



Montgomery County *Voters' Guide* *Expanded Edition* 2018 General Election

About this *Voters' Guide*

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County has published a *Voters' Guide* for many years to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare to vote. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

This guide contains the candidates' responses to ALL of the questions on issues asked by the League, for ALL offices on the 2018 General Election ballot. The information was downloaded September 23, 2018 directly from Vote411.org exactly as entered by the candidate, without any changes, or provided by the candidate in the information filed with the State Board of Election. This same information is available in an interactive online format at Vote411.org, along with any additional responses received after our September 23 download date.

This guide is offered as a **supplement** to the Voters' Guide that was printed as a tabloid newspaper and is available in Montgomery County Public Libraries and other locations throughout the county. The printed guide was also mailed to newly registered voters who registered from January through August 2018. Because of the large number of offices on the ballot, it was necessary to abbreviate the information in the print version in order to keep it to a manageable, readable, and affordable length. The following guidelines were used for the print edition:

- If a candidate's name is printed on the General Election ballot, we printed the responses to at least half of questions and directed the reader to Vote411.org and to this document on our website lwvmocomd.org to read the candidate's responses to the remaining questions.
- For candidates who file with the State Board of Elections (SBE) as a **write-in** candidate, the printed Guide directs readers to the SBE website for all names, https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2018/general_candidates/index.html, and to Vote411.org or this document for their responses. The filed write-in candidate entries as of September 23 are at the end of each affected office.

For the 2018 general election, we offer four ways to obtain information about the offices and candidates:

1. Online, interactive guide - vote411.org. Enter your address to find and compare information about the candidates who will be on your ballot and to print your own ballot choices. Includes all candidates, all responses, including write-ins and late responders.
2. Printed easy-to-read *Voters' Guide* – available as a tabloid newspaper in county libraries and other locations and as a viewable/printable PDF on our website lwmocomd.org. Includes all ballot candidates, but some responses not printed.
3. This *Voters' Guide Expanded Edition* containing all candidate responses through September 23 for every office, including write-ins – available as a viewable/printable PDF on our website lwmocomd.org.
4. *Guía de Votantes* – Descriptive information from our *Voters' Guide* is translated into Spanish, covering General Election procedures, the offices on the ballot and questions asked of the candidates (but not the responses) -- available as a viewable/printable PDF on our website lwmocomd.org. Check other sources above for the English language candidate responses. LWV does not change or translate candidate responses.

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About the General Election

The General Election takes place on November 6, 2018, with early voting available from Thursday, October 25 through Thursday, November 1. The General Election ballot will include the following:

- Winners from the Democratic and Republican primaries
- Candidates from the other political parties recognized in Maryland (Libertarian and Green)
- Candidates who are not affiliated with a party
- State and county ballot questions

All registered voters, regardless of their political affiliation, may vote for any candidate on their ballot. Depending on where you live in the county, your ballot will list candidates for U.S. Congress, Maryland Legislature, and Montgomery County Council for your particular

districts. Check your voter registration card or sample ballot sent to you by the Board of Elections to find your specific districts.

Maryland law allows a voter to write-in a candidate's name for the General Election offices. Write-in candidates who filed with the State Board of Elections (SBE) are listed at all polling places and at www.elections.state.md.us. Responses from write-In candidates may be found at vote411.org and, if filed by September 23, in this *Voters' Guide Expanded Edition* at lwvmocomd.org.

Why Vote?

Your vote makes a difference! It's about....

Community: how to balance priorities such as health, housing, and parks

Education: how to strengthen the quality, performance, and safety of the schools

Environment: how to protect natural resources and ecosystems

Money: how your taxes are spent

Transportation: how to balance the needs of drivers, transit riders, cyclists, and walkers

Get Ready to Vote

You can learn about the issues and candidates' positions from the League's printed and on-line *Voters' Guides* at www.lwvmocomd.org, at www.vote411.org and from candidate forums, websites and social media. Use that information to choose for whom you want to vote and to mark your Official Sample Ballot that is sent to all registered voters by the Montgomery County Board of Elections about three weeks before the election. The Sample Ballot lists all the candidates who will be on your ballot. It also gives the name and address of your polling place if you vote on General Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

You do not need to vote on everything. You can choose to vote for the candidates and issues that are most important to you.

You may take the sample ballot and the printed *Voters' Guide* with you when you vote. You are NOT permitted to use electronic devices such as smartphones, tablets, and computers inside polling places—even while you are in line within the room. If you are a first-time voter in Maryland, you should bring identification that shows your current address, such as a driver's license, paycheck or utility bill.

Am I Registered? Do I Need to Update My Registration?

In Maryland, registration is permanent as long as you have not changed your name or address. Always keep your name, address, and political party affiliation up to date with the Board of Elections.

Two registration deadlines to know:

- Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 9:00 pm: Deadline to be registered or to change your party affiliation

- Thursday, October 25 through Thursday, November 1, 2018: If you missed the October 16 deadline, you may register for the first time in the county and vote the same day during Early Voting. Bring a Maryland driver's license, identification card, learner's permit or other proof of residency, such as a paycheck, utility bill or other government document with your current name and address.
If you are already registered, you may change your name or address, but not your political affiliation at Early Voting Centers.

We recommend you check the accuracy of your voter registration information before October 16 by:

- Looking at your voter registration card
- Using the online Voter Lookup at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>
- Calling the Board of Elections at 240-777-8500

If your registration does not have your current name or address, you may have to vote with a provisional ballot or go to a different polling place. A provisional ballot lets you vote if there is a registration problem. The Board of Elections will research your record after the election and your ballot will be counted if you are registered and live in the district(s) on your provisional ballot. If no registration record is found, you will be registered to vote in the next election.

Three Ways to Vote

- 1. VOTE EARLY** at a convenient time and location for you. The eleven Early Voting Centers are open from **10 am – 8 pm, Thursday, October 25 – Thursday, November 1**. All ballots will be available at each of these early voting locations:

Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg 20877

Damascus Community Recreation Center, 25520 Oak Drive, Damascus 20872

Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville 20850

Germantown Community Rec. Center, 18905 Kingsview Rd., Germantown 20874

Jane E. Lawton Community Rec. Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase 20815

Marilyn J. Praisner Community Rec. Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville

Mid-County Community Rec. Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring 20906

Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac 20854

Sandy Spring Vol. Fire Dept. Ballroom, 17921 Brooke Rd., Sandy Spring 20860

Silver Spring Civic Building, Veterans Place, Fenton & Ellsworth, Silver Spring 20910

St. Catherine Laboure, Claridge Building, 11801 Claridge Rd, Wheaton 20902

- 2. VOTE BY MAIL (ABSENTEE).** You may vote by absentee ballot whether you are home or away. No reason is needed. Follow the three steps outlined below. Note: If you are

issued an absentee ballot and do not return it, but choose to vote instead at Early Voting or on Election Day, you will have to use a provisional ballot.

APPLY: Print an application from www.777Vote.org, call 240-777-8550 to have one mailed to you or visit the Board of Elections.

RETURN APPLICATION: Return the completed application to the Board of Elections by mail, by fax (240-777-8560), or in person. Deadlines are October 30 to have your absentee ballot mailed to you or November 1 to print it from the website.

Absentee ballots can be picked up at the Board of Elections through General Election Day, Tuesday, November 6 in person by the voter or by a designated agent with a form signed by the voter.

SUBMIT ABSENTEE BALLOT: The completed absentee ballot must be **postmarked on or before Election Day**, or hand-delivered to the Board of Elections before 8 pm on Election Day. Do not fax the absentee ballot to the Board of Elections or take it to a precinct polling location or an Early Voting Center. It will not be counted.

3. VOTE ON ELECTION DAY AT YOUR ASSIGNED POLLING PLACE.

On General Election Day, **Tuesday, November 6**, go to your local polling place. Polls are open **7 am to 8 pm**. Early Voting Centers are closed on Election Day, except for Potomac, Praisner and Mid-County Community Recreation Centers that serve as local polling places.

If you are unsure of your polling place, check the back of your sample ballot or visit <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch>. Check before you go to avoid being sent to another polling place or asked to use a provisional ballot.

Online Resources

At MD State Board of Elections www.elections.maryland.gov (English & Spanish):

- Register to vote online.
- Download registration or absentee ballot application.
- Verify voter registration and polling place location.
- Find all candidate names.
- Check contributions to campaigns or candidates.

At Montgomery County Board of Elections www.777vote.org (English & Spanish):

- Find Montgomery County Early Voting Centers, addresses, directions and nearby Metrobus routes.
- Check waiting times for Centers during the Early Voting period.

At League of Women Voters vote411.org:

- Find your local polling place.
- Create your own personal sample ballot.

Offices on the General Election Ballot

The following pages describe the offices on the general election ballot and list the candidates and their responses to questions asked by the League of Women Voters. Offices and candidates are listed in the same order in which they will appear on your ballot. Write-in candidates who filed for the General Election by September 23 are listed at the end of that office, in the same location as names can be added to your ballot. All responses are included and shown exactly as provided by the candidates.

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

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

No responses received by *Voters' Guide Expanded Edition* deadline.

Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull

Democratic Party

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

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/BenJealous

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

Campaign Email: sydney@benjealous.com

Campaign Phone: (904) 891-1843

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

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

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

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

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

communities and his attacks on our public schools.

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

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

Shawn Quinn / Christina Smith

Libertarian Party

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

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

Campaign Email: citizens4quinn@outlook.com

Campaign Phone: (443) 684-0924

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

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

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/ischlakman

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

Campaign Email: ian@schlakman.com

Campaign Phone: (410) 996-4848

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.schlagman.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

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

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/mscomptroller

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

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

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

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Campaign Instagram: www.instagram.com/peterfranchot

Campaign Email: info@franchot.com

Campaign Phone: (443) 254-6000

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

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

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

process.

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

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Attorney General

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

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

Campaign Website: <http://wolf4ag.com>

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/Wolf4AG

Campaign Instagram: [wolf4ag](#)

Campaign Email: craig@wolf4ag.com

Campaign Phone: (202) 415-6732

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

all Marylanders regardless of party.

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

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

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

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

Brian E. Frosh

Democratic Party

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

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/FroshforAG

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

Campaign Email: brian@brianfrosh.com

Campaign Phone: (240) 479-9788

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: In 2015, my office was the first in the country to issue guidelines to all law enforcement agencies prohibiting profiling based upon race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual

preference, etc. We published a study of discrimination against LGBT citizens that was cited by the Supreme Court in its historic Obergefell decision. We have penalized and shut down industries that prey on the poor.

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

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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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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, aking, 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. Televisе candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records,proceeding

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U.S. Representative

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?

District 3 - U.S. Representative Candidates

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: There is no question that our laws and governing practices continue to permit and sometimes encourage discrimination against racial and ethnic minorities, the

disabled, the poor and other minority communities. We need to end racial profiling in our law enforcement, prohibit gender pay disparities and ensure low- and moderate-income Americans have equal opportunity to achieve the American dream.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

District 6 - U.S. Representative Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience allows me to address effectively both national and Maryland's 6th Congressional District issues. I am the only candidate for this office with Federal experience, as US Army Deputy Under Secretary. I understand the Federal process. Also, my prior candidacy for this position has given me a deep understanding of the unique needs of the entire District. Finally, I bring proven empathy.

HEALTH CARE: I support empowering individuals with more control over how to meet their healthcare needs and those of their families. I will support policies to promote wider availability of generic drugs and cross-state insurance to keep costs lower. One of our healthcare failures has been treatment of our veterans. I will work to see that veterans have access to quality healthcare, either public or private.

DISCRIMINATION: I am opposed to discrimination based not only on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty but also on appearance, age, family heritage, and any other factor that might cause people to reject a class of persons. We currently have laws that prohibit many forms of discrimination. However, we fall short on tolerance and empathy and in the enforcement of existing laws. I will promote both.

ECONOMIC POLICY: As a long-term small business founder and owner, I know over-regulation and a complex tax code hinder job growth. New technology is reshaping traditional jobs. We need to better anticipate work of the future. I will work to reduce the time it takes to transform ideas into companies. I endorse the Business Express website just established by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

IMMIGRATION: As the daughter of an immigrant, I know that the US is a country of immigrants, and I support immigrants with empathy. We are also a country of laws. I support uniform, fair, consistent enforcement of our laws and processes. Lack of uniformity is, sadly, increasing divisiveness. It is vital to national security that we not only care for immigrants but also address weaknesses in law enforcement.

ENVIRONMENT: The environment is critically important to Maryland's 6th District, economically and for our families' health and safety. As a professional who has worked for years on environmental cleanup and restoration, I support an emphasis on a local approach leveraging federal resources to address our environmental challenges because local governments and communities best know their unique assets and needs.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My overarching priority is to bring to Congress my sense of empathy and cooperation. I will work to get us past the current political divide. I will be a Federal ally to Governor Hogan to improve transportation; address heroin and opioid addiction; create jobs and nurture businesses; and provide safety and security. I will also work for healthcare solutions; education; and for our veterans.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up on a struggling family farm cleaning hog pens. Taking out loans, I was able to go to graduate school and start a successful business that's headquartered in Bethesda. I'm prepared to represent a diverse district that spans from urban areas in Montgomery to rural areas in Garrett.

HEALTH CARE: Quality healthcare is a basic human right, and our job must be to ensure that right for all Americans. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, we've made great progress. We should build on that progress and expand the ACA so that all Americans have coverage.

DISCRIMINATION: I've supported the ACLU for 20 years, and in Congress I will continue fighting to fix our criminal justice system that discriminates against people of color. I'm 100% pro-choice, and I support equal pay and paid family leave. I support the Full Equality Act to fight discrimination against LGBTQ people.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I strongly oppose Trump's tax cuts, which worsen income inequality and add \$1.5 trillion to our national debt. We need to remove the carried interest loophole that

allows hedge fund managers to pay lower tax rates. I support an infrastructure bank to fund projects like expanding I-270 and I-81.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are an important part of American society and should have a path to citizenship. I oppose Trump's mass deportations, travel bans, and rescinding of DACA and TPS protections. We also should reduce the amount of time it takes for applicants to receive work authorization.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is real and it's a serious threat to our economy and our way of life. I oppose Trump's decision to withdraw from the international climate agreement. I also support investing in green technology, making federal buildings more energy efficient, and protecting fuel efficiency standards.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The opioid crisis is a top priority for me. In 2016, 64,000 Americans died from overdoses – my nephew Ian was one of them. Every day we don't act, more people will die. I've put together a comprehensive plan to address the epidemic which you can read at davidtrone.com/opioid-crisis

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a service member, I served as the legal liaison between JAG and the command group. It was my job to legally protect the rights of each and every service member (1000 approx) and to ensure the command adhered to all regulations of the UCMJ. I have been a part of & navigated one of the largest bureaucracies on the face of the planet. One can not serve where one is unwilling to follow.

HEALTH CARE: There is no one silver bullet solution to our health care system. I would advocate returning the power of choice via a market-based health care system. I believe that we the consumers of health care know our needs far better than a group of DC bureaucrats. Any plan that takes power from the millions and places it in the hands of the few is not in our best interest as consumers.

DISCRIMINATION: The biggest gap we face in inequality is the unequal application of our laws & the unequal protection afforded by them based on income, political connections or office held. Gov. has become the greatest offender of our rights at every level. It is my promise to protect all citizens.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I advocate for a fair, equitable & simplified tax system for individuals & business. I support limiting Gov. spending to 10%-15% of actual GDP. We must begin to address our \$100 plus million in debt. We have no right to put our debt on future generations simply because we lack the will to force Congress to be responsible with our money. I support free trade with other nations.

IMMIGRATION: I fully support the enforcement of our current laws & securing the border. I advocate for more legal immigration. I will help to make those here currently who pose no

threat, a possible path to citizenship after some probationary period of proving their desire to become lawful proud U.S. citizens. All taxes must be paid and any serious criminal conviction will result in deportation.

ENVIRONMENT: I will encourage real scientific research not the politically driven pseudoscience for political gain. I have a physics background so I understand the basics of science. I believe the key to being a good steward of our planet is we must use real science & the free market. The move towards renewable energies must be driven by our ability as consumers to pay for it not Gov subsidies.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We have the opportunity to have complete control over a party leadership if I am elected. I would be the only & 1st elected as a (L) in Congress and would have far more honest access to committees and influence in them than either one of my opponents unless they buy that as well. Gov. reform is the key to all other issues. In this election, we can either repeat a failed history or make history.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've lived in Maryland since 1967 and my (grand)children have been raised here, most in CD6. I've been politically active here for more than 2 decades, feel well prepared to represent, and will propose and promote legislation that will benefit, the vast majority of those of us who live here in CD6. I have also promised to employ citizens from the 4 parties recognized in MD and those unaffiliated.

HEALTH CARE: We have some of the best healthcare available anywhere in the world, but it is not accessible to all our citizens and, for those who can access it, it is far too expensive. Each year, we have hundreds of thousands of medical-related bankruptcies, unlike other western countries, who have none. We need a universal healthcare, single-payer system modeled after those of other western countries.

DISCRIMINATION: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." These are the words of the Equal Rights Amendment, proposed in 1971. I would propose the word "sex" be replaced by "race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty." To implement this amendment, it would be necessary to support policies which aid our courts and law enforcement.

ECONOMIC POLICY: R. Kennedy: GNP "... counts warheads and armored cars for the police to fight the riots in our cities ... does not include the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials." I prefer "GNHappiness:" sustainable and equitable socio-economic development, environmental conservation, preservation and promotion of culture and good governance.

IMMIGRATION: As an immigrant myself: 1. Assure DHS' Verify Employment Eligibility (E-Verify) system is used by all employers and prosecute those who hire ineligible employees. 2. Devise a

path to citizenship for law-abiding, undocumented workers and their families presently in the US. 3. Strengthen our visa system to continue to allow immigrants from around the world to bolster our economy and culture.

ENVIRONMENT: As I recently testified before the MD Dept. of the Environment, we need to leave as much carbon as possible under ground. I suggested that, if they permit the natural gas pipeline near Hancock, they at least force the pipeline owners and gas suppliers place enough money in escrow to cover two extreme leakages. This would pay for recovery of the local environment and the health of local citizens.

OTHER PRIORITIES: 1. Public financing for public office (corporations are not people and money is not speech). 2. Expand our democracy by enacting ranked choice voting (RCV), to encourage more choices for primary and general election voters. 3. Lower tuition for public colleges/universities to the equivalent of that I paid for Brooklyn College in the mid 1960s (\$50 per semester). 4. Restrengthen "Dodd-Frank."

District 8 - U.S. Representative Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was a Political Science Major at Brown University; worked for a Republican Congressman in DC; elected to City Council, Planning Board and Zoning Board in Lebanon, NH. I have a diverse business background that combines entrepreneurship, creativity, client services and management with several domestic and international patents. Small Business Leader of the Year in Montgomery County in 2003.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare deserve to have its own standing committee; currently it does not. We need organizational bipartisan focus and resources in Congress as a national priority to address the causes of the rising costs with new, creativity and innovative ideas for reducing costs of delivering services and providing affordable medicines. We put men on the moon; we can fix healthcare too!

DISCRIMINATION: At one point in my life, I was an Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor with the US Postal Service, resolving individual complaints of discrimination and developing and implementing Action Plans to overcome biases in recruitment, hiring and promotions. I've audited offices where discrimination was thought to exist. I support expanding auditing and additional penalties for discrimination.

ECONOMIC POLICY: You mean before we are all replaced by robots? We need to invest in next generation technologies and train people for this new fields and support these industries with incentives. We need to keep inventing and pioneering. We need to make sure that as capital returns from overseas and as corporations keep more and more of their earnings, that workers, not just stockholders benefit.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration is another example of a national priority that needs its own

standing committee in Congress. We have to come to terms with our values, our history and the realities of the current situation. We need the federal government, states, cities and counties to work together. Time for bipartisan problem solving. Deporting bad actors makes the streets safer but doesn't solve the overall issue.

ENVIRONMENT: I'm old enough to have been at the First Earth Day in 1970. In spite of progress in US, 90% of scientists say the planet is a ticking time bomb. First, we need to stop denying the problem; second, we need to rejoin rest of the world to solve the issues; third, we need to change our habits; and fourth, we need to support new technologies and inventions for both environmental and economic reasons.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Congress needs to stop this partisan tug of war and start working together in a bipartisan way to bring the country together. If elected, I am going to nominate a nationally prominent, highly respected individual to be Speaker of the House - someone who will appoint the best people from both parties to chair committees. No time for business as usual - time for creativity and team work.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Representing Maryland's 8th in the U.S. House since January 2017, I recognize that I have spent my life preparing to serve in this capacity. As a local native, a professor of constitutional law for a quarter-century at AU and a Maryland State Senator for a decade, I have the passion for service to our community and the legislative knowledge needed to advance our priorities and values every day.

HEALTH CARE: I'm working to keep increasing NIH research funding, to guarantee the solvency of Medicare and to defend Medicaid by opposing work requirements and other poison pills. I seek to stabilize the ACA and bring down the costs of premiums and deductibles. I'm also fighting for lower prescription drug prices and the power of government to negotiate for them in Medicare. Organizing for single-payer.

DISCRIMINATION: I'm defending civil rights in every federal program and context and advocating voting rights for all. Played an active role in developing strong new policies against sexual harassment and race discrimination on Capitol Hill. Fight regularly on the Judiciary Committee to champion civil rights and liberties and to oppose efforts to weaken the ADA and undercut employee rights in the workplace.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I'm fighting for a Green Deal, a bipartisan infrastructure plan to reinvest in roads, highways, Metro, mass transit, water etc. in an environmentally positive way; a fair tax policy that protects the working middle class and opposes special-interest tax breaks and giveaways; revitalized labor rights; and a policy of free and fair trade that bolsters our living and working standards.

IMMIGRATION: I favor comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for 800,000 DREAMers, who are students, armed service members and workers who were brought here as children by their parents. I oppose President Trump's profligate border wall proposal and his efforts to curtail legal immigration and refugee admission. We can make common-sense progress when we reject extremist plans.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change must be the overarching context for public policy decision-making. We need to take urgent action to confront the profound damage caused by global warming, including taxing carbon pollution, dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and investing in renewable clean energy. Also we must address air pollution, deforestation, species extinction, and threats to biodiversity.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Nothing is more important to me than delivering effective and prompt service for the 800,000 people I proudly work for. Since I took office in 2017, my excellent staff has resolved 2,353 problems faced by seniors seeking Social Security checks, veterans filing VA claims, federal contractors awaiting payment, immigrants applying for citizenship, and so on. Our doors are always open.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a Paramedic I am taught to assess a situation and then treat it with the proper solution. I would not only fight for what I believe is right, but I would ask for the people of my district to reach out to me with their thoughts. I would maintain an open mind to all solutions / ideas because I believe that is what is best.

HEALTH CARE: I would fight for a free market approach. A system that puts the power in the hand of the individual verses the regulators. Allow people to purchase insurance in private groups so the benefits of lower costs are available to everyone. Allow competition across state lines to bring prices down. Allow people to pick and choose what coverage they want to lower their premium.

DISCRIMINATION: As gross as discrimination is people have a right to hate / dislike who ever they want for whatever reason. I would speak at many events and work towards ending hate, but I do not believe more laws are the answer.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I would work to increase free trade among ALL countries. Reduce taxes and privatize infrastructure. We can start saving money but cutting Congressional pay from \$174,000 a year to much the national median income (\$56,000).

IMMIGRATION: I want to make it easier for immigrants to come to America and bring with them their ideas and cultures. I would work to end mass deportations and strengthen the rights of families here. I would also filibuster anything that had to do with construction of the wall.

ENVIRONMENT: The environment is obviously changing as it is constantly evolving and going

through cycles. The argument is not "is it" but what is the best solution. I believe in renewable energy as a future and would work to make that easier for people to afford. Allow more private money to flow into research and development.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Installing Congressional term limits and slashing pay. Ending all wars that were are in and bring ALL of our troops home ASAP! Increasing personal privacy and eliminating Eminent Domain.

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Maryland General Assembly

State Senators and Delegates

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?

District 14

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a military veteran with 3 decades leading organizations, an educator at undergrad and graduate levels, and a 1st generation American. I've honorably represented our nation across 9 states and throughout Europe, and held the sober charge of nuclear weapons. Collectively, this far exceeds my opponent's life experience as a rising-career-politician. I am a servant-leader, NOT a party-servant.

REDISTRICTING: I reject all gerrymandering and endorse the MCRR recommendations & Gov Hogan's efforts to create an independent commission. Democrats have PROVEN they will abuse redistricting for political gain, and my opponent defends gerrymandering with a faux solution designed to keep Maryland blue. Our state is far more purple, and we deserve solutions that put Marylanders' needs ahead of party interests.

ENVIRONMENT: Nearly all challenges pale against climate change, and Maryland, as a coastal state with a substantial bay, is at particular risk from sea level rise effects. Regardless of human efforts, we will need to adapt. My background includes future strategies, and my priority will be creating long-term options, including funding strategies, necessary to mitigate sea level rise effects.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination involves such a wide number of underlying causes; it is hubris to believe any democratic government can eradicate them all. I firmly believe the surest path to equality, though often slow, is to ensure genuine equality under the law. We must strengthen legal language to ensure no identifiable group is diminished.

EDUCATION: I endorse much of the MCIEE preliminary report, and will introduce a new Maryland Student-Parent-Teacher Covenant to improve education quality, promote greater deference for Parents' authorities, and elevate teaching as a profession. Aside from the State's gaming revenue as a supplement, growing the tax base by growing business in the state is the best path to sustainable funding.

HEALTH CARE: The opioid crisis and health care affordability. The former requires direct health professional and law enforcement input, and the latter Gov Hogan led a successful bipartisan effort to address during this last session. I am still reviewing the details and evidence from the session and reading professional materials on the subjects before defining policies I will endorse or pursue.

TRANSPORTATION: Unlike most candidates, I use mass transit daily for work, so I know first-hand its impacts on quality-of-life. Solutions for urban eastern Maryland do not translate well to rural western Maryland. My priority will be my entire district's needs and promoting responsible balance between mass public and individual private options. I will promote

opportunities for private-public partnerships.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've represented District 14 in the Maryland General Assembly for the last 7 years. I served 5 years in the House of Delegates prior to being appointed to the State Senate in 2016. I have dedicated my life to family and public service. I strive to provide top-notch constituent service, ease the tax burden on Maryland families, and ensure that Montgomery County receives its fair share of money.

REDISTRICTING: The issue of gerrymandering is a national problem that requires a national solution. However, the federal executive branch and Congress have failed to act, so it has been left up to the states. In the past, I have sponsored legislation that creates an independent redistricting commission. I am against gerrymandering and have led efforts to end it.

ENVIRONMENT: It is important for us to be good stewards of the environment by protecting our natural resources like the Chesapeake Bay, the Ag Reserve, farms and open space. Among the most pressing environmental issues we're facing are climate change and the assault on pollution controls. For climate change, I think MD needs to increase its renewable portfolio standards, & climate resiliency projects.

DISCRIMINATION: Throughout my time in the legislature I have attempted to protect the dignity and rights of all Marylanders. I helped to expand access for women to receive health care and protected their reproductive choices, supported policies that created employment and education opportunities for the disabled and promoted the tolerance of all religions; and fought for equality regardless of sexual orientation.

EDUCATION: Ensuring that our students and educators have a safe and adequate learning environment remains a top priority of mine. I was proud to co-sponsor legislation that will provide funding for safety upgrades to schools, helps close the achievement gap, prepare students for higher education and help reduce college debt. Through smart budgeting, we are able to fund this without raising taxes.

HEALTH CARE: MD is a national model for health care delivery. Providing adequate access to healthcare and keeping insurance costs low remains a top priority. The Assembly has taken prudent action to secure the ACA and prevent premium increases of up to 50% for people buying insurance. Opioid drug overdoses continue to plague our State. We must fund rehabilitation centers and curb access for abusers.

TRANSPORTATION: Easing traffic congestion, fixing Metro, expanding clean energy and ensuring our roads are safe remain a top priority. Tens of thousands of Marylanders rely on Metro, reliable bus service and safe roads every day to travel around the DC metro area. My job is to make sure all of these remain reliable and our transportation dollars go to these priorities.

Delegate Candidates

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REDISTRICTING: I support Governor Hogan's fair redistricting plan which includes appointing a non-partisan Commission to re-draw the districts after the 2020 Census.

[dhttps://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Final-Redistricting.pdf](https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Final-Redistricting.pdf)

ENVIRONMENT: I support the governor's plan for cleaning the bay and support his using the monies set aside for the bay to be actually used to clean up the bay. I am also in favor of the plans to improve the highways in the state. Pollution from cars is multiplied many times over when they idle for hours standing in traffic

DISCRIMINATION: I believe each person should be treated equally regardless of race or gender. Freedom of religion is guaranteed by the Constitution and no person should be prevented from free exercise of religion. Any disability that does not inhibit a person from performing a job effectively should not be considered when hiring or for any other reason. Poverty is best addressed by encouraging job creation.

EDUCATION: The purpose of education is to ensure children are given the knowledge essential for them to function in future academic/work environments. Children need to learn fundamental principles of democracy, including the Constitutional form of government and a basic understanding of the economic environment in which they will function. If public schools fail there then other choices must be available

HEALTH CARE: High premiums and high deductibles assure that many people in this state get no benefits from insurance. Congress should pass common sense healthcare reform. In lieu of this our Governor has worked with the General Assembly in a bipartisan manner to stabilize Maryland's health care insurance market and prevent rates from skyrocketing.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation, highways and local roads are all important. Just concentrating on one form of transportation does not meet the needs of all citizens. Forcing cars to sit for hours idling on gridlocked roads pours tons of carbon into the atmosphere daily. I approve of Hogan's Public/Private partnerships to fund transportation. Transportation money

should be used for transportation only.

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REDISTRICTING: I support an independent commission to propose redistricting maps, wherein the commission is guided by principles focused on physical characteristics of the district, as opposed to the voters' political preferences. Priorities should be: 1) continuity of current political jurisdiction (county, municipality, school district, etc.); 2) natural/manmade barriers; and 3) compactness.

ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental issues for which the Maryland legislature can have a strong impact include 1) the health of the Bay and the waterways of Maryland; 2) the preservation of agricultural land and green space; and 3) promoting growth in the all-of-the-above energy sector based on free-market principles.

DISCRIMINATION: This is a complex question, as the types of discrimination cited have different factors. But as a legislator, my goal will be to promote the fair application of law and policy regardless of the individual characteristics of the beneficiary, and to resolve any discrepancies where legislatively possible. As an advocate, I will speak out against unfair discrimination.

EDUCATION: In no particular order: 1. School safety (including health and safety of students, better review of the qualifications of teacher, paraeducators and substitutes, etc). 2. Accountability and oversight of the school funding and expenditure process 3. A review of the administration/teacher pay differential 4. Accountability of academic performance

HEALTH CARE: The continuously rising costs of health insurance and limited market participation for insurance companies has severely impacts both the financial and physical health of Marylanders. Maryland needs to engage in a comprehensive review of the healthcare insurance industry, and promote more competition to reduce the costs.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland needs to continue to invest in the transportation infrastructure, including road and bridge repair/expansion, review of the public transportation systems for efficiency, cost-effectiveness and targeted investment, and to take a more comprehensive look at long-term development to ensure that our infrastructure investments meet the needs of the ongoing residential/commercial development.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Before being elected, I spent years working in and for my community - learning our shared values, digging into what matters most to my neighbors. As an elected official for 16 years, I have made putting those shared values into actions at the core of my public service. I will continue to do just that if returned to the House of Delegates and as Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee.

REDISTRICTING: I support a fair equitable method of ensuring proper representation of Congressional and legislative districts. Congressional and legislative districts should not be drawn in a partisan manner. Gerrymandering is an impairment to full representative democracy.

ENVIRONMENT: Offshore drilling, suburban sprawl and road congestion are major problems Maryland must continue to address. We must invest in and protect the health of the Chesapeake Bay, the crown jewel of our state. Given my strong environmental record, I have been endorsed by the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters.

DISCRIMINATION: For the past 16 years as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, I have supported a range of bills that help establish greater equality and I will continue to do so if I am re-elected. I support a woman's right to choose; raising the minimum wage; pay equity; and have a strong record of support for the LGBT community.

EDUCATION: Every child deserves a high quality education, no matter their zip code. I am committed to improving pre-Kindergarten education, supporting teachers, getting the best and brightest into our classrooms, providing more support for struggling learners, and keeping our schools safe. As Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, I play a key role in guiding K-12 education policy.

HEALTH CARE: As a member of the House of Delegates, I have a responsibility to my 126,000 constituents to increase access to high quality health care, help fight the rising cost of prescriptions, help address the opioid crisis, and seek better mental health solutions.

TRANSPORTATION: I support a robust public transportation system with dedicated funding. I also believe that road improvements, and in some cases, new roads are needed to ensure a comprehensive transportation infrastructure. The county's economy may be impeded in the future if we do not make better progress in transit-oriented development and committing to other infrastructure improvements.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have had the honor of representing District 14 in the House of Delegates for the past four years, and prior to my service in office was deeply engaged with a variety of community organizations in Montgomery County.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that we should move towards non-partisan redistricting. My preference is for this to happen nationwide, but if the Congress or the Supreme Court fail to act, I believe Maryland should implement non-partisan redistricting on its own.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change remains the most significant threat to our environment and society, and we need to aggressively pursue efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

DISCRIMINATION: Non-discrimination is a fundamental American value that I hold dear, and I have consistently supported legislation ensuring non-discrimination, including marriage equality, the expansion of Maryland's non-discrimination law to cover transgender Marylanders, and efforts to apply non-discrimination law to private schools that receive taxpayer funds.

EDUCATION: As Chairman of the House Education Subcommittee, I have been a leader in Annapolis on education issues. As we begin a once in a decade discussion of major reforms to our education funding and policies, I will be advocating for the implementation of universal pre-kindergarten, improved recruitment and retention policies for teachers, and efforts to reduce our school construction backlog.

HEALTH CARE: Health care is a human right. I support efforts to maintain the expansion of health care under the Affordable Care Act and believe we need to move towards a system of truly universal health care.

TRANSPORTATION: My three highest priorities are construction of bus rapid transit in the Route 29 corridor, expansion of pedestrian and bicycle access around schools, and efforts to reduce congestion on I-270. I believe these goals can be met with existing revenues.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am honored to serve in the State Legislature as a champion for those whose voices are often muted or misunderstood. All my personal and professional experiences influence my pragmatic approach to “getting things done” which I attribute to understanding less intuitive complexities, collaborating with adversaries, courage to make tough choices, and wisdom to know when to compromise.

REDISTRICTING: Unfortunately, issues with redistricting has put Maryland in the national spotlight; and efforts to remedy apparent issues aren’t forthcoming. Due to the national implication of redistricting results, I support a regional approach involving multiple states using the same independent panel to redraw the Congressional and Legislative boundaries.

ENVIRONMENT: During my tenure in the MGA, I champion environmental injustice issues, efforts to protect the Chesapeake Bay, and efforts to curtail climate change. Future legislation

will address affordable fresh foods for college students; incentives for technology use to help farmers achieve sustainable food growth; and efforts to reduce carbon emissions in the transportation sector.

DISCRIMINATION: I support level-the-playing field policies focused on education, healthcare, employment, housing, career mobility, criminal justice, and law enforcement, especially policy to eliminate poverty by addressing impediments to upward mobility via training, certification, and apprenticeships; and increasing home ownership to build personal wealth and cultivate community.

EDUCATION: I support efforts to attract and retain quality teachers with Grow Your Own programs, mentoring programs for new teachers, continuous training and developmental opportunities for teachers. I advocate cultivating life-long learners from pre-K; service learning opportunities, and CTE programs. I support more instructional days in the school calendar with funding from foundations and private sector.

HEALTH CARE: More efforts are needed to increase access to quality health care for all residents. I supported legislation to keep insurance costs down, stabilize rates, and provide more healthcare choices. In addition to addressing the Opioid Crisis, I will focus on policy that addresses mental illness, especially among youth and veterans; and to remedy a pervasive culture of violence, as a health issue.

TRANSPORTATION: I support a robust and well-connected mass transportation system that addresses access to employment barriers; and reduces traffic congestion. For Montgomery County, a regional approach is needed, especially with the Northern VA corridor. I support dedicated funding for WMATA; and a Master Plan approach that assesses funding and infrastructure needs from a regional perspective.

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District 15

State Senator Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the son of a country minister I learned a deep caring concern for others, coupled with a take action now to help others attitude. I served 23 years as a military officer with two combat tours, my experiences boil down to integrity and honor above all. A caring Mother taught me to listen twice as much as I spoke. All these experiences have prepared me to represent my district and my state.

REDISTRICTING: The only acceptable solution is an independent bipartisan action using mathematic algorithms to establish fair and competitive district boundaries. Gerrymandering is

the primary reason I entered the race for state senate. Maryland citizens have a right to free and fair elections, and I will do everything in my power to ensure every vote counts as it was intended by the voter.

ENVIRONMENT: Stormwater and farming related pollution are both serious issues here in the Agricultural Reserve. Not to over-simplify the solution, but these are addressed by strong environmental management processes. Management plans must set realistic standards with compliance oversight, coordinated with farmers and city managers. Effective monitoring and fixing accountability are critical.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland has anti-discrimination policies covering all these areas and more, which I fully support. Recently, there have been efforts to disguise discrimination by other means. Specifically, disaggregating racial data for one race and not others, without a clear explanation on how the data will be used. This is a great concern.

EDUCATION: I would support tighter budgets for the out of control administrative costs, along with student performance-oriented incentives. Funding of our schools should be a result of need, rather than a standard formula. And competition would allow parents to have more say in making sure their children are taught the way they learn best.

HEALTH CARE: The number one driver of healthcare costs is the percentage of premiums going to the medical providers, resulting in overpriced medical services. Yet, none of the plans to reduce coverage costs consider modifying this aspect of the total bill. The current proposal to use the tax penalty as a down payment on coverage may have some value, but still misses the mark regarding the real problem.

TRANSPORTATION: The simplest, near-term solution for heavy traffic with current HOV lanes is to increase the requirement to HOV3 with all three being adult, licensed drivers. Add strict enforcement for an effective, low-cost solution. Incentivize telework, which reduces risk and pollution, while increasing productivity. Create public-private partnerships to develop and operate major infrastructure projects.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served in the General Assembly since 2003, first in the House of Delegates and currently in the State Senate. I have received numerous honors and have held several leadership positions in both Chambers. Prior to being elected, I served as a U.S. Department of Justice attorney and am currently a Tax Attorney/CPA in private practice. These experiences have been valuable in the legislature.

REDISTRICTING: I support proposals which seek to take partisan politics out of the redistricting process by turning the process over to an independent commission.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of the Chesapeake Bay continues to be a significant environmental challenge for our region. The recent rollback of environmental regulations and funding for

environmental programs at the federal level requires states to fill the void. I have sponsored many of the key environmental bills in the legislature and have been endorsed by the Sierra Club and MD League of Conservation Voters.

DISCRIMINATION: I will generally be supportive of any and all policies which address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty.

EDUCATION: I support the goal of offering full-day Pre-K programs to 4-years olds across MD. Expanding early childhood education, particularly for low income families, is essential to closing the state's achievement gap. The biggest challenge to realizing this goal is the cost. Thus, fiscal conditions must be taken into account in determining how long it will take to fully implement this plan.

HEALTH CARE: As Chair of the Senate's Health Subcommittee, I am the Senate's point person on healthcare policy. With the dismantling of the Affordable Care Act at the federal level, MD's individual insurance market is now fragile. We must stabilize that market to prevent large premium increases. We must also enact policies to control escalating prescription drug prices, a major driver of healthcare costs.

TRANSPORTATION: To grow our economy, we need a comprehensive plan to combat traffic congestion, including widening I-270 at strategic spots and upgrades to the American Legion Bridge using innovative public private partnerships to fund these projects. I am proud to have sponsored the landmark Metro Funding Act passed this year which provides funding needed to improve the overall reliability of the DC Metro system

Delegate Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: For 15 years, I've been a tireless advocate for children and families as an effective PTA leader at the local and county levels, which led to an appointment by Governor Hogan as a Maryland Board of Education Member. President Obama's administration named me a "White House Champion of Change" for my advocacy work. I offer analytical skills from 9 years as a senior benefits analyst and HR generalist.

REDISTRICTING: A proposed bill has been ignored by our MoCo legislators since Hogan took office. This is inexcusable. I would support a bill to establish a committee of commissioners where no one political party is over-represented. Boundaries would be determined in a fair and bi-partisan manner, including holding public hearings and maintaining a strict adherence to transparency of redistricting data.

ENVIRONMENT: As a Marylander, I'll always pay attention to the health of our Chesapeake Bay. I'm pleased to see efforts of our most recent administrations have improved our Bay. I'm concerned with the effects poor indoor air quality in our schools has on students who already

have high asthma rates. Mold and poorly maintained & overcrowded schools exacerbate this health issue & better policies are needed.

DISCRIMINATION: The color of someone's skin or the country our ancestors came from should not be used to sort Americans or treat any one group better or worse than another. High expectations in public education and community engagement are keys to realizing Dr. King's dream. We must improve academic measurements in our school accountability policy, involve/engage/listen to parents, & work with education leaders.

EDUCATION: 1) Empower parents & the community 2) Increase the academic measurements in the school accountability system 3) Support an Investigator General 4) Support policies that would foster innovation in our public schools. 5) Increase school construction & maintenance funding. To fund, I'd work with Gov. Hogan's staff and education experts to prioritize needs & cut wasteful spending

HEALTH CARE: As a recent widow who has been on COBRA with two sons, I'm keenly aware of the exorbitant cost increases. I would encourage new policies that promote competition among states so that Marylanders have better options which will make health insurance more competitive and keep premiums down. For the opioid crisis, I would seek out evidence-based & drug prevention programs.

TRANSPORTATION: In contrast to most Democrat leaders who have not provided road solutions, I support Governor Hogan's Traffic Relief Plan which offers funding through public/private partnerships and doesn't add to our taxes. I believe we can improve our roads and traffic flow with structural and technologically smart improvements while continuing to work toward the future with mass transit and other projects.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As real estate and small business attorney, representing individuals and small business owners over the past 34 years in MD, I intend to bring Common-Sense to the decisions made in Annapolis that impact our quality of life. Dealing with burdensome government regulation has provided me with the hands-on skills which I will use, to think through the unintended consequences of ill-conceived laws.

REDISTRICTING: I wholeheartedly support Governor Hogan's NON-Partisan Redistricting Commission. Hopefully the US Supreme Court will invalidate the blatantly political contours of District 6. Common-Sense must be applied to drawing district lines. My far-flung District (15) has been Gerrymandered to carve out logical contiguous population centers such as Rockville, Gaithersburg, Park Potomac and North Bethesda.

ENVIRONMENT: Although not physically in our District, the Chesapeake Bay is a great Maryland Treasure which provides revenue, recreation and JOBS for all Marylanders. We need to insure

that the policies both in state in out of state, not just preserve this resource, but improves is ecology. I will be a voice for an improved Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

DISCRIMINATION: As an employer and creator of jobs for over 30 years I lead by example. I have always hired and promoted people based on their ability, attitude and loyalty. As a real estate professional I have always advised my clients to adhere (and personally adhered) to the highest standard for providing housing accommodation regardless of race, gender, religion disability or other economic status.

EDUCATION: Top priority is to bring more dollars back from Annapolis to fund day-to-day operations. I will advocate to see those funds reach teacher's pockets directly and not to pay for more administrative red tape. I would adopt Governor Hogan's Casino Lock Box program to earmark those revenues exclusively for education. I would go one step farther and earmark 10% of those lockbox funds for school safety.

HEALTH CARE: Rising cost of health insurance and the ability to require insurers to cover pre-existing conditions is the most significant challenge facing Maryland citizens. This is a highly complex issue and I will listen to all stakeholders and then apply my Common-Sense when making these life or death decisions. I will need the public's help in educating me to make the right decision.

TRANSPORTATION: Traffic is my top priority. Simple solutions such as creating higher quality, longer-lasting roads, installing better lighting and signage can all be accomplished at minimal cost. I will require the state and county to work together study and revise the traffic signal sequencing, so Marylanders do not waste valuable time waiting at empty intersections. I will reduce hidden speed camera "taxes."

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QUALIFICATIONS: 23 years Army retiring at Lieutenant Colonel. Served in Korea, Viet Nam and Europe. 30 years of corporate experience ending as President, Ceradyne Armor Systems supplying approx. 80% of the body armor worn by soldiers and marines today. Interacted with all levels of Congress, the federal government and industry on subjects ranging from complex financial matters to contract requirements.

REDISTRICTING: A bi-partisan select committee re-drawing CD/LD based on confirmed census data to encompass contiguous geographic areas and regions that represent ground truth and not political pooling and hot spots by extended and amorphous areas.

ENVIRONMENT: I am going to change the environment inside the Maryland State House. I will work with Governor Hogan to get legislation passed that will move MD forward in areas of transportation, Infrastructure, tax reductions, reducing regulations and making MD a business-friendly place. I will also work on continuing the cleanup and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: Committed to a living enviro free from discrimination & harassment. No discrimination protected under Federal and Maryland. Standards apply to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, pol affil, phy/mental dis., religion, protected vet status, genetic Infor, appearance, or any other legal protected class.

EDUCATION: Working with the Governor to come up with a plan that will help low-performing schools throughout the state. Confront the unions and seek a middle ground that works on behalf of all Maryland's students not just the union. I will support the Governors efforts to create a Lock Box on casino taxes that are there to support education are not raided by the Legislature for other spending.

HEALTH CARE: Raising health care costs through the MD Exchange needs to be restructured and an open market competitive healthcare system be made available. I will work with the Governor to bring about a change that will work for all Marylanders.

TRANSPORTATION: My focus is on I-270 and I-495 improvements to ease the commuting burden. New lanes and other infrastructure improvements. This should be funded by public-private partnership so that the burden for paying for these projects is not on the backs of Maryland tax payers.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have had the honor and privilege to represent District 15 in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2003. I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee. My professional experience as a practicing family law attorney has been invaluable in the legislature. In my practice and in the legislature, I am a consensus builder -- I listen, analyze and work toward sound solutions.

REDISTRICTING: Congressional and legislative district lines should be drawn by a bi-partisan commission. Hopefully, in the next legislative term we can move this initiative forward.

ENVIRONMENT: These challenges include addressing climate change; restoring the health of the Bay; managing land use and protecting open space; monitoring the use of pesticides; and reducing pollution from carbon plants and septic systems. We can make progress in these areas each year by strengthening the Renewable Portfolio Standard, meeting goals for the Bay, and reducing our reliance on trash incineration.

DISCRIMINATION: Supporting a vibrant, strong and diverse K-12 education is the best way to address discrimination. This year the General Assembly passed legislation that begins to implement the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission to modernize Maryland's educational system by improving teacher recruitment, getting more resources to students in low-income schools and expanding technical career programs.

EDUCATION: As noted above, I support the recommendations of the Kirwin Commission

including encouraging the top 25% of high school graduates from each county to pursue a career in education and increasing awareness of financial aid programs for teaching candidates. I also support an Early Literacy Program in low-income areas to help students build a strong reading foundation and expand pre-k programs.

HEALTH CARE: Affordable health care is one of the most significant health challenges. The cost of care is rising due to insurance market uncertainty and the individual mandate repeal by Republicans in Congress. This year, the General Assembly passed two pieces of legislation to curb the rising cost of care in the short-term and offer a long-term solution to stabilize the market. We'll continue to improve this

TRANSPORTATION: We need a balance of road improvements and transit projects. I support the Purple Line, the Corridor Cities Transitway, and improved funding for Metro. We passed legislation to provide additional funding of \$167 million a year - as will Virginia and the District. The annual amount of funding will increase by 3% annually to account for inflation. We allocated \$178 million for Baltimore transit.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as a Delegate since 2013 on the Environment and Transportation Committee. Prior to that, I was a Montgomery County Police Officer and a partner in a small business. My experience has taught me that success comes best when you work as a team. Together with my colleagues, we have passed a number of important bills by building coalitions across the aisle, including banning fracking.

REDISTRICTING: We need more non-partisan public participation. Gerrymandering is one of the biggest threats to democracy and unfortunately it is a problem nationwide and we need to make sure there is a national solution to the problem.

ENVIRONMENT: The two most significant are Climate Change and protecting the Chesapeake Bay. I have supported and lead on a number of measures including clean cars, banning fracking and providing incentives for clean energy development. But we always need to do more on the state level, especially now, with the reckless disregard for our future coming out of the current administration in Washington.

DISCRIMINATION: I have supported and worked with my colleagues on a number of bills from LGBT rights to housing protections to equal pay. I also strongly support paid sick leave and raising the minimum wage.

EDUCATION: I believe we need to take the recommendations of the Kerwin Commission and make them a reality. I supported the bill this year to ensure that casino money supplements and does not replace general fund revenues in education funding.

HEALTH CARE: I have supported a number of bills to strengthen the exchange and protect Medicaid and especially the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program. But these are all fall short of what is best: a Medicare for All program to make sure everyone gets the care they need.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to address traffic. We need smart development and need to make sure that we are investing not just for our needs today but our needs in the future. That means a greater emphasis on transit and transit-oriented development. Investing in transit not only benefits citizens you use it but also our neighbors that use the roads by reducing traffic.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an immigrant who came here by choice, I know the value of opportunities and why we must be both inclusive and competitive. With a career in higher education and local government, senior leadership experience in both economic and workforce development in Montgomery County, and community leadership across cultures, I will be able to focus on the right legislative priorities to move us forward.

REDISTRICTING: We should explore an independent commission for redistricting. Anytime elected officials are drawing district lines, there will be the temptation to create boundaries to bolster themselves or their party. I believe in order to have truly equitable districts, we need an independent commission armed with the proper data and mathematical modeling tools.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate Protecting is the most pressing environment issue of our time. Locally, protecting the Chesapeake Bay and the Ag Reserve are major concerns for Maryland. Through accelerating Maryland's use of clean and renewable energy, public transit, and investments in workforce training for "green" industries, we can tackle these environmental challenges head-on while growing these emerging industries.

DISCRIMINATION: As a working mother, I have seen first hand employee discrimination based on pregnancy. I support policies that provide reasonable accommodations for pregnant employees. I would also support measures for local government agencies to better serve, hire/promote and contract with minority and immigrant communities, and to fight discrimination against LGBTQ communities and youth.

EDUCATION: I support universal Pre-K and enhanced career and technical training in our public schools to grow quality mid-to-high wage jobs that meet our community and employer needs. Through a combination of casino lockbox funding and revised funding formulas to accurately represent the changing needs of today's Montgomery County, I am confident we can see a better education system for all students.

HEALTH CARE: Mental and behavioral health including Opioid addiction are among the major challenges facing Maryland. We need increased access to mental health counselors, addiction treatment for those with no insurance, and better staff training at treatment facilities. We must also stabilize healthcare costs through a health insurance down payment system which will give more residents access to healthcare.

TRANSPORTATION: My transportation priorities are to provide traffic relief to the growing

Upcounty area by advancing Bus Rapid Transit systems and improvements on I-270. I will fight for Montgomery County's fair share in both capital and operating budget to support our priority transportation needs and ensure the Transportation Trust Fund is being replenished and used only for transportation purposes.

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District 16

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QUALIFICATIONS: Founder & Chief Technologist for a science & technology small business focused on Innovation at the fusion of the Internet of Things (IoT), Cybersecurity, Geospatial & Open Standards, Smart Cities, Connected & Autonomous Vehicles (CAV), and Unmanned Systems (UxS) / Drones. Principal Investigator for IoT/Cyber/Geospatial/Unmanned Systems Research, Project Manager, Systems & Software Engineer 25+yrs

REDISTRICTING: We should all support Governor Hogan's efforts for non-partisan redistricting reform. Governor Hogan believes voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. That is why he proposes taking this process out of the hands of self-interested, partisan politicians operating behind closed doors, and put it in the hands of a transparent, non-partisan commission.

ENVIRONMENT: The best way to address environmental challenges is via markets, not mandates – Montgomery & MD can lead, which is why my family has been migrating to electric vehicles & solar energy. Restoration of the Chesapeake Bay is a core value for Maryland, so we should support Governor Hogan's record of fully funding the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund for the first time in state history.

DISCRIMINATION: I am a multi-racial child & grandchild of immigrants, as are my two children (immigrant spouse), the three of us born & raised in Montgomery. Yet, I do not claim to speak for any of these demographics. I support treating people as individuals, not as representatives of their race/gender/religion, per Martin Luther King: judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

EDUCATION: As a graduate of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)'s Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, and of the Head Start program for disadvantaged low-income students, I support ensuring a quality education for all children in Montgomery and across Maryland. As a current MCPS parent and MCPS teacher's spouse, we must support our teachers with technology, resources, and training.

HEALTH CARE: We should all support the efforts by Governor Hogan and Lt. Governor Rutherford to fight for solutions to the heroin and opioid crisis and ultimately save lives. As a

cancer survivor, I support the research of the National Institutes of Health and all the biotech non-profits and start-ups based here in Bethesda and Montgomery County, in their work towards solutions impacting all of humanity.

TRANSPORTATION: We should all support Governor Hogan's Traffic Relief Plan to bring innovative solutions to address the transportation challenges on Maryland's most congested roads, including I-495, I-270, and MD 295/The Baltimore Washington Parkway. Funding will be via Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA)'s I-495 & I-270 Public-Private Partnership (P3) Program.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a Senator and Delegate, I worked to pass laws to support K-12 education full funding, Pre-K, affordable college, clean environment, gun safety, affordable healthcare, mass transit, bioscience and cybersecurity; fight domestic violence, human trafficking, senior & child abuse and identity theft. Building on my track record, I can continue to do even more for my constituents and all Marylanders.

REDISTRICTING: A comprehensive federal measure, instead of piece meal by the state, to ensure Congressional & legislative restricting is conducted by an independent commission of multi-partisan, unaffiliated voters, diverse members and stakeholders with an opportunity for public input and a process and standards that support fairness and effective representation.

ENVIRONMENT: As Senator and Delegate, I worked to pass laws to address Climate Change, reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions, ground, water, and Chesapeake Bay pollution; increase Renewal Portfolio Standard, solar & wind energy, oyster/crab population, forest conservation; ban Fracking; and hold offshore drillers strictly liable. Building on my track record, I can continue to do even more to protect our environment

DISCRIMINATION: As a legislator, I have supported and passed bills to fight discrimination against women, LGBTQs, immigrants, people of color and all backgrounds, sexual harassment, hate crimes, racial and religious profiling; support marriage equality, dreamers, and bail reform. I was the Senate Lead Sponsor of the Maryland Equal Pay for Equal Work Act. Building on my track record, I can continue to do more.

EDUCATION: I continue to support increased funding for public school K-12, construction, modernization, safety & higher education; universal Pre-K; free/reduced meals; recruit/retain best teachers; affordable college & helped pass bills to create Education Lock Box to direct casino revenues to support, not supplant education funding & a new Interagency Commission for School Construction to obtain more funds.

HEALTH CARE: As a legislator, I have worked to pass laws to ensure Marylanders have affordable healthcare and prescription drugs; create the Reinsurance program; allow Attorney General to file suit to prevent drug price gouging; address long term care; and served as lead sponsor of Telehealth laws to save lives and increase access to underserved communities. Building on my track record, I can to do even more.

TRANSPORTATION: I helped pass laws to have Metro dedicated funding, better governance and membership; safe and efficient mass transit; move forward the Purple Line; and to create the Transportation Lock Box to secure funds for transportation and the repair of roads and infrastructure that also created jobs. I will continue to work to ensure Maryland has a safe and efficient transportation system & infrastructure.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a Bethesda resident, dedicated husband and father with children in local schools, a small biz owner, a local attorney, a MSI soccer coach, and a Navy veteran. Maryland has been my home since I graduated from the Naval Academy and met my wife, a 4th gen. Marylander whose family owned the Rod N' Reel in So. Md. I will take a commonsense approach to issues affecting our children and community.

REDISTRICTING: I agree with 73% of Marylanders and the Washington Post that Maryland needs a nonpartisan redistricting process that ensures free and fair elections. As a Delegate I will vote for Gov. Hogan's proposal for a nonpartisan commission to draw up Congressional and Legislative districts after the 2020 census. When we work together Maryland citizens win.

ENVIRONMENT: Many Marylanders make their living from the Chesapeake Bay. A healthy Bay is a healthy Maryland. Restoration of Chesapeake Bay, rivers and streams, quality of our drinking water, protection of green spaces in urban development, excessive traffic congestion and noise from aircraft overhead, and the 1000% increase in MoCo's "water quality protection" fees concern me.

DISCRIMINATION: We have made great progress on addressing discrimination yet surely additional work can be done. I condemn discrimination based on race, gender, religion, and disability. Whether legal protections should be extended to cover "poverty" is a controversial idea that requires careful thought. I support equal opportunity for all.

EDUCATION: More STEM education, school safety that protects children from predators, and accountability of school board. I support the Governor's investment in education and recent passage of legislation that requires school safety coordinators and behavioral health assessment teams to identify students whose behavior pose a threat. The addition of a MC school Inspector General is a solid step forward.

HEALTH CARE: Maryland declared a state of emergency in response to the heroin, opioid, and fentanyl crisis soon after. Gov Hogan took office. He set up an Opioid Operational Command Center to coordinate state and local agencies, imposed a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, limited the amount a health care provider can prescribe, and strengthened laws to

impose strict penalties on distributors of fentanyl.

TRANSPORTATION: D16 residents are employed and attend schools located throughout the region and depend on well maintained local roads, 495 and 270 and Metro system. Of major concern is the capacity of these roads to accommodate traffic that will increase with arrival of new businesses in Bethesda and Rockville I will work with the Hogan Administration to improve traffic congestion.

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QUALIFICATIONS: During my eight years representing our community in the legislature I have earned elected and appointed leadership positions that give me critical experience including Deputy Majority Whip, Subcommittee Chair on the Healthcare Committee, Chair of the Montgomery County Economic Development Committee, Chair of Joint Committee for Children, Youth & Families, and President of the Women Legislators.

REDISTRICTING: Ideally, there would be national reform whereby no state could improperly draw district lines. Last year, I supported legislation that would establish a nonpartisan commission to draft the state's congressional districts with a Mid-Atlantic Regional Compact, including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. I support this as a good first step.

ENVIRONMENT: I am proud to be endorsed by the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters, and even more proud of my 100% lifetime voting record from these groups. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the use of renewable energy sources is essential to protecting and improving our air and water quality. In 2018, I co-sponsored the 100% RPS bill and the Clean Energy Jobs Act.

DISCRIMINATION: I support increasing the minimum wage, paid family & medical leave, and pay equity. I co-sponsored the Trust Act and support preventing the criminalization of poverty. I led the successful fights to increase childcare subsidies, provide access to cost-free birth control, and to reform the sexual harassment and racial discrimination reporting system in the legislature and state government.

EDUCATION: I support ensuring access to high quality education for all of children through initiatives such as increasing school construction funding, universal access to pre-k and community college, and updated buildings and upgraded technology. This session, I co-sponsored an amendment to Maryland's constitution that requires casino revenues be used to provide \$500 million for our school.

HEALTH CARE: Volatility in the individual insurance market is our greatest healthcare challenge. I support investigating the possibility of individuals and small groups being able to buy into the state employee insurance plan or into Medicaid. I also support and voted to fund a state reinsurance program. From a public health perspective we face significant healthcare

disparities, and a tragic opioid crisis.

TRANSPORTATION: I support Maryland's full commitment to \$167 million a year in dedicated funding for WMATA from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund. I am a co-sponsor of the Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act (HB 372). I am also supportive of enhancing WMATA oversight by strengthening WMATA's Office of the Inspector General and placing the Maryland Secretary of Transportation or their designee on the Board.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been privileged to serve as a Delegate from District 16 for the past four years. Prior to that service, I was involved politically as my district's Democratic Party committee member. I also was involved civically as chair of the Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board and an officer on the board of the Bethesda Urban Partnership.

REDISTRICTING: I would like to see national changes that require all states to move to non-partisan redistricting commissions. In the meantime, Maryland can make strides by applying the rules that apply to our state legislative boundaries (compactness, contiguity, and respect for political subdivisions) to our Congressional districts. I am a co-sponsor of the bipartisan HB 1022 which would achieve that purpose.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the most significant overall environmental challenge we face. It will have significant effects in Maryland because of the amount of coast line we have. Although we cannot solve climate change alone, we can lead the way by dramatically reducing the amount of fossil fuels we use for energy. I have championed energy storage to allow better use of intermittent renewables.

DISCRIMINATION: I support equal pay, sexual harassment legislation, cash bail reform, ban the box in employment and higher education, increased funding for special education, and many other broad and targeted policies to ensure that all are treated fairly regardless of race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty.

EDUCATION: I support increased funding for school construction, which is particularly important for our county and our high enrollment growth. This can be funded by continuing to increase the high enrollment growth grant and gaining efficiencies in the school construction process. I also support updating the state's education funding formulas once the Kirwan Commission finishes its work later this year.

HEALTH CARE: The rising cost of healthcare is a major issue. Most attention is on the individual market, but all Americans are spending an increasing proportion of income on healthcare. I support expanding our all payer waiver to cover more services and control costs. I also support legislation to create a Medicaid buy-in program or even single payer in Maryland, all to control costs while improving access.

TRANSPORTATION: I have spent significant time in my first term on Metro. We are on the cusp

of passing dedicated funding regionally. There will be a need for significant, continued oversight of Metro, even as we also focus on other transit and transportation network improvements such as Bus Rapid Transit and the Corridor Cities Transitway. We should continue funding primarily from the Transportation Trust Fund.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was the Policy Director for the ACLU of Maryland for four years. During that time, I drafted bills, edited bills, brought together coalitions, testified, wrote testimony, lobbied, worked on amendments, created relationships with legislators and advocates, worked with advocates on opposing sides and was deeply enmeshed in the entire legislative process. This has prepared me for the job.

REDISTRICTING: I believe we should have a non-partisan commission draw our districts. The gerrymandering for which Maryland has become famous is wrong and should be changed.

ENVIRONMENT: There are many significant environmental challenges, especially in light of the environmental devastation coming out of Washington. I will work with advocates and colleagues to address what we can, from increasing our reliance on renewables, to promoting better options for transit to get the cars off the road, to continuing to clean up the Bay, and everything in between.

DISCRIMINATION: I have spent my career advocating for social justice, from an early case as private attorney litigating a mortgage discrimination case through my time at the ACLU. I support anti-discrimination policies.

EDUCATION: I support community schools, universal early education and ensuring our kids are career and college-ready. We need to fully fund our schools-that means stopping the voucher program and ensuring that the slot money supplements our education funding instead of supplanting it. I also support legalizing cannabis for adult use, with a percentage of the revenue going to support our public schools

HEALTH CARE: Again, the most significant health challenges are coming from Washington. We need to control the rising cost of medical care and ensure access to quality care for everyone. This is not my area of expertise, so I look to work with advocates, medical professionals and legislators to address our challenges.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to address our traffic problems. People spend too much time in traffic, which is bad for our stress levels, our families and our environment. We need to fund the infrastructure necessary to move people towards mass transit rather than cars, and make targeted investments to our road systems to clear some of the traffic.

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District 17

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REDISTRICTING: The gerrymandering must stop! To benefit one Party over another is so wrong! Case in point is CD 6 consists of parts of MoCo and extends All the way to Garrett County in western Maryland. What do the voters know about traffic ingestion and what do we know about the issues of Deep Creek Lake?

ENVIRONMENT: Weather and climate change is Not caused by humans although the General public has been led to believe this. Scientists tell us otherwise. Cars are designed to emit less CO2 and cows can provide good protein to humans who are carnivores ! Plants need to be GMO free and less pesticides. Further scientific studies need to inform the public about the true nature of the Environmental changes.

DISCRIMINATION: Offer all opportunities to ppl of every skin color or gender. All awards must be merit based ! No more selection of scholarships based on skin color! It must be based on our brains. If a sports scholarship is offered to ppl with the unique ability for that spot, so be it! This is Not discrimination, but selection of the best candidate! Equal opportunity for all, but some are more gifted.

EDUCATION: No Common Core! Kids must have a knowledge base before they can make personal opinions of a subject! Funding for non public schools for parents to have a choice! Have 3 types of high school diplomas : academic, general and commercial as in trade school. Less emphasis on sports, but more on the academics. Religious Release half days to allow religious instruction.

HEALTH CARE: Drug over dose to address pain which comes from too many operations ! Knee and hip replacement, sports injuries and lack of alternative medicine such as herbal medicine from eastern countries. Not every ailment should be a cut by a surgeon! This is Not to dismiss doctors who prescribe way too many pain killers.

TRANSPORTATION: Invest in Metro and the Ride on buses just like NYC. Congested 270 should

be part of Gov. Hogan's Transportation Packet. School transportation ought to work together with the Montgomery County Transit unit in order to save energy. Often a yellow school bus carries only one passenger.

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QUALIFICATIONS: With eight years as a member of the House of Delegates and four years as the Senator for the residents of Gaithersburg and Rockville, I offer experience, relationships, and accomplishments. As important as my Annapolis tenure is my career of activism and leadership at the federal, state, and local levels. I've worked on gun control, reproductive choice, run a charitable foundation and more.

REDISTRICTING: Redistricting is fundamentally about fair representation, yet it has undeniable partisan consequences. An unbiased outcome is an enormous challenge. While I voted for the multi-state compact in 2017, it was an imperfect solution to a national issue. We need Congress and/or the Supreme Court to establish a national standard so as not to have a fair process in some states and ongoing bias in others.

ENVIRONMENT: The challenge in MD is acting at the state level... and needing interstate cooperation as well as support from the federal gov't. Tragically, the Trump Admin (and, to a lesser extent, the Hogan Admin) don't support Bay Clean-Up, Renewable Portfolio Standards, fuel efficiency, increased recycling, and species protection. I sponsored the statewide polystyrene ban & named an LCV "Green Champion."

DISCRIMINATION: There is no doubt that discrimination still exists in many forms. My legislation to outlaw discriminatory policies in private schools that take public funds or my bills on "Language Access" or "Fertility Parity" addressed areas of inequity or bias. I will continue to work on these issues, including my "Freedom to Serve" legislation, which would bring diversity and inclusion to our police force.

EDUCATION: We need to return public funds to our public schools! Siphoning off dollars to other institutions weakens the infrastructure of our educational system. Youngest students need early socialization and skills to help them succeed. High schoolers would benefit from internships & access to college credit. Our new law offering free community college for mid-income families will provide opportunities.

HEALTH CARE: Early disparities in health education and health care have an enormous impact on quality of life and opportunities to flourish. Reproductive health options and access to nutritious food are fundamental determinants. "Obamacare" provided health care but has been undercut by this Congress & Prez. MD has worked to protect residents' access. At the end of life, we all deserve compassionate choices.

TRANSPORTATION: Fundamental to economic development (including luring Amazon's HQ2 to

MoCo!) is our transportation infrastructure. In addition to "Smart Growth" and encouraging telecommuting to reduce traffic, we simply must continue to support Metro. \$167M/year guaranteed is a good start. We need the Corridor Cities Transitway, increased use of the ICC (& the terrific ICC bus!), and the Purple Line completed!

Delegate Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a senior leader in the House, having served as the Chair of the Montgomery County Delegation, House Majority Leader and now Chairman of the Environment & Transportation Committee. Professionally, I am an accountant and the CFO of a company in Rockville. My financial background and public policy experience make me uniquely qualified.

REDISTRICTING: I support independent redistricting commissions to set congressional districts as long as all states participate. Gerrymandering in states like Pennsylvania, Texas and Ohio has resulted in a permanent institutional GOP majority despite a majority of Americans voting for Democratic congressional candidates. I also support independent commissions for state redistricting.

ENVIRONMENT: The League of Conservation Voters named me ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR for banning fracking. This year I passed a law to ban offshore oil drilling. The top concern is global climate change. I was behind the first bipartisan renewable energy law. Also, I have worked to protect the Bay by forcing our governor to reduce farm and urban pollution. See: <http://bit.ly/Barve2017EnviroAward>.

DISCRIMINATION: As a person of color, I have experienced discrimination. I worked against all these forms of discrimination and I would include discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identification. The main emphasis should be on poverty and the disappearance of the middle class. See what I have to say in detail: www.kumarbarve.com/issues/economy.

EDUCATION: I support strong public schools. I look forward to the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission which will likely include expansion of access to pre-kindergarten, with a focus on early literacy. This session I supported a \$400 million annual investment in school construction, including fast growing systems like Montgomery County. The revenues already exist in the budget for all these programs.

HEALTH CARE: The top priority should be supporting the ACA and maintaining as close to a 100% insurance coverage level as possible given the hostility to universal coverage of the current federal government. Also, I support giving citizens and businesses the ability to drive

down drug prices by participating in the state prescription benefit plan.

TRANSPORTATION: As the Chair of the ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, I strongly support sending road construction money to Montgomery County and took action this year to do that. Also as Chair I helped procured an additional \$167 million to support the Metro system for new trains, buses, improved safety and +98% on time service.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served three terms in the Maryland House of Delegates where I have made health care, education, transportation and the environment top priorities. I have worked at the Maryland Department of Housing and for History Associates Incorporated. I have served on the Americana Center Condominium Board and on other non profit boards. My experience has prepared me for the many legislative duties.

REDISTRICTING: Maryland's congressional redistricting process is currently under review by the United States Supreme Court. The Court is reviewing Wisconsin's policies at the same time. I support a system which promotes more general election toss up districts. In Maryland this would probably mean that 2 congressional districts would be toss ups based on past voter behavior.

ENVIRONMENT: First and foremost Maryland must continue to upgrade its renewable energy portfolio which requires utility companies to provide a certain percentage of energy from renewable resources. The percentage needs to increase steadily every few years and the portfolio should transform from an emphasis on renewable energy to an emphasis on clean energy.

DISCRIMINATION: The Maryland African American Caucus has laid out a far reaching agenda to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities, reform the bail process and support expunging certain criminal records. I stand with these proposals. I also support increasing funding for persons with disabilities. I have voted to curtail the parental rights of rapists, and to support the transgender community.

EDUCATION: I support the general election ballot initiative to phase in increases to the school operating budget of approximately \$500 million over four years. This will help education across the state. I also support increasing school construction funding to address the school capacity issue and to reduce portable classrooms. I would support bringing the 5% tax rate down to fund these if necessary.

HEALTH CARE: Over 10 million people nationwide use the Affordable Care Act's health exchanges to get health insurance. Under federal attack, these exchanges need state help. I support an insurer re-insurance fund to protect Maryland's health insurance exchange. Maryland needs to continue its support of Medicaid and also for the CHIP program which provides access to health care for low income children.

TRANSPORTATION: The Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) provides funding for a range of transportation services. I supported an increase in the gas tax to fund the TTF. This has enabled increases in funding for Metro, for highways, for buses and roads. Transportation must

continue to receive adequate funding.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm serving my second term on the Rockville City Council and previously led three citizen advisory boards. A scientist by training, I bring a facts-based approach to policymaking. In office, I've led progressive reforms including banned smoking in outdoor dining areas, created a water conservation program for low-income residents, and sponsored a local law that protects law-abiding immigrants.

REDISTRICTING: Maryland should be ashamed to have one of the most gerrymandered congressional districts in the nation. I support the plan proposed by then-State Senator Jamie Raskin to have Maryland and Virginia form a compact for both states to redistrict simultaneously. As a result, both states would get more compact districts without changing the net partisan makeup of the U.S. House of Representatives.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is undoubtedly the most pressing issue. Without action to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change, all other environmental goals will be much more difficult, including restoring the Chesapeake Bay and protecting ecosystems. At a minimum, Maryland needs to adopt a new statewide renewable energy target of 50% by the year 2030 and to invest more in public transportation.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland is a leader, but additional reforms are needed. 1) Reform the bail system, which holds poor people in jail even when they don't pose a risk. End cash bail for misdemeanors and non-violent charges, as other states are considering. 2) Enact the Maryland SAFE Act, which would keep police focused on fighting crime rather than enforcing federal civil immigration laws, as Rockville did in 2017.

EDUCATION: A strong public school system is of vital importance to Maryland's future. We should implement recommendations from the Kirwan Commission, especially for addressing the achievement gap. We also need universal pre-K for four year olds, which will help them succeed throughout their entire lives. An important funding reform will be to put a lockbox on gambling revenues in the Education Trust Fund.

HEALTH CARE: 1) To address the opioid crisis, we need tighter limits on initial prescriptions of opioids. 2) Gun violence takes 700+ Maryland lives a year. Let's change state law to better protect the victims of domestic violence and to allow local governments to enact stronger gun control. 3) We need paid family leave so anyone can care for an infirm family member or bond with their baby or adopted child.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is key to addressing traffic congestion. The approval of permanent, dedicated funding for Metro is a step in the right direction, but we need funding

for other transit projects such as Bus Rapid Transit and expanding MARC service. We also need to make our roads safer for pedestrians and bicyclists by adopting Vision Zero (no deaths or serious injuries on any state roads).

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District 18

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QUALIFICATIONS: Born and raised in Montgomery County, I've been honored to serve in the Maryland House of Delegates for three terms. I'm now running for our vacant State Senate seat. I'm proud to represent our shared progressive values. And when it comes to constituent service--from power outages to potholes--I'm always happy to help. My office prides itself on being friendly, accessible, and responsive.

REDISTRICTING: I support an independent, nonpartisan commission to draw both congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland.

ENVIRONMENT: As a father, I want to make sure my children inherit a planet that is better than I found it. Climate change remains the most important environmental challenge of our time. We've made historic strides in Maryland, including a robust commitment to green energy, but there is still more to do. As for the Bay, I fully support continued funding of our dedicated Chesapeake Bay Trust fund.

DISCRIMINATION: We must attack discrimination and structural racism head-on. The best thing we can do to address discrimination is dismantle the structures that allow this virus. We must end the school-to-prison pipeline, pass pay equity legislation, eliminate the criminalization of poverty, and support our neighbors with disabilities. I support equity and justice. I'll fight for it every day in the state Senate.

EDUCATION: Passing universal pre-K is one of my top priorities. As a father of three young children, I've seen the stark difference that early childhood education can make in kids' lives. This benefit should not be reserved only for those who can afford it. We must ensure that all Maryland children enter Kindergarten ready to learn. I would fund this through progressive revenue sources.

HEALTH CARE: The sheer cost of healthcare is the most significant challenge facing many Marylanders. I support universal single-payer healthcare in the state, and have proudly cosponsored legislation to achieve just that. Until universal healthcare is possible, I have advocated for shoring up the Affordable Care Act in Maryland, including re-instituting the individual mandate to help dramatically lower costs.

TRANSPORTATION: I strongly support smart growth and transit. That's why I helped lead the fight for a massive investment in our Metro system. This historic law, which creates perpetual dedicated funding, overwhelmingly benefits Montgomery County and will go a long way toward fixing Metro, expanding public transportation, and reducing traffic gridlock.

-----*No other candidates*-----

Delegate Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am not a professional politician. I am a wife, mother, attorney, and primary caregiver to a parent with dementia, and I understand the stresses many voters face. My career has focused on legislative policy, developing, drafting and moving legislation. I am a skillful negotiator and enjoy finding common ground among disparate views. I am eager to go to Annapolis and solve problems.

REDISTRICTING: If elected, one problem I would like to fix is gerrymandering. Politics should be taken out of determining our Congressional and legislative districts. The current gerrymandered system has produced voter apathy and cynicism. I support an independent, non-partisan commission to take responsibility for drawing districts to yield free and fair elections and a better future for Maryland.

ENVIRONMENT: Speaking of our future, the Chesapeake Bay watershed, land use, and fighting climate change are among my highest priorities. I support the mindful improvement of the Forest Conservation Act to ensure green space and offset development. I support renewable energy, and I support the recent passage of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. I oppose offshore drilling off the coast of Maryland.

DISCRIMINATION: Even though I am a Republican, I break from typical Republican ideology on many social issues. I strongly support same-sex marriage, adoption by same-sex couples and reproductive rights for women. I am concerned about racial profiling, particularly when carried out by law enforcement. If elected, I hope to advocate for public-private employment initiatives for disabled and low-income workers.

EDUCATION: Early childhood education is critical to later success. I support the Kirwan Commission's recommendation of universal access to Pre-K. Surplus funds from State-sanctioned casinos should be used to supplement, not supplant, the Education Trust Fund. I remain concerned about the specific allocation needs of Montgomery County and hope to increase its allocation of state funds if elected.

HEALTH CARE: The needs of our aging population, coupled with rising costs, are the most significant healthcare challenges in Maryland. Recent legislation passed by the General Assembly will help keep rates in check for the next few years, but it is not a long-term solution. I

would support a hard look at a more flexible, expanded coverage system in Maryland, but I am wary of a full-scale single-payer system.

TRANSPORTATION: My transportation priorities include the maintenance and funding of transportation projects in the State master plan, dedicated funding for WMATA, and the widening and adding of express toll lanes on I-270 in partnership with a private entity. In LD-18, addressing traffic on Connecticut Avenue, I-495, and near White Flint mall (if Amazon HQ2 comes to Maryland) are my top priorities.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having represented District 18 since 2007 and re-elected twice, I have deep relationships and knowledge about the needs of my community. I am proud of my track record of success working to solve local problems & championing passage of over 30 bills through the House & Senate and signed into law. I am proud to be endorsed by Senator Van Hollen, Congressman Raskin, Teachers, Sierra Club & more.

REDISTRICTING: I voted against the current map and support best practices for drawing districts. I prefer a more inclusive process and the use of an independent commission for drawing compact districts. I wrote and introduced legislation to implement these reforms in Maryland and will continue to do so in re-elected.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is our most significant challenge. I am proud of my record on energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy sources. I supported successful efforts to partner with other states on regional and national initiatives. More must be done including cleaning up our electricity generation by raising the RPS and ending incentives for dirty fuels such as municipal waste and black liquor.

DISCRIMINATION: I support equal rights and reforms to our civil & criminal justice systems so that outcomes are not determined by income or skin color. I support improvements to state agencies so that we do not unduly burden financially fragile people. In light of federal attacks on the ADA we must strengthen state laws protecting the disabled. I believe that a person's gender should not determine a person's pay.

EDUCATION: I support a world-class school system that works for every student - this means fully funding our schools and supporting teachers and staff with training and resources. I did not vote for the expansion of gambling in Maryland but I do support using this revenue for education. I also support generating additional resources through the enactment of fairer taxation such as combined reporting.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare should be a right, not a privilege and we must make it more accessible and affordable. One challenge is our aging population. We need long term care options and medicaid policies that work well for elders and families. Another challenge is the inefficiencies & administrative burdens of our insurance system. The ultimate solution is universal health care and a single-payer system.

TRANSPORTATION: I oppose Hogan's proposal to widen the beltway by adding privatized toll lanes. My transportation priorities include dedicated funding for Metro and an increased investment in MARC commuter rail, buses, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. These can be sustainably funded via our existing transportation trust fund.

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REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandered districts have resulted in power being taken from the voters. However, in the 21 states that have currently enacted redistricting commissions, many of them are currently set up to give the majority party more seats on the commission, which results in control of the process. I support the formation of an independent commission that limits the direct participation of elected officials.

ENVIRONMENT: As a public health advocate, I am especially passionate about clean air, clean water, and investing in reliable public transportation. If elected, I would support increasing the amount of energy the state derives from renewable sources, limiting the use of antibiotics for nontherapeutic purposes in livestock, and expanding the plastic bag fee statewide.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination exists against persons of color throughout our community in educational opportunities; access to healthcare; and treatment within the criminal justice system. If elected, I will work to correct our broken school construction funding formula; will champion bold changes to our health system; and will work to improve police accountability and end the criminalization of poverty.

EDUCATION: I support investing in universal pre-K, and ensuring that higher need students are allocated more resources to provide services they require. Additionally, as the new state construction funding formula is crafted, I support it taking into account a county's estimated growth rate so that each jurisdiction is not constantly playing catch up on its school construction funding needs.

HEALTH CARE: While the Affordable Care Act has undoubtedly provided an incredible benefit to many patients and families throughout the state by reducing the uninsured rate from 11.3% in 2018 to 6.1% in 2016, many families who are enrolled in plans through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange have seen premiums skyrocket. I support establishing a single-payer system in Maryland.

TRANSPORTATION: I support providing dedicated, bondable funding for Metro; expanding MARC services; and working with state and county officials to review common sense scheduling changes that could help improve the logistics and connectivity of our bus and train system. To

fund, I support pricing carbon pollution from additional sectors, and using the revenue collected to invest in reliable public transportation.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my career in public service & education - as a high school teacher in Baltimore City, a school system administrator in DC Public Schools, & an advisor in the U.S. Senate. I know how to implement policy & I know how to write & pass laws to improve our community. I've worked across Maryland for progressive policies & will be able to build the coalitions needed to help Montgomery County.

REDISTRICTING: I support creating a non-partisan committee to draw our congressional & legislative district lines. When the legislature controls the process, it is subject to inherent bias that disenfranchises voters. Gerrymandering undermines the public's faith in fair elections. Voters should pick their elected officials, not the other way around.

ENVIRONMENT: The most pressing challenge is climate change. We need to lower our greenhouse gas emissions, whether from power generation, transportation, or agriculture. We must hit our state goal of reducing emissions by 40% by 2030. We need to increase our investments in public transit & infrastructure not focused on cars. I am also an enthusiastic supporter of increasing our renewable portfolio standards.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is unacceptable no matter the form or venue. I will work hard to protect women's reproductive rights, fight discrimination in the workplace, & help ensure women earn equal pay. I will be a strong supporter of legislation to ban the sharing of salary history when switching jobs & would promote paid family leave. I will also fight for policies that close the equity gap in our state.

EDUCATION: My top 3 priorities would be 1) Access to universal child care & early learning opportunities; 2) Better career & technical education pathways so students have choices beyond a 4-year degree; & 3) Increased school construction resources. I would fund these by readjusting the casino revenue to levels originally promised, which could raise \$400 million annually & pushing for an online sales tax.

HEALTH CARE: Access to healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Our biggest challenges are the cost of care, providing coverage for those that don't have it, & providing mental health supports. I will do whatever it takes to ensure everyone has access to robust & affordable healthcare. I will work with our schools & providers to ensure we have adequate mental health professionals & destigmatize the issue.

TRANSPORTATION: We should be investing heavily in expanding transit - including funding for Metro, more bus rapid transit, including on route 270, increased MARC service, addressing the "last mile gap" to get people from transit hubs to employment, & improving regional

connections with Northern Virginia. I will also work to closely monitor & hold the state accountable for the Purple Line construction process.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived, worked, and paid taxes in this district for 10 years. Both of my children have attended Montgomery county public schools and gone to Montgomery county recreational camps all their lives. I have also been an active member of and participant in local politics during this period. If elected I will use this experience to best represent the needs of our district and its people.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering is a major issue in our politics and I believe the process should be much more transparent and understood. If elected, I'd support more input and approval from voters on any redistricting plans.

ENVIRONMENT: Our most significant environmental challenges in the county concern mass transit and preservation of or expansion of our green spaces. If elected, I would support more funding for and implementation of mass transit like high occupancy bus lines and an expansion of our park land, rather than more development.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination based on race, gender, sexuality etc is wrong, full stop. Discrimination is the result of ignorance, and ignorance can only be ended by education. If elected, I would support a real bilingual education starting in pre-k, and support conflict resolution classes in the schools, among many other potential ways to address this historic issue.

EDUCATION: 1. Universal pre-k in our public schools. 2. Bilingual education from pre-k through graduation available, we want to teach all of our students both english and spanish. 3. Ease school transfer guidelines so that families can send their students where they want not just where they are zoned. I'd pay for the above with taxes as usual, as well as use money from casinos as promised.

HEALTH CARE: I support a real universal health care system, so that people no longer have to choose between their health and their rent or food for their children.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation is a vital issue in the county. If elected, I would support more and varied high occupancy bus lines, more regular metro bus services and would fund this expansion via proper allotment of collected taxes.

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District 19

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been actively involved in civic and community organizations my entire adult life, including: 12 years as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates where I have served on numerous committees and joint committees, and I am currently the chair of the Subcommittee on Banking, Economic Development, Science and Technology.

REDISTRICTING: As a member of the Maryland House of Delegates I have, repeatedly, co-sponsored legislation to create an independent non-partisan commission to redraw congressional and legislative district lines.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the most pressing environmental issue of our time. With thousands of miles of waterways, Maryland is second only to Louisiana in its vulnerability to damage from sea level rise. I have been a lead sponsor on legislation to create a regional pact with neighboring states to implement a carbon cost collection program.

DISCRIMINATION: I have been a consistent supporter of legislation to address issues of bias. Marriage equality, gender equity in employment and pay, funding to close the racial gap in education, in state tuition for our “dreamers,” are just a small example of legislative initiatives in which I have been involved and that I have supported.

EDUCATION: I have advocated, and voted, for funding to ensure that Maryland has the best schools in the nation. I support recommendations that have come from commissions that were established to advise the legislature as to how best we can fund school operations and implement school construction and modernization. I am a fierce advocate for Montgomery County's public schools and our educators.

HEALTH CARE: I support a single-payer health care system and voted for legislation this year that will help fund the Maryland Health Care Exchange. The state needs to remain proactive in minimizing prescription costs, particularly for our elderly residents on fixed incomes. Stabilizing the premiums of long term care insurance policies is also a priority of mine.

TRANSPORTATION: The state needs to ensure that mass transit alternatives remain a priority of transportation funding. It is also important that funding for needed road improvements in Montgomery County are also a prominent focus of state road infrastructure plans. This past legislative session, the Governor and the legislature worked cooperatively to provide a much needed source of dedicated funding for Metro.

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REDISTRICTING: I would work to formulate an independent commission to redraw district lines as opposed to the state legislature, and also amend the state constitution to require not only state legislative districts to be contiguous, compact, and with respect to political and natural boundaries, but congressional districts too. I would push to have this as a voter referendum as bills like these often die.

ENVIRONMENT: Making Maryland 100% renewable and maintaining the health of our estuaries. I will push for various plans such as statewide bans of certain plastics, upgrading the state power grid to be energy efficient, restoration of natural barriers and filters (trees outside cities, mussels and oysters in the bay, etc.), and establishing a clean energy jobs program to retrain workers and convert power plants.

DISCRIMINATION: I will work to increase affordable housing, raise minimum wage to \$15 if not already there, and help set a tax index based on inflation rates to lower the cost of living, promote inclusion programs to bridge racial and religious divides like magnet schools, work on bail reforms and enforcing police accountability, and set workforce requirements for businesses of certain size.

EDUCATION: Public college with free or near free tuition, increased vocational training as an alternative to 4 degree programs, and setting a healthy ratio of teachers and counselors to students. Like how it was done with the casinos, I will push for marijuana legalization to open new revenue to be allocated to the education trust fund, and ensure a set amount goes directly to the schools.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare insurance is still unavailable and not affordable for many in the state. Because of Maryland's unique All-payer waiver, we can expand it to lower prescription and overhead costs, promote local healthcare markets, and expand insurance availability and affordability to cover everyone in the state. I will also advocate acquiring the additional waivers for single-payer in the state.

TRANSPORTATION: Expansion of the Metro and MARC rail systems, as well as implementation of countywide Bus Rapid Transit systems. Redistribution of the state transportation budget will take much of the required funding from more costly road building projects that should be canceled like the ineffective widening of I-270 and the environmentally unfriendly M-83 expansion.

Delegate Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a practicing lawyer for 29 years. Through my experience I have been learned to listen and understand both sides of an issue. I have also learned how to ask good questions. I believe practicing attorneys are the most qualified to serve in the legislature since one of our main duties is drafting legislation. I also have developed patience as I deal with a lot of difficult people.

REDISTRICTING: Yes, we must do away with gerrymandering from both sides. In Maryland, Gov. Hogan has proposed having a non-partisan committee to re-draw the districts in 2020. I support his proposal.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe sewage run off is a significant issue. I will support legislation that will hold each municipality accountable for their treatment plants. I also support funding the Chesapeake Restoration fund and strengthening the RPS to reach 50% renewable energy by 2030.

DISCRIMINATION: We must do a better job with the relationship between the police and the minority community. The distrust is at an all-time high. I support the use of body cameras. I support policies against racial profiling in traffic stops. I support equal pay for women.

EDUCATION: First, we need more money back from the State. We are not getting our fair share, especially in light of the increasing population in our schools. We need more quality teachers to work with students in poverty. We also need funding to keep our schools safe.

HEALTH CARE: The cost of health care is the most significant challenge. I'm open to a single payer system, but concerned about the cost to the taxpayers. Alternatively, we must have more than 2 options in the exchange. I would also support expanding Medicaid.

TRANSPORTATION: I do support widening 270 with reversible toll lanes. I'm open to the BRT, but concerned about whether people would use it. Cell phone use while driving is also a big concern. We need stiffer penalties for those who have cell phones in their hands while driving. It will cut down on accidents the flow of traffic.

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REDISTRICTING: I'm with Governor Hogan. Political boundaries should be drawn by an independent, non-partisan commission. The commission should use transparent mathematical models to create compact, contiguous districts with roughly equal numbers of people. Also, state legislative districts should be further divided into single-member districts so state delegates are more closely tied to their constituents.

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland's biggest environmental responsibility is to the Chesapeake Bay, and I would continue Hogan's approach. In Maryland he has brought together agriculture, business, and environmental stakeholders to better protect the Bay's watershed and to strengthen clean air standards. Creating the right mix of environmental and economic safeguards has fostered environmental progress in the region.

DISCRIMINATION: I have worked my entire life to treat everyone fairly and kindly in ways that will help them succeed. I support enforcement of current Maryland laws banning discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty.

EDUCATION: I support Hogan's P-TECH schools, ACCESS initiative for K-12, BOOST scholarships, Maryland Smart Buy Program, Office of State Investigator General, and school safety measures passed last year. I support increased school construction spending. Funding should come from existing sources and the education lockbox from casino revenues (\$4.4 billion over 10 years).

HEALTH CARE: Maryland's most significant health challenges are skyrocketing insurance premiums and substance use disorders. I support Hogan's work to reduce premiums by stabilizing insurance markets and expanding insurance options. Using NIH evidence, I support expanding treatment options for addicts and oppose legalizing recreational marijuana, which will only worsen the addiction crisis.

TRANSPORTATION: I support Hogan in funding District 19's diverse transportation needs: perpetual, dedicated funding for Metro, widening and tech improvements for I-270 and I-495, surface road improvements and maintenance, the Purple Line, and sensible Bus Rapid Transit projects. The Transportation Trust Fund and public-private partnerships are appropriate funding sources for these efforts.

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REDISTRICTING: Redistricting should only occur when there is a demonstrated need to preserve balance and a sense of fairness or equity to a congressional or legislative district. I believe a non-partisan commission should be created that will draw congressional and legislative district

lines in a legal, equitable, population based and constitutional manner.

ENVIRONMENT: o Climate Change-laws to create carbon tax and to ban certain pesticide use, Styrofoam use. o Chesapeake Bay -laws to ensure continued clean up. o Deforestation-laws to improve and update the forest conservation laws. o Alternative Energy-laws to support clean renewable energy sources such as wind and solar energy.

DISCRIMINATION: As an African American woman who has faced multiple levels of discrimination, I know that the “challenge” with combating any discrimination is addressed by passing laws that ban discrimination; insure that the laws passed are rigorously enforced; and, by education. Discrimination is not innate—it is learned. Let’s teach and let all learn fairness, equality and respect for each other.

EDUCATION: o Universal Pre-K. o Increase funding for school safety and security. o Expand capital funding for school construction. o Revise the school funding formula to eliminate disparities in schools. o Autonomy in the school calendar. o Policies with goals to close the achievement gap. o Expand STEM Education. o Attract teachers with benefits and increased pay. Funded from Maryland Education Trust Act.

HEALTH CARE: We need to ensure that the costs to participate in the Maryland Health Exchange remains accessible for all Marylanders. This will require laws that will reduce or maintain the current costs levels for participation in the Maryland Health Exchange. Also, we need to ensure that prescription drug prices are transparent to all Marylanders with laws that will require that prices are communicated.

TRANSPORTATION: We must ensure continued funding of Metro to ensure reliability and affordable regional transportation. Next, we need to take a closer look at alternatives in transportation such as dedicated Express Bus Lanes on I-270, BRT, continued funding and investment in the Purple Line and investing more in MARC Train Service to provide more train scheduling. Dedicated funding from the State Budget.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a former special educator, a local union president and a two-term delegate, I have learned that collaboration is essential to listen to diverse perspectives and work to bring groups with competing interests together to reach consensus. That has served me well in Annapolis and I have been appointed a Deputy Majority Whip and chair of the Insurance Subcommittee of the HGO Committee.

REDISTRICTING: After participating in the redistricting process in 2012, I recognize that we need to be more circumspect in this. Therefore I would advocate for a state commission, appointed by the presiding officers based on party proportional representation, to create the districts. Population should be the primary factor, but the commission could consider other factors it determines to be important.

ENVIRONMENT: We must get agreement among Maryland and at least contiguous states to be more aggressive in developing safe renewable energy systems and more conscientious about recycling. New building requirements should include the use of solar power and geo-thermal technology. Policies and programs that include incentives should be developed and implemented in collaboration with the construction industry.

DISCRIMINATION: In this moment in time it is more important than ever for us to honor the diversity that makes our communities stronger. I have sponsored legislation to provide for compensation when a person is discriminated against in a public accommodation; i co-sponsored bills and advocated for Maryland Dreamers and The Trust Act. Including our diversity in our education curriculum is essential as well.

EDUCATION: I look forward to the passage in November of a state-wide referendum that would phase in 100% of the casino revenues to supplement educational funding. My priorities are universal pre-K, incentives for innovation and strong job-embedded professional development, including a residency program in collaboration with teaching colleges.

HEALTH CARE: Steeply rising healthcare costs not only hurt people, they will devastate our economy if not curtailed. We took some short term steps in the establishment of a reinsurance fund in the 2018 session. In the long term, I believe we must consider a single payer program that can be more than paid for by the amounts currently paid by individuals, employers and government.

TRANSPORTATION: My first priority is a thorough analysis of needs and options. There must be a strategic and comprehensive approach that includes all of the options, personal autos, ride shares, bikes, mass transit etc. This needs to be a joint state and local effort. 100% of the gas tax must be dedicated to transportation; we can also realign funds from current projects that are not effective or efficient.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked as a regulatory attorney, and have represented refugees as part of my pro bono practice. I have served in the White House Domestic Policy Council for President Obama and as the Policy Director for Congressman Jamie Raskin's 2016 congressional campaign. I've also served on the boards of the Action Committee for Transit and the Montgomery County Renters Alliance.

REDISTRICTING: I support an independent redistricting commission to draw district lines based on nonpartisan considerations. No matter what political party you're in, gerrymandering is wrong. It allows legislators to choose their voters instead of the voters choosing their elected officials, and depresses turnout in the process. Maryland should end this undemocratic practice.

ENVIRONMENT: The most pressing challenge is climate change. We have an opportunity to

turn this threat into an economic opportunity by transitioning to 100% clean energy as soon as possible. We should also increase funding for transit infrastructure, which will reduce traffic, create good-paying jobs, and reduce harmful emissions. Finally, we must continue to restore the Chesapeake Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: I support paid parental leave and paid childcare to address the gender pay gap. To reform the discriminatory criminal justice system, I will work to end solitary confinement, eradicate cash bail, and facilitate successful reentry. We should more aggressively address homelessness and bullying among and toward members of the LGBTQ+ community, as well unemployment in the disabled community.

EDUCATION: I support: (a) universal pre-K for three- and four-year olds; (b) school construction funding; (c) community schools with wraparound services; (d) policies to improve teacher recruitment and retention; and (e) reduced higher education tuition. I would pay for these programs by 1) increasing the income and estate tax on millionaires; (2) taxing legal marijuana; and (3) fixing the casino fund.

HEALTH CARE: Nearly 400,000 Marylanders lack health insurance, and millions more struggle with medical bills. Thanks to our successful All-Payer system, Maryland is well positioned to become the first state to create a single-payer system and to serve as a model for the rest of the country. Also, we should regulate prescription drug manufacturers like public utilities so they cannot gouge residents.

TRANSPORTATION: I support: (1) expanding the Red Line of the Metro to Olney, with stops in Aspen Hill and Leisure World; (2) all-day and weekend MARC service; (3) the Corridor Cities Transitway; and (4) Bus Rapid Transit. We should pay for more transit construction with (1) a carbon tax and (2) by diverting funds away from expensive road projects that only induce more congestion and sprawl.

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District 20

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 20 years of experience in the private sector, I am not experienced in raising taxes, wasting taxpayer money, nor am I a career politician. Lastly I am a Republican!

REDISTRICTING: We should have a Redistricting Commission made up of Republicans because Democrats have shown they are irresponsible at drawing fair Congressional lines. Yes, I said it NO DEMOCRATS ON THE COMMISSION. They have proven themselves of being irresponsible and they won't get another chance to Martymander the State.

ENVIRONMENT: We can all agree we all love the bay, the mountains, and the Ocean. With that said we need to have a responsible policy on the Environment, we can no longer have environmental policies dictated by a few environmental extremists, who go to extremes without considering the repercussions to Maryland's Farmers and businesses.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is a horrible thing; however, I don't think discrimination is as wide spread as the left will have you believe. The left has over the years have cheapen the power Discrimination by claiming discrimination when it never existed, the left has "cried wolf" so many times that people have gotten numb to the charge.

EDUCATION: We need to use all the workable possibilities for Education. We need to offer more options, especially to kids in under-performing county schools. We need charter schools, vouchers and home schooling as options. These would be funded by taking money from failed education programs and put towards things that work, like Charter schools and vouchers.

HEALTH CARE: The biggest health challenges facing Marylanders is Obama Care. We need to instruct our delegation to Congress to vote to repeal Obama Care.

TRANSPORTATION: We need more roads and should look at all possible transportation solutions. mass transit isn't a silver bullet that will fix our transportation woes. I support the governor's plans to widen the Beltway, I-270 and the Baltimore Washington Parkway. We can fund these by taking money away from what we give WMATA, MTA and use Hot Lanes. I oppose the BRT on 29 and Rockville Pike.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As your state senator I have built relationships around the state and practiced the type of principled and collaborative leadership I believe will benefit the residents of District 20. I have delivered for our community and I have been responsive to the needs of our district.

REDISTRICTING: If reelected to serve in the Senate I will support measures to institute an independent commission to oversee the upcoming redistricting procedures.

ENVIRONMENT: We in Maryland are well positioned to lead the nation in environmental protection. Apart from implementing strict liability for off-shore drilling (which passed this last session) we should look expand strict liability to pipeline drilling in karst geology. We should also look to move aggressively toward a 100% renewable portfolio standard.

DISCRIMINATION: Affordable housing - Today thousands of Marylanders are denied housing because they have a housing voucher. 79% of voucher holders in Maryland are people of color and 43% are single mothers. Equal pay - Among women who hold full-time, year-round jobs in the United States, African-American women are paid, on average, 60 cents while Latinas are paid just 55 cents for every dollar paid to a man.

EDUCATION: I support the recommendations made by the Kirwan Commission to create

greater incentives for teacher competitiveness and establish funding for universal pre-kindergarten.

HEALTH CARE: Our state needs to secure the individual market such that the cost of health insurance premiums are affordable for all Marylanders. For instance, I supported legislation this past legislative session that creates a temporary Reinsurance program, which will help cover the most expensive claims from people insured on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

TRANSPORTATION: In effort to ensure Maryland continues to grow in a smart and sustainable manner we need invest in transit options like rail and rapid bus transit.

Delegate Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 20 years' experience in Annapolis. I helped write and pass the Maryland Farms and Families Act. I worked with the Public Safety and Policing Workgroup and the Justice Reinvestment Commission on reform legislation and helped develop the policy guidelines. I championed the bill to establish the Commission on the School to Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices and serve on the Commission.

REDISTRICTING: I support an independent commission for state districts and a national commission for congressional districts, to address the gerrymandering plaguing our system. In the absence of a national commission, I support Maryland working in a compact with a majority Republican state, with both agreeing to have an independent commission redraw their congressional districts.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the most significant environmental challenge of our time. To address it, I will champion a shift to 100% renewable energy by 2035. I support a carbon tax and dividend model like the one being considered in DC. We must also reform of our food system, and I've worked for years to make it more sustainable for our environment, healthier for our bodies, and more economically just.

DISCRIMINATION: We must end institutionalized racism in all of its forms. I have worked for two decades to reform our criminal justice system, and I intend to expand this work. I will work to end the opportunity gap in our schools; fight environmental racism; support equitable and affordable housing and transit; protect voting rights; and address gender pay equity and sexual harassment in the workplace.

EDUCATION: I'll support policies that ensure all students are college and career ready, with a priority on ending the opportunity gap. We should invest in education by closing corporate tax loopholes (such as combined reporting and "throwback" taxes), increasing the percentage of gaming profits going to the education fund, and returning the estate tax to pre-2014 levels.

HEALTH CARE: Access to affordable, quality healthcare remains the greatest challenge. It should be addressed by a single payer state or multi-state system. Research also indicates the significance of social determinants of health, so we must address social, economic, and environmental factors to achieve health equity. This includes living wages, affordable housing, parks, and access to healthy food.

TRANSPORTATION: I will prioritize public transit and pedestrian and bike friendly communities. We must ensure dedicated funding to Metro, build the Purple Line in a way that protects affordable housing and small local businesses, expand Bus Rapid Transit, and work with SHA to keep state roads safe for bikes and pedestrians. We can direct transportation funds toward these efforts rather than widening roads.

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REDISTRICTING: When an entire legislative body can be drawn independently, we should do so. That's why I support independent redistricting for state legislative districts. But when district lines are drawn piecemeal, as happens in Congress, I support nationwide independent redistricting. In the meantime, I've cosponsored bills to push Maryland into treaties with other states to adopt this reform regionally.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe climate change (and nuclear weapons) are the greatest threat to humankind's continued existence. That's why I cosponsored legislation to push Maryland to produce 100% of its energy from renewable sources, and to stop subsidizing dirty energy like incineration and wood pulp. Additionally, we need to rein in pollution from agriculture, stormwater, lawn care & our transportation network.

DISCRIMINATION: In my first term in office, I'm proud to have supported bills to promote women's pay equity, track police racial profiling, obstruct unjust immigrant deportations, ban "conversion therapy" for LGBT kids, fund foster youths with disabilities, and decriminalize poverty. All of these, however, are problems that require ongoing, proactive monitoring and enforcement by legislators. I'm ready to serve.

EDUCATION: I am a supporter of universal pre-K, tuition-free community college, and robust funding for school construction & operations in Montgomery County. We have the fastest enrollment growth in MD, with a building's worth of new kids enrolling each year. But to pay for this we need to end the practice of casinos taking home most of the profits, restore progressive income taxes & repeal estate tax cuts.

HEALTH CARE: Maryland's unique "all payer" model restrains costs but needs to transition toward a system that provides universal, affordable coverage. We temporarily halted premium increases with insurance company fees, but may soon need a state individual mandate. We also need to constrain prescription drug costs at the state level & take back Congress to restore federal support to cover uninsured residents.

TRANSPORTATION: Sadly, Governor Hogan has proposed billions in new spending to widen highways, instead of investing in transit. Ironically, he also cut toll fees across the state, making new transportation funds dependent on private companies who will implement exorbitant tolls on "Lexus lanes." We should reverse course and put funds into RideOn, WMATA, MARC & other transit, using his proposed highway funds.

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REDISTRICTING: The integrity of our elections depends on equal voting power and fair representation. In Maryland, our congressional districts have drawn nationwide criticism and litigation. To ensure fair elections where voters have the full influence they deserve, I support the creation of a non-partisan, independent commission to draw our state and congressional district lines using evidence-based criteria.

ENVIRONMENT: Although Maryland has led the nation in our environmental initiatives, the most significant challenge facing our state is federal repeal of critical environmental protections. I am proud to have the endorsement of the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters for my leadership on issues like working to stop new pipelines from being built in our state and championing renewable energy.

DISCRIMINATION: For almost 10 years, my career has been in the field of organizing and advocating for civil and human rights, and I have a passion for equality and justice. I have voted for legislation to end discrimination in race, immigration status, housing, education, gender, income and other classes. I am a champion for anti-discrimination legislation such as the Trust Act and SAFE Act.

EDUCATION: As a legislator, I have also helped craft a comprehensive bill, the Protect Our Schools Act, that holds all schools accountable to the success of all students. To help fund our education system, I helped to close our state's gaming fund loophole so that our schools and students receive the maximum supplemental education revenue from our casinos.

HEALTH CARE: I am deeply passionate about ensuring access to quality, affordable health care for every Marylander. The most significant health challenge is the rising cost of health insurance in our state. Earlier this year, I worked with legislators to create a plan that will re-insure and offset the cost of health insurance for many residents.

TRANSPORTATION: I am passionate about safe, affordable, public transit. The implementation of the Purple Line is my top priority. This project impacts countless residents and businesses in District 20. I am working closely with small businesses, the

Purple Line Partners and residents to ensure timely and helpful communication with minimal disruption. As a red line rider, another top priority is Metro reform.

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District 39

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QUALIFICATIONS: Most of my adult life has been spent in public service from volunteering in our public schools; to my years of service on the Montgomery County Board of Education; to my election to the House of Delegates and then to the Maryland State Senate. I have a proven record of results and have worked tirelessly to enact legislation to enhance our public schools and improve our citizens' quality of life.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that redistricting is an issue that should be addressed on a federal level, but am open to looking at any ideas that would promote fair representation and equal voting power.

ENVIRONMENT: There are several challenges that need to be addressed on many levels including renewable energy, land use, and the continued protection of the Chesapeake Bay and all of our waterways. I have a record of support of all of these issues and will continue to push for laws that protect our valuable resources.

DISCRIMINATION: I will support any policies that advance the elimination of discrimination from our society. I have supported all legislation that has come before me for a vote that ensures all citizens are treated equally.

EDUCATION: As a member of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (the

Kirwan Commission) we are exploring many different options to ensure that Maryland schools are improving and will be able to provide our children with the education they need to succeed in the 21st century. I co-sponsored legislation which would place a lock box on gaming revenues to supplement current education spending.

HEALTH CARE: The cost of health care, insurance and prescription drugs is significant and I continue to work with my colleagues to address these issues on a state level, although I believe that the real solutions must be done on a federal level. I am open to exploring any ideas that would provide our citizens with cost effective and equitable choices in managing their health.

TRANSPORTATION: As a member of the Budget & Taxation Committee, I have worked with my colleagues to address Maryland's transportation problems. I will continue to advocate for transportation dollars, especially for mass transit, as we cannot grow our businesses and economy without a strong investment in our infrastructure. During this last legislative session we made a significant investment in Metro funding.

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QUALIFICATIONS: The most important qualification a public servant can possess is perspective. I have been educated at HBCUs and Harvard. I have held non-profit and for-profit leadership roles. I am a wife, mother and immigrant, domestic violence survivor, entrepreneur. But most of all, I am an eternal optimist who believes that we gain more working together than we ever will tearing each other apart.

REDISTRICTING: I am not a career politician, so in my opinion, congressional and legislative district lines should not be artificially created so as to make the election process more beneficial to any political party or candidate. I support any reasonable updates that are fair, consistent and benefit the people of Maryland.

ENVIRONMENT: The EPA recently announced plans to weaken the vehicle emission standards. Maryland is a climate change leader and the weakening of these standards will erode the progress we have made. More importantly it will ultimately cost upcounty residents more money at the gas station. I will advocate for policies that keep prices at the pump low and incentives focused on electric/low emission vehicles.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination thrives in environments where there is underrepresentation. My being elected would be a step towards creating more diversity in our state legislature. To truly serve the needs of the people we represent, we must focus on finding common ground through what unites us, not what divides us. I will work to provide opportunities to all regardless of race, gender or political affiliation.

EDUCATION: Every child deserves the right to a quality education and yet the disparity in our system is evident. I would champion evidenced based policies to improve our school system. A

major opportunity is early childhood education. We can help close the achievement gap by making sure every child starts Kindergarten, ready to succeed. Using the millions in unexpected revenue from the bag tax is a start.

HEALTH CARE: Maryland was the first state in the nation to declare a state of emergency as it relates to the opioid crisis. In the first half of last year, over 1000 Marylanders died as a result of opioid addiction. I believe we will see the greatest impact by focusing on education and prevention. We will still need programs and funding for treatment, but attacking the problem before it starts is key.

TRANSPORTATION: Completing upcounty infrastructure projects that are already funded but constantly delayed would be my priority. One example is the Goshen Road Widening Project. It seems that often times priorities for elsewhere in the county require the needs of those in the upcounty areas to take a back seat. I think completing projects that have already been funded and will benefit us is just common sense.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a union representative and organizer with UFCW Local 1994 Municipal and County Government Employees Organization where I represent county workers on workplace safety and contractual issues. I've also been on the frontlines of progressive fights such as criminal and juvenile justice reform, marriage equality, the Dream Act, automatic voter registration and environmental conservation.

REDISTRICTING: I vigorously support an independent, non-partisan redistricting commission to draw councilmanic, congressional and legislative districts. Voters should choose their elected officials, not the other way around. Gerrymandering is a partisan practice that is both corrosive to our democracy and marginalizes the voices of everyday Americans. As Delegate, I'll work to end that.

ENVIRONMENT: We cannot leave the next generation a planet that is damaged. Climate change is a real and urgent threat. Maintaining clean water sources, building a clean energy economy, protecting and restoring precious natural resources such as the Chesapeake Bay will be among my priorities as Delegate. Further, reducing our reliance on coal plants for energy that continue to poison our air and streams.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland must lead the nation in implementing policies to end discrimination. Ending money bail, establishing civilian review boards throughout the state so law enforcement is both accountable and transparent, ending mandatory minimum sentences that studies have shown to be inherently discriminatory, as well as, ending pay secrecy laws that discriminate against women, and people of color.

EDUCATION: I'm a firm believer in the promise of a good public education; as Delegate, I'll prioritize our public schools and ensure that our educators and support staff have the resources

they need to meet the needs of every child. We can generate new revenue to fund our schools by instituting a carbon tax, as other states have, and closing corporate tax loopholes through combined reporting.

HEALTH CARE: Health care costs are too high, even for those with insurance. Too many hard-working families are saddled with medical debt; Dr. King once said that “of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.” I believe healthcare is a right, not a privilege and every Marylander should be guaranteed access to quality healthcare through a single payer system.

TRANSPORTATION: We must invest in smart transit solutions that alleviates traffic, creates jobs while also ensuring cleaner air and healthier communities. Cars generate significantly more greenhouse gas pollution on a per passenger-mile basis than transit systems. For every \$1 we invest in public transit we gain \$4 in economic activity. I'd like to see us invest in programs such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an educator, nonprofit leader, union workplace lead and Congressional staffer, I have spent years working to better the lives of women, working families and immigrant families like my own. And that's who I'll be as a legislator. As a survivor of domestic violence, I fought to pass the Violence Against Women Act in 2013. I serve on the MC Board of Social Services, NARAL MD and Girl Scouts.

REDISTRICTING: I strongly support a non-partisan commission to redraw the congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland, like in California and Arizona. Every voice should be heard, represented and connected to their government. Independent redistricting, perhaps linked to regional efforts, will help make this happen and reduce crippling partisanship.

ENVIRONMENT: As the EPA is weakened, protecting Maryland's resources is a priority. I'm proud to earn the endorsements of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and the Maryland Sierra Club. 1) Protecting groundwater and the Chesapeake Bay through more accountability in corporate agriculture and uniform enforcement 2) Building needed infrastructure in an environmentally sound ways 3) Stormwater management

DISCRIMINATION: I will work to: 1) End the achievement gap through early childhood education 2) Support legislation that reduces wage inequality 3) Fight discriminatory federal programs aimed at ethnic and religious minorities, among other targeted groups 4) Support criminal justice reform and efforts to increase community policing, including deescalation techniques

EDUCATION: As an educator and daughter of a public school teacher, I know how vital it is to support public schools. Top policy priorities: early childhood education, low or no cost community college, student loan repayment options, and "community schools." I would fund these measures by taxing marijuana as it becomes legalized.

HEALTH CARE: In short, we have no idea how Trump will dismantle the ACA and we need to protect Marylanders from whatever may occur. I support looking at ways to implement a single payer option, as it would reduce the financial burdens on both working families and small businesses.

TRANSPORTATION: It is long past time for the state to develop a comprehensive transportation solution, including offering more low-cost public transportation, environmentally-friendly rail systems, and expanded highway systems. I support dedicated funding for WMATA to allow Metro to expand services, reversible lanes on I-270, development of the Purple Line and increased public transit.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a Maryland Delegate representing District 39 since 2007, and have a strong track record of progressive leadership on issues related to healthcare, education, environment, and transportation. I also am proud of my record of providing effective constituent services. Outside of the legislature, I work as a federal government contractor and attorney specializing in government procurement.

REDISTRICTING: I am proud to have been the lead sponsor on legislation for redistricting reform in a fair and simplified manner, and will continue to be a champion of a redistricting policy that creates a nonpartisan, professional form of redistricting. I will work to ensure that the policy is fair to all parties through an interstate compact with Virginia, and that we a professional staff-based approach.

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland's challenges are two-fold. First, we must work to ensure policies that move us from a dirty fuel economy to one based on clean, renewable energy. In addition, must continue to ensure a clean, productive Bay for our future. I believe in working towards a clean energy economy by continuing to implement and develop new and wide ranging solar and wind energy creation programs and policies.

DISCRIMINATION: I have consistently sponsored or supported policies that have worked to end discrimination for all, including marriage equality, pay equity, and racial disparity. I will continue to support life after incarceration efforts such as expungment for non-violent offenders, removal of checking the box policies, and legalization of marijuana policy to stop warehousing younger Marylanders as criminals.

EDUCATION: I support full funding for public schools, both K-12 and higher education. I have consistently worked to fund all of our state's public schools, and fully support implementing the Kirwan and Knott Commissions to fully realize our school's potential. I also believe we need to move towards at least debt-free higher education, and eventually moving towards tuition free higher education.

HEALTH CARE: Stabilizing the ACA marketplace and lowering costs are a priority in the short term. In the long-term, I am sponsoring legislation to provide for a single-payer style system

that provides care at minimum cost to all of Maryland's residents. This will not only eliminate high health care costs and health related bankruptcies, but will tackle our opioid and mental health epidemics as well.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe in an all of the above approach. Potential highway expansions must be coupled with mass transit options, including expanded MARC, Corridor Cities Transitway, countywide BRT, and an eventual extension of Metro through Frederick County. Ultimately, we cannot build our way out of traffic congestion with roads, and mass transit and remote work options are a better long term solution.

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Montgomery County Offices

Montgomery County Executive

Duties: The County Executive provides direction to all county departments and proposes plans, programs, budgets, policies, and legislation to the County Council. The County Executive also issues Executive Orders and Regulations and appoints residents to boards, committees, and commissions.

How Elected: Elected Countywide

Term: Four years. Limited to three (3) consecutive terms.

Salary: \$190,000 per year

Website: montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/index.html

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.

DEVELOPMENT: How would you manage the county's growth while protecting the environment?

BUDGET: With regard to the county's budget, should programs be added, decreased, increased or cut? Give some specific examples of measures you would take to address the county's projected budget deficit.

TRANSPORTATION: What is your plan to address the county's top transportation needs?

DIVERSITY: As an elected official, what can you do to make sure that county government is engaging with and responsive to the diverse populations who live here?

HOUSING: What action, if any, should county government take to increase the supply of affordable housing?

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

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: • Passed Term Limits Charter Amendment with 70% vote, over opposition of both County Executive opponents. • Passed Charter Property Tax Limit requiring unanimous Council vote for property tax increases over inflation rate, saving average homeowner \$10,000 since 2008. • Only candidate with ANY Maryland Court experience---35,000+cases! • Elected to Maryland Legislature • Honorable Discharge, US Army

DEVELOPMENT: • Reject urbanize-entire-county attempts, protect homes • Am only candidate living in Agricultural Reserve. Our 2 Executive opponents jammed thousands of units adjacent to Lake Seneca drinking water supply • Dense development should be near Metro stops unlike terrible Council-unanimously-approved Westbard plan that dumped 2,000,000 sq ft new development onto already overcrowded roads and schools

BUDGET: • NO tax increases next four years. Our 2 opponents were 2 deciding votes for 9% property tax hike. They ok'd unnecessary 30% real estate transfer tax and 156% residential energy tax hikes • County's \$400,000,000 debt has been increasing five times inflation rate. Reverse increases • With record stock market increases, county's reserve, pension and health benefit funds have underperformed

TRANSPORTATION: • Improve parking lot called I-270 with new reversible lanes. Our 2 opponents have done nothing for 12 years • Widen Cabin John Bridge. • Build M-83, Montrose East Parkway. Widen Goshen Road, northern 355. • Dedicate Metro funding. • Complete Purple line. • Stop forcing people from cars, onto busses. • Work with Governor, not against him, for improvements. • Reduce non-school-zone speed cameras.

DIVERSITY: • Every Monday 6 am, I'll hold first come, first serve, hours with voters to hear new ideas, discrimination or unfairness accounts, hopes, suggestions. LISTEN! • As defense attorney, I've championed rights of tens of thousands of minorities. • Appointed first general counsel National Caucus of Black Aged by Rosa Parks, Jacquelyne Jackson. • Appoint, value, seek & learn from diversity of views

HOUSING: • Enforce housing codes. • NO property tax or real estate transfer tax increases like those approved by our 2 opponents • Consult with national affordable housing experts, • Promote green, solar housing. • Simplify building regulations. • Cooperate with builders. • Support fair master plans. • Improve accessibility, end transportation gridlock. • Allow dense housing only near Metro stops.

JOBS: • As County Executive, have friendly, welcoming attitude • Have good working relationship with Governor, Congress, Administration, DC, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and WV • No tax increases for 4 years • Be advocate and cheerleader for people of Montgomery County---Goodwill Ambassador! For 40 years I've run 2 small businesses • Support strong educational goals • End transportation gridlock

PRIORITIES: • Kinder, gentler, smarter, 50%-female-appointment, county government • Prosperity with Amazon HQ2, new FBI headquarters, fewer regs, better roads & mass transit,

fair share state dollar\$, no tax increases, less debt, challenging education. Every day a chance to excel! Any child could be next Steve Jobs! • I've never met a Montgomery Countian I didn't like. County government will reflect that.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've been the progressive leader on the County Council for 12 years and chair the Public Safety Committee. Before that, I was a Takoma Park Councilmember for 19 years, taught public school here for 17 years, and served on county transportation planning and master plan committees. I understand how government works, how to run an organization effectively, and how to advance social justice.

DEVELOPMENT: We should increase density around Metro stations. But the county, because of developer influence, has increased density with insufficient infrastructure and ignored research-based definitions of walkability and transit-oriented development. I am the only candidate who has never taken money from developers and I would reduce their influence to benefit communities and protect the environment.

BUDGET: We have rising needs but limited resources, so we need to restructure county government operations to make them more efficient. I will partner with our labor unions, who have endorsed me, to pivot people and resources to improve services. My plan for doing so is on my website and includes ideas like gainsharing (a labor-management partnership) and a business process improvement system called Lean.

TRANSPORTATION: To reduce congestion, we need affordable, real transit solutions. My bus rapid transit (BRT) system connects people from where they live to where they work. We also need to make developers pay their fair share of infrastructure costs: we must ensure we have the schools and transportation needed to support the redevelopment of our community. Our Virginia competitors do this and they build projects.

DIVERSITY: I intend to introduce a racial and gender equity lens into county government to require us to consider the likely impacts of all of our policy and staffing decisions on women and people of color. We must partner with communities and advocacy organizations to evaluate the results of those decisions. I am confident this lens would have immediate positive impacts in zoning and other policy areas.

HOUSING: I have been a vocal supporter of preserving existing affordable housing in our master plans. I also support a limited rent stabilization plan that would focus on properties near transit stations. I have already passed major tenant rights legislation in Montgomery County and would like to build on the work I did on the Takoma Park City Council to help people move from renting to homeownership.

JOBS: Because study after study shows that quality of life is the most important driver of

economic growth, the county should continue to focus on good schools, reduced congestion, improved transit, and green space. I also want to help people start and grow their own businesses by creating a robust variety of incubators, ensure a sensible and fair regulatory environment, and support employee ownership.

PRIORITIES: 1) Close the opportunity gap and improve educational quality for all students, expanding pre-K, adequately funding schools, and raising family incomes. 2) Create jobs by improving the quality of life, building BRT, and promoting economic development. 3) Restructure government to make it more efficient and equitable by partnering with our workforce and implementing a racial and gender equity lens.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an At-Large Councilmember and two-time Council President, I worked with my colleagues to bring fiscal discipline; fund our schools; expand economic/workforce development and green business certification programs; and helped communities reach consensus on key master plans, transportation and school facilities we needed. I also served on the Planning Board and as Mayor of Garrett Park.

DEVELOPMENT: I will continue to advocate for and encourage smart growth - which includes preserving green space and our precious agricultural reserve - and environmentally friendly incentives that concentrate on jobs and housing where we have the infrastructure to support it, protect residential neighborhoods, and allow our community to grow and thrive without harming our natural environment.

BUDGET: I will ensure that tax dollars are used effectively and efficiently. Instead of raising taxes, the best way to avoid future cuts and fund our priorities is to ensure that our tax base grows. I'll make that my top priority, then focus on education, school construction, workforce development, mental health, regional transportation solutions, and re-evaluate our role in the liquor business.

TRANSPORTATION: I commit to building our master planned transportation infrastructure, including roads, transit, and pedestrian/bicycle networks. Another specific priority is extending regional Bus Rapid Transit service on Route 29 to Columbia and on I-270 to Frederick. Partnering with regional and state leaders, and embracing new ideas, is the best way to find cost-effective solutions and reduce congestion.

DIVERSITY: This is a new kind of campaign, one that gives all residents a voice. Local government is not supposed to be partisan, and my administration will be welcoming, inclusive and responsive, creating an atmosphere where all feel welcome to participate, and everyone's needs are respected and addressed. I will reach out to every community to fill my team and all appointed positions.

HOUSING: I will direct agencies to work together for one-stop shopping for regulatory reviews, evaluate a steady, bondable revenue stream for the Housing Initiative Fund, and work to expand the low income housing tax credit program. I will create a smart growth partnership

between the County and the community to make sure we're building the right types of housing in the right places.

JOBS: I will significantly expand our efforts on job creation and retention, to build a thriving, innovation-based economy. We should partner with local employers to ensure they have access to a skilled workforce and investment capital, not demonize them. Growing our tax base must be an urgent priority, as it provides the revenues we need to improve our schools, mental health and other programs.

PRIORITIES: Jobs - Strengthen our economy, attract jobs, and grow our tax base. Schools - Dedicate an additional \$500M to school construction over the next 6 years, expand skills and technology-based education training and career pathway programs. Transportation - Invest in a balanced transportation network, follow through on master plans, work regionally to extend bus rapid transit to neighboring counties.

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Montgomery County Council

Duties: The Council is the legislative branch of County Government. Members of the County Council pass legislation, appropriate money to fund the capital and operating budgets, set county property and other local taxes, and make planning, zoning, and subdivision decisions. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees, and commissions that report to the Council. It also exercises oversight over County programs.

How Elected: The Council has nine members, all elected at the same time, to four-year terms. Four at-large council members are elected countywide, represent the residents of the entire county, and may live anywhere in the county. The county is divided into five council districts. Each of the five additional council members is elected by and represents one of the five council districts. Each voter may vote for four at-large candidates and for one candidate from his or her district

Term: Four years. Limited to three (3) consecutive terms.

Salary: \$128,519 per year.

Website: montgomerycountymd.gov/council/

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.

DEVELOPMENT: How would you manage the county's growth while protecting the environment?

BUDGET: With regard to the county's budget, should programs be added, decreased, increased or cut? Give some specific examples of measures you would take to address the county's projected budget deficit.

TRANSPORTATION: What is your plan to address the county's top transportation needs?

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HOUSING: What action, if any, should county government take to increase the supply of affordable housing?

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

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

At Large Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: A lifelong resident, I have the most countywide experience and accomplishments of all the candidates running. I've been an activist on transportation, development and disability access issues for over a decade. Most importantly, I've gotten results. I was engaged on big issues like Westbard, MCPS bus depot, keeping Damascus rural, Rockville Pike Plan. I have real-world business, budget experience.

DEVELOPMENT: Residents now realize the Council & Planning Board no longer listen to us, and don't care about overcrowded schools & roads. I won't reappoint any current PB commissioner. I'll restore the Office of the People's Counsel to represent residents' interests in zoning/planning, and restore resident committees for sector plans. I won't vote for development without the necessary infrastructure. Period.

BUDGET: I will propose repealing the 2016 property tax & 2010 energy tax hikes incrementally over 4 years. We must significantly cut spending, and address skyrocketing debt. If our debt was a department, it would be the 3rd largest department in the County government! Adopt Zero-Based Budgeting, so that we no longer assume the budget will simply get bigger every year. Cancel \$10 billion BRT boondoggle!

TRANSPORTATION: We have no choice but to focus on projects that move the most people for the least money. I strongly support Gov. Hogan's Express Lanes for I-270/495. We need a new Potomac River crossing to Dulles. As privately built toll projects, they'll cost taxpayers almost nothing. M-83 Highway must be our top County-funded priority, along with Montrose Parkway East and the Norbeck-Georgia Ave. interchange.

DIVERSITY: If elected, my door will be open to all residents who need help on a personal or community level. In a County where 1-in-10 have a disability, I pledge to have one staff member who will specialize in disability issues. Right now our corrupt County Council isn't responsive to their constituents who speak English, much less a foreign language. Election winners must restore faith in good government.

HOUSING: I support and would implement the recommendations of the County Executive's Tenants Work Group, including rent stabilization for older apartments. We simply don't have money to fund new construction, so we must focus on preserving the affordable buildings we have, and acquiring new ones as opportunities present. Reducing property/energy taxes will lower rents. Increase 12.5% MPDU req. near Metro.

JOBS: Our impotent Council has failed to attract a single major corporate HQ here in 2 decades.

We have a net loss of 2100 retail jobs since 2000. We must provide a business-friendly tax and regulation environment, and the Dulles Airport access international businesspeople require. Focus on high-wage jobs, such as aerospace, defense, and tech corporate HQs, and related research/manufacturing facilities.

PRIORITIES: 1. Transportation (New Potomac River crossing, I-270/495 Express Lanes, M-83 Highway, Montrose Parkway East, Norbeck-Georgia Interchange). 2. Create a more-responsible land-use planning process that protects existing suburban and rural neighborhoods, and our quality of life. Keep Aspen Hill, Gaithersburg East, Germantown suburban, NOT urban. 3. End the County liquor control and sales monopoly.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 10 years working in the US Senate and learned firsthand not only the legislative workings but, most importantly, how working across party lines and interests can get things accomplished. Additionally, I have owned my own development business for the past 25 years and understand balancing budgets and the impact of taxes and the local economy on small businesses and jobs.

DEVELOPMENT: Economic growth and development are crucial to the future of Montgomery County, as is a healthy environment for our residents. A balance can be struck by using technology to monitor and control impacts to the environment, and by limiting growth to certain areas while protecting our agricultural reserves.

BUDGET: There are some programs we cannot compromise, including education and public safety. For many other programs, we can partner with the private sector to offer opportunities for expanding valuable programs, such as investments in our infrastructure and roads. Additionally, better oversight and control can reduce waste and overspending.

TRANSPORTATION: We need a two-pronged approach to Transportation. On the one hand locating future growth and development near existing mass transit options can reduce the demand. On the other hand, pursuing public-private partnerships to improve our road system.

DIVERSITY: Montgomery County has a culture of diversity and inclusion that can be reinforced by the County Council by consulting with diverse groups, seeking input and feedback, reaching out to diverse communities to staff various positions and ensuring that we do not tolerate divisiveness in any form.

HOUSING: Lack of affordable housing is a critical problem in Montgomery County. This is another area where we must seek joint solutions with the private sector.

JOBS: Encouraging the creation of jobs is one of the highest priorities for the County. We need to start by controlling taxes and providing incentives for small businesses in particular.

PRIORITIES: My top 3 priorities are education, infrastructure and job growth through tax reduction.

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QUALIFICATIONS: For over 40 years, I have resided in Montgomery County. I have lived in Bethesda, Rockville, Derwood, Olney and Silver Spring. Thus, I am aware of issues and concerns of many different locations in Montgomery County. That experience is valuable, since I am a candidate for County Council At-Large where my constituents are all residents of Montgomery County.

DEVELOPMENT: I support future growth to be primarily located within a half mile radius of the Metrorail stations in Montgomery County.

BUDGET: I am seeking a much more efficient Montgomery County Government (MCG) and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). I am proposing free tuition at Montgomery College for students who provide volunteer services to the MCG and MCPS. Also, I oppose the \$1 billion 100 miles Bus Rapid Transit; and I propose a Bus Lane Toll (BLT) system at no taxpayer cost.

TRANSPORTATION: Rather than the incumbent's \$1 billion 100 miles Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), I am proposing a Bus Lane Toll (BLT) solution where the left lane on our 3 and 4 lane roads would be reasonable variable toll lanes during rush hours for cars and buses. The BLT can be quickly implemented at no taxpayer cost. Also, some of the toll revenue can be used to reduce bus fares along BLT routes.

DIVERSITY: I am proposing to change the current County Council (5 geographic districts and 4 at-large districts) to a new County Council of 9 geographic districts. Thus, the 9 geographic council members would live closer to their constituents, be more accessible to their constituents, and be more aware of the needs of their constituents.

HOUSING: The Montgomery County Government should help raise the income of the working poor, so that they can afford housing in the county. I support expediting a \$15/hr minimum wage for high school graduates. However, the \$15/hr minimum wage would not apply to very small employers with less than 10 workers or less than \$500,000 annual revenue.

JOBS: Montgomery County should modify its minimum wage law to expedite the \$15/hr minimum wage; but only for high school graduates, to provide entry level jobs (at the federal minimum wage) for high school students. Also, the \$15/hr minimum wage should not apply to very small employers with less than 10 workers or less than \$500,000 annual revenue.

PRIORITIES: 1. Improve the quality of life for Montgomery County's resident. 2. Reduce the cost of living for Montgomery County's residents. 3 Ensure that the Montgomery County Government taxes fairly, spends wisely, and is subject to strong oversight by the County Council.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served in the cabinet of County Executive Ike Leggett as Recreation Director since 2007, a Department with 3,000 employees and a \$37 million budget. I have served on 37 boards, commissions, and advisory councils at the state, county, and non-profit level, which includes Chairing the Montgomery County Democratic Party. I know where we have been, where we are, and where we need to go.

DEVELOPMENT: I support Smart Growth, and creating livable, walkable communities near transit such as Pike and Rose while protecting sensitive environmental areas, like Ten Mile Creek. We need to expand transit options such as Bus Rapid Transit along Routes 29 and 355, as well as New Hampshire Avenue. Focusing growth near transit reduces impervious surface, stormwater runoff and protects the environment.

BUDGET: I would first focus on growing our economy, which will help enhance revenue to address our many challenges. I support establishing a two year rather than one year operating budget, which would give more time to evaluate programs and services. Third, I would enhance data collection among agencies to ensure better efficiency and scale back programs that are ineffective or could be consolidated.

TRANSPORTATION: I support a balanced approach of mass transit projects such as BRT as well as road projects such as the development of reversible lanes on 270. We also must address our infrastructure needs that contribute to traffic congestion. We also must focus on getting people out of their cars by supporting smart growth principals in master plans and the development of shared work spaces closer to residents.

DIVERSITY: Our diversity is among greatest strength. As policy I support adding questions to employee interviews at all levels of government related to the importance of inclusion and cultural sensitivity and ensure that our workforce reflects the diversity of the communities we serve. I would ensure that government information is available in multiple languages and that we expand regional service centers.

HOUSING: I am a passionate advocate for affordable housing and will support expanding the Housing Initiative Fund, growing partnerships with non-profit and for-profit organizations to preserve and expand units, MPDU laws and zoning ordinances that promote affordable housing especially near transit systems. I also support the expansion of Ancillary Dwelling Units and more public and private partnerships.

JOBS: Government should help create the conditions that ensure a strong economy both directly and indirectly. This includes ensuring that as a community we are strong in the areas of housing, transportation options, public schools, public safety, infrastructure, environment, secondary education, and that we maintain a high quality of life. Beyond that, we should focus on policy that supports businesses.

PRIORITIES: I will emphasize economic growth so that we can secure additional revenue to address our growing needs as a community. I will also focus on education, including efforts to expand pre-K programs. Strong schools are key to successful economic development and ensure that our children are prepared. I will also focus on issues that impact quality of life such as transit, housing, and environment.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former CNN journalist and current executive director of a nonprofit serving our county's youth. I have also spent 15 years as a civic leader championing progressive initiatives. I know how to institute proper oversight and instill accountability so that government programs are helping our residents and communities. I will be the watchdog to ensure our government gets things done right.

DEVELOPMENT: I earned the Sierra Club's endorsement, which is a testament to my track record of promoting environmental sustainability throughout the county. I have successfully championed transit-oriented development that ensures open green space/parks and the protection of our trees and natural waterways. I will work to ensure our environmental resources are protected and expanded.

BUDGET: Instead of increasing taxes or cutting programs, I am focused on expanding the tax base and creating new sources of revenue so we can invest in our roads, schools and support services for seniors and youth. We must continue attracting businesses in the life sciences sector, which desire proximity to FDA, NIH and other federal agencies. I am committed to expanding prosperity to the entire county.

TRANSPORTATION: My top priority is fixing Metro and ensuring that it is safe and reliable. If Metro fails, more residents will flee the system and traffic in our region will only get worse. In addition to expanding public transit options across the county, I also want to work with state leaders to improve traffic performance on I-270. But let me be clear: under no circumstances do I support expanding the Beltway.

DIVERSITY: If elected, I would be the first LGBTQ member of the County Council. Diversity and inclusion are extremely important components of good and fair governing. We must increase our language support for non-English speakers and hold official Council meetings at locations outside of Rockville and at times that can accommodate more participation from our diverse community.

HOUSING: I currently serve as vice chair of Montgomery Housing Partnership, the county's largest nonprofit developer of affordable housing. I understand first hand how to preserve, protect and expand affordable housing. We need to create more units for individuals at all levels — seniors, workers and low-income residents. Current housing policies are inadequate and I will use my experience to improve them.

JOBS: I will work hard to stimulate job growth so that we can expand the tax base. We can then use the new tax revenue to support universal pre-K, expand public transit and increase programs for seniors, youth and those in need of healthcare, food and housing. Without new jobs, we will not have the revenue to provide these services. More jobs will increase the tax base so we can pay for new programs.

PRIORITIES: (1) Improving MCPS and ensuring that every child receives the best education

possible. (2) Fixing our transportation infrastructure so residents can travel safely and with efficiency. (3) Ensuring that residents can afford to live in Montgomery County by providing more affordable housing. Affordable housing is critically important for seniors to age in place and residents who are struggling.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have deep policy & political experience from Capitol Hill & the Obama Administration. But I'm guided by my experience growing up low-income in Silver Spring, son of an immigrant & acutely aware of disparities. From fighting for equity in our schools to running the county's largest career exposure program, I have a record of public service stretching from Long Branch to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

DEVELOPMENT: To end sprawl & reduce reliance on personal autos, we should use a carrot-and-stick approach to encourage smarter growth near existing mass transit. Open green space must be protected, both down county & up county, but where there is construction we should have codes & programs to encourage renewable energy, links to public transit and use of permeable surfaces to manage water quality.

BUDGET: With historic turnover of county leadership, we have an obligation to review every aspect of how we spend the county budget. But we also have an obligation to see how we collect the county revenue, as we see individual taxpayers today paying a greater proportion than ever before, while major corporations pay their smallest share ever.

TRANSPORTATION: We've suffered from a historic imbalance in transportation investments. We must bring balance by increasing investment in public mass transit - remaking RideOn into a reliable, speedy and attractive alternative with reach - rapid bus lanes - smart intersection control to alleviate congestion - networks of dedicated bike lanes.

DIVERSITY: Every citizen, no matter their ethnicity, race or income, should be able to avail upon county programs & services. We must train for cultural competency at every point, from MCPS to MCPD and across county offices and keep equity as a top objective. My entire public life has been devoted to engaging underrepresented communities. I commit to continue that work.

HOUSING: Identify additional revenue sources for the Housing Initiative Fund to support affordable housing loans. Audit existing county land to identify parcels suitable for lease to developers that commit to mixed-use and mixed-income buildings. Higher density, mixed-income development near mass transit. The current ratio of MPDU is not enough.

JOBS: More small- and mid-sized business low-interest loans. More resources in the county's Business Navigator's Office, where a single person helps small business. Streamlined inspections and regulations that don't sacrifice health or public safety, & lower hurdles to opening businesses. Encourage organic growth of locally-rooted enterprise.

PRIORITIES: Affordable, accessible child care & early childhood education. High quality public schools, no matter the Zip Code, with robust wraparound services in every school to close opportunity & achievement gaps. Fair & affordable housing, near renewed mass transit, for young families as well as our aging neighbors.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am currently the Montgomery County Council President. Since 2010, I have worked through the challenging impacts of the Great Recession, while enacting policy initiatives such as reduced class size, expanded access to pre-K and afterschool programs, new STEM programs, raising the minimum wage to \$15, paid sick leave, increased affordable housing, campaign finance reform, and more.

DEVELOPMENT: As a leading smart growth champion, managing our growth while protecting the environment has been one of my highest priorities and it is why I am endorsed by the Sierra Club. My initiatives include: Supporting smart growth housing and transportation policies that reduce emissions by focusing development in our downtowns near public transportation and protecting Ten Mile Creek from overdevelopment.

BUDGET: One of my first initiatives as Council President this year was enacting a \$53 million savings plan while protecting our community priorities. My budget priorities for the upcoming year include fully funding education, expanding pre-k and afterschool programs, supporting parks and libraries, increasing affordable housing, protecting nonprofits and services for the vulnerable.

TRANSPORTATION: As one of the council's transportation leaders, I have championed innovative approaches to mobility including; funding Metro; traffic signals using adaptive intelligence to improve flow; incentives for employers to promote telecommuting and public transportation; building protected bike infrastructure; new rapid bus options on MD 355, MD 29 and MD 586; snow removal from sidewalks.

DIVERSITY: As politics targets our neighbors for exclusion and isolation, we must remain an inclusive community where everyone is valued and welcome. We must oppose using our police department to enforce immigration; support nonprofit services to new immigrants; expand non-English communication; strengthen school programs for immigrant children; ensure that our County's workforce reflects our diversity.

HOUSING: Housing is a top priority. My record: Raising the requirement on developers to set-aside more affordable housing MPDU's; Increasing funding to the housing trust fund to support affordable housing; New incentives for housing developments that set-aside more affordable units; New master plans that will increase the supply of housing; code enforcement to maintain affordable housing quality.

JOBS: Without a growing base of high-paying jobs, Montgomery County will not be able to fund our schools, parks, and libraries; and our families will not be able to provide for themselves. We must continue investing in our talent because our workforce is our strength. We must support biotech, cybersecurity, and local manufacturing. Education, transportation, and thriving urban areas are key.

PRIORITIES: 1. Strengthening education by reducing class size, supporting school construction and pre-K. 2. Promoting housing affordability and protecting our environment through smart growth. 3. Investing in transportation, particularly walking, biking and public transportation infrastructure.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked for environmental and social justice causes--lobbying, testifying and organizing--including the effort to save Ten Mile Creek, to ban cosmetic use of pesticides, end the Dickerson incinerator, oppose ill-conceived road efforts such as the M-83, and fight for a \$15 minimum wage. I worked to get the County Council to divest from fossil fuel companies.

DEVELOPMENT: We must deal with poorly planned growth that has left us with overcrowded schools and congested roads. The council has passed sector plans with no regard for needed infrastructure, undermining our efforts to reduce energy use and protect the environment. The resulting congestion adversely affects productivity and makes the county less desirable. Smart growth must recognize the limits of growth.

BUDGET: To keep our present level of services without raising taxes we must find ways to save money on existing programs. One area where we have overspent is infrastructure. We can save money on school construction by repurposing used building, as is being done in Virginia. We can find less expensive ways, already being used elsewhere, to meet our transit needs like micro transit and flexible transit.

TRANSPORTATION: We need creative new ways to meet our transit needs. We have outgrown the capacity of our existing roads and transit. Suburbs such as Clarksburg were promised transit service long ago that has not been built. BRT will address some of these needs but not all of them. We should look at new transit strategies such as flexible transit and micro transit to fill the gaps left by fixed transit.

DIVERSITY: A third of the County's residents are foreign born. Two of my children are from Guatemala. I support using all means available to the County to protect our immigrant population. I support making the county a sanctuary community. County authorities should not cooperate with ICE since they need a population that trusts them to effectively do their job.

HOUSING: We tear down more affordable housing that we put up. We should refurbish and

retrofit older housing so that we maintain our affordable housing stock. We should examine the "tiny homes" efforts as a way to provide inexpensive housing for the homeless. I support mandatory rent stabilization, just-cause eviction laws, and increasing county inspections of apartments to ensure they are up to code.

JOBS: County agencies have become increasingly unresponsive and difficult to deal with-a result of one party rule that has lead to complacency and unresponsiveness. As a result, we have an anemic job growth record. County agencies must become more responsive to business needs. Small businesses should be encouraged, especially green businesses which can create thousands of sustainable new jobs.

PRIORITIES: I want to build a sustainable economy by transitioning to 100% renewable energy, creating thousands of local green jobs. I want to address the widening divide between the very wealthy in the county and the rest of us. In a county that is majority minority and where immigrants make up one third of the population I want to work to ensure an environment where all residents feel safe.

District 1 Council Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I do not have experience within government. What I would provide is a different method on how to fix problems within our county. For example, I do not adhere to an overarching ideology that hinders my decision making. I am someone who will look at a problem and find the most efficient way to solve it. Whether that solution is "right" or "left" wing makes no difference to me.

DEVELOPMENT: The biggest environmental concern of mine is traffic congestion. Bumper to bumper traffic causes cars to burn fuel at a faster pace. It also creates a higher density of hydrocarbons by exhaust fumes, which increase our carbon footprint and can worsen or cause health risks. By increasing the performance of our traffic system we can ease the burden that growth puts on the environment.

BUDGET: Due to a ballot question in 2008 the county council cannot increase property taxes over the chartered limit without a unanimous vote. I intend to be that vote, unless it would drastically harm public services. I will look to find ways to reduce expenditures by increasing government efficiency rather than cutting programs.

TRANSPORTATION: I like how the current council is committed to making public transit more efficient and affordable. To think all Montgomery County residents are going to get out of their Mercedes and BMW's to start taking the train is wishful thinking. We need someone on the council committed to a cascade lighting system, expanding roads, and more trails for bikers.

DIVERSITY: If elected I would represent the most underrepresented group, young people. The majority of our council members are in their early 50's or late 60's. I believe this is part of the reason a lot of issues within the education system regarding technology are overlooked. I'm also a Republican, another underrepresented group who has not had a member on the council

in over a decade.

HOUSING: Maybe it should not keep increasing property and regressive taxes that increase the cost of living? Other than that our council mandates a certain percentage of new development to have affordable housing. I'd make a decision to increase or decrease that mandate depending on what experts in the field prescribe.

JOBS: The role should not be to promote crony capitalism through supporting large tax breaks to a company like Amazon who everyone knows will leave after their tax breaks are up. The county should also get out of the alcohol business, to help restaurants. I think it is fair to assume that if the county can adequately reduce traffic congestion our county will be more attractive to businesses

PRIORITIES: 1. Making sure our public schools are evolving with the times to provide adequate preparation for the future and strive to provide equality of opportunity for all students. 2. Reducing traffic congestion to decrease sprawl, increase attractiveness for business and reduce hydrocarbon to limit our country's carbon footprint. 3. Electoral reform to make sure that politicians win off merit not money.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've focused my career in public service on bringing people together to solve problems and improve how government works, scrutinizing billions in public contracts to ensure transparency and accountability, restructuring Maryland's \$6B 529 College Savings Plans, providing programming for the County's at-risk youth, and helping launch new statewide savings accounts for Marylanders with disabilities.

DEVELOPMENT: We must promote smart growth that prioritizes transit-oriented, mixed-use development and preserves our precious open spaces, creating the livable, walkable, accessible communities that young families and businesses increasingly desire. It must be combined with investment in transit, pedestrian and bike access, and affordable housing to sufficiently protect our environment and our quality of life.

BUDGET: We can't just cut or tax our way to prosperity. We must grow the economic pie. We also need to modernize county government so it actually works when residents and small businesses need it, institute zero-based budgeting to promote innovation, employ a top-to-bottom review of county spending, and include the effect of county legislation on small businesses in every county fiscal impact statement.

TRANSPORTATION: Metro is the backbone of our regional economy, which is why I was proud to testify in strong support of the first-ever dedicated funding source in Annapolis earlier this year. I've been a strong and consistent supporter of the Purple Line and Bus Rapid Transit, and see both as crucial components of our near and long-term transportation needs, supporting

economic development and mitigating traffic.

DIVERSITY: Diversity is our strength – socially, culturally, and economically. It's an opportunity to better prepare our students and better position our local businesses to compete and succeed in an increasingly global and interconnected economy. It does require proactive communication which is what I've always focused on while running organizations and large public agencies and serving diverse populations.

HOUSING: Given the magnitude of our affordable housing crisis, we need a comprehensive, all-in approach which must include both below market-rate and market-rate options: including greater investments and prioritization to increase funding to the Housing Initiatives Fund, establishing a countywide MPDU standard of 15% for all new construction, and an overall increase in housing supply to hold down costs.

JOBS: We must start by supporting our existing 32,500 small businesses and helping them grow, and capitalize on our core assets that make Montgomery County attractive beginning with forward-looking investments in education and transportation. I've been an outspoken and consistent advocate for both, including testifying this year in strong support for the first-ever dedicated funding source for Metro.

PRIORITIES: In order to Ease the Squeeze on our congested roads and overcrowded schools, on young workers and new families who can no longer afford to move here, and on seniors struggling to stay here, we need private sector economic growth. That requires forward-looking investments in our core assets - education, transportation, and economic development - which provide the highest economic and social return.

District 2 Council Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have an MBA in Finance, and a decade consulting experience helping local governments improve operations. In education, I am a former teacher and been involved in education reform for more than two decades. As board member of MC Taxpayers League and working with MC Civics Fed, I have advocated for responsible gov't, and have become very familiar with the our county operations and budget.

DEVELOPMENT: People want to live here. We have to manage growth effectively. I will: 1) give communities a "heads-up" and greater participation in proposed development and sector plan updates; 2) revisit policies that don't properly consider market preferences or ability to provide infrastructure and; and 3) audit storm water and water quality efforts that run in the billions to improve cost-effectiveness.

BUDGET: Solutions involve controlling costs and revenue generation. Too many programs have costs that exceed benefits or do not meet stated goals. I will call for regular audits. Large savings can be found in school construction, storm water abatement, affordable housing, and planned BRT routes. On the revenue side, we need to be more business-friendly to grow the

commercial tax base.

TRANSPORTATION: Make objective analysis the basis for decisions, not political agendas. Priorities: 1) Widen I-270; 2) Build M-83 highway from Clarksburg; 3) Real-time adaptive traffic signals for roads; 4) Study potential for light rail network, with MARC train ext. to maximize reach. 5) Further study of a Corridor Cities Transitway; 6) Regional Transportation Plan for Montgomery-PG-Frederick-NOVA region.

DIVERSITY: All residents benefit from a county that is more affordable, with reduced taxes. Recent immigrants, especially, benefit from a business-friendly climate that creates jobs and rewards entrepreneurs. I would work for education alternatives and school choice to close the achievement gap, expand programs for high-performing students, and meet the individual needs of a diverse student population.

HOUSING: Current policies are not working - 34,000 are on the waiting list for housing vouchers. I want to review policies in place that reduce the stock of affordable housing. Seniors, police, fire fighters, and the middle class can't afford to live here. I want to reduce costs and streamline the process for developing properties to make homes more affordable for everyone.

JOBS: It plays a big role including: 1) Creating a competitive tax system; 2) Eliminating regulations with costs that exceed intended benefits; 3) Simplifying the permitting processes; 4) Providing needed transportation infrastructure; 5) Supporting world class schools, including school facilities, that keep up with growth; 6) Creating incentives to businesses that provide job preparation and training

PRIORITIES: 1) A more AFFORDABLE county with lower taxes and reduced spending, focused on core services and needed transportation/school infrastructure; 2) A county where BUSINESS flourish and create Jobs, 3) SCHOOLS with higher standards, and bringing Education Reform achieving remarkable results to close the achievement gap and serve our highest performing students no matter their zip code.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a former member of the MD General Assembly and two-term member of the County Council, these experiences have allowed me to develop a great understanding of the inner workings of Government and develop relationships with Government, non-profit and private sector groups. This understanding and the relationships will help me to continue to be successful in addressing our most difficult challenges.

DEVELOPMENT: Protecting our Ag reserve is a top priority as my District encompasses a large portion of it. We must promote infill development in areas close to Metro and other transit hubs to accommodate growth while ensuring stormwater management and other measures are strong enough to help protect our environment. Promoting clean energy in those areas of growth will also help balance the increased housing.

BUDGET: The budget is a complicated mix of priorities and values. Reducing items result in needs growing in other areas. Increases in areas mean more resources, i.e. taxes are required to pay for them. It is a delicate balance that each year reflects the needs of the community and the values of its residents. I believe each budget has been an accurate reflection of what our County residents needed.

TRANSPORTATION: The way to fix our transportation woes is via a multi-tiered approach. We must continue to expand transit options for those that don't have access to Metro. This means a BRT route along 355 and in other needed areas of the County. We have to fix I-270 and the American Legion bridge and build road projects that will undo traffic bottlenecks throughout the County.

DIVERSITY: Montgomery County is a leader because of our fabric of cultures. People of all nationalities call this region home and virtually every language is spoken here. We celebrate the cultural diversity that flows in our communities and need to support them through inclusionary practices on all fronts. Our new resolution promoting an equity lens for all legislation/policies also supports that vision.

HOUSING: We need to continue to devote money to our Housing Initiative Fund that can incentivize developers to build more affordable housing units. In addition we must allocate more money to our rental assistance program. In our planning of future developments, we must insist on higher percentages of affordable units to ensure those that work in the County can live in the County.

JOBS: The County privatized economic development through our economic development corporation. I believe this was the right decision as we need to continue to innovate outside of the Government space. But the County must support the business environment through policies and incentives to small and medium sized businesses that are the lifeblood of our economy and provider of the majority of our jobs.

PRIORITIES: Ensuring the fiscal stability of the County through smart and measured growth in residential and economic development. Working with the State delegation and the Kirwan commission to ensure increased funding for school construction and education formulas. Creating meaningful transportation projects to reduce overburdened residents who have no access to transit, are sitting in traffic or both.

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District 3 Council Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a lifelong Montgomery County resident and a former small business owner. I previously served on the Gaithersburg Planning Commission, City Council, and as the Mayor of Gaithersburg. During my first term on the County Council, I passed legislation on mental health courts and a senior tax deferral. I'm also the only candidate in the District 3 race participating in public financing.

DEVELOPMENT: Under my leadership, Gaithersburg pursued smart growth strategies. I was involved in planning the neo-traditional, transit-oriented developments of Kentlands, Lakelands, and Crown Farm. I'll continue use the knowledge I've developed through 40 years of experience serving in local government to pursue smart growth strategies that balance our growth needs with a concern for the environment.

BUDGET: I am very concerned about the amount debt that Montgomery County government has taken on. We need to have the right formula to change this trajectory, and I worked on this recently as the Council took up its annual spending affordability guidelines. Each department as well as the County as a whole must look at their respective programs and evaluate the success and necessity of their programming.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to have a multi-modal approach to transportation solutions. I voted in support of Delegate Korman's dedicated funding bill. The Council needs to continue to work with Metro to improve its governance and to ensure Metro provides a reliable service that riders want to use. We need more MARC service, and we must continue to implement BRT. I also supported the new Ride On Extra bus.

DIVERSITY: As an elected official, I've worked with the various populations across District 3. I host regular town hall meetings and senior forums to meet with and hear directly from my constituents. It's important to me that my staff at the County Council be able to communicate with and be responsive to all of the diverse populations in Montgomery County.

HOUSING: We need to increase the percentage of affordable housing in new construction. I support changing the MPDU law to require a minimum of 15% in all new residential construction developments, and I have been advocating to see what we can do to incentivize some new developments have 25% affordable housing. We also need a renewed focus on workforce housing.

JOBS: As a former small business owner, I understand that small businesses are the backbone of our economy. As Mayor, I made sure that Gaithersburg was open for business. We need to continue the County's toolbox of programs and office assistance programs and we need to continue to work with the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) to ensure we're welcoming to businesses.

PRIORITIES: My top three priorities are ensuring a quality education for all of our students, multi-modal transportation solutions to address traffic, and fiscal responsibility to ensure the County remains on sound fiscal footing.

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QUALIFICATIONS: It has been a great honor to serve the residents of the County in various ways. I was Member and President of the Montgomery County Board of Education, from 2004 to 2009. I have served as Member, and President of the Montgomery County Council, (2009 to present). Currently, I am Vice-President, Chair the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, and serve on the Education committee.

DEVELOPMENT: I have always voted to protect our environment because we have one planet, and we are here temporarily. I am a staunch proponent of smart growth development policies and principles, and have continually championed environmentally innovative approaches to development, as well as non-auto transportation options for County transportation projects.

BUDGET: I believe in programs/initiatives that are evaluated for outcomes, are high quality, sustainable, and scaleable. I also believe in leveraging our dollars as much as possible. This means that we must evaluate what is working and eliminate programs and initiatives that are high-cost and low-return. We will need to consolidate or re-purpose wherever necessary, in order to achieve the best outcomes.

TRANSPORTATION: My priority for alleviating congestion in the County is expanding transit and other non-auto modes of transportation. I have supported expansion of bike infrastructure, BRT, the Purple Line and extended Ride-On service I am a big supporter of BRT. Where possible, I favor dedicated lanes for buses. I do favor rededicating lanes of auto traffic to BRT.

DIVERSITY: As the first Latina and immigrant ever to be elected to the Montgomery County Council, I take this issue very seriously. We also know that 4 of the top 10 most diverse cities in the Country are in Montgomery County. It is all about expanding access to opportunities on every level, and addressing the existing disparities.

HOUSING: I have led and supported every effort that can move us towards providing more affordable housing units. We have our MPDU program and our HIF as staples of this effort. In addition, we have required that every public facility proposed for construction, must be evaluated for possible housing co-location and already several projects have that housing component.

JOBS: Our master plans, redevelopment and revitalization projects play a vital role in encouraging or expanding job growth and economic development in Montgomery County. This is true in the Mid-East part of the County, which I represent. In addition, our Economic Development Corporation and WorkSource Montgomery, perform important functions in facilitating the branding and marketing of our County.

PRIORITIES: 1. Redevelopment/revitalization projects in D4 Wheaton Revitalization, White Oak Science Gateway and Glenmont Sector Plan. 2. Civic Engagement in underrepresented/disenfranchised communities 3. Address the opportunity gap which leads to

the achievement gap. Establish a dedicated funding stream for Children and Youth programming, and the adoption of a County Equity Policy

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived & worked in the county for 40 years. Over that time I have owned & operated small retail businesses, farmed blueberries in Ashton & been the Business Manager of two independent schools. My work life has required numerous interactions with the Montgomery County government. I know we can do better. Our government needs to prioritize services while prizing efficiency and sustainability.

DEVELOPMENT: We all value quality of life. Growth has been an issue for generations. As we continue to build, the major impact is not only on the environment. Enforce the existing rules for storm water, forest preservation & conservation easements - then our concern should be roads, parks, libraries & schools. Our growing population challenges these resources. The Green Party needs a voice in these decisions.

BUDGET: The budget should reflect our values as citizens and members of a diverse community. As a member of the council I will work tirelessly to see that our tax money is spent as wisely as our own household budgets. We must provide the services that allow all of our citizens to manage their lives in safety and security. We need to be open to change and innovative ideas.

TRANSPORTATION: I live in the northeast corner of the county. Years ago I would not hesitate to hop in the car and go anywhere I needed within the county, but not any more. Getting from place to place has become a major challenge, whether by private or public transit. We must re-evaluate our current transportation strategies and planning, and recognize that coordination across the region is essential.

DIVERSITY: It's about listening & hearing! We need to know who lives here - what they need to thrive. It's not about checking boxes but asking questions. No one has had the experiences of others so we can't talk for them; we need to invite residents of all social identifiers (race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, etc) into conversation, & work with them to best meet the needs of all communities.

HOUSING: Affordable housing is critical to our communities. We must do all we can to maintain and expand it. The number of units available for rent to anyone of limited income does not meet the demand, so our children and elders have to live at a distance. There is a role for local government in creating incentives & solutions. Much of what builds the fabric of our communities depends on it.

JOBS: We must support economic development activities and increase the potential for local job growth. Quality schools, affordable housing and well-planned transit will go a long way toward making this a place to do business. We must also be honest with ourselves and recognize that we need to be looking at alternatives to the incentives we have tried in the past.

PRIORITIES: 1. Make sure our schools serve all our children. As one of my grandchildren starts

MCPS I want the quality of his education to be equal to what my children received. 2. Deal with traffic congestion by implementing technological solutions & spending wisely on infrastructure. 3. Make sure our existing agencies (ie DPS) are adding value not just raising the cost of building & doing business here.

District 5 Council Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30 years of experience as a community organizer, nonprofit executive, State lawmaker & Councilmember. Since I joined the Council, we shrank class sizes, improved our transportation system, and strengthened our environment. This election will bring a large class of new elected leaders. I bring the experienced leadership that is vital to build on past successes for the next four year term.

DEVELOPMENT: As a long-term environmental advocate and the Council's Lead for the Environment, protecting the environment is my priority. My approach to land use insists on transit-oriented development to avoid sprawl. I have worked with the LWV for years to advance the Purple Line & Bus Rapid Transit to reduce carbon emissions and allow well-regulated growth near transit.

BUDGET: Budget priorities speak to our values. So I prioritize education and safety net programs. I have passed new revenue measures such as the tax on e-cigarettes. I have also advocated for in-sourcing, for example tree maintenance, when it reduces costs. I promote transparency, encourage whistleblowers, and insist on strong oversight of waste, excess and abuse to ensure county funds are well-spent.

TRANSPORTATION: Greatly improve transit. Expand affordable housing so people can live near work. And encourage telecommuting. I'm elated WMATA will have dedicated funding to improve service & safety. I have worked with the LWV for years as a vocal champion of the Purple Line. And I support expansion of the countywide BRT network, the CCT, MARC service, RideOn Express, and free buses for seniors and students.

DIVERSITY: Montgomery County has distinguished itself for decades as a community where people of all backgrounds can feel safe and build a family. By doing so, we have built the third-most racially and ethnically diverse community in America. I expect county government to embody the values of inclusion, compassion, tolerance, opportunity and sacrifice for others.

HOUSING: Too many residents struggle to locate affordable housing. The County needs to continue to aggressively invest in this. This term we raised the transfer and recordation tax which allowed us to increase the funding to the Housing Initiative Fund by approximately 60% in both FY17 and FY18. We also must maintain existing affordable units, which are often lost before the County government intervenes.

JOBS: Most important, we must maintain our first-class schools and transit system. We must do more to support existing small and medium-size businesses while creating an attractive environment to new companies and top talent. We should support the Economic Development Corporation and insist on strong outcomes. And we must prioritize high-road over low-road economic development.

PRIORITIES: My top three priorities are: Secure dedicated revenue to expand pre-K Continue to fight the achievement gap by working to shrink class size, improve student supports, and raise standards for our students while still enabling the top performers to thrive Champion the establishment of a county program to refinance student loans to lower cost of living and retain & recruit educated workers

-----No other District 5 Council candidates-----

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Circuit Court Judge, Sixth Circuit

Duties: Judges preside on 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 may decide appeals from the District Court and certain administrative agencies. The Circuit Court, Sixth Circuit serves Montgomery County.

How Elected: Elected Countywide. 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.

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

Salary: \$159,433 per year.

Website: montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/

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 7.

James A. Bonifant

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Qualifications: Judge, Circuit Court Montg. Cnty., MD; appointed 7/6/17. UVA, Econ., '78 with distinction; UM Law, '82. Family Magistrate, Circuit Court, '13 – '17, hearing family cases. 30-year private practice in all areas representing individuals, small businesses and children before the courts. Active public service including Board Member Montg. Gen. Hosp/Medstar Montg. Med. Center, '96-'18; Chair '03-'05.

Discrimination: Each sitting judge is committed to providing fair, efficient, effective justice for all regardless of gender, race, cultural background, religious beliefs, and sexual orientation. We ensure that domestic violence victims, indigent defendants, self-represented litigants, disabled parties, non-English speakers, are each treated with respect, courtesy, and dignity and are given access to services.

Court Needs: Our system needs investment in legal representation for the poor, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and mediation. Each sitting judge strongly supports expansion of these services and funding for enhanced pre-trial release services, drug treatment and addiction services, domestic violence awareness, mental health treatment and counseling services.

Jeannie E. Cho

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Qualifications: I have been privileged to serve as a judge on District Court of Montgomery County for over 4 years. Before then, I was a prosecutor, a defense attorney, a shareholder at a large firm, and I have run my own small firm. I was nominated and selected after undergoing a rigorous vetting process based on proven merit. I am proud to be the first Asian-American judge appointed to the Circuit Court.

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Qualifications: As a litigator for 29 years, I have extensive experience handling complex trials throughout MD and D.C. I have tried over 120 jury trials to verdict and have argued cases before the Appellate courts. Having held leadership positions, such as Managing Attorney, equipped me with the skill set to make difficult decisions in challenging situations fairly that impact others with dignity and respect.

Discrimination: We are committed to providing fair, efficient, effective justice for all regardless of gender, race, cultural background, religious beliefs and/or sexual orientation. We must ensure that domestic violence victims, indigent defendants, self-represented litigants, disabled parties, non-English speakers, are each treated with respect, courtesy and dignity and are given access to services

Court Needs: Our system needs investment in legal representation for the poor, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution and mediation. Each of us strongly supports expansion of these services and funding for enhanced pre-trial release services, drug treatment and addiction services, domestic violence awareness, mental health treatment and counseling services

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Qualifications: Appointed Judge Mont County Circuit Court Nov 2016. AA Mont College; BS, MS and JD American University. Special Agent FBI; Asst State's Atty Mont County 1988-2002; Asst U.S. Atty 2002-2016; Deputy Chief DOJ's Organized Crime and Gang Section 2014-2015. Community activities include Mont College Alumni Assoc Board of Governors (VP, 2016) and Rockville Human Rights Commission (Chair, 2010-2011).

Discrimination: Each sitting judge is committed to providing fair, efficient, effective justice for all regardless of gender, race, cultural background, religious beliefs, and sexual orientation. We ensure that domestic violence victims, indigent defendants, self-represented litigants, disabled parties, non-English speakers, are each treated with respect, courtesy, and dignity and are given access to services.

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Qualifications: Before becoming a judge, I was an attorney for over 34 years, handling diverse and complex cases, both civil and criminal. I'm committed to the causes of diversity and advancement of women and minorities, having served as a Commissioner on the Montgomery County Commission for Women (1996 to 2005) and on the MSBA/Maryland Judiciary Select Committee on Gender Equality in the Courts.

Discrimination: Each sitting judge is committed to providing fair, efficient, effective justice for all regardless of gender, race, cultural background, religious beliefs, and sexual orientation. We ensure that domestic violence victims, indigent defendants, self-represented litigants, disabled parties, and non-English speakers are each treated with respect, courtesy, and dignity and are given access to services

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Qualifications: Current Judge, Circuit Court for Montgomery County. UMD, Psych., '88; U. Balt. Law, '91, summa cum laude. Extensive 26-years of trial and appellate practice in complex civil & criminal matters. Co-founder of Smith. Lease & Goldstein. Active in the Md. State & Mont. Co. Bar Ass'ns. Board Member, Voices for Children, Mont. for 16 years (President 2 years). Mont. Co. native, graduated Woodward H.S.

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Qualifications: I am a Montgomery County Circuit Court judge and had the privilege to serve as a District Court judge for 4 years. In both courts, I have presided over numerous cases. I was an Assistant State's Attorney for 30 years trying over 150 jury trials and countless non-jury cases. Vetted by the bar and nominating committee, I was found to have the necessary intelligence, integrity, and temperament.

Discrimination: Each sitting judge is committed to providing fair, efficient, effective justice for all regardless of gender, race, cultural background, religious beliefs, and sexual orientation. We ensure that domestic violence victims, indigent defendants, self-represented litigants, disabled

parties, non-English speakers, are each treated with respect, courtesy, and dignity and are given access to services.

Court Needs: Our system needs investment in Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and mediation. Each sitting judge strongly supports expansion of these services and funding for enhanced pre-trial release services, drug treatment and addiction services, domestic violence awareness, mental health treatment and counseling services.

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Judge, 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.

WEBSITE: courts.state.md.us/cosappeals

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 *Voters' Guide Expanded Edition* deadline.

Matthew J. Fader

No response received by *Voters' Guide Expanded Edition* deadline.

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Montgomery County State's Attorney

DUTIES: The State's Attorney is the chief prosecutor for criminal violations in Montgomery County. The State's Attorney educates the public about criminal justice issues, addresses inequality and promotes fairness in the criminal justice system, ensures access to the criminal justice system, promotes professional relations with judges and attorneys, and furthers the efficient use of criminal justice resources.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide. Candidates must be members of the Maryland Bar.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

SALARY: \$202,184 per year.

WEBSITE: montgomerycountymd.gov/sao/

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: What specific action would you propose to avoid racial discrimination in prosecutions?

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: Would you provide alternatives to incarceration for individuals convicted of some crimes? Please explain.

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

John McCarthy

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: 40 years of experience as an attorney, 37 years with Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office. State's Attorney since 2006, Deputy State's Attorney for 10 years prior. Previously served as Chief of every division in the office. Trial lawyer with hundreds of major felony trials. First Maryland Prosecutor ever elected to American College of Trial Lawyers in 2007. Former President of the MSAA.

PRIORITIES: 1. Reduction of gang violence particularly homicides and armed robberies. 2. Expand protection of our senior population which will grow to 260,000 individuals in MC by 2020 against fraud, neglect and abuse. 3. Explore solutions to address Opiate epidemic that confronts Montgomery County and entire State. 4. Implement creative alternatives to incarceration while maintaining public safety.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: Hire a diverse workforce that reflects the diversity of MC. Establish empirical data that allows analysis of current charging and sentencing impact on the community. Maintain outreach relationships with diverse advocacy groups in the community, continue expansion of Truancy Prevention Program, of which 90% of current participants are members of the minority community.

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: We already provide a number of programs as alternatives to incarceration. Those programs include Teen Court Program, Teen Diversionary Drug

Program, Adult Drug Court, newly established Mental Health Courts in both District and Circuit Courts, mediation division which settles hundreds of criminal cases each year, Truancy Prevention Program, and the Alternative Community service diversion program.

-----No other candidates on the ballot-----

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Montgomery County Clerk of the Circuit Court

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the office that performs administrative duties for the Circuit Court. The Clerk's office maintains records of court proceedings, court records such as deeds, issues business and marriage licenses, performs civil wedding ceremonies, and administers the Oath of Office to elected officials, judges, and certain county employees.

How Elected: Elected countywide

Term: Four years, no term limit.

Salary: \$114,500 per year.

Website: montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/about-us/clerk.html

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

AREAS OF NEED: What changes, if any, are needed to ensure effective and efficient operation of this office?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Barbara H. Meiklejohn

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I started with the judiciary as a cashier in 1975 and was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court in 2014. I have learned the court system from the bottom up, and I am the only candidate with knowledge of the daily operations of the Circuit Court. I serve on the MDEC, Rules, Forms, Juvenile Law, and Expungement committees. Experience matters, and I have over 42 years of experience within the judiciary.

PRIORITIES: I plan to continue preparing for the implementation of Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC), a statewide paperless computer system, continue with community outreach and education, including our current internship program and job fairs, and also, to advocate for my court staff to have the best possible resources to perform their duties timely and efficiently for the citizens of Montgomery County.

AREAS OF NEED: The biggest area of change will be the implementation of MDEC. The Court will be going away from the paper case file and going to a paperless system. This will not only

be a big change for the public and attorneys, but also for the employees. I have already begun the training processes, and under my continued leadership, the change from paper to paperless will be a smooth transition.

-----No other candidates on the ballot-----

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Montgomery County Register of Wills

Duties: The Register of Wills assists the public with administrative processes concerning estates of deceased persons and safeguards wills of living persons. The Register helps the public to prepare required forms, maintains a permanent record of proceedings, collects Maryland inheritance tax on estates and probate fees, tracks estates, and refers delinquent matters to the Court.

How Elected: Elected countywide.

Term: Four years, no term limit.

Salary: \$114,500 per year.

Website: registers.maryland.gov/main/montgomery.html

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

AREAS OF NEED: What changes, if any, are needed to ensure effective and efficient operation of this office?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Dolores Reyes

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: My years of experience as a concerned citizen, voter and tax payer has sufficiently prepared me to successfully run for and operate the Register of Wills office. Prior experience is not necessary to run for a public office. A person can be a dishwasher, former convict or a trash collector and possess the qualifications necessary to be a public servant.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are after winning the election: (1) to educate the citizens of Montgomery County about the duties and responsibilities of the Register of Wills; (2) to work with other County Officials and the Board of Elections with efforts to identify and remove deceased people off the voter rolls.

AREAS OF NEED: To ensure effective and efficient operations of the Register of Wills office, I will be more responsive to all County citizen needs as they relate this is office. Most people in the County are not aware of this office or knowledgeable about the services it provides. This need to change and if elected I will change it.

Joseph M. Griffin**Democratic Party**

QUALIFICATIONS: President Md Register of Wills (ROW) Assoc- 6 years National College of Probate Judges, Board- 6 years Board of Advisors for Md Local Government Investment Poll- 6 years Legislative Chair for Md ROW, Md ROW Automation Comm member Probate/Judiciary Subcomm to the Rules Comm Member Estates and Trusts Section of Md Bar Comm with ROWs, Orphans' Court Judges, Attorney General Office and Comptroller

PRIORITIES: 1st priority is providing efficient, professional and caring service to the public. The people we assist are experiencing a loss of a loved one. The staff must be knowledgeable and understanding. 2, Must adapt to the growing, aging and increasingly diverse population to maintain excellent service for all. 3, increase automation whereby improving availability of information and eliminating paper.

AREAS OF NEED: I will lobby for legislation allowing the Register of Wills and Orphan's Courts to accept E-filings whereby saving time, money and space. Continue to enhance the Register's on-line services to include an interactive website which will allow employees to assist with completion of forms and filings on-line in order to bring services to the public rather than having the public come to the services.

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Montgomery County Sheriff

Duties: The Sheriff carries out court orders, delivers summonses, and executes bench warrants as the enforcement arm of the Court. The office transports and supervises inmates, ensures courthouse safety, and deals with court actions in the areas of child support, domestic violence, evictions, fugitives, and extradition. The Sheriff does not perform police or corrections functions because Montgomery County has separate County Police and Corrections Departments.

How Elected: Elected countywide.

Term: Four years, no term limit.

Salary: \$156,464 per year

Website: montgomerycountymd.gov/sheriff/

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Jae Hwang**Republican Party**

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QUALIFICATIONS: As Sheriff, I will continue to work tirelessly for everyone to make this County safe for all, without fear, favor or prejudice of any kind. I will be guided by the core principles which have brought me fulfillment and success as a police officer, as an Army officer, and above all as a proud American: "Integrity and Leadership in the service of my County and my Country."

PRIORITIES: The status-quo is not good-enough. To meet the challenges of the 21st century criminal, we must have a 21st century Sheriff's Office at the cutting edge of technology and law enforcement tactics. Most importantly, the Sheriff must stand united with the people he is elected to serve and protect. I will seek constant input from all individuals and ensure that exceptional service is provided to you.

Darren Mark Popkin

Democratic Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: As Sheriff since 2010, I have efficiently managed a diverse agency with 185 employees and a \$23 million budget. Rising through the Sheriff's Office ranks, I commanded all major divisions. As co-chair of the Police/Sheriffs' Joint Legislative Committee, and past President of the Md. Sheriffs' Assn., I have established expertise on local, state and federal criminal and civil law enforcement issues.

PRIORITIES: I will continue providing fair and impartial civil and criminal law enforcement services using a diverse work force; enforce new civil laws designed to identify and prevent felons and extreme risk individuals from unlawfully possessing firearms; and extend the Family Justice Center's domestic violence reduction program and promote education that encourages healthy teen interpersonal relationships.

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Montgomery County Board of Education

Duties The Montgomery County Board of Education is responsible for the direction and operation of the public school system. Members of the Board of Education determine and enforce policies that govern the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). The Board's responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: selecting and appointing the superintendent of schools, adopting operating and capital budgets, establishing curriculum guides, establishing school boundaries.

How Elected: The Board of Education is composed of two at large members who may live anywhere in the county and five members who must reside in the districts that they represent. The terms are staggered, with one at large and two or three district members being elected every two years. Elections for Board of Education members are non-partisan. All voters, regardless of the district they live in or party affiliation, may vote for one at large candidate and one candidate from each district.

Term: Four years, no term limit.

Salary: \$25,000 per year.

Website: montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: What approaches would you support to address achievement gaps among students from diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds?

BUDGET: If cuts to the MCPS budget were necessary, where would you make the cuts or reprogram funds?

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

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

SCHOOL SAFETY: What additional steps would you recommend to address school safety issues such as the opioid epidemic, gang problems, and bullying?

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

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

At Large Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Julie Reiley

Nonpartisan

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an MCPS parent, I have been an education advocate in MCPS for years, having served on the Special Education Advisory Committee, the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, the boards of three schools' PTAs, and work groups and panels. I've been awarded a Maryland PTA Lifetime Achievement Award, an MCCPTA Special Education Committee Outstanding Parent Award, and a President's Volunteer Award.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: I propose a pilot program of individual student learning plans for academically at-risk students, with academic goals and links to MCPS and community resources (e.g., social, emotional or economic). Greater access to public pre-K programs (e.g., Head Start), and expanding programs such as Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES), the Minority Scholars Program, and Linkages to Learning.

BUDGET: In the face of budget cuts, I would look at ways to improve efficiency and eliminate waste in MCPS as a whole, which we should always be doing. With regard to cutting specific programs, it would be premature of me to slate programs for elimination absent more research and stakeholder engagement to better understand the effectiveness, or not, of such programs, as well as their fiscal impact.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We must expand access to career and technology education (CTE) and career pathways in growing fields. Not all students are on a college path. While I am a college graduate, my parents were not (my dad was an auto mechanic, my mom a secretary) and both had fulfilling professional lives. My priorities also include expanding meaningful educational opportunities for students with special needs.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: Use accurate data (1) for CIPs that better reflect our growing / changing population (so we don't build new schools that are soon at capacity) and (2) to support our true funding needs in Annapolis; take a cautious approach to non-traditional facilities and engage our parent community on CIP. Tackle large classes, which make targeted instruction increasingly difficult. Lower lead levels in water.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Employ safety metrics in MCPS accountability framework. Implement with fidelity 2017-18 Safety Reports to prioritize safety while employing restorative practices. The SRs contain data-based strategies, using capital, tech, health curriculum, and human resources, to promote a safe and positive school climate, e.g., online school dashboards to report bullying & gang activity. Cameras on ALL buses.

PARTNERSHIPS: My student learning plans would link families to local resources and agencies to more effectively and efficiently unite students with the resources they need to be successful. Grow Linkages to Learning, which links MCPS families to community resources pertaining to social, health, and economic needs. Community schools are another consideration. More childcare facilities in MCPS buildings.

PRIORITIES: Addressing the achievement gap, including a pilot program for individual student learning plans, while expanding programs such as ACES, Linkages to Learning, and restorative justice practices to address the school to prison pipeline. Expanding access to public Pre-K (e.g., Head Start). Increasing effective educational opportunities for students with learning differences and/or special needs.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong educator who has taught English as a second language, STEM focusing on hands-on science, & truant boys. I work as Dir. of Community Engagement for Montgomery College & previously w/ the County Executive. I know Montgomery County very well. I've been a leader on closing the achievement gap & in my local PTA. I'm an MCPS parent & Latina immigrant who understands our changing county.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Recruit and retain outstanding teachers and principals that are diverse and reflect our students. We have some outstanding people in these jobs, and we need more. We must invest in early care & education --this is the single most powerful determinant of academic success. We must also offer more dual language programs -- these are a win-win for our 22,000 English language learners & all students.

BUDGET: I will push for the transparency needed to ensure that we are only investing in what

works. I know how to use data to make difficult budgetary decisions and will be guided by return on investment. I will explore cost savings such as shared health benefits with other county agencies and efficiencies in procurement. I will always keep the classroom as the funding priority.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Based on my extensive experience in this area, I believe students should be able to graduate with an industry-recognized certificate in a high demand field to help them get employed. They need better guidance on how to access Career & Technical programs in MCPS. Bottom line: our graduates ought to be prepared to work in skill-based jobs & have access to GED classes & additional online options.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: I will cultivate better working relationships with the County Council so that school capacity is prioritized when new development is planned. We must think creatively about using non-traditional spaces for education where appropriate and promote on-line courses and dual enrollment at Montgomery College. Finally, we must fight for more and innovative state funding to address our aging buildings.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School climate is key to school safety, & staff & student leaders influence this. Schools should support peer-to-peer student initiatives on bullying & school violence. We need more partnerships w/ mental health organizations to support all students & especially those at risk of gang involvement & substance abuse. I would increase dialogue & understanding between police & our adolescent students.

PARTNERSHIPS: I currently manage partnerships county-wide & know that we have several established models such as the Linkages to Learning programs & Wellness Centers that are successful. These are effective for families & students. MCPS should also fully adopt a “Community School” approach—where a school facility serves the entire community after school hours through partnerships with nonprofits.

PRIORITIES: -Recruiting/retaining outstanding teachers & principals that are diverse & reflect our student population. -Eliminating the opportunity gap. We must graduate 100% of our students & offer career & technical education. -Demanding rigor so all of our students are college & career ready--from special education students to the newly arrived English-language learner to the gifted and talented student

District 1 Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Maria Blaeuer

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the parent two current MCPS students and an MCPS graduate, I am a former PTA officer, and I have been practicing education law on behalf of families for the past 10 years. I volunteer on the board of small charter school that serves at risk students, I have trained families, teachers and administrators on special education law and have experience

working with federal education grants.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: We must work to make sure that our most experienced and effective teachers are available to the students who need them the most, and that we aggressively target services and interventions to students who may be at risk. I also support programs to recruit and retain and teachers of color and bilingual teachers to increase the diversity of our overall teaching corps.

BUDGET: First, I would work with the Council and Executive to minimize the possibility of that happening; a collaborative budgeting process is important for all stakeholders. Second, I would make sure that the BOE was listening to the community if and when cuts needed to be made. This is a decision that can't be made now, and must include community input.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I support stronger career and technical education options county-wide, and want to ensure that those programs are accessible to all interested students. I support expanding our relationship with Montgomery College so that more students can leave high school with college credits and/or marketable skills/certifications. MCPS should work with MSDE to create alternative pathways to graduation.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: Two things - first we must plan for growth, and not react to growth. If we are reacting, we are too late and some of our students are already getting less than they deserve. Second, we must work together as a county for increased state support of education. We have had tremendous population growth, without a proportionate revenue increase; we need additional state fund for capital projects.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I believe that schools should be healthy places for students physical and emotionally. I support increasing the amount of school psychologists and social workers available to students, and seriously thinking about how we think do school discipline in MCPS to look at the child's, school's, family's and community's needs holistically and ways to reduce student's time away from instruction.

PARTNERSHIPS: I support community schools, increasing the number and depth of our community partnerships and exploring co-location agreements with other service providers to improve student and family access to needed resources. MCPS must partner meaningfully with all other child serving agencies in the county to ensure that services are well coordinated and all available resources are leveraged.

PRIORITIES: 1) stable, if not increased, state aide to Montgomery County for schools 2) increased teacher retention, especially of experienced teachers in lower-achieving schools 3) better parent satisfaction with special education. All of these indirectly go to issues of equity and equality of access. I am also a supporter of community schools and increased mental health services in schools.

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ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Tutor SATs. Mentor African American, Latino, Special Education students. Identify students with leadership potential and give them opportunities in rigorous courses, Enriched and Innovative, Magnet, Language Immersion, Arts, Science, Technology, Math, Engineering. Make sure parents of eligible students are notified and invited to participate.

BUDGET: I would look for current procedures which can be altered. Would not advocate new initiatives. Wherever possible, I would preserve staff benefits and resources to keep class sizes small for English Language Learners and Special Education Students.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I support programs at Edison offering courses in: construction, computer assisted design and medical programs which lead to college credit and prepare students in nursing careers. Also opportunities in cosmetology, food services, auto body / mechanics. In Fall 2018: homeland security, aviation, police/fire cadets will be added. Assure that parents are made aware of these programs.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: The Council Te Council needs to set aside land for new school buildings when development is approved. I advocate re-purposing commercial buildings especially for special programs and middle schools. Continue to advocate for more of our share of State capital funding (MCPS is 17% of Maryland's population and receives only 12% State capital funding).

SCHOOL SAFETY: Continually update in Health Curriculum clear information re opioid / heroin abuse. Work closely with Parent Advisory Groups, along with MC Council PTAs, to establish a recovery school(s). Establish regularly-scheduled meetings with MC police officers, school staff members and PTAs on how to identify evidence of gang membership, cyber bullying and potential suicide.

PARTNERSHIPS: Continue and enhance partnerships with Montgomery College, Universities at Shady Grove and U.MD--particularly in post-graduate courses in career / technology certification and medical. Continue to encourage university employees and members of the military service to train for teaching certification.

PRIORITIES: My top three priorities are: 1) Closing the opportunity gap; 2) Hiring for more diversity and supporting our present employees in working conditions and compensation; 3) Making sure all students have equitable access to college, career / technology, advanced placement, international baccalaureate programs and supporting rigorous programs in safe and well-maintained schools.

District 3 Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a 17year MCPS parent and education advocate at all levels, with unique experience in both high-achieving and high-FARMS schools. As PTA leader, Neighborhood leader, campaign volunteer and MCPS committee member (boundary, site selection, construction, achievement gap) I have proposed options and creative solutions to stall de facto segregation and address equity in our schools.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: I support Universal Pre-K, need-based pre-school support, educational supports (ESOL, METS, Counselors), and wraparound services (Linkages, Outreach). Universal screening, parent engagement (through community outreach), and extended day/year and Sat. programs are also helpful. Increasing access to bilingual resources, diversity, and dual-language teachers and staff.

BUDGET: Before cuts became necessary, I would work collaboratively with parents, teachers, elected officials at the state and local level to secure necessary funds(fair share of state and gambling revenue, developer contributions), and reach out to non-profits and businesses to offset costs. Last, I would prioritize services for our most vulnerable students: special needs, ESOL, and high-poverty students.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: 1) I support expanded career and technical training to help non college-bound students earn a living wage. 2) I support alternative education options (Blair Ewing, etc) for students who need an alternative path to graduation, including subsidized access to adult Ed/ GED classes beginning at age 16 for those who may need to work or leave school for health reasons.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: •Coordinated advocacy to increase funds •Choice programs for underutilized schools •Explore cost-reducing alternatives (existing buildings, new construction) •Work with Parks and Planning and /County Council members for smarter planning.

SCHOOL SAFETY: •I believe we need more counselors for: early Social/Emotional Learning, to identify/address problems (behavior, addiction),to build trust, and teach/model restorative justice to help prevent behavior problems and bullying. Cultural sensitivity training and trauma-informed counselors and support for addiction recovery in- and out- of- school programs are also important.

PARTNERSHIPS: MCPS can expand wraparound programs like Linkages to Learning and Wellness and afterschool programs. It can collaborate with County Health and Human Services to build relationships with the local community and tie them to available services, including making school space available to compatible programs and providing language-accessible information to parents.

PRIORITIES: •Equity in education: remedy the achievement gap, provide support, opportunity, and access for all students •Address Overcrowding: advocacy, programming for underserved schools, smart spending, better planning • College and Career Readiness for all students: challenging curriculums at all levels, GT, CTE, AP, IB, Special Needs.

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ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Differentiating funding for schools based on the community needs. Focus on the individual needs of students to provide specific supports. We must work with our county and community partners to support students and their families with pr-k, after-school programs, health services, language classes, etc. We should utilize best practices from elsewhere. we must innovate. There is no magic solution.

BUDGET: We must continue to examine our instructional and business practices for efficiencies and eliminate what is not working. All possible dollars need to be directed to the classroom. We have come through challenging fiscal times, when programs were eliminated and class sizes increased .We must continue to spend taxpayer dollars wisely, yet we must meet the needs of our students.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: MCPS has recently changed its policies to improve access to career and technical education programs. We must focus on the needs of each student to make sure they are prepared for college or career and life. We must review and enhance programs with Montgomery College and Thomas Edison High School of Technology to meet 21st century needs. Each high school must have options for career education.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: We need our fair share of funding from the state construction money. MCPS must have accurate student projection numbers, and non-capital solutions must be used when necessary. Our capacity needs are immense, we must explore alternatives to our traditional modes of construction and of financing, including use of non-traditional facilities that are less expensive than what we currently use.

SCHOOL SAFETY: This is the time to invest in more mental health services, using productive partnerships with county and state agencies and community partners. We must invest in facility enhancements for state-of-the-art safety and security classrooms. I am pleased with our work on a recovery school for students suffering from opiate and other drug addiction. MCPS' anti-bullying policy must be enforced.

PARTNERSHIPS: We must expand Linkages to Learning and school health clinics. We must work with non-profits to expand supports for students and families. In the 21st century, data-sharing is also crucial. Traditional partnerships such as the NAACP, MCCPTA, Interages, IDENTITY are vital to the success of our students. We must continue to support and nurture them. We should be open to new ideas and partnerships.

PRIORITIES: We must continue to put our students first, invest in our staff to deliver top quality instruction and engage with our families to support student success. We must eliminate barriers to learning through investments in social, emotional and mental health resources. We must provide schools that are healthy safe and secure. All students must graduate college and career ready.

District 5 Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I managed research concerned with resource allocation and improving outcomes for students at risk. I was also Program Manager for the National Assessment of Educational Progress, responsible for the overall administrative management and reporting of results as the “Nations Report Card.” These experiences have given me a national perspective on issues relevant for the Board’s consideration.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: I would support expansion of (1) dual language programs, (2) Pre-K to full day for every 4 year old but particularly for our most vulnerable students and (3) the Minority Scholars Program. I support Linkages to Learning and the ACES program. I want to ensure that opportunities are distributed equitably across MCPS and without regard to zip code.

BUDGET: I support policies that ensure equity across the board. I can't talk about budget cuts or reprogramming of funds because I have not found evaluation data which would allow me to make informed decisions about which programs work and which do not. However, I support an increased allocation for school-based mental health supports and services. I also support expanded public-private partnerships

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I believe we must eliminate the myth that students who focus on CTE are not as capable or intelligent as students with goals to attend college. I want to make sure that the programs are rigorous, allow flexible student schedules, and create new school-work partnerships. I would support allowing middle school students exposure to various local industries for SSL hours.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: I would work with our state delegation to bring a fair share of state resources to Montgomery County. I also believe that collaborating with the state on a more flexible school construction process will result in numerous efficiencies in time and money. I support public comment on and a continuous review of the process by which we determine new construction and the process for renovation.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Student achievement is impacted by their sense of security as well as their belief about being welcome in the school community. I support open and honest communication between schools and the community. I also support strengthening background checks on school employees and well as periodic rechecks, cameras in the buildings and buses, and participation in available nationwide databases.

PARTNERSHIPS: MCPS and the County Council should look toward developing more effective partnerships to deal with issues that they both encounter that impact students and families such as Pre-K and health. An example of a joint effort that expands opportunity for students and exposure to various careers is Summer RISE. I support expanded public-private partnerships, especially for after-school programs.

PRIORITIES: The first is accountability. We need to ensure that our money is being spent on

programs that work. The second area is universal Pre-K starting with our most vulnerable students. This will directly impact the achievement gap. I want to ensure equitable opportunities without regard to zip code. The third area is facilities. Students need safe spaces conducive to learning.

-----No other candidates on the ballot-----

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About Ballot Questions

In November, Montgomery County voters will be asked to mark their ballots **FOR** or **AGAINST** two amendments to the Maryland Constitution and three amendments to the Montgomery County Charter. The proposed amendments are presented to voters as questions at the end of their ballots. To be enacted, state and county ballot questions require approval by a simple majority of the people voting on the ballot question.

Ballot questions may come from a group of citizens who collect the required number of signatures on an issue they wish to present to voters for a decision. The state legislature or a county council can also propose a change that requires approval by the voters at the next general election, such as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution or a change to the County Charter.

The amendments are written in legal language because, if approved, they become part of a law, state constitution or county charter. Voters often find it hard to understand the meaning of the amendment and whether to vote for or against the question.

The text for each of the five proposed amendments that will be on the general election ballot is boxed, followed by an explanation of each issue.

All Montgomery County voters can vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** the two State Constitutional Amendments and the three Montgomery County Charter Amendments.

State Constitutional Amendments

Question 1

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)

☐ FOR the Constitutional Amendment ☐ AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

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.

[A non-technical summary of Ballot Question 1 is available on the State Board of Elections [website](#).]

Question 2

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

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.)

☐ FOR the Constitutional Amendment ☐ AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

Current Law: Maryland law requires that voter registration close 21 days before an election. An exception allows people to register and vote in person during early voting at an Early Voting

Center. They must provide proof of residence such as a driver's license or other specified identification. Under current law a person may not register to vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day and vote on the same day.

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

[A non-technical summary of Ballot Question 2 is available on the State Board of Elections [website](#).]

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Montgomery County Charter Amendments

Question A

Charter Amendment by Act of County Council

Redistricting Procedure - Composition of Redistricting Commission

Amend Section 104 of the County Charter to remove party central committees from the process for selecting the Redistricting Commission that is appointed by the Council every ten years to review the boundaries of Council districts, and providing that the Redistricting Commission must:

- be composed of 11 County residents who are registered voters;
- include at least one, but no more than four members of each political party which polled at least fifteen percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for the Council in the last preceding regular election;
- include at least one member from each Council district.

o FOR the Constitutional Amendment o AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

Current Law: The Redistricting Commission has nine members, chosen by the County Council. Every ten years after the national census, the Council must choose a new Redistricting Commission. The Central Committees of each political party that polled at least 15% of the total vote cast for all candidates for the Council in the preceding regular election (currently the Democratic and Republican parties) each submit a list of eight candidates. The Council chooses four from each list. Each list must contain at least one individual who resides in each Council district. The Council also chooses a ninth member of the Commission.

Proposed Change: The amendment increases the size of the Redistricting Commission from nine to eleven registered Montgomery County voters. It allows the Council to appoint voters registered as Unaffiliated or with a recognized "third" party (currently Green or Libertarian). The Democratic and Republican Central Committees will no longer nominate candidates. Registered voters may apply to be on the Redistricting Commission without having to be pre-screened by the central committees. The amendment gives the Council more flexibility in the number of Democrats and Republicans to appoint - "at least one but no more than four members each" - rather than four each as currently required. The Redistricting Commission would still have to include at least one member from each Council district.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The Charter Review Commission recommended this change so voters of Montgomery County will be more fairly represented on the Redistricting Commission. In 1968 when Section 104 was added to the Charter, most voters registered as Democrats or Republicans. Today 22.5% of voters register as Unaffiliated with any party or with a "third" party (currently, Green or Libertarian), but they cannot serve on the Redistricting Commission.

Arguments FOR the amendment:

- Opening membership on the Commission to all county voters, including those registered as Unaffiliated, Green, or Libertarian in addition to Democrats and Republicans, more accurately reflects the current Montgomery County electorate.
- More political diversity on the Commission may result in more moderate voices, less partisanship and more willingness to compromise.
- Removal of the Democratic and Republican Central Committees from the nomination process may result in Commission members with a county-wide rather than partisan orientation. Central committee nominees may put too much value on the interests of their parties.
- The Redistricting Commission is the only Council- appointed or County-appointed commission that limits membership to partisan political groups such as Democrats and Republicans.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

- The central committees may perform a useful role in screening party members for membership on the Commission.
- The self-nominated Commission members may not reflect the views of the Democratic and Republican Central Committees.
- Together, Democratic and Republican voters represent the largest share of the Montgomery County electorate (Democrats 58% and Republicans 18%) and should have a dominant voice in redistricting decisions.

A vote FOR Question A means the County Charter would be amended to enlarge the Redistricting Commission to eleven registered voters and create the opportunity for Unaffiliated or "third" party (currently, Libertarian and Green) voters to be members of the Commission. It also removes the role of the Democratic and Republican Central Committees in nominating Commission members and allows the Council more flexibility in the number of Democratic and Republican members to appoint (at least one but no more than four each).

A vote AGAINST Question A means the County Charter would not be amended. The Redistricting Commission would continue to consist of nine members, with eight members (four Democrats and four Republicans) chosen from lists of nominees provided by the Democratic and Republican Central Committees.

Question B

Charter Amendment by Act of County Council
Property Tax Limit – Votes Needed to Override

Amend Section 305 of the County Charter to require an affirmative vote of all current Councilmembers, rather than the specific nine votes currently required, to levy a tax on real property that will produce revenue that exceeds the annual limit on property tax revenue set in that section.

- ☐ FOR the Constitutional Amendment ☐ AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

Current Law: The County Council is composed of nine members. Currently, “an affirmative vote of nine, not seven Councilmembers” is required to approve an increase in the real property tax rate that is above an increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). If there is a vacancy on the Council, there would be fewer than nine Councilmembers and no way to raise the real estate tax rate above the CPI increase during the period of the vacancy, even if all the Councilmembers supported the change. Current law does not cover situations in which the Council has fewer members than the specified nine.

Proposed Change: The ballot language recommends changing “an affirmative vote of nine, not seven, Councilmembers” to “an affirmative vote of all current Councilmembers.” Replacing the specific number of nine with “all current” Councilmembers would permit the Council to approve a property tax increase above the CPI increase no matter how many members are on the Council, as long as all of them agree.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The Charter Review Commission proposed this change. The current provision requiring “an affirmative vote of nine, not seven, Councilmembers” was approved by voters in 2008. Before that time, an increase in the property tax above the CPI increase required only a supermajority of seven Councilmembers. The current language makes it impossible for the Council to increase property taxes above the CPI increase without the unanimous approval of all nine members.

Arguments FOR the amendment:

- If the amendment is passed, the votes of all Councilmembers would still be needed to raise the property tax above the CPI rate, even if a vacancy reduced the number of Councilmembers.
- The proposed amendment does not change the intent of the 2008 referendum approved by the voters. The vote to raise the property tax above the CPI increase still requires approval by all Councilmembers.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

- A vacancy on the Council occurs only rarely, and may be filled fairly quickly by appointment.
- The language of the proposed amendment may be unclear in that “current Councilmembers” is not defined.

A vote FOR Question B means that the County Charter would be changed to require the support of all Councilmembers to approve a property tax increase above the CPI increase, rather than the currently specified nine members. It would allow the Council to approve such a property tax increase if there are fewer than nine Councilmembers. The current charter requires that such a tax increase requires the support of nine members, even if a vacancy reduces the number of members below nine.

A vote AGAINST Question B means that the County Charter would not be changed, and the current language requiring a vote of nine Councilmembers to approve a property tax increase above the CPI increase would be retained. If there are fewer than nine Councilmembers, the

Council would be unable to approve a property tax increase above the CPI increase until a change is made to the Charter or the Council has nine members again.

Question C

Charter Amendment by Act of County Council

Merit System-- Councilmembers' Aides

Amend Section 401 of the County Charter to permit each Councilmember to have one or more aides as non-merit employees, rather than the one confidential aide currently permitted.

☐ FOR the Constitutional Amendment ☐ AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

Current Law: Each Councilmember is permitted to have only "one confidential aide" who is not covered by the merit system rules for County employees. Other Council staff are employed under the merit system that governs the human resource management of County employees, and includes rules for hiring, discipline, dismissal, appeal rights, salary and benefits.

Proposed Change: The new language would allow a Councilmember to hire more than one aide outside of the merit system. It also removes the word "confidential" in the text describing the aides, to make it consistent with current practice. This provision applies to the staff who work directly for an individual Councilmember. Each individual Councilmember typically employs a staff of four or five, consisting of a Chief of Staff and Legislative Aides.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The Council proposed this amendment to give Councilmembers flexibility to hire one or more aides quickly rather than going through the more time-consuming merit process. The merit system rules, designed to ensure fair treatment of applicants and employees, can slow the hiring process and delay making necessary staff changes. In addition, the merit system's categories of qualifications may not adequately describe the skills, knowledge and abilities that Councilmembers require in their personal staff.

Arguments FOR the amendment:

- The change would allow Councilmembers to hire and dismiss their personal staff without delays that may result from following the merit system rules.
- Each Councilmember could choose the applicant best suited to work with him or her rather than one who fits a category described in the merit system rules.
- It would eliminate the word "confidential," an outdated term.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

- The non-merit aides would not have the protections that the merit system provides, such as rules about suspension, demotion, dismissal and appeal rights.
- Hiring outside the merit system may create an appearance of hiring based on connections and political affiliation rather than on merit.
- Hiring outside the merit system could result in less diverse staff.
- Councilmembers may choose to hire all or most aides outside the merit system.

A vote FOR Question C means the County Charter would be amended to allow Councilmembers to hire more than one non-merit system aide.

A vote AGAINST Question C means the County Charter would not be amended and Councilmembers will remain limited to hiring one non-merit aide.

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