I will sponsor

legislation to end production of needless military equipment, and to cease all environmentally destructive military overreach. I will work to end all involvement in foreign civil wars, bring the troops home, and cut taxes accordingly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: Support single-payer healthcare by government, affordable health care. Our health care system should not be controlled by for-profit corporations. To improve quality, affordable health care for all as a fundamental right and should be achieved by the

government. Medical costs should not be shifted onto other programs (e.g., Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries). Promote productivity, accountability

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

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

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

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

OTHER 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 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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: 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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Maryland General Assembly

Senator District 37

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: 40 years experience as a Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist with the State, 20 years as a State Delegate for 37B and 4 years State Senator District

37. Understanding of and expertise and experience with various levels of government and many community organizations. Background in Family and organizational systems theory

REDISTRICTING: Independent commission and I have fought for single member districts as I believe that is the only way that all minorities will be truly represented.

ENVIRONMENT: Maintaining and sustaining the value of the Chesapeake Bay, our estuary, with continued focus on upgrades to our wastewater treatment systems, failing septic systems assistance, investment in sustainable oyster futures and a multi state and business engagement with the Conowingo Dam .

DISCRIMINATION: Inclusion of and engagement with all to promote an integrated approach. Clearly articulated guidelines and a system for a fair while due process. We reviewed and strengthened the sexual harassment policy this year and established reasonable changes. The experience is a good model to use for future . Continued focus on community development that uses an integrated approach and the Two Gen model.

EDUCATION: I believe many of the policies passed this year are significant for Maryland . The constitutional Amendment to assure that future Casino revenues go to a locked box. Additional funds for safe schools and elements of the Knott commission and Kirwin Commission. Innovation for locals to regionalize if desired.

HEALTH CARE: The continued cost of care is a challenge as we have expanded coverage for many citizens. How we shape the community delivery system with the workforce shortages as there are not adequate resources for children and adolescents with psychiatric and behavioral issues in the rural areas. I have begun those conversations to develop that

system .

TRANSPORTATION: Gradual restoration of Highway user funds for safe roads and bridges. Continue efficiencies in the Transportation Trust Fund and the system

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 20+ years experience in public health at the state and regional level and worked with legislators throughout my professional career. I have known what it looks like when a legislator knows the needs of the district and fights for them. I know the business of government: the importance of jurisdiction, funding streams, and permitting. When I don't know the answer, I do know the questions.

REDISTRICTING: I am in favor of districts that are compact and contiguous, and reflect more nearly county and municipal boundaries rather than voter registration, previous election results and office holder's addresses. According to a February Goucher College poll, over 70% of Maryland residents agree.

ENVIRONMENT: To achieve the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint adequate financial support for cover crops and drainage control structures for use by Shore farmers is needed to decrease the concentration of nitrogen. Strengthening the forest conservation act and replacement of priority forests will further sustain and improve air and water quality. Increased reliance on sustainable energy is needed.

DISCRIMINATION: Policies which remove barriers to voter registration and make voting more convenient are important for providing truly equal opportunity for participation in the democratic process. Voter ID bills which continue to be introduced in the General Assembly would achieve just the opposite and must be opposed as a practice that discriminates against and disenfranchises the poor.

EDUCATION: I am in favor of updating the funding formula for State support for k-12 education to devote more resources to at risk youth, those living in poverty and special education students. I am in favor of universal early childhood education programs for 4 years olds. Reforms should be supported through both state and county funding sources.

HEALTH CARE: The establishment and funding of a reinsurance pool will stabilize the individual market place. I support the creation of a public option for health insurance while working on a system for health care for all in the longer term. A state level commission to control prescription drug prices is essential to make this very important component of health care affordable for all.

TRANSPORTATION: Of particular concern to rural areas of the state was the 2010 reduction by 90% of highway user revenues for most jurisdictions. The past two legislative sessions have produced improvements providing increased local transportation aid. I am in favor of continued progress in restoration of the highway user revenues.

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Senator District 38

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: I have spent my entire professional life in Public Service. Most of that time has been spent working constituent issues on Capitol Hill, in the Bush Administration and for Governor Robert Ehrlich, and in the MD Legislature. I also grew up in District 38 and worked in my families business. As state Senator I can be a stronger partner to Gov. Hogan and a stronger voice for all of District 38.

REDISTRICTING: I support Governor Hogan's plan to establish an independent bipartisan commission to address the issue of redistricting. We must empower the citizens to pick their legislators and not legislators to pick their voters.

ENVIRONMENT: We must protect our natural resources and our unique shore way of life. I have constituents who derive their income from the bays, the ocean and the fields and farms. Keeping our local waterways clean is my top environmental priority. I advocated for \$52.9 Million in the FY-19 Budget for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund. I cosponsored legislation to oppose offshore drilling.

DISCRIMINATION: I have always worked towards equality for all. I have also made many efforts to protect those who may have experienced harassment whether due to their sex, sexual orientation, color or creed. As a member of the Women's Caucus, I worked on strengthening discrimination and harassment policies impacting the Maryland General

Assembly, its employees and lobbyists.

EDUCATION: I supported the Governor's historical support of education with an unprecedented \$6.5 billion commitment. I also intend to continue to focus on Pre-kindergarten expansion, teacher recruitment (and retention), and Career and Technology Education. I also support capping tuition rates at 2%, increased funding for community colleges, the Nonpublic Student Textbook Program and the Kirwan Commission.

HEALTH CARE: As a member of the Health Appropriations Subcommittee I worked to protect Marylanders from a 50% increase in their insurance rates with the passage of reinsurance legislation (HB 1795). I cosponsored legislation which passed (HB 1349) that would increase the reimbursement rates for community pharmacists who have fought to survive as drug prices skyrocket while their reimbursement have plummeted.

TRANSPORTATION: My District is primarily rural. I will continue to work to fully reinstate the Highway User funds to Rural Maryland. These funds were depleted and raided through the years and we must restore them to their original formulas so all Marylanders will receive their fair share. I do not support using previously committed transportation funds to bridge the gap when deficits occur.

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QUALIFICATIONS: This legislative session, I sponsored and passed close to 20 bills. They ranged from protecting our coast, expanding access to higher ed, protecting our seniors, and improving public safety. I worked on such a variety of issues because as a father, grandfather, and public servant, I know the difficulties Marylanders face everyday. "Always working for you" is not just my campaign slogan for me.

REDISTRICTING: I am dedicated to fair and equal representation for our citizens through the redistricting process which renders representation reflective of their needs. I want to make sure the all regions of our state are fully and fairly represented in our redistricting process.

ENVIRONMENT: We must protect and preserve the rich natural beauty and resources of our state. I am proud of the many environmental positions and votes I have taken; from clean cars, renewable energy goals, offshore wind energy, and preserving farmland and open space. This year I sponsored legislation to hold oil companies strictly liable for any damages they may cause in the event of an oil spill.

DISCRIMINATION: This year, I sponsored and co-sponsored several bills to make community college more affordable, and to provide equipment to schools needed for job certifications. Additionally, the Banning the Box for Higher Education, SB 543, will help give want to turn over a new leaf and get an education regardless of past conviction, which is often higher among those who grew up below the poverty line.

EDUCATION: SB 1243 sets \$400 million per year in school construction funding as a new baseline for state budgeting, and, in this important time to ensure the violence prevention in our schools, also sets out another \$10 million school security. It creates a new process for the development of public-private partnerships for schools construction, largely developed based on local jurisdictions' priorities.

HEALTH CARE: I've worked with the Governor and other stakeholders to stabilize Maryland's healthcare market and stop rising rates this year. In prior session, I passed legislation to expand access to telemedicine, and continue to support medicare expansion. I

also co-sponsored the Rural Health Collaborative Pilot program. It's important to expand access to healthcare, but I am committed to not raising taxes.

TRANSPORTATION: I strongly support roads and transportation infrastructure in rural areas, as well as urban and suburban areas of our state. I've always advocated for the increased use of mass transit, and seeking efficient usage of all modes of transportation. Through our Senate Bill 516, the Highway User Revenue Funds to local governments will be reinstated for the first time since the Great Recession.

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House of Delegates 37A

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: District 37A includes parts of Dorchester and Wicomico Counties. Qualified voters in District 37A cast votes for 1 candidate.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: In 2014, I was elected as Ward 3 Commissioner in Cambridge, MD. Prior to that, I won election to the Board of Governors in a community the size of Hurlock. I also was elected to the BOD of a large co-operative in Baltimore. I often serve as treasurer for organizations. My career was as an analyst/engineer for the military. I am an experienced real estate investor and hold advanced degrees.

REDISTRICTING: I favor an independent commission to redraw district boundaries after the next census. Gerrymandering by the state legislature should be a relic of the past. Unfortunately, it is not and District 37A is a good example. The legislature clearly drew it to ensure a win by the Democratic Party. Let's take politics out of redistricting!

ENVIRONMENT: Two important challenges to Marylanders are global warming and restoration of the Bay. Maryland is vulnerable to sea rise and would benefit from less use of fossil fuel. Warming is best addressed at the federal level. The water quality of the Bay has improved and we should continue with our programs developed with federal and interstate cooperation as well as private organizations like the CBF.

DISCRIMINATION: There are anti-discrimination laws on the books at the federal level so that overt discrimination is no longer practiced. The insidious discrimination that some practice can only be eradicated by the acceptance of your fellow man as a child of God. Adherence to the Golden Rule would go a long way to resolving this age old problem. Teaching respect and acting respectfully are two useful potions.

EDUCATION: I am looking forward to the report from the Kirwin Commission which is looking at best practices. To implement them, we will need some state funding especially in rural areas. Revenue from casinos and other gambling was to be earmarked for education but has been allowed to be used for general funding. We need to "lockbox" that revenue. Student mental health screening would make schools safer.

HEALTH CARE: A major problem is the rise of healthcare costs which have outpaced the consumer price index. In 1960, healthcare spending was 5% of GDP. Today, it approaches 20%. Some of the increase can be explained by expensive technology, litigation, greed by pharmaceutical and insurance companies, and over-regulation. I would ask the state legislature to create a blue-ribbon committee to find a solution.

TRANSPORTATION: The state needs to restore the historic level of funding from the Highway User Fund to counties and municipalities. For 10 years now, the state has broken its pact with local governments. As a result, local officials have had to delay maintenance and to curtail other essential services. Other issues include structurally deficient bridges (5.8%), unlinked transit systems, and hazardous dams.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I believe that my professional, educational and civic experiences have afforded me opportunities to serve honorably in the Maryland House of Delegates for a second term. Professionally, I worked in local, county and state governments, interfacing with citizens daily on quality of life issues has broaden my knowledge and appreciation for persons from all walks of life.

REDISTRICTING: Simply, make certain the process and outcome is fair and reflective of the population in which Maryland congressional and legislative districts serve.

ENVIRONMENT: Our region, continues to focus on how to alleviate flooding, ensuring water & air quality issues are addressed through environmental designs, citizenry education that improve our quality of life (i.e. seafood & poultry industries, aquaculture etc.). I will work in along with the Chesapeake Bay Trust and environmental initiatives through the Legislative Black Caucus to promote policies and funding.

DISCRIMINATION: Overall, within any community, the strength comes from the people. Meaning that we (legislators) can implement all types of policies but if you don't intentionally build from the grassroots and create an environment with leadership that reflects the community is which we live then discrimination will always be an issue. I will continue to promote, live and support policies for all equality.

EDUCATION: I am supportive of many of the Kirwan's recommendations, ensuring that

schools are adequately funded, teachers are equipped with the ability to be creative, buildings are infused with technology that keeps up with the ever changing times and ultimately work in tandem with local government & the business community to identify best practices in funding and how we can create the space for growth.

HEALTH CARE: I am very concerned about Medicaid Reimbursement Rates that are affecting the options/quality of care for our aging population. Additionally, Maryland is faced with high insurance premiums and it is imperative for the MD General Assembly & Governor to address the long term reinsurance plan & having affordable prescriptions for all. I intend to return to the HOD and be the voice from the Shore.

TRANSPORTATION: Funding for transportation in rural communities looks differently in comparison to other parts of the state. I firmly know that transportation is a barrier to work, access to health care, ability to adhere to judicial & educational responsibilities, which is why innovative approaches to those issues must continue to be on the forefront of private businesses, local and state leadership.

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House of Delegates 37B

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: District 37B includes all of Talbot County and parts of Caroline, Dorchester, and Wicomico Counties. Qualified voters in District 37B cast votes for 2 candidates. The 2 candidates who receive the largest number of votes are elected EXCEPT that each person elected must live in a different county.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 2.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the incumbent representative and a 3rd generation family businessman. In my first term I have listened to my constituents and educated myself on the concerns of our community. It has been a priority of mine to then find solutions and develop common ground with elected officials and government employees in our State. I respect the duties of this office and know how to get the job done.

REDISTRICTING: I support non partisan redistricting efforts that deliver compact districts and give voters fair elections. This is a problem throughout the country and Maryland has the distinction of having some of the most gerrymandered districts in the nation. I join Governor Larry Hogan in demanding politics be removed from the process and in doing so protect our citizen's rights to free and fair elections.

ENVIRONMENT: Our State must continue to improve and replace aging municipal stormwater and sewer systems. In addition we must continue to hold the EPA and States along the Susquehanna river to task for out of State pollution that threatens the health of the Chesapeake Bay. I voted for the FY2019 Budget that provides historic funding levels for environmental stewardship and 1.2 billion for Bay restoration.

DISCRIMINATION: I uphold those policies that guarantee each Citizen the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As a businessman I believe we must honor each persons contributions to society free from acts of discrimination and prejudice. For those Citizens who need a helping hand up, I support those safety net policies that provide safe housing, welfare, and apprenticeship training.

EDUCATION: Control should be returned to local Boards of Education and the classroom must be returned to the teachers free from overbearing State and Federal regulation. I voted for the FY2019 budget where Governor Hogan continues to fully fund every formula based mandate for education. I support a well funded education system that empowers our teachers to meet each child's educational needs.

HEALTH CARE: The Federal Government has failed in delivering on the promise of affordable healthcare. As a businessman who offers these health benefits to employees I see firsthand the financial dysfunction. Maryland should attempt to stabilize the market from catastrophic increases in premiums and deductibles. In the long term the only solution is a system built on free market competition and consumer choice.

TRANSPORTATION: The taking of Highway User Revenues (HUR) by the O'Malley Administration to balance their budget ranks as one of the top issues facing County and Municipal elected officials. These monies pay for local road construction and repair projects. I join Governor Larry Hogan and our House Republican Caucus in calling for the restoration of these dollars desperately needed in our jurisdiction.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am seeking reelection to the House of Delegates. I grew up working in our family restaurant in St. Michaels, which I currently oversee. I have 16 years experience serving as a Counsel and Legislative Director in the U.S. House of

Representatives and three years experience serving as Special Assistant in Governor Ehrlich's Office. I am married and our two children attend public schools.

REDISTRICTING: I support Gov. Hogan's effort to create a nonpartisan commission to reform our legislative districts, which are renowned for being contorted and disfigured. This has been done to preserve political power at the expense of our citizens. I also support single member state legislative districts. This nonpartisan commission could easily resolve these issues, and I support reforming redistricting.

ENVIRONMENT: Our greatest environmental challenge stems from pollution that is dumped into the Chesapeake Bay from other states and from the outdated Baltimore City sewer system. I intend to support efforts to hold Conowingo Dam operators responsible for related environmental damage to the Bay and will support efforts to hold neighboring states and Baltimore City accountable for their Bay pollution.

DISCRIMINATION: I support balanced proposals to help ensure equal pay, diversity in the workplace and affordable housing. While there are disparities throughout society, I strongly support efforts to provide workforce training and balanced proposals that help individuals overcome past mistakes to secure sound future employment. I have also supported proposals to support employment for the disabled.

EDUCATION: I support a balanced universal pre-K program and in my view, gambling revenues would be a good funding option. I strongly support dual enrollment programs, efforts to link education with the workforce to help prepare students, and empowering local school district with disciplinary authority. Finally, I support amending the school funding formula to ensure school districts are treated fairly.

HEALTH CARE: Independent health care insurance rates are astronomical; I support creating a pool for independents. We are facing a mental health treatment crisis largely due to a lack of providers because of onerous credentialing procedures - I support changing these procedures. We need beds for addiction treatment and should utilize obsolete facilities. Independent pharmacies also need our support.

TRANSPORTATION: Our top transportation priority is to restore Highway User Revenue funding to county and local governments. Governor Hogan has started this process but we have a long way to go. Another key transportation priority for our area is to develop a comprehensive dredging plan for our navigable waterways - this will be costly but is possible with the support of our Federal Delegation.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have extensive experience in various industries and am a street philosopher. I spend my free time reading anthropology, history, philosophy, and literature. I debate ideas, not people. I think identity politics has its place and is important to specific groups, but white nationalism as identity has changed the debate from ideas to emotions only. We need to discuss emotions and ideas, not or.

REDISTRICTING: I prefer we undo the gerrymandering. Fair representation should be the basis for a representative government.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate Change. We need a massive overhaul of our system, including our infrastructure, transportation and energy systems.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe the economics of our system causes the discrimination. 400 characters is not enough to address this completely. Discrimination is a problem, and I will be looking to address it on the campaign trail and if I get elected or not. It should be the

duty of all honest people to end discrimination.

EDUCATION: We need to ensure that children are able to get an education in a safe environment, and we need to enact policies that ensure that. This includes being well fed. We also (on the Shore) have an issue with access to broadband. This is an educational issue. My understanding is the funding is available for this, but local officials need to work with the state to see that this infrastructure happens.

HEALTH CARE: Medicare For All with an employer tax for each employee will save companies that currently provide healthcare a good deal of money. If we leave the moral question of "who gets healed" to the unthinking and immoral "free market" than we have sacrificed our morality on a basic level. If we choose to sacrifice our morals for that question, I don't understand why we think we have any morality at all.

TRANSPORTATION: We need a complete overhaul of our transportation system. We have been putting an adhesive strip on cancer for too long. Multiple roads are closed on the shore a few days a year for high tides. These tides are not going to become more infrequent or lower. Climate change isn't going away just because people pretend it isn't real.

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House of Delegates 38B

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SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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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House of Delegates 38C

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SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

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

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: The understanding that we have the technology today through our smart devices that allows the voters to be engaged with the political process. That voters should have a voice to regulate government activities. It is the voters' tax dollars, Rights, and Liberties that are being abused. The Popular Vote has more authority than the entire General Assembly. Utilizing the Popular Vote is our future.

REDISTRICTING: To remove the political parties out of the process. That a separate commission be established possibly one that is separate from the State. That both parties want redistricting to favor themselves. This creates division and only the voters loose integrity. Voting integrity is paramount the evolution of our entire voting system is a must, The archaic methods used today are not secure.

ENVIRONMENT: The restoration of the Chesapeake Bay has not been sufficient. With minimal cost to the tax payers I have a sound plan that will allow corporations to pay the cost. With a caisson system of sludge removal from the Patapsco River dredging is not needed. The reward to corps. that finance the clean up they can develop the underwater mall that was proposed years ago. Toxins leach into our Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: In 2004 I gave over \$14,000,000 of humanitarian aid to my community. Understanding that the poor have no discrimination problems. That humanity simply needs to unite and find the love for their neighbors in their hearts. All religions have a common sharing of the essence of the same Spirit. There is allot of money in religion? Gender is a private choice any law is discriminatory. Race/Americans ?

EDUCATION: I am Appling for Federal Non Profit status for recreational marijuana as a W-12. All proceeds will fund our First Responders, Schools, help eliminate property tax's for the elderly and poor first, then others, and support locally The Ed Tinus Worcester County Orphanage fund. The Orphanage will house a Food Back for the needy. Simply put those who smoke cost us tax payers unwisely spent money.

HEALTH CARE: Dependency on the Federal government to solve the problem of Health insurance cost. Passing the buck does not insure Maryland citizens it groups them into a National pool that only the Providers profit from. The national uniform policies are generic Maryland now has a dependency problem with the Fed. Heroin dealers must face severe prosecution penalties. The users lives are at risk everyday.

TRANSPORTATION: The Eastern Shore is most in need of infrastructure. Our roadways have always been at the back of the funding list. In the event of an evacuation emergency we are grid locked with no where to go. The Eastern Shore needs a 707 Northern Bay bridge beltway system. Thus relieving the bottle necking of the Rt. 50 spans. Including a throughway to the Chesapeake Bridge Tunnel.

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County Offices

Wicomico County Executive

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

SALARY: \$85,000.

TERM: Four year term.

HOW ELECTED: The County Executive is elected at large at the same time as the members of the General Assembly, in Gubernatorial 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?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: After 4 years on County Council and 4 years as County Executive, I have the experience to guide Wicomico in the future with strong financial leadership and cost effective day to day management.

BUDGET: We have to first focus on basics such as Health, Safety and Education Centers to continue to build an infrastructure and maintain our properties that have been neglected for years. Health and the Opioid crisis are issues we must face and work steady to get under control.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Because of restrictions put on us by State agencies we must think forward in trying to connect more properties to a central sewer system, either through agreements with the municipalities that have the septic system or independent of them, if need be.

EDUCATION: As with many of our buildings, the Board of Education buildings need to either be rehabbed or replaced. Again, due to lack of maintenance and improper upkeep, we find ourselves with functionally obsolete properties for the newer educational requirements. This is not to be in addition to Maintenance of Effort, but inclusion in MOE.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: To ask companies to set up shop in our County, we have to have the best County to put forward so they will know they have found a home. Infrastructure in roads, schools, quality of life, entertainment and safety has to be in place. Education is important because we have to have a skilled workforce to accommodate the companies.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Affordable housing is a tough need to cure. What is affordable housing? With a skilled workforce and higher incomes, this will differ greatly from the minimum wage employee and lower educational population.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Know where your population wants to live, develop the streets, water and sewer lines in those areas, set up a plan and stick to it. You can't let your population be concentrated on opposite sides of the County from where their shopping needs are. Unfortunately the past has always been directed by price and availability of land to build these subdivisions rather than good planning.

John William Hamilton

Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: Growing up in a great family as a 5th+ generation Eastern Shore native is my most important experience. Along with that though being an Eagle Scout, 4 yrs

of college on scholarships, work experience, and overcoming personal adversity have all shown me that the important traits of a leader are caring about people, being honest, and doing what's right whenever and however you can.

BUDGET: The only budget item I plan to increase is educational spending to at minimum stay competitive with our neighboring counties. Aside from that we have to fund what is required, but I am dedicated to reviewing every dollar spent, first for necessity and then for best technology and technique. I fully believe there is plenty of money that can be saved in government, and I intend to find it.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I agree with much of the county's land use policies. What I would change is the timing of certain projects which could be done immediately instead of at some point in the future. For instance, fixing drainage and stopping wastewater from being deposited into our waterways from runoff or sewage is easily identified as a fixable problem that affects our environment and could be fixed ASAP.

EDUCATION: Our public schools are at a crucial time in their development. With school safety a top priority we have a responsibility to our community to update our buildings, training, and awareness. Everything that we can do to prevent incidents at our schools needs to be done. Another important issue is retaining good teachers. We need to have competitive employment to retain every good teacher we can.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: New business and new people go hand-in-hand. We need to invest in our community to be able to draw new citizens and keep current ones so we have employees for a growing economy. Investing in county-wide fiber optics, sewer/water, better schools, awesome rec areas, and business incentives will help grow both sectors evenly. Making our community better for ourselves also draws new business.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: It is very important to understand the housing needs of the community we live in. Continuing current affordable housing programs and finding new initiatives is the very minimum we can do. Guess work doesn't cut it when it comes to housing. We need to have a way to customize help received and do it in a timely manner so each of our citizens always has a home or a path to one.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Many public facilities are already being updated or renovated. Proper planning and upkeep could have avoided the need for many improvements. Including room for future growth in projects and doing timely upkeep with a county maintenance team would eliminate later large repairs and additions. Money saved from renovating could then go to new infrastructure instead of the old.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience and record as President of the Salisbury City Council has demonstrated my ability to lead with integrity, experience, and vision. As CEO of a successful company with a budget of over 160 million dollars, I have the experience necessary to deal with the County budget and development of a strategic plan.

BUDGET: Education is the key to economic development, job growth, and the quality of life all citizens deserve. It should be funded above maintenance of effort. I believe that there are synergies that can be utilized to support all towns and municipalities in the County without continuing to increase the general government spending as we have done for the past three years.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: As Maryland's #1 most productive agricultural County, and building on a growing number of visitors to the shore, we must support conservation efforts that protect our small family farms, our forests, river, and water sources. We must also capitalize on State funding sources designed to connect failing septic systems to sewer and water.

EDUCATION: In the past three years, we are the only County to spend less per pupil on education. While money does not solve all problems, there is a correlation between our decline in ranking as a school system and our failure to adequately fund it. Our kids deserve better, and our economy will suffer if we don't fix it. As previously stated, education is the key to economic growth and development.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: There must be a strong push to retain the current jobs in the County while encouraging retention of local graduate entrepreneurs, health care workers, and teachers. This will require close communication, as mentioned above, with the education system. We need to develop a "quality of life" that attracts new businesses to the area.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: In the designated growth areas we must provide incentives that encourage developers to include affordable housing in their design. We must also encourage and support non-profits that rehabilitate existing homes at affordable prices.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Until the HURs (Highway User Revenues) are fully restored, we must prioritize the critical projects that need to be addressed and clearly communicate to all areas of the County so there are no surprises. We must also develop a plan to address the continuing drainage issues as well as failing septic systems in the County.

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Wicomico County Council

DUTIES: The seven-member County Council is composed of two at large members and five district members. The members are the legislative body of the county and are vested with all the law-making powers.

SALARY: \$16,000.

TERM: 4 years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: The County is divided into five councilmanic districts. Each district is represented by one council member who must reside in that district. In addition, there are two council members who may live anywhere in the county and are elected at large. Voters may vote for one candidate from their district and for two candidates running at large.

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?

County Council at Large

Candidates

Vote for no more than 2.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a native to Wicomico county and local business woman, I am deeply invested in this community. I have spent the last decade taking up issues that the community has expressed specific concerns about, such as taxation, public education, representation, infrastructure issues, and business development. Most recently I was voted highest vote getter for the Wicomico Republican Central Committee.

BUDGET: In 2017, a budget imbalance of \$72,886 was recognized and amended and while I support a balanced budget, I overall support lower taxes for residents, as Wicomico is on the higher end of the tax scale for Maryland counties, which impedes business development and jobs. Moreover, I fully support the tax revenue cap, as there is an push to review and repeal it in this county.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I believe that septic laws, development rights, subdivision regulations, and Ag use transfer tax/laws all need to be revisited for the growth and personal welfare of Wicomico county residents.

EDUCATION: First and foremost, we need to ensure public schools are safe and secure, is of the highest importance to the welfare of our children and Wicomico county residents. I fully support local safety officers be at EVERY Wicomico school and funding for such should be made available. I also support local school safety assessments, one entrance access, metal detectors, and anything else deemed necessary.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We know that the government can only do so much to encourage businesses and economic development. However, we do know that tax exemptions for new businesses, grants where possible where an employer can show hiring growth, lower taxes in the county in general to attract people and businesses, as well as minimizing government regulations, requirements, and taxes in general spawns growth and jobs

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I believe in market principles. The best way to increase affordability is to increase competition and help to create an environment of healthy job growth, including higher paying opportunities for local residents, while keeping safe and fair housing laws protected.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to make sure that the gas tax is affordable, reasonable and accountable to the counties in Maryland. That public transportation models are sustainable and not tax subsidized. That our roads are safe to reasonably travel and that if construction is needed, contractors who are hired are held to an accountability and liability in the event of faulty construction.

John T. Cannon

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No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I think the experience that most prepares me for office is the experience learning the people that live in the area. Politicians are servant leaders and I think that often gets over looked as many forget that they are supposed to know, understand and serve the people that elected them. I am still very much in tune with the people and the experience of knowing them is the most essential.

BUDGET: Children are our future and it because of that I believe the capitol improvement project budget should be increased to help create more safe spaces for children to learn and flourish.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: With the extensive worry about the dangers of CAFO's I think the county should institute a bill stating that chicken farms should be built a certain distance from residential areas.

EDUCATION: Education must be a high priority for society to flourish. I want work closely with the board of education to increase after school programs for students, bring innovative teaching methods to the county, and hire and retain teachers.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Clean renewable energy is the way of the future. The county government should focus on bring more clean and renewable energy projects and jobs to the county. It would not only stimulate economic development and job growth but will make a leader and the state and increase the population.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We are currently facing an affordable housing crisis. We must work with the city and town governments to create more affordable housing to help fight this. No one entity will be able to do this so it must be a collaborative effort from all parties.

INFRASTRUCTURE: With an ever growing population it is time we invest in a true public transportation system. Shore Transit has sufficed for a long time but it is now time to grow that by increasing stops and streamlining trips.

William R. McCain

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been the President/CEO of a real estate valuation company for 30 years. I also served a prior term on the Wicomico County Council from 2006-2010 and was Vice President for two years. In addition, I have held numerous leadership positions in several organizations within our community. This experience as a businessman, politician, and community leader prepares me well for the County Council.

BUDGET: The county must increase its education budget beyond just a maintenance of effort system. A strong educational system is the single most important economic development driver. The county needs to make education its number one priority and fund the Superintendent of Schools' Achieve! 2.0 strategic plan. County also needs to provide funding for new Sheriff/Public safety facility.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The county needs to complete its tier mapping plan. Also, current zoning classifications have become dated and need to be reviewed, analyzed,

and updated.

EDUCATION: First, I would take steps to educate our population on the state of our schools so citizens can make educated decisions. We also need to publicize and promote our superior accomplishments of so many of our students. I would work with the Chamber of Commerce and Greater Salisbury Committee with their education committee and other community organizations to bring everyone together to work positively

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: As stated earlier, enhancing our school system will promote economic development. We need to provide WorWic Community College appropriate funding to continue its excellent responsiveness to our community job needs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Actually Wicomico County's housing is among some of the most affordable across Delmarva. However, like most real estate markets in our region, our inventory levels are lower than typical. Our overall housing inventory is becoming aged and we need to promote new construction.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The single most important infrastructure need is county sewer. Wicomico County does not have public sewer. We have to address aging septic systems that need to be replaced. In addition, new construction can only successfully take place if public sewer exists.

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County Council District 1

DUTIES: The seven-member County Council is composed of two at large members and five district members. The members are the legislative body of the county and are vested with all the law-making powers.

SALARY: \$16,000.

TERM: 4 years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: The County is divided into five councilmanic districts. Each district is represented by one council member who must reside in that district. In addition, there are two council members who may live anywhere in the county and are elected at large. Voters may vote for one candidate from their district and for two candidates running at large.

The Issues

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

BUDGET: What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased?

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools?

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Ernest Davis

Democratic Party

No response received by deadline.

County Council District 2

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Marc Kilmer

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served four years on the county council. During that time, I have worked with constituents throughout the district to understand their needs and how the county government can better serve them. In addition, having two children in Wicomico County public schools gives me a personal insight into how the school system -- the largest single item in our county budget -- operates.

BUDGET: The biggest concerns I hear throughout the district relate to roads and drainage. Our county suffered greatly when the state of Maryland removed highway revenue, and we are only now dealing with the road maintenance backlog. With heavier rain and more severe storms, we also need to improve drainage conditions along our roads. I have fought for greater county resources to deal with these problems.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: During the past four years, the council approved the state-mandated tier map that lays out our development priorities. We also changed the law to recognize the problems caused by large poultry houses being located near heavily residential areas. We should continue looking at these issues so that our land use policies promote economic growth and protect private property rights.

EDUCATION: With two children in public school, I have a strong stake in ensuring that Wicomico County schools are the best in the state. The council has worked closely with the Board of Education on funding for our schools. This is not a matter of merely providing more money; it is also vital that we demand accountability to guarantee this funding is used in ways that will improve our students' education

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The county government can encourage economic growth by having a regulatory structure in place that does not penalize business growth or creation. We also need pro-growth tax policies, which we currently do not have. In addition, providing basic government services well -- whether roads or parks or public safety -- is vital in encouraging current businesses to stay and new businesses to locate here.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Land use policy is an important aspect of affordable housing. Too many restrictions on where and how people can build new homes leads to artificially high home prices. We need to continually review county rules to ensure that we do not have overly burdensome laws and regulations that drive up the price of housing.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Given the impact of heavy rains and flooding on our roads, the most important thing we can do to preserve our transportation infrastructure is to improve our drainage system. We also need to work closely with the municipalities as well as the state to look at our transportation needs and upgrade roads to serve our growing population.

Alexander W. Scott

Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: Growing up in Wicomico County I know the people here, I know the lifestyle that appeals to them. As a Business Owner here I'm invested in making our county the best it can be; by investing in the right projects and ending any that are a drain on our resources. I see the flaws in our local governments and since no one else is going to do it

then I will.

BUDGET: Education.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: No response received by deadline.

EDUCATION: No response received by deadline.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: No response received by deadline.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: No response received by deadline.

INFRASTRUCTURE: No response received by deadline.

County Council District 3

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Larry W. Dodd

Republican Party

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No response received by deadline.

Michele Gregory

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've been an early childhood educator for over 20 years and a business owner for the last 8, until it's recent closure to focus on caring for my disabled son and running for office. I've worn many hats in my life, as a wife and mother, an underpaid early childhood educator, a business owner, an advocate for my disabled son, and an activist in the community, fighting for economic and social justice

BUDGET: Our educational programs within the county are ridiculously underfunded. Currently we only spend the mandated minimum allowed per student. This is unacceptable. Education is the root to all other issues. We must provide a livable wage to our teachers and fully fund our schools. We must remove the revenue cap put in place over 20 yrs ago & start investing in our youth. Universal preschool is a must

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need more affordable housing for our communities. We must also protect our environment for our children by making sure our protected land stays protected from developers. Currently, our Comprehensive Plan is an almost 250 page document that details every aspect of development. While there are good policies in place, we need to make sure these policies don't leave out the disenfranchised.

EDUCATION: We currently spend the mandated minimum on education as noted above. If we want to lift more families out of poverty, this must change. Our kids need to start with universal preschool and developmentally appropriate practices. We need to increase funding for teacher salaries, infrastructure, and quality materials. We have some very dedicated educators and we must give them the freedom to teach.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We need a livable wage and stronger unions. Currently, there is no

county in our state that allows a family to live on less than \$15/hour. We must pass a county minimum wage of at least \$15/hour and make sure we remove as many barriers to organized labor as possible. Strong unions built a strong middle class in our communities and we need to bring them back to rejuvenate the work force.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Economic justice in our communities is a big part of why I'm running. Currently we have too many homes being bought up by rental agencies and then families are being charged exorbitant rent. We need to encourage home ownership by making it harder for these agents to do this, as well as ensuring developers do not price our families out of new housing. We must protect the working families homes.

INFRASTRUCTURE: As a rural county, we don't have many issues with traffic, but we need to make sure we're working with state officials to maximize our funds for repair & maintenance, and watching traffic patterns closely for possibilities for improvement. I know of several places along main highways that have been a constant source of danger with many deadly accidents, something to work on with state officials.

County Council District 4

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Suzanah Cain

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a Realtor has me dealing with the public everyday. I know what is important to the community and what the members of the community are looking for. When someone is looking to relocate to the area the top priorities are always education and public safety. I will focus on these issues as my top concerns.

BUDGET: I want to take a hard look at the education budget. I think Education needs to be our top priority.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to work with our municipalities to connect with public water and sewer where it's economically feasible. We also need to work together on the drainage issue and storm water management issues facing our county.

EDUCATION: I strongly support Dr. Hanlin's plan and I look forward to working with the newly elected school board to accomplish these goals.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: If we support our local airport which is the second largest in the State of Maryland we can greatly improve business growth and economic development. If we improve our infrastructure with increased urban services through cooperation with the city we can increase development.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I think we should look into incentivizing individuals and landlords to create more affordable housing especially for our aging seniors.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Support public transportation and public funding of sidewalks and bike trails to encourage biking, walking and other modes of transportation.

Josh Hastings

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up on a Wicomico County farm and I currently monitor land use policy for a regional nonprofit. I have two Bachelor's degrees (Business & Political Science) and a Master's degree in Public Policy. I'm serving a 2nd consecutive year as the Chairman of the Rural Maryland Council. I'm a 2016 Institute for Policy Studies- New Economy Fellow and a LEAD Maryland (Class VIII) alumnus.

BUDGET: I'm still listening to the public and evaluating the needs of the County, but generally speaking, I strongly support investments in education, infrastructure, and parks.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The County has lost many hundreds of acres of agricultural lands to sprawl development. Sprawl is a major cost to taxpayers and growth should occur within the Priority Funding Areas and town centers as much as humanly possible.

EDUCATION: The first step is to listen to educators and hear what concerns they have. My twin sister and brother are both Wicomico County educators and its heartbreaking to hear some of the stories they tell. No teacher should have to spend money on school supplies. Every child, educator, and support staff should feel 100% safe and supported. I will continue to listen to our community.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We should recognize that a global job market means that we have to be flexible in our approaches. Employers want to be in an area that has strong public schools, an educated workforce, access to natural resources, and a overall high quality of life. Wicomico County has more promise and potential than any other county in the State. We need to allow ourselves to invest in ourselves.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I don't have a solid plan in place, yet, but I greatly understand the importance of affordable housing and will seek out before I speak out. Salisbury's housing stock needs to be improved and we need to continue to increase downtown density.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We strongly need options for seniors. We need to replace our Shore Transit buses and build sidewalks. My elderly father can't get around the County and get back/forth to doctors visits since he is unable to drive. We need to support the City of Salisbury in their downtown improvements. Overall, I want a more vibrant, walkable, and safe Wicomico.

County Council District 5

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Joe Holloway

Republican Party

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No response received by deadline.

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Wicomico County Circuit Court Judge

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

SALARY: \$159,433.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 2.

Kathleen L. Beckstead

No response received by deadline.

Matthew A. Maciarelo

No response received by deadline.

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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 by deadline.

Matthew J. Fader

No response received by deadline.

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Wicomico 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: \$114,527

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.

Jamie Dykes

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as State's Attorney since December 1, 2017. Prosecuting is more technical than ever. Having tried eighteen homicides over the past thirteen years as

a prosecutor, I have the necessary and on-going experience in forensics and prosecution to train and lead the prosecutors in my office who are instrumental in protecting our community every day.

DISCRIMINATION: I have implemented a team approach whereby cases of a similar nature are handled by a team of prosecutors who are specifically trained in the subject matter and are accountable to a team leader to ensure consistency in resolution, without regard for any defendant's, victim's or witness's status that is protected by federal, state or local law.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: My office does and will continue to consider alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders who do not pose a significant public safety risk. Many times, the risk that non-violent offenders pose is largely to themselves and is often best managed with supervision, and addictions and mental health treatment.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: We cannot arrest our way of the substance abuse crisis that we are suffering. Recognizing and de-stigmatizing mental health conditions and treatment are our only hope. I support and will advocate for all citizens to have access to quality mental health and addiction services.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Domestic violence is an age old problem. My office will continue to protect victims of domestic violence as the admissible evidence permits and will continue to connect victims with advocacy, shelter and therapy services, such as Life Crisis Center, and the Department of Social Services.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The violent crime in Wicomico County is fueled by the illegal drug trade which brings guns and violence with it. My office will continue to work with law enforcement to bring strong cases in cases of drug distribution, firearms and violent crimes, as well as continue to seek life and life without parole sentences, and minimum mandatory penalties, where applicable.

W. Seth Mitchell

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: Law Clerk Circuit Court 1987. Assist. State's Attorney Wicomico County for 3 years responsible for Court & Jury Trials Assist. Public Defender, 8 & 1/2 years, including Death Penalty & murder trials and lesser offenses. Trained Assist Public Defenders Awards Outstanding Assist Public Defender Award. Lecturer Crim Law UMES 1999 Private Crim. practice Won 2010 Primary State's Attorney for Wico.

DISCRIMINATION: Case review of Staff and open door policy to public. Discontinue "Broken Windows" & " High Point" policies that target less affluent neighborhoods. Discontinue demands for high bail as a form of punishment with use of alternative policies to promote defendant's court appearances. Discontinue current policy of duplicating same criminal actions via Grand Jury while Preliminary Hearing pending.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: I advocate for Suspended sentences in non-violent cases, Probation (supervised or not) without incarceration should be considered . fines & community service should be considered in many criminal cases with a strong diversionary program to relieve the demands on the Courts while still maintaining the integrity of our laws. Local incarceration with work release, in lieu of prison can also work

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: Emphasis should be placed on the highly addictive and potentially lethal substances, such as Heroin and Cocaine with an incentive for those addicted to seek treatment. Relapse rates are high and that fact should be considered when dealing with offenders that may be in violation of probation. Those distributors selling for profit while not an addict themselves deserve harsher penalties.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Domestic violence charges require a balancing act to protect the

victims while assuring defendant's rights are protected. State's Attorneys office should have quick contact with victims of domestic violence to help assure their safety while also calculating the likelihood of a successful outcome. Establishing safe spaces for victims while documenting evidence is a crucial component to build trust

OTHER PRIORITIES: A Life-long resident of Wicomico County; I have served as both a prosecutor, in the State's Attorneys Office and as an Assistant Public Defender before beginning my private criminal law practice. My 30 years of experience provides a unique perspective which will contribute to the effective administration of the State's Attorneys Office while striving fair and equal justice for all.

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Wicomico 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.

Christopher S. Welch

Republican Party

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No response received by deadline.

James "Bo" McAllister

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: The Clerk's Office is responsible for filing, organizing, and accessing the County's most important legal documents and is overseeing implementation of the new electronic filing system. As an attorney, I have prepared and filed a variety of legal documents for over a decade, I have used e-filing systems for over 5 years, and I have already filed hundreds of documents with our Clerk's Office.

AREAS OF NEED: With the upcoming retirement of our longstanding Clerk, the Office

needs someone with experience filing legal documents at the Circuit Court and working with the new electronic filing system to ensure a smooth transition. I regularly e-file documents with the Clerk's Office and work with the clerks in the courtroom. As a candidate, I offer a friendly, familiar face with the right experience.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: With nearly a decade of experience in public service, I have assisted countless citizens with navigating our court system and preparing their own legal documents. As Clerk of Court, I will ensure that all patrons receive the assistance and resources they need to properly file legal documents with the Clerk's Office. I also hope to increase legal resources available at the nearby public library.

PRIORITIES: I have three very specific goals in mind. First, I want to improve access to public resources so that citizens may file their own legal documents when appropriate. Second, I want to work closely with the legal community to make the most efficient use of our new electronic filing system. Third, I want to improve cross-training and technological skills within the office to increase flexibility.

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Wicomico 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.

Karen A. Lemon

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as Register of Wills for 24 years. Prior to that, I worked as civil clerk in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court.

AREAS OF NEED: The issues that the Judges of the Orphans' Court deal with are becoming more complex all the time. My Judges are not attorneys. Classes on rules and procedures could be beneficial to them.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: When our services are needed, we go out of our way to show compassion and professionalism to all members of the public. Keeping in mind, they

have lost someone who they knew and loved. I am very proud of the services that we provide.

PRIORITIES: We are in the process of scanning all of our old records to enable people to access our records by computer. This is a project that is being done statewide by all Registers of Wills. It is a convenient service that many people take advantage of.

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Wicomico County Judge of the Orphans' Court

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

TERM: Four years, no term limits.

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

The Issues

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 3.

Grover Green Cantwell, Jr.

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: Life experiences

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

COURT NEEDS: Being reconized

Mark S. Bowen

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: This position closely parallels my 31 years of experience as Clerk of Court. I often research the Maryland Rules and the Annotated Code. I weigh the facts presented to me, interpret the Rules and the Code, and I make an unbiased decision. I will do the same thing as an Orphans' Court Judge. I will not make a decision based on feelings, rather I will make a decision based on the facts and the law.

DISCRIMINATION: I promise to adhere to the oath of office. Part of the oath states, "That I will to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of Orphans' Court Judge, according to the Constitution and

Laws of this State." I have lived up to this oath for 31 years as the Clerk of Court and I will continue to as an Orphans' Court Judge.

COURT NEEDS: The Orphans' Court for Wicomico County runs very smoothly. There is already in place training for newly elected judges and there are conferences where judges from other jurisdictions get together to develop best practices. Additionally, there is a Maryland Conference of Orphans' Court Judges that make recommendations for legislation and policy that affect Orphans' Court operations.

Melissa Pollitt Bright

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: With 24 years on the Court, I have taken advantage of as many opportunities as possible to grow my skills through continuing ed at state and national levels. I chair the state-level Education Sub-Committee, tasked with helping all our judges stay well-informed on changes in law and appellate decisions. I see my job as a sacred duty to the departed and a stewardship of justice for the living.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland Orphans' Court judges recently completed a mandatory course on workplace discrimination. It is our job to make our courtrooms fully accessible to all and to see that justice is truly blind to anything other than our common humanity. There is no place for discrimination in our courts and we must see that it is eliminated. The judge bears the ultimate responsibility in each courtroom.

COURT NEEDS: The Orphans' Courts in Maryland suffer from obscurity - we need to be more publicly visible. Greater public awareness of the impact of our courts on families' lives would help garner support for greater resources to help us stay on top of changes in the law. More importantly, people need to know why they elect us, and to understand that our job performance is completely non-partisan.

Dean Jones Evans

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a people oriented, person all my life. As a Pastor, Salesman, Director of a Substance Abuse Program, I've educated myself to be the best I can be. From Duke University, Eastern Shore College, North Carolina College of Theology, where I received my Doctorate in Christian Counseling. Dealing, with grief, substance abuse and struggling families for forty five plus years.

DISCRIMINATION: By having a college of Judges, that reflect the community they serve. Who allows the Law which is blind to race, gender, disability, or poverty, to effect opinion on all cases. But always remember that love, mixed with God's grace to always to be present.

COURT NEEDS: This being my first time running for Judgeship,for Orphan's Court, I've been surprised that most people have know Idea what the court does, the Role of the Judge and their rights. The solution is Education.

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Wicomico 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: \$95,000.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

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.

Mike Lewis

Republican Party

No response received by deadline.

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Wicomico County Board of Education

DUTIES: The Board of Education is responsible for the supervision of the public schools, including the selection of a Superintendent, approval of the annual budget, and establishing general policies governing the school system.

TERM: 4 years, no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: This is the first election in which the members of the Board of Education will be elected rather than appointed. The Board is comprised of six members, one elected at large and one from each of the Council districts.

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?

Board of Education At Large

Candidates

Vote for no more than 2.

Tyrone Cooper

Nonpartisan

No response received by deadline.

Donald L. Fitzgerald

Nonpartisan

No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a Special Education Teacher and a school principal I have over 38 years of experience in the public schools. I feel this gives me a unique perspective on issues facing teachers, administrators parents and students.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: School buildings are important in the budget process, for both heating and operations. But safety of students, teachers, staff and visitors is of the utmost importance. Budget expenses to support and enhance security is an important issue these days. Class sizes are important, especially for students to have a reasonable environment to learn. There is a constant balance to provide the space

STANDARDS AND TESTING: National and state standards are helpful indicators that students in a state or nationally are getting the same quality of education. Most people don't like standardized tests, but it is ONE way to measure the information that students are presented and the information they retain.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Students that don't want to continue onto college should be given opportunities to have a chance to be prepared for employment after public school life. Wicomico County Public schools CTE program is essential in this endeavor. Maybe there could be an expansion of the offerings that are available and expand the number of students this program serves.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety is a paramount interest and responsibility. With regard to bullying and gangs, the oversight of the safety to students and faculty and staff members is important. There has to be a balance between personal rights and personal responsibilities Policies regarding fighting and substance abuse and personal responsibilities can't be a "one-size-fits all" arrangement. There h

PARTNERSHIPS: Partnerships with businesses and the community are important and worthwhile. Having opportunities for students to witness and experience in-person how businesses operate and function helps to reinforce the concepts taught in the classrooms. However, there should be some over-sight to protect undue influences on the students.

PRIORITIES: My priorities would be to help make the schools and the Wicomico County Public School system the safest system possible. Additionally, to support the superintendent

with her rational planning and leadership for the staff, teachers and most importantly, the students of the county school system.

Talana D. Watson

Nonpartisan

QUALIFICATIONS: Parent of 3 Wicomico County graduates, business owner, First Lady of First Baptist Church, Director of Christian Education & Operations at church, Delta Sigma Theta (community service with youth)

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Teacher retention (competitive salaries); class sizes (low teach to student ratios); 21st century school buildings (conducive learning environments)

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Quality education is more than testing. It's more important for students to think analytically and apply what they learn to solve complex problems.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I would support expanding CTE Programs and on the job training/apprenticeship programs so students can explore career options with introduction to entrepreneurship.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I would advocate funding student services to support school counselors and expand mental health services in all schools. Character education would be a priority.

PARTNERSHIPS: I'd promote the Chamber of Commerce adopting schools as business partners to provide educational experiences.

PRIORITIES: To establish policies that support a robust and dynamic program of study preparing all students to complete in an ever evolving society.

Board of Education District 1

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My Masters degree in Teaching Art Education gives me the curriculum building and implementation experience to understand age appropriate developmental learning K thru 12. I also have the front line staff experience of running a birth to 3 program under federal regulations that cement my understanding of the importance of environmental learning in various socio economic backgrounds.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Student teacher ratio is the most important to effectively reach children on an individualized level. With the recent condition of MD public schools coming to light the safety and modernization of school buildings would be second. Teachers are intrinsic learners and always strive for the best for themselves and their students and exemplify this when pulling money out of their own pockets.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: National and State standards are the minimum to ensure quality education for each child in their own county. That being said standardized tests should not be the only indicator of a student or schools success.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I whole heartedly believe in CTE programs. I will continue to encourage a college education it does not mean that the career tech schools should be ignored. Their importance in society and economic development of local regions is understated. With a Masters in Education I do know everyone needs HVAC tech or auto body tech. It provides a services that will never die and they make more than I do.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety MUST be more than a tag line. As a parent of a child in MD public schools I know teachers are over taxed and it is a heavy burden to place policing on them as well. That being said the policy and procedures to file a bully report for a student are unrealistic. We are failing our children. We need to make sure our schools are safe environments for learning.

PARTNERSHIPS: On the Eastern Shore of MD we are the crossroads of MD. We have farms, big pharma, education, tourism & industries exploding. Partnerships and apprenticeships with local businesses as well as continued education with the local community college and 2 universities will keep students on the Shore to stay. Not take their skills else where. We need to harness the partnerships we have here.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are school safety, accountability & sustainability . Our students of all ages must feel safe in an environment to learn, we must hold our county accountable for spending & we must build relationships with all business available to all children no matter social economic back ground/developmental ability the opportunity to be productive life long learns and contributors to our county.

Allen C. Brown

Nonpartisan

No response received by deadline.

Board of Education District 2

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Gene Malone

Nonpartisan

No response received by deadline.

Board of Education District 3

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a retired law enforcement and correctional officer of 36 years and as a consultant in the transportation industry for 26 years, I bring a unique perspective to the Board of Education. However, my number one priority is to ensure every child has a safe learning environment.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: As a small business owner I am accustomed to working within budgetary parameters. With that said, funding priorities should be focused as follows: 1. The Classroom should always be the number one budget priority. 2. Maintaining the investments of taxpayers in the school buildings is a key priority. 3. School safety for both students and teachers is key to creating a safe learning environment.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: We need to walk the fine of ensuring our students are taught

subject matter - ensuring students are excelling in learning and able to apply what they learn. We do not want to get caught up in "teaching to the test" strategy. Students need to not only be prepared for the next level of education when graduating but they also need to be prepared for life.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I am a strong supporter of the Vocational programs and believe we should maintain strong partnerships with Wor-Wic Community College, Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to ensure we are offering programs and options that reflect our current and future needs for our employment force. We need the input of the business community to enhance these programs.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We need to develop a comprehensive safety plan for our schools that addresses internal and external influences that directly affect the safety and security of our schools. Partnerships with local law enforcement should be very strong to address gang issues. We need to develop a safe, strong and confidential process to deal with bullying, where the victims can report without fear of retaliation.

PARTNERSHIPS: It is vitally important that our educational programs are reflective of emerging and future employment needs. Having a strong partnership with our businesses and community organizations shows students that not only are there profitable employment opportunities but that also they have a civic duty to serve their community.

PRIORITIES: My experience in law enforcement and as a Transportation Consultant will afford me the ability to focus on transportation safety and security - ensuring our children get to school and back home safe and sound. I firmly believe that focusing on current budgetary strategies in a fiscally responsible manner with the question - How does this affect the classroom learning environment

William Turner

Nonpartisan

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a CPA, and previously CEO of a for profit company for more than 23 years. I'm currently the CEO of a non-profit that works to find employment for individuals with disabilities. I know what it takes to be "job ready". I have the budgeting, and financial acumen to work with the school board on their annual budget requests and a critical eye to look for cost savings opportunities.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: While class size is an issue in some schools, it is not a widespread issue. My primary budget focus is on having students "work ready" or college ready upon graduation. I am strongly supportive of universal Pre-K programs and alternative approaches to increasing graduation rates. Hiring and retaining an excellent, diverse, professional school work force is another priority.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I believe that students are over tested and state standard testing should be a priority, not federal testing. Too many instructional days are lost to over testing students in the current instructional year.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Expanded CTE programs and academies are a great way to prepare students for careers for those that do not wish to go on to college. Both traditional and advanced programs in aeronautics, drone technologies and robotics is an area that should be expanded, along with computer based graphic design, gaming and interactive media instruction would help prepare students for post-graduation careers.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Funding for harden school entrances and limiting access to schools is vital. All of our high and middle schools currently have School Resource Officers, but I believe should audit each school for safety improvement. I also think a strong anti-bullying policy and program will help with safety. The "see something/say something" campaign has been extremely successful in our schools.

PARTNERSHIPS: Our schools need to continue to expand partnerships with area

businesses to develop internships and work related programs for students. Alternatives to state funding for capital costs will also have to be discovered. I'd like to see us do more with Wallops Island Space facility nearby and with our local airport to see what aeronautics and space related partnerships could be formed.

PRIORITIES: We need to continue to work with our Chamber of Commerce, Greater Salisbury Committee and Salisbury Wicomico Economic Development organizations to partner with local businesses to find ways to work together to improve our schools. I also believe we need to continue to be as transparent as possible with our finances and school programs and improve our communication with parents and stakeholders.

Board of Education District 4

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: With four children in the public-school system in this fall, I have a vested interest in education of our youth; and interact with teachers daily. My education of a Master of Science in Management – Financial Specialization and a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems provide a background for providing financial oversight and the ability to understand the technology of today's schools

BUDGET PRIORITIES: There are many priorities, all dependent upon funding made available by the County. Quality education of students requires excellent teachers, reasonable class sizes, and adequate school buildings with modern technology. Recruitment and retention of qualified teachers is an issue facing our area that we must address. All the expenses need to be weighed and adequately supported for success.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Standards should be a benchmark for the school district to measure the students performance against. Testing is necessary for this measurement, however too much testing harms the students. With the replacement of the PARCC test soon, with a more state specific test, we must continue to evaluate standards and testing to ensure they are relevant and we are not "teaching the test."

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Wicomico County has an excellent vocational program, Career Technology Education, that provides the skills necessary for those not attending college. All four of my children have attended the early childhood education component. We must continue to invest in vocational programs and provide internships, as they teach the numerous skill necessary for those critical careers not requiring college.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We must continue to build on the bullying prevention programs at elementary and middle schools, including the current Kindness Initiative. We need to enforce school discipline with respect to gangs and bullying. With substance abuse on the rise, we must work with the health department and community experts and ensure all students have access to mental health resources.

PARTNERSHIPS: I would support the administration in approving partnerships between businesses, community organizations, and the schools. The new Education Foundation is key to funding the educational experience through businesses, nonprofits, and civic

organizations. The school faith-based partners are also a key component of the educational experience, which I have seen first hand at Pinehurst Elementary.

PRIORITIES: My priorities for office would be to implement universal pre-k to increase kindergarten readiness, increase the number of students who are college and career ready, work to recruit and retain teachers, increase school safety, and demonstrate financial responsibility. My mother taught for 25 years in the Wicomico County Public Schools, and I will be a strong supporter of teachers and support staff.

Ann Brittingham Suthowski

Nonpartisan

QUALIFICATIONS: BS and MS in education. Over thirty years in middle and high school teaching. Represented school district on state committees for curriculum, testing, and implementation of middle schools. Traveled throughout the United States for 21 years making presentations at reading conventions on secondary reading and adolescent literature.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Capital improvements must be a priority. New buildings are built when proper maintenance of present buildings would have been sufficient. Teachers leave for many reasons, but money is not always the factor. Class size is important but discipline and support by the administration are also crucial.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Having been involved in testing on both the state and district level, the key to testing is the student. Students ask, "does the test count?" (Grades - passing) These tests do not always show how a student or school is actually functioning.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Our CTE program at Parkside High School is outstanding. I personally support their greenhouses. More publicity on these occupational courses need to go to students and parents when the child is in middle school.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Committees, programs and community resources are already in place in Wicomico County to address these issues. Resource officers have been in place in our schools for many years.

PARTNERSHIPS: Wicomico County has an educational foundation already in place. Many churches are faith-based partners with individual schools. Businesses, civic organizations and non-profits provide school supplies and clothing for students.

PRIORITIES: Discipline in the classrooms is my top priority, as is support of the classroom teacher by the school administration.

Board of Education District 5

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

John Palmer

Nonpartisan

No response received by deadline.

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Statewide Ballot Questions

Question 1 - Education Funding

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

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

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

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

Question 2 - Election Day Voter Registration

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

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

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

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

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Local Ballot Questions

Wicomico County Question A

Charter Amendment (Resolution 65-2018 and Resolution 82-2018)

Administrative Appointments and Confirmation of Appointments – Director of Administration, Assistant Director of Administration, and Deputy Directors of Departments and Agencies Charter Section 315 and 413.

To amend the County Charter to provide: (A) the County Executive shall appoint the Director of Administration, the Assistant Director of Administration, and the initial appointment of the Deputy Department Directors subject to confirmation by the County Council; and (B) within six (6) months after each election for County Executive, he or she shall appoint the Director of Administration and the Assistant Director of Administration.

Wicomico County Question B

Charter Amendment (Resolution 65-2018)

Transfer of Appropriations and Capital Assets; Inter-Fund Borrowing Charter Section 708

To amend the County Charter to require fifteen (15) days advance written notice to the County Council of transfers of appropriations within the same office or department, except in the case of an emergency, notice shall be given as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) days after the transfer.

To amend the County Charter to require the written recommendation of the County Executive and County Council approval by resolution for the transfer of a depreciable capital asset having a current book value of \$15,000.00 or more between departments, agencies, offices or funds; describing the contents of the recommendation; and providing that the depreciable capital asset may not be used regularly, except under extraordinary circumstances, by a department, agency, office or fund unless it is purchased, acquired or transferred to such user.

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