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This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County and covers all races and their candidates appearing on the 2018 General Election ballot for Queen Anne's County residents. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. All candidates who filed with the State Board of Elections were invited to submit information about their candidacy, including their responses to a series of questions posed for each office, to our web-based VOTE411 system. Those candidate responses appear in their own words and are included as profiles and answers in this *Guide*.

The League offers this *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare for participation in the 2018 Gubernatorial election.

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The League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Learn more at www.lwv.org and www.VOTE411.org.

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**General Election Date is
Tuesday, Nov 6, 2018**

Registration Deadlines

In person: Tuesday, Oct 16, 2018 & at
Early Voting sites, Oct 25 - Nov 1
By mail: Tuesday, Oct 16, 2018
Online/email/fax: 9 pm Oct 16, 2018

Important Voting Information

There are three ways to vote this year:

- At the Early Voting locations listed below
 - At your local polling place on Nov 6,
7 am to 8 pm
 - By absentee ballot

Early Voting

**Early voting is Thursday, Oct 25, through
Thursday, Nov 1, 10:00 am until 8:00 pm**

Early voting locations for Queen Anne's County are

**The Queen Anne's Office Building
Conference Room
110 Vincit Street
Centreville, MD 21617 (across from Acme) or**

***The Kent Island Library
200 Library Circle
Stevensville, MD 21666
(across from Ram's Head)
*new location since 2016 election.**

Contact your local office of the State Board of Elections for other information about registering to vote, polling locations, change of address, and any other questions you may have about the voting process.

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VOTE411.org includes all responses from all candidates, as well as websites, Facebook pages, twitter, email, phone, and other links to find out more. Just enter your address and create your own ballot. You can also view this *Voters' Guide* there.

Statewide Offices

Maryland 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.

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 1

Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford
Republican Party

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

No response received by deadline.

Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull
Democratic Party

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

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

rights.

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

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

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

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

disproportionately harms marginalized communities and his attacks on our public schools.

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

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

Shawn Quinn / Christina Smith
Libertarian Party

Campaign Website:
<http://www.citizen4quinn.com>

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: The biggest health

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

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

**Ian Schlakman / Annie Chambers
Green Party
Campaign Website:
<http://schlakman.com>**

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

BUDGET: We'll create programs for the well-being of all Marylanders and create universal, single-payer health care for all Marylanders. We'll raise

taxes on millionaires and use the new tax revenue and invest in the well-being of all Marylanders. Public school funding should be allocated according to the needs of disadvantaged students, We'll prioritize public transit over the construction of new roads.

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: The most significant health challenge facing Maryland is

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

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

Maryland 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.

The Issues

QUALIFICATION: 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 1

Anjali Reed Phukan
Republican Party

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

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

REVENUE SYSTEM: I will update information systems statewide for usability and security, and promote tax credits and other incentives such as energy star, solar panels, etc. I also will reduce interest and penalties for people who are being proactive & voluntarily reporting additional income the state would

normally not have time to audit; coming clean should never be penalized.

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

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

Peter Franchot
Democratic Party
Campaign Website:

<http://www.franchot.com>

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

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

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

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

Maryland **Attorney General**

DUTIES: The Attorney General is the chief legal office of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, and all State departments, boards and most commissions. The Attorney General represents the state in all cases that relate to the Governor, the General

Assembly, and most state agencies. The office also has responsibilities for consumer protection, civil rights, medical and investment fraud, and the juvenile justice system.

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

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 1

Craig Wolf
Republican Party

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

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

management. I believe the AG should focus on public safety, not politics and partisanship and should focus on issues of importance to all Marylanders regardless of party.

ADMINISTRATION OF

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a prosecutor/counsel to the Senate Jud. Comm., I focused on domestic violence/sexual exploitation/trafficking. The AG should make protection of the most vulnerable a priority. The opioid crisis in Maryland needs leadership from the AG to bring together the

law enforcement, public health and recovery communities to find appropriate solutions. Consumer protection must be a priority as well.

Brian E. Frosh
Democratic Party
Campaign Website:

<http://www.brianfrosh.com>

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

ADMINISTRATION OF

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Senator

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.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for 1

Tony Campbell
Republican Party
Campaign Website:
www.campbell4maryland.com

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

which is necessary to serve in the US Senate.

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

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

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

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

I am against a pathway to citizenship for undocumented people. I would support permanent residency status.

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

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

Ben Cardin
Democratic Party
Campaign Website:
<http://www.bencardin.com>

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: I support bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform, but Congress must first pass legislation to permanently protect Dreamers. We need a legal pathway to residency for TPS recipients. We don't need a wall but we can strengthen technology and other border security. We must stop President

Trump's proposal to slash legal immigration, break up families and mostly close America's doors to refugees.

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

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

Arvin Vohra
Libertarian Party
Campaign Website:
<http://votevohra.com>

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

civil wars, and downsizing the military.

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: I will sponsor legislation to open borders and end all welfare, including food stamps, public schools, social security, medicaid, and college financial aid. I also support ending the income tax, in order to attract entrepreneurs and job creators. Anyone who wants to

come to America to work and create jobs should be welcome. No one who comes to America should get a cent of welfare.

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

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

Neal Simon
Unaffiliated Candidate
Campaign Website:

<http://www.nealsimon.com>

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

HEALTH CARE: It is time for the

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: It is clear that the greatest environmental threat to our civilization is climate change, which is real and needs to be addressed in

partnership with other countries. In Maryland, we need to protect the Chesapeake Bay from sediment flowing over the Conowingo Dam, I will work with our Governor, as well as Senators from NY and PA to ensure we have the federal resources we need to keep the Bay clean.

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

Michael B. Puskar
Write-in

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: With children first, education matters greatly, and dealing with income equality/healthcare can assist with that. Eliminating college debt would help immensely and allow for a more diverse/stress-free assortment in the

workforce. I also strongly support the rights of veterans. The gov't can't do enough to repay those who have sacrificed much for us. Finally, I support animal welfare. #MustLoveDogs

Lih Young
Write-in
Campaign Website:
<http://www.vote-md.org>

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: Equal protection, non-discrimination; employment/business/activities; rights/homes/vehicles/resources/reputation/ freedoms/ affiliation,

environment; document, evidence. Equal pay, sick paid leaves. Prosecute "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation; threat/coercion/victimization; physical/mental/financial/medication /litigation/levies/ foreclosures
ECONOMIC POLICY: Prosecute/eliminate " official misconduct-government gang- MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust/false/misleading practices; private-public; 3 branches, local-fed-global, inc. non-profit, think tanks. Protect people/families/ businesses: lives, rights, reputation, assets, vehicles, resources. Promote productivity, public interest, cost-benefits, social needs, budget constraints.

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

ENVIRONMENT: End: dependence/subsidies for fossil fuels, coal, nuclear energy, offshore oil drilling, spills. Curb carbon pollution, medical costs. Improve regulation/oversight. Promote clean air, water, renewable energy. Protect public health, environment.

Promote efficiency, technology, research. Reduce unjust practices, hacking, manipulation, obstruction; false excuses, distortion. Prosecute wrongdoers.

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

U.S. Congressional Representative District 1

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

TERM: Two years
BASE SALARY: \$174,000
HOW ELECTED: Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland has eight of the 435 Representatives, based on the state's population in the 2010 Census.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for 1

Andy Harris

Republican Party

Campaign Website:

<http://www.andyharris.com>

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

HEALTH CARE: We have to bring

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: The tax reform passed last year was essential in re-establishing America's pre-eminence in the global economy. Lowering our business tax rates to be competitive world-wide will result in millions of jobs returning to the

United States. I support the proposals to increase investment in our infrastructure which has fallen so far behind - including public-private partnerships and rural broadband.

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

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

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

Jesse Colvin

Democratic Party

Campaign Website:

<http://www.jessecolvin.com>

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

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare is a right. I want to allow any individual or business to purchase Medicare

coverage; convert Medicaid into a branch of Medicare, so each enrollee receives equal benefits and states can go back to education and transportation; convert CHIP into MediKids, so every baby receives comprehensive healthcare until she is an adult; and permit Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices.

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: Sea-level rise is the one of the most pressing challenges facing MD1. To prevent

disaster, we must convert our economy into a renewable one: it's cheaper, safer, and one of the fastest growing industries in country and state. Solar will soon enough be the cheapest source of energy on the planet. We should help fund installations because they provides clean energy and well-paying jobs.

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

Jenica Martin
Libertarian Party
Campaign Website:

<http://www.martin4congress.us>

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

HEALTH CARE: Repeal the ACA and other Federal interventions while, fostering a stronger health care market encompassing already established innovations (Prepaid Group Plans, Affordable Primary Care, Reverse Deductibles, and

Secure Health Insurance). Eliminate federal interference that hinders market innovations. Market innovations promote lowered costs and better access to secure health care.

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: Limit the quantity of emissions and funnel the proceeds from sales to those who are exposed to the pollutants. Eliminate the

federal regulatory intervention of renewable energy access. Protect State's rights to regulate off-shore drilling and 'fracking'. And, foster stronger protection for national waterways and air quality.

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

Maryland State Senate

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

Senator District 36

HOW ELECTED: District 36 includes all of Kent and Queen Anne's counties and parts of Cecil and Caroline counties. One Senator is elected by all qualified voters in the areas cited.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for 1

Stephen S. Hershey Jr.
Republican Party
Campaign Website:

<http://www.SenatorHershey.com>

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

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

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

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

EDUCATION: Maintenance of Effort and costs of teacher pension plans

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

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

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

Heather Lynette Sinclair
Democratic Party
Campaign Website:

www.heatherlynettesinclair.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm an Eastern Shore Native, juvenile sex trafficking survivor, paralegal, former small business owner, a single mom and a

citizen's lobbyist for 6 years passing people-centered bills across party lines without special interest backing. I'm a fighter for the people, and I bring a sense of hope to people when they hear my life story. That's what District 36 needs.

REDISTRICTING: No response received by deadline.

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

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

EDUCATION: I support local school board autonomy; moving our schools, especially Title 1, into the 21st century providing education well above the standard of a free, appropriate, public education and "MOE," and taking an active role in listening to educators, parents and students

rather than the current standard of listening to special interest lobbyists. I would utilize the promised Casino funds.

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

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

Maryland House of Delegates

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

Candidates

House of Delegates District 36

HOW ELECTED/

QUALIFICATIONS: District 36 includes all of Kent and Queen Anne's counties and parts of Cecil and Caroline counties. Qualified voters in District 36 cast votes for 3 candidates. The 3 candidates who receive the largest number of votes are elected EXCEPT that each person elected must live in a different county.

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?

Vote for up to 3
No more than 1 per county

Steven James Arentz
(Queen Anne's County)
Republican Party

Campaign Facebook:
[facebook.com/steve.arentz.1](https://www.facebook.com/steve.arentz.1)

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: I would support all sincere attempts to

eliminate discrimination. Education and understanding are the keys. Any policy should be straight forward and clear to all involved. We need personal accountability, understanding and the knowledge to deal with all forms of discrimination.

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

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

TRANSPORTATION: Locally, it is the Bridge Traffic in QAC and in Cecil it is the toll bridges. The Bay Bridge should be funded by toll dollars along with federal dollars. For years we robbed the Highway user fees to fund the States General Fund. We need to put a lock box on Highway funds. In Cecil we need to address the access for residents by eliminating the tolls locally.

Jeff Ghrist
(Caroline County)
Republican Party
Campaign Website:

<http://www.jeffghrist.com>

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: I wholeheartedly support the Civil Rights Act of 1964. I strongly believe that any law or policy created by

government should always treat people WITHOUT regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Policies should never discriminate or show favoritism to any particular class. I have worked hard to reduce poverty by growing the economy and supporting an effective education for all.

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

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

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

Jay A. Jacobs
(Kent County)
Republican Party
Campaign Website:
<http://jacobsfordelegate.com>

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong resident of the Eastern Shore and from a family of watermen and farmers. I am the former Mayor of Rock Hall and am currently a Delegate. I also own a small business. I have found that my professional and political experiences, and my reputation of advocating for common sense solutions have been well received. It is a privilege for me to represent the Eastern Shore in Annapolis.

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: I have no tolerance for discrimination of any kind. All citizens have the right to

treated fairly both in opportunity and in outcome. We as legislators should act to make sure that happens.

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

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

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

Keirien Taylor
(Caroline County)
Democratic Party
Campaign Website:
<http://keirientaylor.com>

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a current graduate student at Salisbury University studying Conflict Analysis & Dispute Resolution, I received my

Bachelor degree from Salisbury University in political science, and my associates degree from Chesapeake College in Liberal Arts. As an activist and an advocate my experience prepares to fight and voice the concerns of the people.

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: We must pursue policies to transform this state into a place that affirms the value of its people of color, LGBT, and women. That starts with addressing the five central types of violence waged against marginalized communities: physical, political, legal, economic and environmental. As a believer in TRUE and UNIVERSAL equality I support all legislation that supports equality. EX: Bail Reform

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

HEALTH CARE: Health care must be recognized as a right, not a privilege. Every man, woman and child in our state should be able to access the health care they need

regardless of their income. I want to establish single-payer healthcare in Maryland, a plan that would make government pay residents' medical care and get rid of the out-of-pocket expenses that residents pay.

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

**Michael Ian Welker
(Cecil County)
Democratic Party
Campaign Website:**

www.welkerformaryland.com

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: All of Maryland is home to beautiful waterways, with the Eastern Shore being home for most of them. Balancing the needs of our agricultural community and the requirements for a clean and

healthy environment will be a major challenge. However, no one understands the importance of having a clean environment more than our farmers. We need to work directly with them to come up with viable solutions.

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

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

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

TRANSPORTATION: We should reinvest in a lightrail maglev system for the entire state--an affordable, efficient means of transportation

that will ease the congestion on our freeways. We can pay for this by fully legalizing marijuana and collecting the tax revenue from that, much like many other states have already done. So far, each state has had a major funding surplus. That money is much needed here in Maryland.

**Crystal Woodward
(Queen Anne's County)
Democratic Party
Campaign Website:**

<http://crystal4delegate.ruck.us>

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland has made remarkable progress in decreasing the amount of nitrogen and nutrient pollution. We need to continue to help farmers manage manure, support the extension and upgrading of septic systems, reduce

plastics, promote smart growth and development, and transition to renewable energy sources to protect our environment and to promote economic prosperity and job growth. **DISCRIMINATION:** Under the law, all Marylanders are equal. I am dedicated to protecting the rights and freedoms of all Marylanders regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin through enhanced voter access, advocating for equal pay, supporting marriage equality and anti-hate measures. I will continue to be a champion for civil rights and social justice.

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

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

TRANSPORTATION: I am a Kent Island resident who commutes to DC for work so I live and understand the daily Bay Bridge/Rt. 50 traffic frustrations. Every transportation dollar must be spent wisely to

improve safe traffic flow and build and fix infrastructure. District 36 must have a seat at the table to ensure that decisions and plans will maximize economic and job growth in an environmentally responsible manner.

Queen Anne's County Offices

Queen Anne's County Commissioners

ABOUT THE OFFICE: There are five County Commissioners, four of whom are elected at large, with one residing in each of the four County Commissioner Districts of the county. The fifth, also elected at large, holds the position of President of the County Commissioners for the first year of his or her term and may reside in any area of the county. Following the first year of their term, the County Commissioners annually, by majority vote, select one Commissioner to serve as President of the County Commissioners.

TERM: Four years, with no term limits

SALARY: \$25,000

HOW ELECTED: Select one candidate from at-large and each district, for a total of 5.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

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

PRIORITIES: If elected, what would be your priorities for the next four years?

LAND USE: What process should be used to update the Comprehensive Plan, and what particular issues need to be addressed?

TRAFFIC: What are your views on the increasing traffic challenges facing the County, including the new Bay Bridge crossing issue?

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: What is a specific concern of constituents in your district and how would you address it?

Queen Anne's County Commissioner At Large Candidates

Vote for 1

Jim Moran
Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: As your At-Large Commissioner for the last five years I would say experience is everything. With numerous departments, committees, and liaisons, not to mention the budget, it takes time to understand the issues. I have served this county for the last 8 years on numerous boards and Commissions. I also own and run two companies, Increte of Maryland 27 years, and Mid-Atlantic Pigments 10 years.

BUDGET: With a AAA bond rating for the last two years I think we are doing an outstanding job with county

finances. We have restored almost all the services that were cut during the recession 8 years ago, and we were able to add a new courthouse. During my 5 years as your At-Large Commissioner I was able to find ways during the budget cycle to remove 13 million dollars of debt that would have been bonded.

PRIORITIES: 1. Traffic, it is the single most destructive issue facing our county, and its not our traffic, its beach traffic and interstate traffic. 2. The heroin epidemic, making sure our citizens and our schools have the tools needed to educate, treat and prevent this from growing. 3. Working with county and school staff to find a better way to address school funding, and yearly demand for increases.

LAND USE: The process used updating the Grasonville Growth Area Plan is an ideal model, intense involvement of citizens, planning staff & Planning Commission resulted in near unanimous approval, great citizen buy in, an no money wasted on outside consultants. The Comp Plan needs to be simplified so that every citizen can read and understand it and no one can misconstrue the vision for our long term outcome.

TRAFFIC: I am responsible for the installation of traffic counters in both directions at the Bay Bridge, 50/301 split, and the Delaware line on 301. We need to know how much traffic, and what type of traffic is traveling thru our county now. The state will only listen to numbers and with Delaware opening up a new toll road from 95 to 301 traffic congestion can only get worse, and we are collecting the data

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: Traffic, it is ruining our county, and

it is not ours. Working with county staff we have come up with a white paper and we intend to visit all the counties on the Eastern Shore to explain to them the traffic issue, and how it is getting worse for all of us. We will be looking for a consensus of Eastern Shore counties on where a new crossing can be built to keep the NEPA process moving forward.

Elaine Harrison
Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: A self-employed accountant for the last 18 years, I'm experienced in dealing with budgets and financials. My work background includes governmental, for profit and non profit accounting. My clients range from small local shops to international manufacturers, across a large variety of industries. I handle cash flow, budgets, payroll and internal management solutions.

BUDGET: The budget, across the board, needs to be analyzed and dissected. Defining needs versus wants and eliminating waste are some of my specialties. This must be balanced with our capital needs to ensure we are not spending from bond sales, ie. debt spending, for operating items. It has become a trend to put vehicles on a 20 year bond for instance. Public money must be conserved and spent wisely

PRIORITIES: The next four years should be focused on making QAC competitive with our neighbors. Its hard to attract jobs with the highest income tax rate allowed by law. County residents and businesses need adequate infrastructure capable of meeting their needs to grow and expand. Internet, roads,

and sewer capacities will be critical over the next several years. Proper planning and budgeting is the first **LAND USE:** Using the 2010 plan as a guide, citizen involvement will be critical to formulating the next comp plan and ensuring that the county plans and developer projects comply with that comp plan. Redirecting growth away from the bottleneck of the Bay Bridge will help alleviate our growing traffic problems. We should also encourage infill of existing vacant storefronts.

TRAFFIC: Many of our current roads are either federal or state property. I will work diligently with these agencies to find solutions that are agreeable to all parties involved. We need to maximize ways to allow for freedom of movement by county residents without impeding the flow of interstate travel. This problem is not an easy fix, our unique geography is both a blessing and a curse for traffic.

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: Running at large, I am finding citizens concerns vary greatly across the county. Traffic and SKI sewer are important to Kent Islanders. Internet access is important to north county. Affordable housing is as well. Each issue is unique and will require researching all available remedies or inventing a new ones. I pledge to be as informed as possible on each issue and respect citizen concerns.

Queen Anne's County Commissioner

District 1

Candidates

Vote for 1

Jack Wilson
Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: Running a small business for 20+ years. Serving as a County Commissioner for the past 3 years. Regularly work with budgeting, management, employees, and customer service. Ability to negotiate and resolve divisive issues

BUDGET: The County budget is quite sound as is apparent from the recent AAA bond rating upgrade. We typically have 3-4% discretionary spending, which after schools, emergency services, health insurance increases, public safety, roads and other infrastructure maintenance that 3-4% evaporates quickly. Continue to work to reduce the bond debt by using pay-go. No tax increases and decrease when possible.

PRIORITIES: Continue to work to enhance Vocational education to include additional career paths in Skilled Trades and Manufacturing Continue to work to find solutions to Traffic issues Continue to work on advancing Broadband availability to all Citizens Institute additional safety measures in the schools Maintain Infrastructure Maintain our newly acquired AAA bond rating

LAND USE: The Comprehensive Plan has been quite sound for the last 8 years. I think changes in the populated areas of the County will be minimal. However the North County growth areas will need to be reassessed after the North County

Economic Development Plan is produced to reflect the recommendations that come from the study. My belief is that the Growth areas will tend to expand towards 301.

TRAFFIC: Traffic will be a huge issue going forward. We face many challenges including the 404 expansion and the Middletown bypass on 301. As conditions deteriorate I think we will need to continue to put pressure on State and Federal agencies to provide funding to advance viable solutions. A new crossing study has 3+ years left and it is too early to predict what information will come from that study.

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: Utility grade Solar projects- I have worked with Planning and Zoning to enact the most forward looking ideas on how these projects will look if and when completed. Roads- Continue new resurfacing plan. Traffic- Continue to address at grade intersection upgrades as traffic flow will be increased when the Middletown Bypass is open. Ambulance Service- Improve response times. Reduce Income taxes

Annette DiMaggio
Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: I dont know that I have the qualifications or experience. I've been an elected member of the Board of Education for QACPS . I know that I am willing to learn but more importantly, I will listen to the people of this County.

BUDGET: This County needs to increase the QACPS budget above MOE (Maintenance of Effort). If we

continue on this path, we as a county are failing our children.

PRIORITIES: QACPS, Affordable Housing/Homelessness, Opioids
LAND USE: I think we have a good Comprehensive Plan but feel we need evaluate it each year.

TRAFFIC: No response received by deadline.

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: After speaking to many people in my community, I have found their concerns are my concerns: *Our school system only being funded MOE *Affordable Housing/Homelessness *Opioids *Job Opportunities

Queen Anne's County Commissioner

District 2

Candidates

Vote for 1

Steve Wilson
Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: Airport Board Pres8yr; Park/RecBoard,VP8:An Control,Pres8;EMS Board; Finance Board, Pres: County Commissioner Pres2 yr.VP 1; County Commissioner liaison to Park Board, Emergency Services, Detention, Department Public Works, Sheriff Dept, Finance ,Affordability Commission, Health Department, Airport. Advanced writing skills knowledge QAC staff, technical, presentation finance,25 yr exp

BUDGET: Currently, Law Enforcement must be increased since County is compelled to add seven net deputies to operate new Courthouse (construction I

opposed.) Education and school security need increasing. Extra manpower into Emergency Services reflecting 911 and demographic trends. Decreased emphasis on job creation reacting to full employment in QAC. Over time, all areas of expenditure increase.

PRIORITIES: Continued effort to restrain expenditure. I voted the smallest capital commitments of any Commissioner opposing Courthouse and YMCA deal. Continued efforts to strengthen County bond and finance position. Strategic planning to not increase property tax rates, now level for seven years. Attempt to keep all service levels same or improved.

LAND USE: I have not yet considered this process in any detail. It lies in the future, and will turn attention that way as appropriate. Have not a developed opinion yet.

TRAFFIC: Extensively involved in reduction of traffic catastrophe. I am assigned to Bay Bridge Commission and first to challenge faulty traffic growth assumptions used by State. Personally named to Baltimore Traffic Council. Correctly forecast likely adverse traffic growth rate. Advocate State and Federal Government alleviate situation. Originated and authored County outreach position to higher government professional study.

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: I wish I could clean up traffic problems in Centreville more quickly ! County Commissioners have no authority there. Working with Sheriff Hofmann increasing school security. No tax increase. Where is YMCA buildout? Continue to do my best as County Commissioner President.

Benjamin Tilghman Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: I have had a life long association with Queen Anne's County. Graduated college with a B/A, and served in the US Navy during the Vietnam conflict. My business experience includes 40 years in the printing industry in sales and factory management, and managing the family's farm. I served on the Ethics Commission. I am a fiscal conservative and conservation minded, in moderation,
BUDGET: Above all, we need allocate robust funds to ensure our school system produces graduates who are both intellectually capable, and possess the skills needed to be self sufficient in today's society. This includes vocational training. Following closely in need are senior care and substance abuse. Our spending must be prudent while strategic in vision, investing in the future.

PRIORITIES: High speed internet for ALL. Education curriculums increasingly rely on computers, which, of course, need to connect to the internet to be truly effective. Also, high speed internet is a necessity for retaining and attracting new businesses; economic growth requires it. I would also like to examine how we fill vacancies on the Commission and staggered terms for Commissioners.

LAND USE: The great pitfall of comprehensive plans lies in execution. Most are well thought out, but go right out the window when some special interest wants "just a slight change". Obviously, striking a good balance amongst the needs of education, agriculture, residential growth and business is

critical. We need to ensure that all interests are acknowledged, and agree to executing the plan as written.

TRAFFIC: Traffic? Yes, it is a problem, and is not going to get better anytime soon. The current highways are incapable of supporting a third span of the Bay Bridge; even now the side roads are overwhelmed on summer weekends. And, we don't yet understand the impact of the Middletown town bypass on the Route 301 corridor; it is both an opportunity and a concern, and requires careful, professional study.

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: It is important to understand that managed growth which preserves to rural character of Queen Anne's County is the goal. We need to maintain and open and respectful balance among those interest groups. But, among the most important constituents are the ones less heard. We need all voices - particularly the loyal opposition - for our representative government to work. Listening is crucial.

Queen Anne's County Commissioner District 3 Candidates

Vote for 1

Phil Dumenil Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: 1 As a past sitting commissioner from 2011-2014, I have a clear understanding of what the job requires and, the commitment that comes with the

seat. I served on several boards as a sitting commissioner, such as the Commission on Ageing, Department of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Fire and EMS commission, as well as the Department of Emergency Services Advisory Council.

BUDGET: 2 I believe that it is important to take a close look at all county departments when structuring the budget, to make sure that they are running efficiently. As I have said before there is a fine line between the services we offer our citizens, and the price those services cost to deliver. Education is a big part of our budget, so we must be diligent there as well.

PRIORITIES: 3 When elected, I will focus on several areas that concern me, the conditions of our parks and public recreation areas. There is always a need to promote our county as a destination point for tourism. Obviously, good paying jobs, are always going to be a priority. One of my biggest concerns is the under-age drinking, and the drug problem we have in this county. We need to protect our youth.

LAND USE: 4 With the need to update the comprehensive plan in the next 4 years, it will be important to structure a well working plan to generate good feedback from our citizens on how they would like to see this county move forward, when it comes to growth, zoning issues, and the preservation of land, as well as land rights. I was a big fan of our last process in formulating and updating our last plan.

TRAFFIC: 5 So with any kind of growth whether it be, residential and or commercial, we will be faced with the need to stay diligent to our

existing APFO (adequate public facilities ordinance), the levels of service that have been set in our APFO will need to be adhered to when it comes to the issues addressing traffic. It is my understanding that there is a Bay Bridge advisory commission that exist now.

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: 6 Being very involved and engrossed in my community over that last 4 years that I have not been serving as your county commissioner, I have had the opportunity to engage the people that live in my district (3rd) as well as other parts of our county, and the overall message seems to be of several concerns. Traffic, growth, and where we should grow, the drug issues that we face in our communities.

Jim Coulter
Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: As an Army veteran, I used my GI Bill to earn a BS in Business from Maryland and an MBA from George Washington. I worked in large corporations as a senior manager overseeing a \$200 million budget, designing financial systems, and supervising more than 600 people. I owned a successful real estate firm. I served on boards of a hospital, home associations, and president of a local Chamber of Commerce

BUDGET: The current Commissioners inability to fund key school programs indicates we must do a better job understanding the County's needs and provide funding for those needs. We need to dig deep into the operations of each

department to determine waste and identify cost saving changes. Our budgeting approach must change to compare what we actually spent this year vs what we plan to spend next year.

PRIORITIES: We must take actions to resolve our Rt 50/301 traffic issues. We must also carefully plan the County's future land use and infrastructure. Education needs to be funded to the meet the needs of our students The Commissioners must make sure county funds are allocated effectively for services that benefit the entire county. All this needs to be done while protecting the bay and our farmland,

LAND USE: The next County Comprehensive Plan is critical. With an understanding of our growing traffic issues, we must carefully plan our county's growth while balancing the needs of the environment and the Chesapeake Bay. We must provide attractive and affordable housing in balance with the needs of our farmers. We need to seek good paying year-round jobs while protecting our rural community.

TRAFFIC: Kent Island cannot absorb an expansion of the Bay Bridge. Future crossings of the Bay must be to the South of Queen Anne's County. We must look for innovative ways to keep beach traffic off local streets. Such as time of use rates at the bridge, pre-staging crash teams that can quickly respond to traffic stopping accidents, and declaring gridlock emergencies to keep beach traffic off our streets.

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: District 3 bares a heavy load of beach traffic spilling over from Rt 50 and jamming local roads. We need to work with the State to create

ways to keep the beach traffic off these roads so that first responders can get to emergencies and local residents can move about the county. Commissioners must work with local delegates to get the state to become involved in the resolution of this problem.

Queen Anne's County Commissioner

District 4

Candidates

Vote for 1

Chris Corchiarino
Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: As an attorney, I advise businesses large and small-structuring and negotiating resolutions to problems, managing risk, resolving conflict. I learned the first step in a thoughtful analysis is to listen carefully, appreciate the issues, and be guided by fairness. If elected Commissioner, I will bring my open, analytical mind and skills to serve the citizens of this County.

BUDGET: Budgeting is a negotiation-identification of specific cuts or increases in advance diminishes one's bargaining position. Generally, I believe public money should be allocated through a prism of fiscal responsibility and budgetary restraint, to improve government efficiency and decrease growth of debt. Fund allocation should reflect the demonstrated 'need' as opposed to 'want' of the recipient.

PRIORITIES: Economic growth-business creation, attraction, and advancement. Address traffic.

Innovative social media campaigns to increase tourism. Technology infrastructure. Increase preventative education and awareness concerning opioids and ensure law enforcement has resources to breakdown the supply chain and punish pushers. Improve workforce development. Sustain the Eastern Shore way of life.

LAND USE: Next Comprehensive Plan should utilize social media, online surveys, live streaming and podcasts to provide a synergy for public involvement and knowledge. Issues to address: economic development (including tourism), preservation of natural resources, effect of Delaware bypass, coordinate development with existing/future high-speed fiber, and rural health care accessibility.

TRAFFIC: Delaware bypass will impact North County and westbound 50. Kent Island service roads and 50 traffic is worse over the last 4 years. Study for location of a new bridge is underway, but years away. With current infrastructure, new Kent Island bridge crossing will not ease traffic. Joint County/State efforts required to create alternate routes for residents and measures to control transient traffic.

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: Concerns: sewer, traffic, economic development, opioids, children, natural resources, and accountability. Some of these issues I have addressed above. Sewer costs should not bankrupt homeowners. Education should promote value to students and community-based youth activities should be increased. I regularly listen to citizen concerns and will continue to learn from and be accountable to them.

**Deborah Krueger
Democratic Party**

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been involved with PTA's, Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts. When my husband lost his job he went back to school & I started & ran a small business that we sold. I am the founder of the 1000 strong political action group TWW-Delmarva that planned & hosted a 2017 HealthCare Town Hall. I am the TAAC Union Rep for my school building. I hold a B.A. Degree from Hofstra & an M.S. Degree from Adelphi.

BUDGET: Adequate funding of public education & public safety is an investment & a priority. To ensure a quality education for our children we must recruit excellent teachers. Our 1st Responders must respond quickly to all areas of QAC. They need up to date equipment & training to do their job. To attract outstanding individuals to do this important work we must offer competitive salaries.

PRIORITIES: We, as citizens, must all work together to maintain our quality educational system by fully funding our schools, provide enhanced community services by paying county workers fair wages and developing workforce housing, preserve our environment through thoughtful growth, ease our traffic with access to public transportation & grow our economy through job creation.

LAND USE: The incoming County Commissioners, with the help of the public, will develop the next County Comprehensive Plan. It's important that the new plan include the provision of workforce housing, access to public transportation, especially in lower socio-economic

areas of the county & preservation of our environment through higher oversight of proposed development plans.

TRAFFIC: The route 50 corridor bares the load of summer traffic, making it difficult for 1st responders & residents to use local roads. We must work with state & local officials to identify ways to keep beach goes off local roads.

To lessen the effects of daily Bridge traffic we must bring jobs to QAC, provide incentives for companies offering tele-commuting & increase access to public transportation.

CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS: A concern for all of us is the Opioid Epidemic. We have limited treatment options available in QAC. Seeking partnerships with neighboring counties may provide increased treatment options. Early identification of those at risk for self-damaging behaviors & beginning programs aimed at awareness, education & alternate interests can make positive changes in the trajectory of young children's lives.

**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.

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?

Appointee

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

Donald E. Beachley

No response received by deadline.

Appointee

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

Matthew J. Fader

No response received by deadline

**Queen Anne's
County
State's Attorney**

ABOUT THE OFFICE: He or she is chief law enforcement officer for the county and prosecutes all motor vehicle, criminal, and juvenile cases for the state that occur within the county. The State's Attorney must be a member of the Maryland Bar.
TERM: Four years with no term limits.

SALARY: \$132,000.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: Please describe how your education and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

PRIORITIES: What should be the priority areas of law enforcement in Queen Anne's County?

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

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND BAIL: In what situations would you recommend alternatives to incarceration in sentencing persons convicted of crimes? What is your position on setting bail amounts for non-violent crimes?

DRUG USE: What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of drug use, including opioids, in the county?

Candidates

Vote for 1

Lance G. Richardson
Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: I was raised and educated in Queen Anne's County. I want to ensure that the citizens of Queen Anne's County are safe and secure in their homes and during their travels throughout the County. I have practiced exclusively in the field of criminal law for the past 22 years. I have the experience and knowledge to effectively serve as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Queen Anne's County.

PRIORITIES: The priorities of my office are as follows: effective prosecution of drug dealers providing heroin and fentanyl to those suffering from drug addiction. Zero tolerance for violent criminals- to seek incarceration and punishment for violent offenders to protect the public. Aggressive prosecution of drunk and drugged drivers who jeopardize the public

safety of all motorists on our roads and highways.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: Our sheriff's department wears body worn cameras to capture all interactions with citizens. I support sanctions ranging from administrative punishment to criminal prosecution depending on the level of racial discrimination- whether the conduct is simply unprofessional or if it rises to the level of criminal conduct. My office will not prosecute matters if we find an officer utilizes racial bias.

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND BAIL: I support substance abuse treatment for drug addicts who do not victimize others. Addiction is a disease and if we do not treat the disease the offenders have a high rate of recidivism. Non violent offenders with serious medical issues are better served on home detention, which saves our local government exorbitant medical expenses. I am in favor of GPS monitoring for non-violent individuals.

DRUG USE: My office works in a collaborative effort with the local health department and allied agencies to refer individuals suffering from addiction to treatment programs whenever feasible. When feasible I support referring addicted individuals to the Vivitrol program which offers opioid blocking injections to addicted subjects to give them the best possible chance to break free from drug dependence.

Queen Anne's County

Clerk of the Circuit Court

ABOUT THE OFFICE: The Clerk of the Circuit Court is a state official who is locally elected. His or her responsibilities include recording deeds and other public documents, handling the court's paperwork, issuing licenses, performing civil marriage ceremonies, filing liens, collecting real estate recordation and transfer taxes, and managing jury selection. The clerk's office budget is set by the state administrative office of the courts. A percentage of the fees collected is disbursed to the county and the incorporated towns.

TERM: Four years with no term limits

SALARY: \$109,000

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

PRIORITIES: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

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

Candidates

Vote for 1

Katherine Beane Hager
Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring 27 years of experience working in all departments of Circuit Court Clerk's offices and for the last 12 years I have served as Chief Deputy Clerk of Court. My court leadership skills and management experience includes

holding a Court Executive and Court Management certification and I teach case management. I supervise and manage the land records, licensing, fiscal, and court operations.

PRIORITIES: Provide access to justice for all and promote public trust and confidence in all the services provided from the Clerk's office. Will serve on Judicial committees that create programs to develop drug and/or veterans court. Keep great working relationships with our justice partners. Continue to produce perfect audits, manage electronic courts and provide for a smooth transition to a new courthouse.

AREAS OF NEED: Direct hands-on circuit court experience is needed in this complex position to continue moving justice forward. For years, I have shown effective management by leading employees through technology and case management changes. With 27 years working in the clerk's offices my dedication, commitment, and proven leadership will provide the best services citizens deserve as your elected clerk.

Queen Anne's County

Register of Wills

ABOUT THE OFFICE: The Register of Wills keeps records of wills and estates, collects inheritance taxes, and acts as clerk to the Orphans' Court. The Register of Wills is authorized to oversee the administration of decedents' estates and to provide assistance to people administering estates. The state of

Maryland pays the operating costs of this office.

TERM: Four years, no term limits.
SALARY: \$105,000.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

PRIORITIES: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

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

Candidates

Vote for 1

Laura Nan Cook
Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: With 19 years of experience, I have extensive knowledge in Maryland probate policies and procedures. Each day, my staff and I answer procedural questions from individuals and attorneys administering estates in Queen Anne's County as well as other Maryland counties. We are a service-oriented office eager to assist and we are committed to finding ways to improve the services we provide.

PRIORITIES: To enhance the services we provide by implementing all available technologies. To achieve uniformity with our neighboring counties in how we implement the laws governing Maryland probate. To listen to comments and to adopt the suggestions of those who have used our services, and to continue our

reputation for outstanding public service.

ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC: Identify the folks who may someday need our services and educate them on what our role is in their community through outreach and through participation in county sponsored and community events. Continue to offer printed literature from outside resources that can assist when their needs require additional support services. Continue to offer after hour access to the office to reduce loss of wages.

**Queen Anne's
 County
 Judge of the
 Orphans' Court**

ABOUT THE OFFICE: The Orphans' Court is composed of three judges (not necessarily lawyers). The Orphans' Court has jurisdiction over estates of deceased persons. The Orphans' Court hears all matters involving contested estates and supervises all estates that are probated judicially.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.

SALARY: \$7,650.

HOW ELECTED: Voters select three candidates.

Questions

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

DISCRIMINATION: How can the courts address discrimination based

on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

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

Candidates

Vote for up to 3

Kimberly Jean Cascia
Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: Having the privilege to serve the citizens of QAC as Judge since 2010, after 20+ yrs. experience in estate, trust & retirement service, my goal has been for equal, fair & proper administration of the law. I'll continue to draw on my experience as a small business owner, farmer, mother of two; one with special needs, to apply common sense & compassion to the cases that come before me. I thank you.

DISCRIMINATION: Any form of discrimination is unacceptable. If re-elected, I will continue to be fair, impartial and knowledgeable about the law, as well as, a good listener with an emphasis on common sense and compassion.

COURT NEEDS: In my experience, the needs of the Orphans' Court are addressed as they occur. My job as Judge of the Orphans' Court is to see that the decedent's wishes are met.

Thomas Walsh
Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: I am extremely qualified to be a Judge of the Orphans Court, having served in the post in the past. Furthermore, my education and background as a physician give me a unique

perspective on the issues surrounding death, and an empathetic view of the people who are dealing with loss. I am ethical, hardworking, and committed to making sure families are treated fairly in the process of estate probate.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination on the bases of race, gender, religion, disability or poverty is unacceptable. As a judge, one has an acute responsibility to make sure all parties are heard and treated equitably. A judge has an affirmative duty, not just to be fair to everyone, but to fight for equality and fairness every day.

COURT NEEDS: The Court needs judges who will fight to reduce the tax burden on families who are already suffering with a loss. As fiscal conservative, I will fight to keep people's estate tax burden as low as legally possible. .

Eric Wargotz
Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: I am in my 4th year of service to you as Judge. Caring for individuals & families in times of need requires patience, understanding, compassion, and knowledge of the law. I have exercised these in my deliberations and care for over 25 years as a physician, 4 years as your elected Commission President (2006-10) & as an Orphan's Court Judge. I am honored by your continued support & ask you for your vote!

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination finds no refuge in the Orphans' Court. Discrimination is unacceptable in and outside of all Courts.

COURT NEEDS: The decedent's wishes are effectively and efficiently ensured through the deliberations and decisions of the Orphans' Court Judges with assistance and advice from the Register of Wills. When specific needs arise in the Orphans' Court, they are addressed expeditiously and if financial in nature, with minimal expense in keeping with My History of being a Fiscal Conservative.

Fred M. McNeil
Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: Employed by the Queen Anne's County Board of Education for thirty years in various capacities and for five years I was the BOE Ombudsman. As Ombudsman I provided conflict resolution services and assistance to staff, students and the entire community. The primary function of the BOE Ombudsman was to solve problems by obtaining the facts, following the law and communication effectively.

DISCRIMINATION: The courts must follow and enforce all federal, state and local laws and make sure discrimination does not take place. Communicating to the public that discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty will not be tolerated in any form by the courts of Maryland.

COURT NEEDS: 1. Creating public awareness about the role of the Orphans Court in Maryland ... increase communications and PR about the Orphans Court 2. Increased local funding...To provide increased services and public awareness

Willie Mae Pauls
Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: First I have been resident of Queen Anne's County since 1970. During that time I taught in the public School at Queen Anne's County High School, Kennard 9th grade and Kent Island High School when I retired. After thirty years for six years or more, I was mentor to the new teachers and also a member of the CASA team (Court Appointed Special Advocate for youth of Queen Anne's County & Kent County).

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination of any type is the unlawful and intentional unfair treatment of persons based on any set of protected Characteristic Discrimination laws. That have been designed to prohibit unfair treatment of people based on these protected characteristics, racial discrimination, gender, religious, disability or poverty – are prohibited by federal law. Our Court System should carry out the law,

COURT NEEDS: The Orphan's Court is Maryland probate court and presides over the administration of Estates. Orphan's Court Judges are responsible for approving Accounts, making sure that only appropriate payments are made from Estate assets and that distributions are made to the proper beneficiaries or heirs. The management of the Estates are administered properly according to the laws of the county and state.

John C. Stires
Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: The most important attribute of a Judge of the Orphans Court is caring. Caring about the final wishes of the deceased and about each person before the court. Earning Eagle Scout strongly rooted the values of honesty, trustworthiness and bravery to do what is right within me. During 29 yrs in Child/Adult Protective Services, I evaluated families, prepared petitions and testified in court.

DISCRIMINATION: In several ways. By being aware that it may exist. Getting additional training about it for the Judges and support staff to learn now it may be presenting itself in behaviors we have not examined. Next, attempting to poll/meet with the attorneys who bring matters to the Court about their experiences with discrimination in the court's behavior and processes. Creating a public "Suggestions" box.

COURT NEEDS: I presently do not know all the needs of the QA Orphans Court. I plan to meet with staff, former staff and users of the Court this Spring to learn more details of how the court operates and how it can be improved. I will release my findings and thoughts about the Orphans Court's needs (on my soon to be created website) by June 1, 2018.

Queen Anne's County Sheriff

ABOUT THE OFFICE: The Sheriff's Office is a full service police agency consisting of deputies who are certified by the Maryland Police Training Commission. The deputies perform various patrol functions, criminal investigations, and community policing assignments. The Sheriff's Office also is responsible for security of the Circuit Court and for serving several thousand court documents annually.
TERM: Four years, no term limit.
SALARY: \$132,000.

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

PRIORITIES: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

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

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

COMMUNITY COOPERATION: How would you encourage community cooperation in law enforcement?

DRUG USE: What specific role could this office play in confronting the epidemic of drug use, including opioids, in the county?

Candidates

Vote for 1

**Gary Hofmann
Republican Party**

QUALIFICATIONS: Leadership, Fiscal Responsibility, Accountability, Community Initiatives, Communication with the Community and proactive policing with advanced leadership training provide a "no tolerance to crime approach" in keeping our community one of the safest counties on the shore.

Graduation of the National FBI Academy, Law Enforcement Executive School, and a background in criminal justice / Business Admin

PRIORITIES: To maintain an aggressive fight on the opioid epidemic through education, awareness and enforcement. Maintain safe schools, increase trainings to civilians in Critical Incidents. Maintain the high level of deputy involvement with our schools and seniors, maintain crime prevention initiatives. Maintain and enhance homeland security initiatives. Continue to attempt to resolve traffic on Kent Island.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: I have maintained (CALEA) Accreditation, which is a high level of standards that we follow and less than 10 % of police agencies in the nation have. There is always the need to maintain a diverse and trained work force. We will continue our transparency on complaints; allow the public to view body worn cameras, to ensure we are accountable. Continue our involvement with all minority communities.

ALTERNATIVES TO

INCARCERATION: If a person has

a crime for just Narcotics, I believe in drug diversion programs, over jail sentences. However, if a person is a repeat offender or has committed a crime against another person incarceration or diversion choices should be made by the courts. We will continue to aggressively seek anyone who commits a crime within our community. Prevention and community involvement are everyone's

COMMUNITY COOPERATION:

Community events, Town Hall Meetings, Public Safety Days, are great ways to maintain the great working relationship we have with Law Enforcement in our community. Restoring family values and having contact with police with kids is a great way to bridge communication with the public and police. Sheriff Gary Hofmann will maintain a high level of accountability to the public that we have implemented.

DRUG USE: We have partnered with the schools, community, emergency services, pharmacy's , drug free coalition, doctors and parent groups and others, we are currently one of the leading counties that have prevention, education programs and aggressive enforcement in place. We will maintain this until we have eliminated the threat drugs create. Sheriff Gary Hofmann demonstrated leadership and accountability.

**Kevin Rhodes
Democratic Party**

QUALIFICATIONS: I was honorably discharged from the US Army after 9 yrs of service. During my tenure I served at the rank of Sgt in the Presidential Honor Guard and attended numerous military

leadership classes. While still serving my country in the Army Reserves I was hired as a Maryland State Trooper and served the citizens of Maryland for 35 years before retiring in 2017. Lead by example with hands on approach

PRIORITIES: To Protect and Serve the Citizens of Queen Anne's Co. Protecting the future of our children while in a learning environment. Ongoing Education and training of my officers . More Drug Awareness and Interdiction within the county. Semi Annual Police Community Forums. We will also be actively involved in active shooter training with allied departments within the county should a situation arise.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: Once I become Sheriff, I will evaluate the current policy and will reach out to larger departments to see where we could enhance improvement. I would further require all my officers to have current Racial Relations and Diversity Training in the work place to make for a better department. Discrimination at any level will not be tolerated in the Office of the Sheriff for Queen Anne's County.

ALTERNATIVES TO

INCARCERATION: Based on the crime, situation, and defendant I would recommend mandatory community service, pending they meet a criteria established within the Maryland Court Guidelines. The courts and states attorneys office would have the final say. People with mental health or alcohol diseases do not necessarily benefit from incarceration.

COMMUNITY COOPERATION: We will be in the communities with dedication and professionalism to assist and help the citizens of Queen Anne's County. I want to bring back

trust in the organization with well trained and qualified officers. I will also have the sheriff's department work hand-in-hand with the allied agencies.

DRUG USE: I would have active training and participation in the community and schools on the awareness and intervention of drug use. I would further encourage the community to be actively involved.(See someone, Know someone, Report someone) with no fear of retaliation. Everyone has a friend that may need help.

**Queen Anne's
County
Board
of Education**

ABOUT THE OFFICE: The Board consists of five members, four of whom are elected at large, with one residing in each of the four County Commissioner Districts of the county. The fifth, also elected at large, holds the position of president for the first year of his or her term and may reside in any area of the county. The Board is responsible for determining the mission and vision for the school system, and adopting goals to help achieve that vision. The Board shall adopt policies consistent with these goals and shall regularly review such policies and the progress towards attainment of these goals. The Board shall also advocate for adequate funding for the school system and shall direct

the expenditure of resources to best fulfill the goals.

SALARY: Elected members will receive \$3,500/year (Board president \$4,000).

The Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

PRIORITIES: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

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

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

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

NON-PARTISAN: How does the fact that this position is non-partisan affect your candidacy and how is it significant to this position?

**Queen Anne's County
Board of Education
At Large
Candidates**

Vote for 1

**Tammy Harper
Nonpartisan**

QUALIFICATIONS: As a previous elected member and President of the

Queen Anne's County BOE, I have first hand experience and knowledge of the duties of this office. My other experiences working with our school system include serving on 3 school improvement teams as a community member (KIES, MES, KIHS), 3 school building committees (MES, STMS, GES), and the Board's Food Service Committee.

PRIORITIES: My priorities would include working with local authorities to guarantee our schools are safe, building community partnerships, and working with commissioners and BOE administration to promote and generate QAC's high level of quality education to ensure our students are college and/or career ready.

BUDGET: All contractual agreements should be reassessed annually, i.e. teaching modalities, bus contracts, software licenses, legal costs, testing costs, outside contractors, text book purveyors, health insurance, etc. to prove if the effectiveness of each item is worth the cost and to look for other possible vendors and cost saving measures.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: State standards are the basis of knowledge and skills that our students need to learn as they matriculate. Our educational system develops content indicators from research data to generate an effective and rigorous curriculum of high quality education with long term attainable, measurable goals to ensure that our students are college/career ready.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Our high school guidance counselors, CTE supervisor, and Work Based Learning programs need to work

with the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to offer students job apprenticeships in our community while attending high school. I am a proponent of expanding the CTE programs with more/ better equipment and provide more career opportunities for the students not going to college.

NON-PARTISAN: I do not know if the non-partisan position for the BOE has an effect on my candidacy. I do not feel that non-partisanship has any significance to this position.

**Mary Ellen Walker
Nonpartisan**

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked closely with the Queen Anne's County Board of Education as a volunteer since 2006. I have served in the schools both as a Partnering for Youth instructor, as a Character Counts coach and a volunteer mentor with the group I co-founded H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Excel) Academy. I have developed a working relationship with many teachers, principals, counselors and BOE staff.

PRIORITIES: If elected I will help the school system identify the unique gifts and unique challenges of each of our students. I will work with the Queen Anne's County Public School system to meet these varying needs. I will work to create a community of support for our students, their families and those who educate and provide support services to them. I will work towards the full funding of our schools,

BUDGET: I think revision of both the county and BOE budget deserves a

close look by all parties. In reviewing the budget I think it is minimal. It is disturbing to see that the percentage of county funds allocated to the schools has diminished over the past 20 years, while the student population has grown. I don't think the budget should be tied to anything but that which benefits our children.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Standards and testing to that standard is a difficult way to gauge the success or potential success of an individual. No student in our system is standard. I see the need for standards and testing but I believe it should be limited to course content. I think testing that gauges one's ability in a variety of areas is of more value to the student and their future success.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: College is a wonderful option for most young people. It allows our young people to grow and mature in the microcosm of a college campus. However, I am sad that the hands-on young people in our society are being limited. I am very interested in introducing programs which will allow our children to leave high school with the skills and certifications that will allow them to make a living wage.

NON-PARTISAN: I am not bothered by the fact this position is non-partisan. I have always voted based on my heart and my personal beliefs and I hope the citizens of Queen Anne's County will do the same.

Queen Anne's County Board of Education District 1

Candidates

Vote for 1

Michele Morrisette
Nonpartisan

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a mother of 3, a graduate of QACHS, class of '91 and am a public health nurse at the QAC Dept. of Health. Through my children, I have been involved with 7 of the schools in our county. I have seen how these schools operate differently based on their location and needs, the difference in offerings in each school and the increased medical needs of students that nurses and staff are facing.

PRIORITIES: Competitive pay for teachers and staff based on updated job descriptions, smaller class sizes in elementary and middles schools in all subject areas, and increased budget for the arts; band, choir, drama, art, and dance.

BUDGET: Increased: the arts, staff salaries to be more competitive, security. Decreased: None. The schools budgets are already tight. They are doing the best they can with the resources they have.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: These standards should be applied in all of our county schools by having the same classes available to our north county students as are offered to our south county students. They should

have the same opportunities for learning.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: QACHS already offers vocational trades but unfortunately they are not offered on Kent Island. Those students have to be bused to Centreville to take those classes. Make these classes available at both high schools. It would also be beneficial to contract with Chesapeake College to let these students take these training classes as dual enrollment students just like our college bond students.

NON-PARTISAN: The party to which I affiliate has no significance in advocating for our students, teachers, staff and families. As a School Board member we are there to serve the communities from which we came, to be their voice and represent their interests. When my children enter the classroom, I don't concern myself with their teachers' political affiliation. I concern myself with their teaching abilities.

Queen Anne's County Board of Education District 2

Candidates

Vote for 1

Carrie Lee O'Connor
Nonpartisan

QUALIFICATIONS: Since Governor Hogan appointed me to the Member At Large position on the Board of Education, I have relied on many aspects of my past experiences to fulfill the duties required of me as a

sitting Board Member. I am a Licensed Graduate Social Worker working as a behavioral health therapist. I served on the QAC Local Management Board, Community Partnerships for Children. I am a mom of 3 students.

PRIORITIES: When I am elected, I will continue to work to keep class sizes low, to close the achievement gap, to attract and retain well qualified teachers, and to ensure that every child graduating from Queen Anne's County Public Schools will be competitive and successful in college and the workforce.

BUDGET: By 2022, 70% of all jobs will require technology skills. Thus, in order for our students to be competitive in college and the workforce, it is vital that every student has the opportunity to acquire and excel at these necessary skills. To do this, we need to purchase software, textbooks, and computers as well as hiring well qualified instructors for these areas.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: State standards serve as benchmarks to ensure our schools are providing quality education to our students and as performance indicators that allow us to see what programs are working and what areas need improvement. With these quantified results, we can identify successful strategies and try to replicate them in the areas that are less successful.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We are fortunate to have a focus on our Career and Technology Education CTE Programs of study at this time. These programs are mindful of shifting workforce priorities and look to local businesses for insight on preparing our high school graduates for employment.

NON-PARTISAN: The BOE race is non-partisan. Parents simply care that the people making decisions about their children's education are doing so with the students' best interests in mind. I do appreciate that Governor Hogan had the confidence in me which allowed me to be involved at this level. His team did not ask about my political preferences.

Richard "Dick" Smith
Nonpartisan

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked in the private sector for over 40 years, during which time I ran a printing company. I have experience balancing budgets and have previously served as a school board member and county commissioner. In the early 90's I chaired a committee that laid out a 10 years plan for school renovations and future construction. I currently own and operate Smith Realty and Smith Farms.

PRIORITIES: Working with the Superintendent to make sure QAC schools are providing students with the education they need to enter the workforce or pursue higher education. Teachers are the counties biggest asset, I want to ensure that we provide them with the support that is need so that they are able to provide our students with the best learning environment possible.

BUDGET: Over 50% of the counties budget goes to education. I feel we need to keep reasonable funding, as the county has provided in the past. We need to monitor State unfunded mandates and address them

accordingly. The majority of our budget goes to salaries and benefits. We need to ensure that this is directly benefiting our school system and students.

STANDARDS AND TESTING:

Standard testing should be used to ensure our students are learning their core academics. However, we also need to ensure that our children are learning life skills (i.e. balancing a check book) which is not something that can be gauged from state testing.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We need to concentrate on trades and preparing students to go directly into the workforce. Our students need to be offered additional services and education that can prepare them for this career path. This could be done by possibly having a magnet school if the cost could be controlled.

NON-PARTISAN: I have served on many boards in which all parties have had a presence. My values are conservative however, it takes diversity to create balance. We have an excellent school system in QAC, mainly because we have had good staff. We need to make sure this carries on so that we can continue to provide the students of QAC an exceptional education and prepare them for their future.

Vote For the Constitutional Amendment

or

Vote Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 1 – Education Funding

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

BALLOT LANGUAGE: The amendment requires the Governor to include in the annual State Budget, as supplemental funding for prekindergarten through grade 12 in public schools, the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and any other commercial gaming dedicated to public education in an amount above the level of State funding for education in public schools provided by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act of 2002 (otherwise known as the Thornton legislation) in not less than the following amounts: \$125 million in fiscal year 2020; \$250 million in fiscal year 2021; \$375 million in fiscal year 2022; and 100% of commercial gaming revenues dedicated to public education in fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year

thereafter. The amendment also requires the Governor to show in the annual budget how the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and other commercial gaming are being used in a manner that is in addition to the level of State funding for public education provided by the funding formulas established by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act. The State Constitution currently authorizes video lottery operation licenses for the primary purpose of raising money for public education. (Amending Article XIX, Section 1(c)(1) and (g), and adding Section 1(f) to the Maryland Constitution)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE: This amendment would require that beginning in 2020, the Governor must include specified amounts from gambling revenues in the state budget for public education. These amounts must be in addition to any other state funding for public education and cannot be a substitute for other state revenues designated 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.

State Constitutional Amendments

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 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.

Question 2 – Election Day Voter Registration

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

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

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

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

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

ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

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

and have not reported problems.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

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

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

A VOTE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT MEANS that the constitution would not be amended and people would need to register to vote before Election Day.



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