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Three Ways to Vote

Early Voting

Where:

When: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm from Thursday, **October 25, 2018** through and including Thursday, **November 1, 2018**. If you vote by Early Voting, you cannot vote by absentee ballot or on Election Day.

Where:

McFaul Activity Center
525 W. MacPhail Road
Bel Air, MD 21014

Edgewood Library
629 Edgewood Road
Edgewood, MD 21040

Aberdeen Fire Department
21 N. Rogers Street
Aberdeen, MD 21001

Jarrettsville Library
3722 Norrisville Road
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

By Mail (Absentee Ballot)

You may request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you or sent via an email link. Apply online or by printing out an application from the State Board of Elections website: <http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html>

An application for an absentee ballot must be received by your local Board of Elections

- Tuesday, October 30, 2018, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax; or
- Friday, November 2, 2018, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website (you must still print and mail the ballot - you cannot return it by email).

If you hand deliver your ballot, you must deliver it to your local board of elections by 8 pm on election day. If you mail your ballot, the envelope must be postmarked on or before election day (November 6, 2018) and received by your local board of elections by 10 am on November 16, 2018.

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

Harford County Board of Elections -- (410) 638-3565
133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD 21050
www.harfordvotes.info

Election Day Voting: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018

ELECTION INFORMATION

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

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

Maryland State Board of Elections

Hours: 8 - 5 Monday - Friday

P.O. Box 6486

Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Phone: 1-800-222-VOTE (8683)

Toll Free: 800-222-8683

Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258

Rumors about the election? Visit –

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

Offices and candidates are in ballot order. Websites and social media addresses are those provided by the candidates.

Statewide Offices

Governor / Lt Governor

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

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford

Republican Party

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No response received by deadline.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shawn Quinn / Christina Smith

Libertarian Party

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ian Schlakman / Annie Chambers

Green Party

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

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

REDISTRICTING: We support creating a non-partisan commission to draw congressional &

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

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

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

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

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

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Comptroller

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Anjali Reed Phukan

Republican Party

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

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

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

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

Peter Franchot

Democratic Party

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

REVENUE SYSTEM: Our main focus continues to be processing tax returns accurately and efficiently. We have improved our agency's responsiveness to taxpayers and reduce call wait times. In my agency, tax fairness is a top priority. We continue to embrace innovative ways

to make sure that everyone is paying their fair share. Moving forward, I will continue to build upon the tremendous progress we have made.

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

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

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Attorney General

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Craig Wolf

Republican Party

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

issues of importance to all Marylanders regardless of party.

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

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

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

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

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Democratic Party

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Over the past three years my office has achieved hundreds of millions of dollars of settlements and judgments from Wall Street Banks, Predatory Lenders, Automakers, Tobacco Companies, and Polluters who sought to injure or defraud

Marylanders. My office is working with the multi-state investigation of opioid manufacturers. If re-elected, I pledge to remain the People's lawyer & continue our efforts.

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U.S. Senator

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

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

Term: Six years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year.

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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Tony Campbell

Republican Party

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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

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: I support bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform, but Congress must first pass legislation to permanently protect Dreamers. We need a legal pathway to

residency for TPS recipients. We don't need a wall but we can strengthen technology and other border security. We must stop President Trump's proposal to slash legal immigration, break up families and mostly close America's doors to refugees.

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

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

Arvin Vohra

Libertarian Party

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

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

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

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

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

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

civil wars, bring the troops home, and cut taxes accordingly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: Universal Single Payer Healthcare for all Americans. Our current healthcare system sucks. We pay the most money for our healthcare and we get the worst healthcare of all developed nations. Because our current senators are so corrupt and on the take,

insurance and pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and doctors make an exorbitant amount of money for providing horrible healthcare to Americans.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: Prosecute/eliminate " official misconduct-government gang-MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust/false/misleading practices;

private-public; 3 branches, local-fed- global, inc. non-profit, think tanks. Protect people/families/ businesses: lives, rights, reputation, assets, vehicles, resources. Promote productivity, public interest, cost-benefits, social needs, budget constraints.

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

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

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

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U.S. Representative

U.S. Representative District 1

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

TERM: Two years

BASE SALARY: \$174,000

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

Website: www.house.gov

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I hold a M.A. in Public Policy. I worked with a non-profit legislative organization in Washington, D.C. I successfully fought against labor law violations for

1600+ workers in NYC. I worked with the Catholic Charities Department for Persons with Disabilities as an advocate for the disabled community. And, now I serve as an advocate for abused and neglected children in foster care.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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U.S. Representative District 2

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

Term: Two years

Base Salary: \$174,000

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

Website: www.house.gov

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a former Democrat turned Republican! I have had several career, educational, and life experiences that will help us better prepare for our country's future. In addition to my law and business degrees, I have worked to find equity in access to resources, communication, and truth. As congresswoman, I will fight to make sure that our congress represents the people first and not special interest.

HEALTH CARE: Crony capitalists (BigPharma/Insurance Lobby/Paid Politicians) have destroyed our health care system. Both my parents and two of my siblings were surgeons, and they spoke about how different the practice of medicine had become. Healthcare is more about profiting even before Obamacare. But Socialized Medicine is NOT the answer. Individuals must have options. Free the market. Stabilize pricing.

DISCRIMINATION: There are very few policies that can address any lingering discrimination that exists in our society. We have many laws on the books already. We just need enforcement. My concern is that we are in a "cry wolf" scenario. We have become desensitized to real issues. What we need is 1) a stronger appreciation for our God given potential and 2) respect for each other to express that potential.

ECONOMIC POLICY: We have lost our economic ladder. We must free the market place from burdensome regulations and taxes that favor the powerful incumbents that lobby congress to protect their market share. When innovative companies form and grow, citizens and families benefit. I support temp tariffs for some industries to help rebuild our nation's economy, address currency manipulation, intellectual property theft.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration policy is the constitutional responsibility of Congress. I'd push to enforce the laws that exist on our books and support local and state governments who work to protect the safety and security of their citizens, like 287(g). I would support full funding of border enforcement and perimeter strengthening, increase criminal penalties for drug and human traffickers and gang violence.

ENVIRONMENT: Conservative and conservation come from the same root "conserve". Whether for our republic or our lands, it is a personal virtue not a government mandate to conserve our natural resources as it is for our nation. We have very strict environmental laws already on the books that need fair enforcement. We should allow regions to give guidance who have lived off the land for generations.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We have to emphasize American citizenship and national sovereignty. Our Country is exceptional and Americans have every right to defend it from

enemies both foreign and domestic. We need to protect our civil liberties, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 10th. End government overreach and encroachment into the lives of private citizens. We must protect the Right to Life. Honor our service members and families.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served in public office for nearly 40 years, including eight terms in Congress, where I have developed a reputation for supporting bipartisan, common sense legislation. I am an expert in national security issues and leverage my role as an Appropriator to ensure the Second District gets its fair share. I have also built one of the best casework teams in the country to serve my constituents.

HEALTH CARE: There is no question the Affordable Care Act is imperfect, but repeal is not the answer. We need to maintain its consumer protections and the individual mandate. I think we should consider a "public option" and allowing Americans to buy into Medicare at a younger age. I would also support expanding the exemption for small businesses to reduce costs for many American employers.

DISCRIMINATION: There is no place in our society for discrimination of any kind. That's why I support ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment and passing The Equality Act. I recently fought efforts to undermine the Americans with Disabilities Act, as another example. Raising the minimum wage and improving our education system would go a long way toward closing the wealth gap.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I believe the middle class needs to make more money, which is why I support extending tax cuts for the working class – not just the wealthy – as well as a minimum wage increase. Robust "Buy American" provisions and workers' rights will also help strengthen the middle class. I support investing in infrastructure to create jobs, as well as tax incentives for small business.

IMMIGRATION: I support the bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform package passed in the Senate in 2013, which included protections for Dreamers. We must work to secure our borders with a 21st century "wall" of technology and manpower and to deport illegal immigrants who have committed violent crimes. We should target businesses who knowingly hire illegal immigrants at the expense of American workers.

ENVIRONMENT: The progress we have seen in the health of the Chesapeake Bay is in jeopardy: the Administration has proposed eliminating the Chesapeake Bay Program and others have proposed removing core Clean Water Act protections for polluted streams, rivers and tributaries in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. As an Appropriator, I will fight for full Bay funding as well as these dangerous regulatory changes.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Both national and economic security remain top priorities for me: we must make sure we are prepared for the threats of tomorrow, like cyber attacks and nuclear weapons. Congress needs to stop the partisan bickering and find ways to create jobs and help businesses grow. Locally, we must provide communities with the resources they need to address the opioid epidemic and gun violence.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Ideally, the only qualification to be a representative is being a part of the community, which I very much am. I have spent many years working and being involved in the several of the communities making up my district. District 2 also contains two US Army bases, Ft Meade and Aberdeen Proving Grounds. I served as an enlisted man in the Army for four years.

HEALTH CARE: My focus for healthcare is a focus on market, and using legislation to ensure competition and prevent monopolies. While there is a lot of reasons to look at single payer, and I am willing to consider it, I am not convinced it will address the reasons for the extreme prices we're seeing. The most effective means to improve health care will be to improve the quality of life of poor and rural people

DISCRIMINATION: In the long term, Discrimination is only possible with legislative support. In that mind set, I will focus on making urban spaces more livable, bringing jobs and money back into the city centers. I will also seek legislation that will end the focusing of federal housing loans on new homes, making it easier for people of low income to purchase and improve older homes. I will end For-Profit prisons.

ECONOMIC POLICY: All of these issues are questions of Economy. The key to a strong economy is to maximize opportunity for as many people as possible. To manage that, we have to make it easier for people to build privately owned businesses, owning and operating them. This, combined with housing changes, will revitalize the urban environment. I will support bills that encourage competition and end monopolies.

IMMIGRATION: I will pursue legislation to ease immigration and migration laws, as well as providing a legal distinction between the two. We are a country of immigrants, a nation without ethnicity. We are based on laws and justice, and as such, all immigrants are innocent until proven guilty. As such, detainment of them is a despicable and immoral practice. I am against the construction of the Wall.

ENVIRONMENT: The primary goals should be to create a sustainable, next gen energy system, and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. These include pushing for support mass transit systems and next gen nuclear power, which has solved many of the problems with older generators that we are all familiar with. I will end government support of states and companies that encourage dependency on outdated fuels.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Military: Changing the dynamic between the military and the industrial complex. The dependency on powerful firms has trapped us in a cycle of burning money and lives, saddling us with a huge burden. I would severely curtail our use of military alliances and oversea bases, most notably in the middle east. The notion that the people and powers there are a threat to us is simply a lie.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I recieved a qualtiy education from Hunter College and have worked extensively in sales and managment as well as own my own business but more importantly I understand what the position entails, specifically the power granted to Congress to make laws declare war and deficit spend on the public purpose rather than special interest who have used a bought congress to their exlusive advantage.

HEALTH CARE: While Republicans wish to repeal the Affordable Care Act (A Republican Plan that was enacted by Governor Mitt Romney) and Democrats who claim to improve upon it as is the case seen in the incumbents position, I will replace it with Medicare For All & have it paid without raising taxes by deficit spending through Congressional appropriations. If we can afford war, we can afford healthcare.

DISCRIMINATION: There already federal laws in place for protected classes however parity still lacks for the LGBTQ+ community. For the disabled and pensioners, the benefit amount will be increased to match with cost of living enabling payments to become a basic income. With 50% of Americans living on or below the poverty line & 500,000 homeless, I will undo Clinton era "austerity" that decimated social programs.

ECONOMIC POLICY: We need a Green New Deal (GND) which will divest our energy needs from fossil fuels to renewables at zero cost to the taxpayer. This will create many jobs which will necessitate for a Federal Jobs Guarantee (FJG). The FJG can also address our crumbling infrastructure. A Worker Cooperative program will be created to help workers become owners by democratize the economy and further secure it.

IMMIGRATION: Amnesty to all DREAMers. According to the Anti Defamation League there are roughly 787,000 people who benefited from the DREAM act only to be marginally protected under DACA when DREAM wasn't reauthorized. These are people who consider themselves American with no roots to their country of Origin. We need a comprehensive immigration policy which starts with ending regime change and fair trade deals

ENVIRONMENT: Federally fund divestment completely away from Fossil Fuels which is the main driver for Climate Change & air pollution. A jobs act that will retrain people in the oil industry & apply their talent to transition America's energy needs to renewables. Ban Fracking, Ban Neonicotinoids to protect pollinators (6000x more toxic than DDT) & address lead contamination in Maryland's drinking water.

OTHER PRIORITIES: -Restore Glass Stegal -Repeal The Stock Act -Enact A Permanent Payroll Tax Holiday To Help Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15/hr -Ban & Buyout Private Prisons -End the warrantless spying & data collecting on Americans -Repeal the telecommunications act -Reinstitute the Countering Disinformation & Propaganda Act -End The Drug War -End Citizens United -Restore Our Civil Liberties/Amend NDAA

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Maryland General Assembly

Senator District 7

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Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: Small Business Owner Farmer Military Veteran Member of the House of Delegates (2003 – 2011) Member of the State Senate (2011 – Present) Minority Leader of the Senate (2014 – Present)

REDISTRICTING: Process should be done in a non-partisan way that ensures politics is taken out of the process. Each district should be drawn in a way to ensure communities stay connected and not divided between multiple districts.

ENVIRONMENT: One of the biggest challenges facing the Chesapeake Bay is the hundreds of thousands of tons of sediment and pollutants sitting behind the Conowingo Dam. Another issues is the over-development of agricultural land and green space. This is taking away the natural filter that purifies the storm water before it makes its way to the Chesapeake Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: I have and always will support legislation that fights all forms of discrimination.

EDUCATION: 83% of the Maryland's budget is mandated spending. These are fixed formulas that automatically dictate how tax dollars will be spent. Some of these formulas date back 75 years. There should be a review of all these formulas to ensure each jurisdiction is receiving its proper allotment of school funding.

HEALTH CARE: The costs for individual insurer market is out of control. Rates have risen as much as 34% year after year. It has gotten to the point that many can't afford to have insurance. This is an issue that should be addressed on a federal level. However, with the feds not acting to fix it, legislation needs to be looked at next session to see what can be done at the State level to lower these prices.

TRANSPORTATION: About 10 years ago the counties and local jurisdictions had roughly 98% of their transportation funds cut. Due to these, many of our roadways have not been maintained properly. Potholes, cracks and erosion are causing serious traffic issues. These funds need to be restored so that these failing roadways can be repaired. Additionally, new technology, such as 'smart' stop lights need to be installed

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have taken on the big boys like BG&E when they eliminated my position while I was on maternity leave even though I was promised a promotion. I took this case all the way to the supreme court. I took on my neighbor, Jones Dealerships, when they erected stadium lighting in my backyard..... I have taken on Harford County zoning. I am willing to fight the big fight for fairness and justice.

REDISTRICTING: I would make them more equal in population. Rather than make them based upon a particular area, I would even out the distribution so each district has a similar number of households.

ENVIRONMENT: I am very concerned how the trump administration is attempting to roll back EPA measures. Please see <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/10/05/climate/trump-environment-rules-reversed.html>. The Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the U.S. is in my back yard. It took 25 years after the clean water act was passed before we saw real change. We have to protect this waterway. I could go on..

DISCRIMINATION: I worked for a bank where the men were paid more than the women for the same job. I was determined to work for a company that paid employees equally and offered full transparency. This is why I chose to work at BG&E. They published the paygrade of each position based upon years of service. This information should be published for all jobs.

EDUCATION: I would legalize marijuana and use all of that money to increase: - salaries for our teachers - our school budget - provide greater resources for our teachers Short of enacting that legislation, I would fight to ensure that the lottery and casino agreements properly pay the education system their due. I have many ideas to make education better that will not fit here.....

HEALTH CARE: The affordable care act has helped me greatly and I will fight to keep this coverage and to expand it. I am for universal health care and making sure the greatest number of people from Maryland have coverage. I wish to assist with the Opioid Crisis and started an online site to assist people in recovery: <https://quitthehabit.org>. This is a free online site to get and give assistance.

TRANSPORTATION: We should provide transportation so people can get to work, local colleges, medical centers and grocery stores. I am in a county that is slow to respond to the needs of the underserved community. I just heard one woman explain that it takes people from Edgewood 3 hours by bus to get to Harford Community College. I would encourage surveys to find this type of issue.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a small business owner in the Financial Services industry and have been on the boards of several local 501c3's, including Maryland Friends of Midwives and the Victoria Russell Foundation. I am also the founder of Love Maryland PAC and have spent the last 8 years in Annapolis regularly testifying both for and against legislation that I believe will harm the family and undermine parental rights.

REDISTRICTING: I fully support a non-partisan, term-limited committee for redistricting. No one party should ever be able to gerrymander a state in the manner that the state of Maryland has experienced.

ENVIRONMENT: I care deeply about issues relating to the impact the environment has on our children's health. My faith in our government to impact these issues is at an all time low. Industries ultimately dictate all of our environmental movements in this country and due to the revolving door between industry and regulators in D.C. change will need to come from the consumers. Don't like it, don't buy it!

DISCRIMINATION: I abhor all forms of discrimination. Due to the institutionalized discrimination that is pervasive today, smaller government and less government is the only way to truly address this. You cannot change the hearts and minds of people through legislation, but you can take away the power they have by limiting the scope of all government institutions that perpetuate those beliefs.

EDUCATION: I would end federal education policy completely. I believe the best decisions for curriculum are made at the LOCAL level, by the teachers and the communities they serve. I would like to see Maryland never again participate in any type of Federal Education initiatives. I would also like to see a focus on family and including family in the process of education.

HEALTH CARE: Maryland's healthcare systems are in the same state that much of the country is in. We have a highly regulated insurance industry which is driving businesses out of our market and have over inflated the costs of services to unfathomably high levels to

cover the additional costs of the layers of administrative expense. A la carte insurance plans would help here, but also citizens opting out.

TRANSPORTATION: I think there are many areas in my district where roads could use repaving to lower the cost of constant damage to our cars. Outside of my district, I would like to see 295 addressed immediately. That road is a nightmare, lacks proper shoulders and makes commuters heading toward DC suffer major delays with even a small accidents.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been in the legislature since 2003. I have been a registered Republican since I was 18 years old and I have voted in every election. My first political experience with Annapolis was in the year 2000 when I was the Chairman of Citizens for Property Rights. Along with others, we held the last successful referendum in the state of Maryland stopping SB 509.

REDISTRICTING: I support Governor Hogan's efforts in the courts. I would like to see fair and reasonable boundaries drawn that represent the public, not political parties.

ENVIRONMENT: I'm very concerned about the spread of solar farms in our rural communities due to the fact that they could possibly take up as much as 100,000 acres of pristine farm ground and forest land.

DISCRIMINATION: I am actually engaged in a fight for fair housing concerning the ANSAR Community in Joppa, MD. I want fair housing for all Americans.

EDUCATION: I want to see more vocational programs in our high schools. They will be funded in the same way as all other classes. Our teachers should be allowed to teach students basic educational skills rather than be forced to teach parents how to pass government required tests.

HEALTH CARE: While I do not sit on the Health Committee, I do support tort reform and the free market healthcare economy enabling Marylanders to choose their healthcare plans themselves from a wider selection.

TRANSPORTATION: We have great policies on transportation and whether one likes it or not, roads are the primary means of transportation in the state of Maryland. It's not that roads are underfunded, the problem is the taking of highway funds and using those funds for other projects in the state. There should be a lockbox on road funding.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a mom, grand-mom, and small business owner with a degree in education, I will always put people first and work to ensure that every Marylander has the opportunity to live the American Dream. A fiscal conservative, I have a proven record of working with Gov. Hogan for lower taxes, better education, and protecting the Constitutional rights of all Marylanders especially the 1st and 2nd Amendments

REDISTRICTING: I have been a cosponsor of Gov Hogan's redistricting reform bills. We need to implement a non-partisan panel to draw our state and federal districts. Maryland has some of the most gerrymandered districts in the nation. The current process deprives Marylanders of real choices and a fair political debate. Voters should choose their representatives, not politicians choosing their voters.

ENVIRONMENT: The Chesapeake Bay is the centerpiece of Maryland and our national treasure. Cleaning up the Bay for our kids and grandkids is the priority we can most directly impact. Ensuring the pollution behind the Conowingo Dam is cleaned up and that neighboring states enforce clean water and environmental standards is a challenge we must meet. This needs to be a local, state and regional partnership.

DISCRIMINATION: Every child deserves a world-class education in a safe neighborhood, regardless of their zipcode. Baltimore City Schools are failing our kids and lack educational and fiscal accountability. Crime and gun violence in the City has been intensified by judges and prosecutors who fail to get violent criminals off the streets. Expanding job opportunities including the trades and technology is essential.

EDUCATION: I cosponsored Hogan's bill to create an independent unit in the State to investigate, analyze, and report on educational standards and investigate fraud, abuse and waste in our schools. Our funding levels are some of the highest in the nation at \$16K/pupil/year. VIP-more efficient use of dollars to get more resources to the classroom & expanding school choice, especially for kids in failing schools

HEALTH CARE: The Affordable Care Act is not affordable. Health insurance premiums are too high, especially for those without employer insurance. I voted for a reinsurance program that lowered premiums and a bill to allow more choices in coverage. We must reduce the overall cost of health care and drugs with innovation and incentives for healthy lifestyles and help managing chronic diseases like diabetes.

TRANSPORTATION: Improving our roads and highways using the gas taxes paid by motorists is a priority. I support Gov Hogan's efforts to restore the local and county road funds and repeal of the annual automatic increase in the gas tax every July. I supported Gov Hogan on toll reductions and modernization of the tolling system. Expanding flextime and work from home incentives for employees will reduce congestion.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a social worker, I've seen the face of trauma, poverty, and chronic stress, and the toll it takes. This would help me draft laws which take the concerns of everyday Americans into account. I also have more traditional qualifications, such as eight years of legislative advocacy, helping usher in just laws on state and federal levels, which has helped me understand the legislative process.

REDISTRICTING: I support moving Maryland towards redistricting by independent, nonpartisan panels to ensure that all voices are heard politically.

ENVIRONMENT: Excess nutrients could be fought with incentives for better manure management, planting wildflowers along the shore, and using "smarter" drainage systems. For deforestation, I'd fight for an amended Forest Conservation Act to protect existing trees and require new trees be planted in the wake of ones demolished for construction. Regarding high carbon use, I'd like to see a carbon fee and dividend.

DISCRIMINATION: I care deeply about inclusiveness and everyone getting a fair shot. One of my policy ideas is to support the passage of the HOME Act (which seeks to end discrimination by landlords on the basis of income). As poverty is my number one legislative priority, I would seek to reduce wealth inequity - especially on a systematic level - in any ways I could.

EDUCATION: Every person benefits from a well educated population, so I believe public money should stay in public schools. It's critical we take care of our teachers by increasing pay and keeping classrooms under a 25:1 student to teacher ratio. To pay for these measures, Maryland can put casino revenue into an education lock-box, legalize and tax recreational cannabis, and prioritize investing in education.

HEALTH CARE: We desperately need more preventative care. One way to work on this could be through community schools, wherein communities have free and/or low fee medical services, along with other services, built into the school system. Another vital issue is opioids. Supervised consumption sites reduce opioid deaths and bring down associated costs by millions. I would sponsor a bill calling for this measure.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe Maryland should invest in trains and public transit that can link our largest cities, from Ocean City to Frederick and Towson to Waldorf. Connecting our state will foster a greater sense of community, develop businesses, and increase mobility for many of Maryland's workers. This could be funded by levying a tax on recreational cannabis, a tax on pollution, and on carbon emissions.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Supervising an electrical maintenance unit of 35 employees and managing a budget of over 15 million dollars. Experience in computers and improving the production of steel while lowering maintenance costs and production delays. Working on the campaigns of Mark Warner, Tim Kaine, Al Weed, Tom Perrillo and Terry McCauliffe gave me knowledge of the political establishment.

REDISTRICTING: Work to make the legislative lines into a more sensible arrangement. The length and width of District 7 and the shape on Congressional District 1 point out just how bad gerrymandering is for the candidates and the voting public.

ENVIRONMENT: Global Warming is at the top of my list. Pass laws to reduce the carbon effect. Clean water is next. Pass laws that cannot be overwritten by executive orders. Move the Bay restoration into cleaning up the rivers and streams before they pollute the bay. Enhance the 2018 Bay restoration sublimit to put all septic systems near rivers onto a sewer system. Promote wind and solar energy.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is the most difficult tissue in our society to make progress. I believe it will take a national effort of education to overcome the bias set in human minds. So many people do not even realise the resentments they harbor. Laws can be passed but I feel only education can over ride the racism in this country and the world.

EDUCATION: I would fund education by revenue from Marijuana, fund the schools much like the gaming laws do. I would want laws that no child can be expelled or suspended from school. School funding should include more councilors, etc. to educate troubled students. The school to prison pipeline has gotten entirely out of hand. I would definitely want smaller class size and better teacher pay. Less administrator

HEALTH CARE: Health cost ate totally too high. Much of that can be traced back to no health insurance. As a state I believe we can build our own Medicaid for All system.

Medicaid far exceeds Medicare benefits and would be much easier to pass because the feds already give us funds.

TRANSPORTATION: High speed rail in other countries have proven to be the most effective means. I would want a high speed rail system from Philadelphia thru Baltimore to Annapolis to DC. And a high speed rail from the corridor system at Baltimore to the W.VA. border. Also on education I would promote that Verizon, Comcast. erect towers to bounce the wifi signal across the state for more high speed internet and jobs.

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Senator District 34

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Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a husband, dad, former business owner and life-long Harford resident, I understand the priorities of local families. As your State Senator working with Governor Hogan for the past 4 years, and as a former Harford County councilman and Bel Air Mayor, my familiarity with local & state government enables me to be a leader in Annapolis while working with Harford officials to advance local needs.

REDISTRICTING: I have supported and will continue to support Governor Hogan's proposal for a non-partisan commission to be responsible for the redistricting process to enable fair districts and equal representation, and end the dishonesty of gerrymandering.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of the Chesapeake Bay affects Harford greatly. Maryland enacts laws and spends a lot of money statewide to protect the Bay, but those efforts are diminished by pollution from neighboring states and by aging treatment facilities in Baltimore City. We must stay the course locally, and work to obtain sufficient funding and collaboration from the federal government and neighboring states.

DISCRIMINATION: I joined 8 Democratic Senators to sponsor a hate crime bill "prohibiting a person from committing certain acts against another person or a group because of race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or national origin, or because another person or group is homeless." Governor Hogan signed this into law. I will continue to work towards a more inclusive society.

EDUCATION: In my first term, I supported Governor Hogan's record education funding. I sponsored legislation for better educational accountability and supported strong & safe local schools (& community college). I support many Kirwin Commission goals but want to see if funding sources are responsible. I also want to ensure Harford's educational needs are met before we spend excessively in other jurisdictions.

HEALTH CARE: We need a strong, private healthcare marketplace with truly affordable healthcare (particularly for seniors & children), with state subsidized healthcare limited to those who (for variety of reasons) aren't well served by the private sector. I believe the private sector, assisted by state government, should have the power to provide proper healthcare solutions, rather than a major federal program.

TRANSPORTATION: More funding (no tax increases) for our roads & infrastructure. I sponsored successful efforts to restore Highway User Revenue funds, with almost \$300 million to municipal governments for road improvements. I'm working to help policy makers & transportation officials understand Harford transportation needs. I also support Northeast Rail Corridor improvements, offering opportunities for our county.

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QUALIFICATIONS: In my 16 years as a Delegate, I was Chairman of the Pension Subcommittee and the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee among other committee memberships and positions. My task force memberships involved environment, education, military, and economy. In my private sector life I have practiced law for 32 years, I manage my family farm and a small business, and I am raising my three children.

REDISTRICTING: While I am open to the idea of creating a non-partisan commission to draft congressional maps if that becomes necessary, I would initially support Maryland either adopting a best practice approach or actual legislation requiring the legislature to

adopt some or all the traditional standards and if need be, adopt some or all of the emerging standards used in about 13 other states.

ENVIRONMENT: Clean-up projects, pollution, and underfunding at the state and federal level are chronic problems. For example, the Lower Susquehanna River Compact between NY, PA, MD, and VA created by my father, William James, has not been followed/funded. I have and will continue to support these projects, and efforts to upgrade sewer systems and assistance to individuals who are on independent septic systems.

DISCRIMINATION: I support more funding for state and local Equal Employment Opportunity Commission agencies and The Maryland Commission on Human Relations to review employer practices and provide education and training for employers to help them understand the benefits of hiring a diverse workforce. This would also apply to minimizing subtle and perhaps inadvertent adverse housing discrimination.

EDUCATION: I support measures that prioritize strong public schools in Maryland and advocate for the fair distribution of resources in districts across the state. Additionally, I support efforts to ensure that funds intended to be distributed to education are used for education and not diverted towards other programs.

HEALTH CARE: Major issues include the underfunding/potential repeal of the ACA, influences of pharmaceutical companies in dictating drug prices, and the need for addiction/mental health treatment. I support policy that requires drug companies to provide discounts for commonly prescribed drugs. We must also require full financial parity between physical healthcare coverage and mental health and drug addiction.

TRANSPORTATION: Local entities must work more closely with the state and the state must direct more resources to relieve congestion. The State Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) was a visionary tool but designed at a time before mass transit was a major part of our transportation system. We must consider a trust fund for mass transit funded from prorated local taxes or other creative funding systems.

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Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the owner of HPS Management with 34 employees in Harford County; worked in law enforcement for over a decade before starting my company; & earned a Bachelors degree in legal studies while working as a police officer. I have served as a page in Annapolis, I am a member of the Lions, Rotary, and American Legion as well as the Harford County, Aberdeen, & Havre de Grace Chambers of Commerce.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering is a form of political gaming that stifles real debate and removes citizens ability to make meaningful election choices. I support an independent body, comprised equally of members by all party affiliations, to draw districts that do not consider the party of voters or their voter history, that is contiguous, does not cross county lines, and is a realistic makeup of the community.

ENVIRONMENT: 1) New jobs that promote renewable sources; 2) Tax incentives to install solar panels, purchase electric vehicles, and install electric vehicle charging stations; 3) Affordable and practical solutions with BAT systems; 4) Fund private septic system replacements of failing systems in critical areas; and 5) Practical solutions to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and debris from behind the Conowingo Dam.

DISCRIMINATION: I support advancing equal opportunity for all people. I think we need to carefully reflect how we define discrimination and how the unintended consequences of laws and actions in the past and present have perpetuated a feeling a disposition. In order to truly have an equal society all people must truly feel included.

EDUCATION: As a father of two, I support the Governors efforts to improve accountability in public schools & the Protect Our Students Act of 2018. I will also work with the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Aberdeen Police, Board of Education and other government agencies to place School Resources Officers at all schools with a county wide program that matches the very successful model of Havre de Grace.

HEALTH CARE: For the RT 40 corridor of Harford County I have been, and continue to be an advocate imploring UM UCH to reconsider the downgrading of services at the new "freestanding medical facility" and hope they will include the same live-saving emergency hospital services at the proposed new facility. As a state legislator, I will consider any action that will reduce the high costs of Health Insurance.

TRANSPORTATION: 1) Expanding public transportation with the proposed new High Speed Rail in Maryland; 2) Funding and greatly improving the bus system for Harford County; 3)

Bringing the I-95 Express Lanes from Baltimore County through all of Harford County; and
4) creating more pedestrian and bike friendly communities and paths between shopping areas and residential neighborhoods.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am one of the most well rounded candidates in my race. For many years I served as Aberdeen Economic Development Director, Two time president of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen Auxiliary Police Officer, Aberdeen Lions Club member for 15 years, Local Business owner. I have also served on Harford County Economic Development Advisory Board, Harford County Tourism Board, 10 yrs. Army NG.

REDISTRICTING: I believe each party has drawn lines to create advantages. While I understand that, I would be ok with a neutral party, such as the courts drawing lines solely based on population, and sensible boundaries.

ENVIRONMENT: With my tourism experience, it is important to me that we continue our Bay clean up efforts. The Bay brings seafood, recreation and creates jobs through Tourism. I think we also need to re-visit our pervious/non-pervious laws that prohibit revitalization in many of our cities development envelopes. I feel this law has caused sprawl, and actually grown our non-pervious footprint.

DISCRIMINATION: I will always support legislation that prohibits discrimination of any kind. Including women's wrights, (healthcare, equal pay, and right to choose)

EDUCATION: I would support policies based on legitimate studies, like the Kirwan Commission, that recommend policies and changes that are needed to educate our children for the future, global job market. Some of those changes will be costly, I would like to examine the possibility of an online business tax for companies doing online business in MD. I would also like to see a report of the lotto and casino

HEALTH CARE: Cont: from above question...money that was supposed to be for education. The opioid epidemic, Health care and prescription drug costs. I would support our Attorney General to join the lawsuit and go after the drug manufacturers for monies to be spent on education and treatment of opioid addiction. Work with other legislators to find ways to contain healthcare and drug costs in MD.

TRANSPORTATION: More and improved public transportation. In my district we have many job opportunities for low and middle class family members, many being 1 or no car families. Getting the state to honor the funding formula on Highway user revenue to cities and towns would be a start. That would free up money in cities and counties to expand their transportation system to better serve the public and business.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a master's degree in Public Policy and have served both in the legislative and executive branches of government at the municipal, County and State levels of government which provide me with a unique skill set of problem solving skills and a broad understanding of the operations of government at many levels. I have extensive experience in the private sector therefore, understand business.

REDISTRICTING: The Idea of a non-partisan, independent body appointed by elected officials doesn't necessarily ensure that the appointee will act in a manner of integrity. A private citizen or an elected official should be able to make changes for the good of the community. Titles do not define character. A suggestion from 2010 is that each cycle all precinct assignments should be dissolved.

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland must continue to lead the multi-state effort to meet pollution reduction and clean water goals with or without assistance from the federal government. If we engage the 17million people, in six states who live in the Chesapeake Bay's watershed to simply make good decisions the Bay will self restore. Bay restoration is about awareness, impact, local engagement, empowerment and action.

DISCRIMINATION: ALL - Discrimination based upon race, age, gender, religion, disability, poverty ethnicity etc have no place in American society! I have always spoken against policies, attitudes and behaviors and will continue to do.

EDUCATION: I support the grand vision in the Report of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. The challenge is how to fund its lofty goals. It is important to recognize that each must have a separate strategy, timeline and a willingness to work outside of the educational structure that has existed for decades by creating public / private partnerships for a global economy and workforce.

HEALTH CARE: Affordable, accessible, quality healthcare is my biggest concern for my immediate community and many communities throughout Maryland. To immediately address rising cost I would implement accountability standards and order administrative / functional / and staffing audits of our MD based health systems. Duplicative processes, communication administrative functions need to be streamlined.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland must plan forward and plan for transportation needs today that will serve populations in future decades. Moving people by car will not likely be the first choice of future generations. Projects like the Maglev train will change commuter habits and consumers will expect the State to have the infrastructure in place to support other modes of transportation including my waterbased bills .

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QUALIFICATIONS: My life & educational experiences have prepared me to bring a highly driven and critically focused approach to the office. My decision making has always been solution & idea driven & less ideological which allows me to be able to work with diverse groups of people. Mind sciences, entrepreneurial, arts, & law studies has provided me a solid foundation to be an effective legislator for the people.

REDISTRICTING: MD's redistricting policy is being challenged in the Supreme court. Without knowing all the details of the case I would support any effort that would reduce & rid our voting system of any kind of gerrymandering/suppression, utilizing statistical models

for redistricting, independent redistricting reform research can be utilized, & advocate for equitable 2020 census.

ENVIRONMENT: Global warming is a massive concern for me because of the disastrous repercussions for those living now & in the future. Addressing new fuel & power sources to move towards energy independence, the financial/economic benefits, job creation, & environmental benefits improve the quality of life for Marylanders. Improving water quality, addressing pollutants, & factory farming are also main focuses.

DISCRIMINATION: Address wage pay inequity, living wage policies, environmental racism, fair housing & lending, criminal justice & bail reform, restorative practices in the education system, education reform to focus on career preparation, infrastructure & transportation upgrades to provide access to economic opportunities & resources causing a rise in quality of life & productivity in vulnerable communities.

EDUCATION: Vo-tech education to replace the aging workforce. Public service commitment to the State in exchange for college education. Education curriculum reform & immersion of civic philosophy & ideas to create productive citizens, education recruitment in High school for educators of the future. Address funding issues through reforming the education funding formula & advocate for Federal reinvestment fund

HEALTH CARE: Moving from an expensive for-profit health insurance system to a more effective healthcare system for all. I believe healthcare is a right & that Universal healthcare is necessary to address quality of life & productivity. I also support caregivers benefits & support(family & otherwise)to relieve financial & psychological burdens while still allowing the caregiver to be productive & healthy.

TRANSPORTATION: I support an overhaul of the transportation system in the entire state by creating & extending the METRO rail system(Havre De Grace to Baltimore & areas similar are a main focus). Building up public transportation w/renewable & alternative fuel types will create jobs & reduce pollution. Infrastructure upgrades to allow safe walking & biking. Moving from petrol to fuel efficient & alternative fuel

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House of Delegates 34B

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: B.A. from Johns Hopkins, 33 graduate credits in public adm. Univ. of Co., Wyo. law degree, barred in Md. & Wyo., non-partisan Bel Air Town Commissioner 15 yrs., Mayor 3 separate times, Delegate 16 yrs. Committees - Judiciary, Rules, Joint Ethics, Administrative, Executive, Legislative Review, Past President of Bi-partisan Women's Caucus, sponsored and passed 21 bills. Private Attorney 34 yrs.

REDISTRICTING: I support an independent commission as proposed by Gov. Hogan. Legislative districts should be single member. Both Congressional and legislative districts should be contiguous, compact, and communities of interest in one county instead of several. There should be a 2% difference above or below the idea district population. No district should look like a broken-winged Terpadactyl.

ENVIRONMENT: Susquehanna River Basin Commission needs to be strengthened so that the states upstream curb their storm water pollution. Federal government must assist these states to use best practices for improving the use of cover crops and stop Bay pollution. Promote less bottled water, lawn and agricultural pesticides. Encourage rotation of crops, clearing of storm drains, and good landscaping.

DISCRIMINATION: Work with the religious community, civic organizations, schools, government agencies to encourage cultural exchanges. Allow street closures for neighborhood picnics and block parties so neighbors can get to know each other. The best way to eliminate discrimination is through personal relationships - with person to person interaction and contact. Civility and empathy has to be fostered.

EDUCATION: Education is the economic engine for a community and the building blocks for future prosperity. There needs to be an emphasis on the basics - reading, writing, and math as well as critical thinking, civics, and American history. Funding formulas need to be re-examined with lock box on gambling profits. Judicious testing. Require marketable skills when students graduate so they can get a job.

HEALTH CARE: Access and affordability to health care is one part of the concern. Efforts need to be made to streamline medical procedures. Malpractice issues should be reviewed. Clinics and public health education is essential. Many bad habits become chronic diseases. Holistic lifestyle changes can improve risky behavior, obesity, lack of exercise, smoking, addictions, and mental health issues.

TRANSPORTATION: Roads are very congested at morning and evening rush hour. Better coordination between major employers would help so that everyone is not going or leaving at the same time. Local road development needs better east-west and north-south connections. Public/private partnerships would be idea for innovative projects such as high speed rail, express lanes, and bike and walking paths.

Jeff Dinger
Democratic Party

No response received by deadline.

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Senator District 35

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: The biggest challenge we face is getting Pennsylvania and New York to

assist us with lowering pollution entering the bay. The Maryland agricultural community is already addressing this issue by using best management practices on their farms.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: I support the Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts and a focus on critical issues like the need to address sediment flowing through the Conowingo Dam. We need to hold other states accountable for the debris and storm water that is coming down to our most precious resource. Additionally, I support renewable energy and would assist our farmers to diversify using these clean energy techniques.

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

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

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

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

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The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 2.

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

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

ENVIRONMENT: Lowering Federal regulations have resulted in our State increasing environmental oversight in construction, industry, and agriculture. I believe we are making steady progress. Our biggest challenge is gaining cooperation with Pennsylvania to lower pollution entering our bay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Local Leaders

Harford County Executive

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

SALARY: \$105,136.

TERM: 4 years. No term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Countywide.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My family taught me to value public service as I was growing up in Harford County. Beginning at age 16 with the Level Volunteer Fire Company, on the County Council, in the Maryland House of Delegates, the state Senate, and as Harford County's executive, I have developed a deep understanding of how government works, and most importantly, how it should serve our citizens.

BUDGET: I am proud that we have increased funding for education, public safety, opioid abuse prevention and treatment, and agricultural preservation, without raising tax rates. We are constantly looking to cut spending and improve efficiencies. For example, we eliminated bureaucracy in the county executive's office and reduced leasing costs by maximizing the use of existing county facilities.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We recently completed HarfordNEXT, our countywide master plan, and a required zoning review using technology to provide award-winning transparency and opportunities for community input. Everything is published on the county website. Implementations include incentives to help contain the development envelope, an overlay district to boost economic development, and our green infrastructure plan.

EDUCATION: We have made education a priority by directing funds to restore teacher salaries with increased operating funding totaling \$15 million over three years versus only \$1 million from the state. We also continue to increase funds for school security, classroom technology, and modern school facilities, while seeking changes to the state funding formulas that underfund rural/suburban counties.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We recently had the second-highest job growth in the state with our focus on retention, growth and attraction in our major sectors of defense, healthcare, e-commerce, and education. Our new "DefTech" center promotes commercialization opportunities with APG, while we continue our support for public education, small business development, workforce-training grants, and transit links to job centers.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: My administration will continue to provide funding for the development and renovation of affordable multifamily rental units, the construction and renovation of affordable owner-occupied single-family housing through partnerships with local nonprofits including Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna, and provide first-time homebuyer and post purchase education programs.

INFRASTRUCTURE: After budgeting \$16 million over three years to fix county roads, this year we successfully advocated for increased state funds, and we continue to seek relief for congested state roads. In transportation, we are adding bike/walking trails and bus shelters,

and we have added a new bus route to employment centers. I am most proud of our new sensory trail for citizens with disabilities.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Being a Harford County resident for 50 years lays a great foundation. Owning my own business also has taught me about problem solving, communicating, listening , working together, caring about employees and their families. I have also learned so much from members of my community and their unwavering service.

BUDGET: First and foremost I would look at any program that deals with residents and community and evaluate the need for more funding. I would not make decisions on decreasing funds to any program without thoroughly investigating the harm it might cause.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Listening to the community and taking care of our environment for the future is my priority. We cannot be so relaxed about our zoning regulations. We can change if we make the effort.

EDUCATION: The council, administration ,a panel of educators together with the board of education need to get our schools safe and repaired, supplies bought and teachers paid. We need change now. Hopefully everyone would be on board and willing to work together to improve the quality of our education system..

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Steps for growth: Addiction recovery programs, education incentives, commitment to our communities and families, building with purpose and sensitivity. Communication with residents.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Develop a plan with the community that works to provide whatever type of housing is called for. Communication, community involvement is key. Work on developing zoning regulations that benefit our quality of life.

INFRASTRUCTURE: It seems like our new master plan needs to be reevaluated. Who ever is conducting the traffic studies also needs to be reevaluated. Our public facilities and parks need to be taken care of with enough money out of the budget to do it properly. If we keep going in the direction this administration is taking us we just might end up being one big parking lot.

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Harford County Council President

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

TERM: 4 years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: The Council President is elected at-large.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Lifelong resident of HC, 32 years small business owner, non-profit service. We have 3 grandchildren attending public schools. 3 ½ years experience - Harford County Council. I serve as the Council Liaison to several boards and programs in the county and active in our economic development efforts. These organizations and talking with our citizens have encouraged me to do more in our communities.

BUDGET: Proud member of the current County Council that has approved the Glassman Administration's past 3 budgets which has placed a stronger emphasis on our county employees (teachers, deputies, correctional officers, and county workers). We remain fiscally responsible by restoring and maintaining our fund balance while funding public safety efforts such as SROs, on the road deputies, fire and EMS.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Being a member of the Council that approved the Harford NEXT Master Plan for Harford County, I believe that we need to continue on a path of smart growth by focusing economic development in areas of the county where the infrastructure already exists or can be enhanced, while focusing on our public transportation needs and maintaining our environmental stewardship.

EDUCATION: Committed to quality education, invest in our teachers and enhance our recruitment and retention efforts, attract quality educators. For many, our educators are more than just teachers; they become mentors and role models. We need to continue our efforts in maintaining the Maintenance of Effort and continue to exceed that wherever possible. Expand our technical training opportunities.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: In my opinion we need to encourage job growth and economic development within our county; we need to focus on the revitalization of the Route 40 Corridor. A reinvestment in this area and projects such as the Magnolia Overlay coming to fruition, reinvesting in neglected properties and brown ground would attract other investors into this area and allow for more positive growth.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I will continue to support the Federal and State programs that allow the Harford County Housing and Community Development Department to provide housing opportunities for Harford County residents and support for non-profit efforts such as Habitat for Humanity, First-Time Home Buyers Counseling and pre and post housing purchase counseling.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to stay mindful of growing with a purpose. It is important to encourage development in areas that contain the appropriate infrastructure such as the Route 40 and 95 Corridors while also keeping a balance of open space, and environmental stewardship. Development focused in these areas will inspire growth and revitalization,

these and other things will help to strengthen our local economy.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 12 years of experience as a Tech VP at ADP and Broadridge. This shows that I can take charge, direct people, and effectively lead the county council meetings. In addition, I have extensive experience leading and participating in cross-functional teams. I am the only candidate who has successfully sued Harford zoning and understand how Harford County bullies its citizens

BUDGET: We should make the salaries of our teachers far more competitive so we stop losing teachers and start hiring the best from other areas. We should do the same for our first responders. We need to expand public transportation to all citizens, especially seniors and students. We need to also expand the number of environmental inspectors to ensure all projects are environmentally safe.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: HC does not weigh all the facts when making a decision. For example, zoning approved a tire pyrolysis plant in an area labeled CI when it should only be in a GI area. This dangerous plant could explode or secrete emissions that could impact up to 73,000 residents. HC should pay the fees when they force a resident to go to court and the resident wins. Zoning notices should be posted on the website.

EDUCATION: We need to elevate how teachers are viewed in the community and I think we should recognize a different teacher every week in our meetings. Further, we need to reduce class sizes. My daughter, a Fulbright Scholar, attended Fallston with an average class size of 13 while in Edgewood it is more than 30. Class sizes should be reduced and should be similar across all districts.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The county should offer economic incentives such as a reduced taxes, low-interest rate loans and technical assistance from Harford Community College to businesses with great ideas and/ or great potential. We should encourage our students in HS and College to brainstorm new opportunities. We should host code-a-thons and tech brainstorming meetups. I led a tech startup that was acquired by ADP.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Harford County should strive to increase the volume of affordable housing in areas that are designated to support apartments and low-cost multifamily housing. To make this truly affordable, it is imperative that we offer public transportation to ensure the residents can be independent and self-sufficient. Once the transportation is in place, we can then market these regions to developers.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I would work with the department of zoning and make sure proper traffic studies are performed before development begins. We need to invest in public transportation for our seniors, our students, and our low-income residents. I would encourage the county to build alternate contracts with school buses to utilize their services during non-pickup times to meet our transportation needs.

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Harford County Council District A

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have qualifications on both personal and professional levels. I have worked as a project manager for several federal government contractors, I have volunteered locally with PTAs and church groups. I have spent the last four years working a Council Member's legislative aide, so I am aware of the issues facing both the district and the county.

BUDGET: There are several budget programs which need to be evaluated. First, would be capital expenditures. Next would be public safety. Finally would be the education budget.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The current zoning code was written in the 1970's. While periodic updates have been made, I feel a complete revision needed. I would like to see a committee formed to rewrite the zoning code to update and modernize it.

EDUCATION: Parental involvement needs to be encouraged and developed. Teachers need to be given the tools to foster learning within the classroom and not be tied to a script for teaching.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: The county to encourage our young people to explore trades as the first step to higher education. A true vo-tech and trades school needs to be placed in the southern part of the county. Also, steps need to be taken to encourage and incentivize businesses to locate in those areas where infrastructure already exists, such as the Route 40 corridor.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Harford County needs to encourage inclusionary zoning and support transit-oriented developments which can increase the access to affordable housing and allow people to live, work and play within their communities.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Many of the roads experiencing congestion are state roads, so the County will need to work with the state to develop solutions to relieve the congestion along those routes. The County also need to take a proactive approach to the public transportation needs. The buses need to have extended hours to accommodate 2nd and 3rd shifts and weekends. Express routes need to be developed to reach HCC.

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QUALIFICATIONS: The skills I cultivated in the United States Army as a Non-Commissioned Officer have led me to learn leadership, discipline, standardization, have set me apart and provided me with a path to success."My real strengths are my attention to detail, productivity, teamwork, leadership, and ethics all have prepared me for the duties of this office.

BUDGET: Increase: Sidewalks and Handicapped Ramps to include transportation stops that could use a canopy for citizens who ride public transportation to keep them out of the elements.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I'd like to look at TDR's - Normally, as an incentive to purchase the TDR building rights in a Growth Area, the developer receives additional benefits such as higher density or more uses of the property that would otherwise be permitted in the existing zoning.

EDUCATION: Ensure that pedagogy reflects the racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds of students of color - For students of color, improving on existing curricula and pedagogies can have an enormous impact. All teachers should receive comprehensive and effective cultural competency training as part of their professional development.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Promote economic growth through innovation - Strategic immigration reform

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Partnership: Ongoing support for effective and creative partnerships among nonprofit community groups, churches, private developers, government at all levels, and financial institutions to build and preserve affordable housing

INFRASTRUCTURE: I would make some changes in the plan, perhaps in road classifications. Whether this would constitute a stand-alone amendment to HarfordNEXT master plan. Also, I'd advocate and fight for a new Joppatowne High and a Recreation center in Joppatowne.

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Harford County Council District B

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

TERM: 4 years.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have had the opportunity to serve Harford County since 2009-- especially the residents of District B. My skill set has been tested as I have worked with other leaders to make Harford County a great place to live, work and raise a family. I continue to have a great passion to help our county grow and prosper while maintaining a great quality of life for our residents.

BUDGET: Obviously one of my primary focuses is to make certain our communities are safe with an emphasis on our schools. We must make certain that our children are safe and protected at all times. It is important to keep our cash reserves/contingency reserves fully funded. I am also interested in developing infrastructure projects within reason and making sure we meet our Maintenance of Efforts.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to make sure there is a comprehensive plan and review for every project that impacts our community to provide for roads, bridges and other infrastructure. We want Harford County to be a thriving, growing community but we must make certain we are protecting our quality of life. I have found that people of good will can work together as long as we avoid extremes.

EDUCATION: I believe that is important for us to manage our tax dollars well enough that we can always meet our Maintenance of Effort requirements without any issue. Additionally, I want to make certain that we have the proper focus on school safety and that we remain determined to remove illegal drugs from our school systems.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I believe we should do all in our power to keep taxes and restrictive regulation low. We want job creators to come to Harford County and we should welcome them with open arms. We make ourselves attractive to job creators by offering incentives, good infrastructure, good schools and a welcoming community with a high quality of life.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I would continue to support the efforts of the Harford County Housing and Community Development Department. They do an excellent job.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I believe we must continue to have comprehensive planning and budgeting to meet our infrastructure needs. We are a growing county and we need roads,

bridges and other infrastructure. This should be a priority in our budgeting.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an educator and mom, I have worked to engage children and adults in my community, as well as advocating for my own kids' special needs. My husband was transferred 3 years ago by the DoD from Ft. Detrick in Frederick to APG in Harford County, giving me a unique perspective on the types of resources available in different communities.

BUDGET: The most significant part of the county budget needing an increase is education. Teachers need to be paid as professionals so that we attract and retain the best educators. All our children would benefit from smaller classroom sizes, so that teachers are in a better position to handle individual needs. Social services and mental health care needs also need to be prioritized.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to carefully manage changes in our use of rural areas, in order to protect our food supply and way of life. By the same token, green spaces and parks need to be distributed more evenly. Denser areas should be given priority in developing outdoor recreational opportunities. We need to alert citizens at each step of the approval process for greater transparency and public input.

EDUCATION: We need to increase funding, especially teachers salaries, which have fallen behind nearby counties. Increase training and awareness of special needs and ensure that our county schools have the resources and support to be inclusive of a diversity of needs. Schools also can be the hub of support for families, offering wrap around services and programs, and partnering with other public institutions.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Our area has the potential to be a major tourist attraction if we make our waterfronts more accessible and tourism friendly. Being on the I 95 corridor is a major benefit and we could do much to attract businesses who would like to be in such a central location if we had the public services that increase quality of life that businesses often look for such as parks, pools, bike paths, transit.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Require new developments to build a percentage of their units for lower income. The benefits of this approach is that rather than segregating public housing to a certain area, lower income housing is integrated throughout the county and low income families with children will have the benefit of being in well-resourced and funded schools to be able to address the issue of persistent poverty.

INFRASTRUCTURE: While driving around our county, I rarely see a bus on these same roads. I grew up and spent my college years without a car, because I lived within easy walking distance to great public transportation. Increase transit options to benefit young people, as well as those with disabilities that prohibit them from driving, and even those of us who don't like to be forced to get in a car to go anywhere.

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Harford County Council District C

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes

appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I believe that as resident of Harford count for over 40 years and a graduate of Bel Air High School and a Harford Community College and UMD . My 25 years of experience in dealing with local small and medium business from start up to expansion will help me with the both. I have meet with thousands of residents and counseled & heard concerns from Crime, Schools and growth over the years.

BUDGET: As a small business owner maintaining a budget and working to cut cost and look at alternatives is vital . We need to continue to fund our county employees (teacher. Deputies and correctional workers). We are going to have to fund SRO officers, deputies in the community, fire and EMS.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Harford county is going to have grow to sustain our financial support of Teachers, Police and other public service. We need to do so by incorporation existing infrastructure with vibrant communities that have access to public transportation.

EDUCATION: Our Teachers are more then teachers they are our mentors and become our peers and friends. I think expansion of a basic technical or trade program open to students in the lower grades to gauge interest before attending vocational only high. We need to support current and retain teachers as well attract quality teachers hopefully that have roots in the county.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We need to focus on light manufacturing, distribution and technical positions on the Rt 40 corridor where we have existing infrastructure. We need to push for one of the five nodes to be awarded in the US this one would be for cyber node and with or existing base of technical workers and proximity high level talent on the east coast. It is

important to the survival of APG this would be a great f

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I support CDA money ,Habitat for Humanity, First- Time Home Buyers Counseling for first time home buyers' programs. I also support tax breaks for our public employees Police, Teacher's, Firefighters and EMS that live and work in Harford county.

INFRASTRUCTURE: If we are trying to revitalize and redevelop areas to attract business either high tech or light manufacturing, we need to look at the existing environmental impact and steward or open spaces with any infrastructure projects. Since we have heavy traffic at peak travel hours during the morning and afternoon rush hours we will have to work on improving roads and intersection to better handle curren

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QUALIFICATIONS: With my background, I understand all sides of an issue: I have 30-plus years of experience with the business sector, non-profits and government agencies on local, state and federal levels: Formerly Vice President of a 5,000 employer member assn., Deputy Director for Gov. Schwarzenegger representing business & community, Small Business Owner, and Consultant for corporate United Way.

BUDGET: Education and public safety are the highest priorities of county government and we must make sure those dollars are spent wisely. We need better coordination with the school administration in order to recruit and retain the best teachers and provide the programs that will prepare all of our children for a productive future. My experience with million dollar budgets makes me well suited to do this.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: This county is becoming a traffic-congested, over-built nightmare because zoning codes have been repeatedly changed for the benefit of developers and special interest groups over the community. This results in a degraded quality of life and taxpayers paying for these decisions down the road. We must make sure decisions in the next few years uphold the current Master Plan, which calls for balance.

EDUCATION: Our children must be prepared for the challenges ahead. Studies show 85% of all juveniles in the court system are functionally illiterate. So are 60% of all prison inmates. Costs are estimated at \$25,000 per inmate, per year and double that per year for juveniles. This breakdown begins at the 3rd grade level. I would prefer a taxpayer invest in teachers to stop illiteracy, than housing inmates.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Job growth is key to the continued growth of the county. As the home to APG, we must continue to leverage that association to gain more high tech employment in the private sector. We need to have a well educated work force prepared for these jobs, as well as the infrastructure in place to attract new businesses and better public transportation for employees getting to work.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Creating mixed use, mixed income projects, which would reduce traffic and congestion and promote sustainability. Also, revitalizing areas and re-purposing buildings have proven in other communities across the country to be successful and a boost to the economy. An area to look at is the Route 40 corridor.

INFRASTRUCTURE: There is no easy fix. As a result of irresponsible decisions made by an entrenched administration for the past 20 years, which created haphazard development, taxpayers are now faced with fixing these problems through millions of dollars of

infrastructure costs. We must first begin enforcing zoning regulations and carefully review projects to stop increasing the need for expensive infrastructure.

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Harford County Council District D

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a lifelong resident of Norrisville, father, graduate of North Harford High School, HCC, and Towson University; former land use planner for the County and State, currently serving a third term as Councilman. In addition to 12 years of experience on the Council my education, understanding of best land-use planning practices, and in-depth local knowledge are critical to this position.

BUDGET: I will continue to support salary increases for teachers, deputies, and County employees. Further, I would support increases for additional school resource officers, economic development incentives to attract and retain businesses, employment and family stability assistance, and resources for vulnerable adults.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We need to implement planning strategies that were included in the recently adopted Master Plan into the Development Regulations, Zoning Code, guidelines and standards. During my tenure on the Council, I have created legislation that has protected our rural heritage, environment, and quality of life, while creating job growth within the development envelope.

EDUCATION: I have supported and will continue to support salary increases for teachers. I will encourage HCPS to consider Community Schools which offer human services on site, like mental health counseling, conflict resolution classes, mediation programs, and employment and family stability programs.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I will continue to work with the County and State to limit regulations, reduce taxes, attract new firms, and expand existing businesses to generate quality jobs for citizens. In addition, I will work with Economic Development and Transit to make public transportation more accessible particularly to families seeking second shift positions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I will encourage that all stakeholders work together to meet the need of affordable housing. Master plans should address this community issue, and provide realistic goals, initiatives and strategies that show promise of improving housing opportunities. I support programs that improve family stability, address credit issues, increase employment, and remove obstacles to affordable daycare.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I will encourage the Administration and the SHA to work with residents and developers to create solutions to mitigate traffic concerns. We need to explore existing resources among the many entities that offer transportation. Advocate to expand existing services to comprise evening and weekend hours. Foster partnerships with non-profits, like Senior Ride Share to expand service to our rural areas.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived in Harford since 1981, so I have witnessed many changes over those years. Today's issues differ. As a career civil servant at APG, I honed teaming and leadership skills to find solutions to complex problems in challenging fiscal times. I seek advice, have a strong work ethic, listen well, and know that diversity and coalition-building are "force multipliers" in getting things done.

BUDGET: We need to pay our teachers fairly and reward those with exceptional skills. We should plan and fund more trade/skill options for high schoolers who choose not to attend college. Protecting the environment must also be a priority. Harford can lead the region by offering incentives to companies that provide "green" jobs to locate here and provide training to grow the local workforce.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We should encourage public input to development plans and the designation of green space, as both affect quality of life. Better, earlier notice of proposed development and zoning needs to be given. We need to think a generation ahead, at least, when considering the impacts of development on our communities. Controlled growth that has minimal environmental impact should be paramount.

EDUCATION: The county needs to keep its promises to teachers and staff. I strongly support better pay to stop the talent flight to other counties. I will listen to teachers' concerns and ask for their input to improve any and all aspects of our schools to ensure we set high marks and have the resources to achieve them. I will seek ways to further use school facilities for community activities.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We need a well-educated workforce and adequate facilities - including good roads and public transit - to keep Harford attractive to business. We should tap the potential job growth in the renewable energy sector by offering incentives to solar,

wind, and geothermal companies to establish here, to benefit both the economy and the environment.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The county can offer incentives to builders to construct affordable housing close to jobs and transit points. Lack of affordable housing has been a long-term problem in Harford, so we could benefit from setting up a task force of government, business, and community leaders to address this issue and seek practical ways to ensure affordable housing now and well into the future.

INFRASTRUCTURE: These areas require professional analysis, business cooperation, and public input to effectively resolve issues. Knowing which locations and communities most need improvement is the first step. Studying the problems and finding cost-effective solutions must be followed by a commitment by the county to follow through with prioritizing and funding those improvements.

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Harford County Council District E

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a life-long resident, a third generation farmer/landowner/businessman and have served on the County Council 16 years, 1990-2006. With the family farming operation, I operated a welding/fabrication shop that constructed custom trailers as well as a retail accessory business (1979-1997). From 1990 to 2002, I served as Councilman for District E, 2002-2006, I served as Council President.

BUDGET: As I have stated, school safety is paramount. I believe the Council needs to

return to a more in-depth analysis of the County's budget. The growing sports programs for our youth serve as an avenue to keep our young people focused and involved. These Parks & Rec programs bring economy to our County each time major events are held. We need to improve on many of these facilities.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: A more realistic, long-range approach will serve our county better. Short-sighted decisions give us band aids on issues, we need to look much further into the years ahead to provide a future for our children and future generations. There is a need to develop business opportunities locally that will provide employment for our future generations. I am a responsible-growth candidate.

EDUCATION: I have always been an advocate that our school system must work together with the Executive Branch and the Council for adequate funding. Sensible priorities need to be set and then adequate funding needs to be approved to support these initiatives. Working together is key to accomplishing OUR goals and making our public schools better. I support enhancing and promoting vocational education.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Harford County needs to focus on job opportunities that will offer our young adults the ability to work close to "home" and further build a sense of community. The Council needs to work more closely with the Office of Economic Development in an effort to attract more businesses that offer employment opportunities in production. Promoting partnering with our schools and apprenticeship programs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Affordable Housing is an issue we all deal with. Rental markets increase when Home Ownership is out of reach, we should strive to produce a market where more citizens can afford homes, thus producing pride in ownership.

INFRASTRUCTURE: LONG RANGE NEEDS have got to be addressed on the front side of projects and proper planning is paramount. We need to look further than five to ten years into the future, Traffic needs will only worsen with future growth. Longer range planning and implementation is required.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I began my career in Gov/Economic Development (ED) with the City of Havre de Grace. 2008-2016, I worked in the Harford County Office of ED. As an entrepreneur, I founded the Harford Development Corporation in 2016. In June, 2017 I launched my own ED consulting firm named Bridgeline Solutions, LLC.

BUDGET: The HC Proposed FY19 Operating Budget rightfully increases salaries for teachers, law enforcement, county employees, HCPS, HCC and ag land preservation. The Capital Budget projects are for road and school improvements. Funding needed to implement recommendations from Edgewood Small Area Plan www.harfordcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10144. Increase Hotel Tax spending in contributing communities.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The Rt. 40 corridor is a major commercial area located within the Development Envelope. The redevelopment of the corridor is vital to future economic growth in Harford County. To spur interest and investment in redeveloping the Rt. 40 corridor the public sector (government) will need vision, creativity, flexibility and determination.

EDUCATION: Education is a component of economic development. I will advocate for competitive salaries, annual increases for educators and support for school safety programs (SRO's). Success of the public school system is linked to leadership. Recruit a

Superintendent diverse in knowledge, culture and responsive to community.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Develop an action plan to address business attraction, retention, housing, transportation, workforce, job growth, loan program, Enterprise Zone program, new development and redevelopment initiatives. Implement the plan and measure the outcomes to gauge the success of the action plan.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Support the mission of the Community & Economic Development Department, formerly the Housing and Community Development Department. Attract investors/developers focused on mixed-use projects to include affordable housing units. Encourage redevelopment of low-income residential properties, apartments and motels.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Harford County has limited public transportation options including Harford Transit LINK System. The MARC/Amtrak is primarily used for outgoing service. Encourage carpooling/ride-sharing particularly from Bel Air to APG. Consider extending the widening of MD22 in Churchville/Bel Air. Supportive of comprehensive transportation study of HC with emphasis on I95 interchanges.

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Harford County Council District F

DUTIES: Members of the Council pass legislation, adopt the budget, set the county tax rate and exercise planning, zoning and subdivision responsibilities. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees and commissions that are directly responsible to the legislative branch.

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One member is elected from each of six geographic districts.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My background is 12 years of service in the U.S. Army and 30 years running my business in financial services. I have served as a Harford County Councilman in District F since December 2014. I have experience with the county budget processes for the last 3 years, comprehensive re-zoning and the Harford Next Master plan. I have handled

and resolved many constituent issues. Experience matters.

BUDGET: Budget program increases are needed for opioid prevention and treatment, to provide more school resource officers to provide a safe learning environment for students and teachers, for children in need of supervision diversion for at-risk youth, for diverting first-time offenders to restorative justice, mentoring programs for youth, and services to improve behavioral health, just to name a few.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: No changes needed for now. Harford County's land use percentage is less than 20% for residential and almost 80% for agricultural land preservation, ranking Harford County in the top 10 counties in the nation consistently for the last 20 years. Recently, additional areas have been included to study for possible expansion of Harford County's Development Envelope. High standards are met.

EDUCATION: I would work closely with the school Superintendent, the Glassman Administration, the School Board and the County Council to identify ways to improve overall efficiency in our public education system, ensuring adequate funding is provided for teacher salaries, safety of staff and students, vocational and technical training, and bridging the technology gap.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Actively seek businesses willing to re-locate to Harford County, providing them incentives that are economically beneficial to the business and Harford County using a streamlined, efficient process to make a smooth transition. Once they are here, the economic development team will continue to follow up and provide them with implementation resources designed to advance and grow their business.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Offer a proposal to experienced developers to apply for construction and rehabilitation subsidies, government funded loans and grants for new and existing housing to create partnerships with government, non-profits, faith-based organizations and citizens to provide affordable housing to families, seniors, those disabled, desiring to become self-sufficient residents of our community.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Each of these issues requires a team approach. I would work with the Glassman Administration, our local delegation, and the State Highway and Transportation departments to reach a consensus to address each area. Each requires individual consideration and has its own unique details. I am currently working on several traffic and transportation issues in my district.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Of the 24 years I have spent as a professional, most were spent in local government. My success has been due to hard work, persistence, consensus building and collaboration. Working with people with different backgrounds, opinions, and personalities takes patience and understanding. In almost all cases, I had to work with limited resources and find creative solutions to problem solving.

BUDGET: Balancing a 543 million budget and being a steward of the taxpayers dollars is a tremendous responsibility. I would support increasing resources allocated to the Board of education for instructional staff, programs & additional school resource officers. I would examine inflated property transactions and the rental of private property property for county services.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Up-zoning properties outside the Development Envelope hurts restoration and possible revitalization of existing, older areas as it is cheaper to build

new on farmland rather than to renovate or replace existing buildings. In the 2017 CZR there is a combined potential loss of 168 acres of agricultural zoned property outside the D. Envelope. Development should go where intended such as Route 40

EDUCATION: I will commit to closing the disparity of instructional & instructional support salaries between Harford County and other surrounding Counties through increased funding. Add trained SROs, prioritize school construction based on need not politics, and fund parental involvement programs, extracurricular activities, and support the concept of community schools I also support the intent of the MOE law

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I would focus on attracting private investment, business retention and diversifying our economy since we could be on the losing end of BRAC in the coming years. I will continue to be an advocate for small business and job creation in Dist. F as well as other parts of the County as proponent for the redevelopment of the Rt. 40 Corridor and work to attract a full-service conference center.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Holding landlords accountable to maintain a liveable standard & providing incentives for property owners to rent to low-income or very low-income residents; Encouraging self-sufficiency of participant families and assist in the expansion of family opportunities which support educational, socio-economic, recreational, and other human service needs; Foster positive public awareness of these goals

INFRASTRUCTURE: Keeping development contained in the development envelope will better ensure adequate public facilities are available in the areas they are intended for. A regional water & sewer authority would consolidate services, aggregate water & treatment capabilities and be a possible way to address the demands on our water supply. I would emphasize importance of natural areas and "Green" infrastructure

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Judicial Offices

Harford County Circuit Court Judge

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

SALARY: \$159,433.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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Qualifications: I have been a successful trial attorney for 33 years. I have decades of experience handling both civil and criminal cases. I have worked as a prosecutor in Harford County for 18 years, bringing justice to victims of violent crime. I have also been very active in the community working with schools and charitable organizations. This gives me the knowledge and fairness that is required of a Judge.

Discrimination: Discrimination in the courts can best be addressed by having a diverse bench. I come from a working family. I am the first generation to graduate from college. I worked my way through college and law school and so I understand what it is like to make difficult financial choices. I have the right life experience to make me a compassionate and fair judge to all parties who appear before me.

Court Needs: The Court has a case load that is difficult to manage. Cases being delayed because there are not enough Judges and juries to hear and decide them. This is unjust for the people who are served by the Courts. The court needs to have sufficient tools and resources to properly manage its overloaded dockets. The Court should also use alternate dispute resolution programs to help resolve cases.

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Qualifications: I have been a practicing attorney for 25 years. After clerking for a Baltimore City Circuit Judge my first year, I entered into a private, general practice. For the last 18 years I have been a trial attorney with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. I have spent the majority of my career inside a courtroom on a near daily basis. Courtroom experience is essential for a Circuit Court Judge.

Discrimination: Individual judges must make themselves aware of their own implicit biases. Of all the barriers to true justice, implicit bias in the courts is the most insidious and pervasive. The Judiciary should routinely conduct implicit bias training for all sitting judges. Every judge should remember the words of author Bryan Stevenson. "Each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done."

Court Needs: Inadequate mental health care creates a tremendous burden for courts nationwide. A recent report cites over 350,000 prisoners in America suffer from serious psychiatric illness. The same report says there are only about 35,000 psychiatric hospital beds. The Judiciary needs more treatment options at sentencing. Effective treatment would lead to lower recidivism rates and smaller dockets.

Paul W. Ishak

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Qualifications: I practiced law in Harford County for 28 years with experience in criminal and civil trials, including complex civil litigation. My rating with Martindale-Hubbell was AV, which is the highest rating an attorney can achieve for ethics and legal ability. I had served as a judge's law clerk here in the Circuit Court after law school and since January 4, 2017 have had the honor to serve as Judge.

Discrimination: Each Judge and all Court personnel must treat all people equally. Any implicit bias must be recognized and removed from the judicial process. Concerning poverty each litigant must be advised of the resources the Court or the bar association have available so that the proceedings are fair and efficiently resolved. When discrimination is encountered the conduct is to be halted and corrected.

Court Needs: The Maryland Court system's greatest need is having the resources and infrastructure to promptly hear the large number of cases that are brought to the Court for resolution and getting matters heard promptly. Justice delayed is justice denied. Harford County is doing its part by making improvements to add a courtroom for the new judge and increasing the size of the jury panel staging area.

Lawrence F. Kreis, Jr.

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Qualifications: After a comprehensive vetting process, Governor Hogan appointed me to the bench based on my 14 years in private practice in Harford County, 8 years in public service at the Office of the Attorney General, and over 20 years in community service. My diverse background allows me to make tough decisions promptly. Every day, I listen courteously, consider seriously, and decide matters impartially.

Discrimination: The Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to perform their duties impartially and without bias, prejudice, or harassment. Judges must also hold those that appear before them to the same standard. Preventing discrimination is best addressed by continuing to thoroughly vet candidates prior to appointment and by requiring regular, continuing judicial education after appointment.

Court Needs: Maryland courts need to improve access to justice through the implementation of technologies that insure more efficient case flow and trial management. The Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) project is creating a single statewide electronic case management system that, among other efficiencies, will provide the ability to send documents and obtain information from the courts 24 hours a day.

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Judge in Court of Special Appeals (At-Large)

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

SALARY: \$168,633 annual base.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

Donald E. Beachley

No response received by deadline.

Matthew J. Fader

No response received by deadline.

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Other County Offices

Harford County State's Attorney

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

SALARY: \$114,527

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: How will you address the problems of domestic violence?

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Albert Peisinger

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QUALIFICATIONS: My 21 years of experience with the Baltimore City State's Attorney's office and prosecuting some of Maryland's worst criminals and drug dealers has prepared me to lead the State's Attorney's office in protecting Harford County citizens.

DISCRIMINATION: Proper policies must be in place that not only protect all citizens but also give them greater confidence in law enforcement. I would work with law enforcement, community and religious leaders to promote an open line a communication and strong partnerships. We must ensure that we are protecting our communities from violent, illegal immigrants, without discriminating against law-abiding immigrants.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: We have to examine alternatives for some non-violent criminals, particularly those with mental health issues or drug or alcohol addiction problems, where they can be in a facility that provides proper treatment while keeping our streets safe. Once an individual is identified and is ready to receive professional treatment, I believe the criminal justice system should be part of the solution.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: I will aggressively prosecute the drug dealers in Harford County and remove them from our community. The criminal justice system will be part of the solution once someone is arrested by identifying those addicted and ready for help. I plan to partner the State's Attorney's Office with several groups and agencies to offer education to parents and children, so we can break the cycle.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: I will supervise an office that recognizes that domestic violence is a serious criminal justice matter, not a marital issue. I will also ensure the office supports victims through the criminal justice process include filing complaints and protective orders. I will also pursue funding through state and federal grants for additional resources for domestic violence prosecution.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will focus on severe penalties for violent crimes. I will also focus on vulnerable victims, including creating a task force to identify victims who were targeted either physically or financially, and establish a specialized unit to handle those cases. I will work to address the unique concerns of our veterans when involved in the criminal justice system and I will be a strong voice in Annapolis.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a defense attorney in Maryland for close to twenty years. I have seen a State's Attorney Office that has been ill prepared in handling the opioid crisis preferring for years to incarcerate and release offenders versus treatment. They have been caught off guard by current school security issues. They have no diversity in hiring State's Attorneys. I will be proactive.

DISCRIMINATION: I would partner with the Sheriff's Office to ensure that a community based policing is utilized in all of the County. I frequently here of experiences where young black men are photographed or approached by police just for being around a McDonald's. I would review the effectiveness of implicit bias police training in all police departments. I would encourage a volunteer civilian review board.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: In cases that did not involve bodily injury, serious threats of harm, economic loss or any kind of sexual assault. I would look at the defendant's ties with the community, the crime, remorse and the victim's position on the issue also.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: There needs to be public meetings with State and County mental and health officials, School Official, Federal Officials, Families, Offenders and Treatment Centers, Health Insurance Carriers and Medicare and Medicaid official to arrive at solutions. The meetings would be conducted to arrive at immediate and long term solutions for those impacted by this crisis.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: My Office would fully prosecute cases of domestic violence and work closely with the police to ensure all these cases are investigated. I would fully communicate with victims of domestic violence give them a status of their case and protection from offenders if necessary. I would make sure those victims are made aware of any resources. I would encourage the reporting of cases of domestic violence.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My foremost priority would always be to protect the innocent people from injury and harm in Harford County; to ensure that the Office adheres closely to the spirit and letter of the Constitution and the Laws of Maryland in prosecuting defendants; to always work on being proactive in spotting criminal trends such as crime against the elderly; I would also establish a wrongful conviction unit,

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Harford County Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

SALARY: \$113,000

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

The Issues

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

AREAS OF NEED: What are the areas of greatest need in the Clerk's office and how would you address them?

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

James Reilly

Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: I acquired a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration. Currently and for the last 16 years I have held the position as Harford County elected Clerk of Court. Recently I had state auditors encamped in the office for 5 weeks and the findings were No issues, No problems. We call that a triple AAA rating. Best you can get !!

AREAS OF NEED: 16 years ago my campaign slogan then was to bring technology to the courthouse. In the last 16 years I have brought new technology to the courthouse so the staff and I could better serve the court and the public. So the greatest need to date is the education of the staff and the public on the use of this technology. We have training centers set up for both the staff and interested public.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: Where on any given week the Harford County Clerk's Office would have 300 walk in customers, today that has drop to about 50 because now instead of driving to the courthouse from the four corners of Harford County most of the public has access to our services via the internet. We have also extended our hours into the evening so if you do need our services you do not have to take off from work.

PRIORITIES: This was not a position that my opponent was self motivated to secure, my opponent was drafted by the Democratic Party to run against me after the filing date for individuals. We have politics in the Whitehouse, we have politics in the Statehouse but a priority of mind is to keep politics out of the courthouse. Justice, Fairness and customer service is all we need!

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QUALIFICATIONS: I hold an MA in Library Science from the University of WI—Madison. She have held numerous positions in libraries across the country, most recently at the VA Maryland Healthcare System in Baltimore. While at the VA, I completed the Leadership Academy and was a certified mentor, Master Coach, and trainer. I would bring extensive organizational and leadership skills to this Office.

AREAS OF NEED: I believe that there is a critical need for team building and civility in the office. While the staff provides great service to its various constituencies, there are problems with accountability which leads to disengagement. Eventually, this will impact public service and lead to customer dissatisfaction.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: As I have been campaigning, one of the questions I keep getting asked over and over again is, 'What does the Clerk do?' One of my main goals, in addition to the duties outline in the MD constitution and outlined on the office website, is that I would propose is offer informational sessions to explain to the public, what the office does and how the office has an effect on their daily life.

PRIORITIES: I am all for increasing transparency and efficiency in government through our Office's operations. We have a good sized staff and provide responsible service, but I feel that the citizens of Harford County deserve a better return on their tax dollars and if elected, I will do my part to be efficient and to manage the office effectively.

Harford County Register of Wills

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

SALARY: \$109,000

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

The Issues

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

AREAS OF NEED: What are the areas of greatest need in the Orphans' Court system and how would you address them?

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Derek K. Hopkins

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having served as the Register of Wills for the past 8 years; this position has given me the opportunity to expand upon my hands-on experience. Prior to being elected the first time; I spent many years as an estate appraiser, which gave me the basic knowledge of the job due to prepping the proper documents for the attorneys to submit to Registers' offices across the State.

AREAS OF NEED: We need to continue to work with the Register of Wills Association of Maryland, to update laws to allow emails and Fax mail to be accepted as an original document; saving our community members the time and costs of having to mail or hand deliver the original document.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I will continue to expand my outreach and education programs to the public. There are still many misconceptions about the Register of Wills office and what my office does. Education is an important tool for individuals and helps them better understand the estate process so people can be better informed. We already conduct many seminars around the county, but feel that we need to do more.

PRIORITIES: My first priority is to always provide our constituents with the best service we can provide as an office by always showing compassion and understanding for what they are going through at this time in their life. My second priority is to assist persons going through the estate process to the fullest extent possible.

Jo Wanda Strickland Lucas

Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? I have extensive skills in organization, communication, management, coordination, and leadership. I have called meetings, created committees, and performed a variety of administrative and provided community service the residents of Harford County, to include the following: - Organizer and mobilizer for the 2008 Obama Campaign wh

AREAS OF NEED: I feel the areas of greatest need are: - Assisting the Court to assure that the proper representative becomes the administrator of the estate - Assure that the process is not abused by predatory entities that do not take advantage of or take the property of unsuspecting beneficiaries by providing adequate reviews prior to court assignment - Working with legislators and advocacy groups to establish

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: Services provided to the public would be most improved by regular in office presence and availability of the Register of Wills, making the services more accessible to the public by moving to a digital exchange, and providing more community-based education and advocacy through seminars and workshops.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are to make the office of the Register of Wills more relevant and accessible to the residents of Harford County through Education and Advocacy. - First, I will utilize and rely on the existing staff and resources for the most efficient continuity and continuation of services during the transition period. - On a regular basis, I find that people do not know what the Register of Wills

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Harford County Sheriff

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

SALARY:

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

The Issues

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

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: How would you reach out to county residents to improve public safety?

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Jeffrey R. Gahler

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the Sheriff with a total of 32 years in law enforcement, my experience is unmatched. By focusing efforts on the worst offenders, enhancing reporting in instances of domestic violence and working with all County partners on issues, I have built strong, sustainable and effective efforts that have reduced crime. These same efforts will be used to enhance public safety during a second term.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: During my first term, I embraced partnerships and town hall meetings with our community that has built trust and improved communications.

Establishing the Heroin Overdose Prevention Effort group, Diversity Hiring group, Traffic Safety Advisory Board, and CompStat (Crime Focused) meetings, are all examples of working with the community, county and state partners to make Harford County safer.

DISCRIMINATION: As Sheriff, one of the first initiatives was to bring a uniform a disciplinary matrix to the Office of Sheriff. This matrix outlines our priority to the Agency's core values of Integrity, Fairness and Service. The matrix clearly shows a zero tolerance for those issues that would challenge the communities trust in the Sheriff's Office; including discrimination and issues related to integrity.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My priorities include building upon the great progress we have made over the last four years. This includes continuing to lead the crime fight and the continued successful reduction of crime rates. To also ensure the Office is trusted and valued by the citizens of our County by practicing responsible fiscal management while ensuring our men and women are treated fairly and with respect.

OPIOID ABUSE: Many of the initiatives we have started in my first term have received local, state and national recognition. These efforts include the HOPE group, working to increase awareness, treatment and educational opportunities, legislative proposals and targeting drug suppliers. We have taken a holistic approach that does not simply look at traditional enforcement efforts to solve the problem.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 20 spent years writing about true crime and law enforcement for detective magazines, police journals, search and rescue publications and local newspapers. I have interviewed law enforcement officials including prosecutors, prisoners, police officials from agencies throughout the Middle Atlantic area directly research. An R.N. for 20 years with 8 years in prisons, I know corrections

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: Good policing requires good relationships with the constituent communities. I have been a lifelong advocate of civil rights and equal treatment for all. I oppose the current sheriff's link up with federal ICE efforts to find undocumented immigrants as it undermines trust between police and communities. My emphasis will be on conflict resolution to reduce gun and other violence.

DISCRIMINATION: The culture in law enforcement should be to respect and honor diversity. I will actively discourage racism, quasi-tribalism and other counterproductive forces that can tear up departments. There must be other kinds of integrity present including honesty and faithfulness to department ethics and goals. I will hire persons of quality, education and training from all aspects of the community.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The office of sheriff is a unique position to lead in the county. The sheriff oversees civil process in the court system and he can set the tone for the fair administration of justice. I am also interested in managing the detention center and making

it a resource for improving the lives of those inside while protecting the public on the outside. Education should be key to this improvement.

OPIOID ABUSE: Opioid abuse is the perfect storm of imperfect elements in our society. There are many sources of the problem such as parental supervision, over-prescription of pain killers, mental illness, criminal activity and other factors that require many different players to play constructive roles in synch with other players. The sheriff can help lead a collaborative effort to coordinate progress.

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Harford County Board of Education District A

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TERM: 4-year terms.

HOW ELECTED: Each member is elected from a council district (A, B, C, etc.)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the current BOE representative for District A, that includes Edgewood, Joppatowne and a small portion of the Abingdon community, I have gained the experience required to address the unique challenges and opportunities facing public schools in Harford County. This experience positions me to be a better public servant to the entire Public School Community.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Zero-Based Budgeting Process; Encourage/reward the administration to identify/eliminate wasteful spending, and redirect those savings to such activities as expanding CTE opportunities, restorative justice practices training, and providing adequate resources to the classroom and schools with the greatest need. Teacher Retention, Maintaining Small Class Sizes, and , Address Technology Needs.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Standards should be used to encourage schools to be innovative and inspire creativity in their students; and measure the growth of each child. Standards should not be used to create a one-size-fits-all framework, that undermines the

authority of the local education authority to make decisions regarding how teachers and students progress are measured.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Community College Certificate programs; Apprenticeship programs, Vocational and Technical Training Programs, Internships, ROTC program(s) are just some of the programs that I have advocated for during my tenure on the Harford County BOE.

SCHOOL SAFETY: See "New Course for School Security" written by me and published in Security Management Magazine. I would also advocate for parents and students to be afforded a seat at the decision-making table at the state and local levels. And, I would advocate for opportunities to engage the Security professionals on the Aberdeen Proving Ground, who perform safeguards and security functions on a daily basis

PARTNERSHIPS: Start by articulating the school-community vision; expand the decision-making table to include parents and students; hold Board meetings in the communities on a rotating basis; establish structured opportunities to engage stakeholders; encourage open dialogue about challenges, opportunities and potential solutions are just some of the efforts for which I will advocate.

PRIORITIES: Schools Safety, Race Relations, Expanding CTE opportunities, Closing the Achievement Gap, Rebuild trust/relationship with stakeholders, Providing appropriate resources/incentives for schools with the greatest need, strengthen relationship with the APG Community and the faith-based community,

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Harford County Board of Education District B

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

TERM: 4-year terms.

HOW ELECTED: Each member is elected from a council district (A, B, C, etc.)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 13 years (K-12) in public schools in a good school system (Oak Ridge, TN). I spent a further 9 years in college, earning a PhD in computer engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. While in college, I spent 7 semesters working as a graduate teaching assistant. I tutored other students in both high school and college (mostly volunteer, some paid).

BUDGET PRIORITIES: I would rank my top three budget priorities as teachers, support staff, and sound facilities. Within these categories, I would want more information to further refine priorities. For example, money spent toward teacher retention could be spent on direct pay, benefits, training, the teaching environment, or more careful recruiting.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I think that national-level standards are important for both controlling a minimum quality level, and providing a common, nation-wide basis for comparison. However, I also believe that we (as a country) are placing too much emphasis on testing and teaching to pass standardized tests. I worry that we are pushing academics in an age-inappropriate way (such as universal reading in kindergarten).

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I went to a high school which had a robust "vocational track" (with a good-sized list of career options) in addition to the "college track". I assumed that was standard practice, until I learned that in Harford County, the vocational training was concentrated in just one high school. I support the expansion of vocational education to more schools and programs.

SCHOOL SAFETY: For serious issues like school safety, I look for what professional research has been done already. For example, the US Department of Justice reports: "To prevent youth from joining gangs, communities must strengthen families and schools, improve community supervision, train teachers and parents to manage disruptive youth, and teach students interpersonal skills."

PARTNERSHIPS: Preparing the next generation of our society for adult life is a huge effort. It takes a village to raise a child. I welcome the involvement of parents, other individuals, and non-partisan, non-profit organizations. However, I'm concerned about the involvement of for-profit businesses in the education of youth. The purpose of businesses is to produce economic value, not charity.

PRIORITIES: My highest priorities for outcomes of my time in this office are increased student success, increased funding and support for the school system, and increased community awareness and involvement. I would like to start with data-driven discussions on how to best achieve student success, not just on academic tests, but in broader areas of life.

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Harford County Board of Education District C

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TERM: 4-year terms.

HOW ELECTED: Each member is elected from a council district (A, B, C, etc.)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have extensive experience in community engagement, child welfare, juvenile justice and mental health. This includes working with Harford County public school teachers and administrators to meet the needs of our students. My experiences working with community leaders and stakeholders to build consensus will serve me well when working with my fellow board members to serve the citizens of Harford.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Priorities: - Teacher retention, which includes competitive salary and benefits, and continued professional training. - Manageable class sizes - Mental health staff available to meet the needs of students in school and support a safe, healthy school environment

STANDARDS AND TESTING: It is critically important that HCPS and the Board can exercise our local autonomy in this area. I understand the spirit of federal and state standards, the reality is that there are variations among local communities across the state. This perspective and expertise should be given consideration when assessing, designing and delivering a quality education for all our students in Harford County.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Build on the success of our existing magnet programs that focus on areas related to science, technology, engineering and math by designing opportunities for career education instead of college preparation. Such as, bringing skilled tradesman into the classroom, building partnerships with local businesses for work study, or designing trade-based magnet programs in certain schools.

SCHOOL SAFETY: HCPS has taken the first step in hiring a safety and security manager in central office. I will hold this position accountable for understanding safety issues across all Harford County public schools (with data), and designing a concrete strategic plan to prevent and intervene in these issues. This must include partnerships with law enforcement and the substance abuse/mental health providers.

PARTNERSHIPS: This starts with leadership at central office. Community partnerships require an intentional focus, and efforts to grow and sustain them for the benefit of our students. We must strengthen the relationship between the Board, HCPS, County Council and the County Executive to capitalize on any existing partnerships for the benefit of our students. Working in silos is not the answer.

PRIORITIES: Strengthen the partnership between the Board, the County Council and the County Executive to ensure education is a priority. Ensure the Board remains focused on teacher recruitment and retention that includes competitive salaries, provides adequate and relevant professional training for teachers and administrators, and creates a culture of support and respect for all staff.

Kathryn Carmello

Nonpartisan

QUALIFICATIONS: My experience spans over time, through training and experience. As a recent retiree of Harford County Public Schools, I have always held a strong conviction that public education is important. I have been involved as a parent and now as a grandparent and have always been committed to public involvement. Given these involvements, I have the conviction to stand up for our students and teachers.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Increasing efficiency in school spending begins by identifying district goals around the budget so all elements support those goals. The next step is to identify needs and priorities of all students after building an understanding of the school's education community by including all stakeholders (staff, parents, community members, teachers and students). I believe students and teachers are first

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I support high-quality assessments that support student learning from a rich curriculum. Standards and testing help ensure that students receive a high-quality education that's consistent from school to school. I also feel that standardize testing takes far too much time away from learning and other opportunities such as art, music and finance--subjects that promotes a well rounded education.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Students' high school experiences too often fail to prepare them for post-secondary education or for the rigors of work in an information-based economy. Most students need some preparation before they're ready for the workforce, and planning should begin long before it's time to start a career. This could include taking technical courses during high school or college prep dual enrollment courses.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We need to do everything possible to keep our students and staff safe. I will continue to support the relationship between the school system and the Sheriff's office as well as our municipalities to employ school resource officers in our schools. These relationships and knowledge of the students themselves can often allow for intervention before escalation occurs.

PARTNERSHIPS: Currently Harford County Public Schools has more than 2,500 partnerships with businesses, community organizations, government, faith-based groups, and others. The school system depends on the support of parents, PTA's and the community in accomplishing its mission of educating every child. I will continue to promote these amazing partnerships with our community to support our children's education

PRIORITIES: The No. 1 challenge facing the district is state funding. It's difficult to start talking about ideas when there's little disposable income. The importance of adequately funding programs to help our students achieve at grade level is important. We also need to do what we can to attract and retain our teaching talent. I want teachers to know they will have an advocate in me.

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Harford County Board of Education District D

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TERM: 4-year terms.

HOW ELECTED: Each member is elected from a council district (A, B, C, etc.)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a seasoned executive, I am well versed in working with diverse teams around challenging topics to make mutually advantageous decisions. As a business owner, I am focused on recruiting and retention of employees, our most valuable resource.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Teacher retention is number 1! Class sizes continuing to grow and need to be curtailed. School buildings and infrastructure is vital but lowest in priority.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Standardized testing is not going away and is one of the available tools to ensure quality education for each child. This is not the only metric which can and should be used to measure effectiveness.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We need to support many alternatives for those not attending college. There are many trade and technical careers which do not require college education

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety is in the limelight and being addressed in Harford County. We recently added SROs to cover all high and middle schools. We need zero tolerance for bullying with clearer response and even considering restorative practices.

PARTNERSHIPS: Communication!! I think our school board and administration needs to build stronger relationships with the media, industry partners and other government agencies. Leveraging these relationships will allow for increased efficiency, partnering opportunities, and proactive engagements.

PRIORITIES: When I go to board meetings and listen to the students, they talk about suicide and bullying. Overall we need stronger mental health programs to ensure our students have the ability to focus in the curriculum.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served 3.8 years on the HCPS BOE. Served on many boards, private and public with very large budgets. Held many executive level positions in

both the private and public sectors.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Teachers are always front and center. Without adequate compensation they will leave. retention is key to long term success. Class size is directly related to how much a child learns in any given amount of time in the classroom.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: 1st Dump " PARK" Reduce the amount of testing time. There a number of good national tests. pick one and stay with it to assure continuity.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We need a "College and Career" high school. A school where a High school diploma and an associate degree could be earned after completion of the 12th grade. Work with businesses for internships for high school students Encourage student to consider vocational careers. Provide more vocational opportunities.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Gun violence--Embrace "ALICE". Embrace " Restorative Practices" Educate on Substance abuse. Counseling--Counseling--Counseling

PARTNERSHIPS: The school system should be an integral part of the community. Businesses should be invited into schools where appropriate to give students a real view of the work place and opportunities for employment. We have a student on the HCPS BOE. Encourage community organizations to include at least one student on their Boards.

PRIORITIES: . Be more considerate and responsive to those we represent. More responsible spending.

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Harford County Board of Education District E

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TERM: 4-year terms.

HOW ELECTED: Each member is elected from a council district (A, B, C, etc.)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I feel that my perspective of being a parent, a middle school counselor in another system, as well as my past 2 1/2 years of service with the current Board of Education, give me a unique global perspective on needs facing the school system at this critical juncture. I see many of the issues facing the board from a variety of stances, and I feel that gives me a unique voice.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: I feel that teacher retention and keeping class sizes as small as practically possible is key to the success of our students. When I started on the board, teachers pay had been frozen, and nobody had received step increases in several years. I have worked consistently on bringing the teachers pay back to where it should be, while holding on to as many positions as possible.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I believe that these standards should be used as a guide, that is considered when delivering the curriculum to our students. However, I feel students should not be judged solely on testing, that we should limit testing, while ensuring that our teachers, have time and resources to work on enriching and extending our students knowledge and critical thinking skills.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I am a firm believer that college is not for everyone. I believe that we need to work on growing our technology education programs, our vocational programs, and our arts programs, while still providing a rigorous academic program for those that are college bound. I believe that by doing this, more of our students would graduate more fully prepared to embark on their adult journey.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I think school safety has reached a flash point in our society, and is at the forefront, where it should be. I will continue to fully support all efforts of the system to explore all arenas of school safety, including more employees in the student services arena, as well as more training for staff on options such as restorative justice, cultural proficiency and equity.

PARTNERSHIPS: We have some strong partnerships already, and I would like to see those grow, particularly when talking about expanding our vocational, arts and technology programs. The first step is to lay the groundwork to expand those programs and look outside the box. Many jobs that our younger students will have, haven't even been created yet!

PRIORITIES: I think that one of the most important issues is equity for all of our schools. We have a school system, not a system of schools, and we need to be more cognizant of allocating resources appropriately, train and support staff fully, and have policies and procedures that support our students, and staff to the best of our ability, so that all of our students can be the best version of themselves.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a parent of a child in Harford County public schools. I served before on the Board of Education, where I strongly advocated for all my constituents and worked collaboratively with all. I have been active in PTAs, PTOs and other parent organizations. I am a Colonel in the Army Reserve. Use of my military background does not imply endorsement by the Department of the Army or Defense.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: The priorities of teacher retention, class sizes and school buildings are all important. We must first work to retain our teachers if we are to improve Harford County Public Schools. One way to do this is to increase teacher and staff compensation.

Second, we need to focus on keeping class sizes small. We must improve our school buildings, including eliminating open spaces for security.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I am a conservative. I believe our current national and state standards such as Common Core are highly problematic. We need to develop curriculum largely at the local level and we need the flexibility from the state to do this. There is also way too much emphasis on testing.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I will strongly support vocational and technical education programs in order to prepare students for careers after graduation. I will also ensure these programs are well funded for students who do not intend to go on to college. The vocational and technical programs must be strong in Harford Tech and in all of our middle and high schools.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I will work with law enforcement, the county office of drug control policy, and our schools to stop gangs and drug abuse. We also need to have school resource officers in as many of our schools as possible. The proposal from the County Executive and the Sheriff for funding school resource officers is a great step in the right direction. We need strong anti bullying programs.

PARTNERSHIPS: I will work with business organizations such as chambers of commerce and individual business leaders in Harford County to encourage a closer working relationship with our schools. I will attend chamber of commerce events and meet often with business leaders. I will promote partnerships and encourage businesses to provide business experiences for our students.

PRIORITIES: I am a conservative. We must be fiscally responsible and fix the budget process. The current system does not work well. We need to work collaboratively with the County Executive and other government leaders. We also need to work to protect student activities, protect athletic programs, and continue to have strong music, arts, and theater programs. I will always be an advocate for these programs

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Harford County Board of Education District F

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TERM: 4-year terms.

HOW ELECTED: Each member is elected from a council district (A, B, C, etc.)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was originally appointed to the Board of Education in 2012, to fill a vacancy due to a resignation. At that time, I told the State Superintendent that I would work for public education in the county. I also intended to work hard for the construction of a new Havre de Grace High School, because i knew that's what my home town wanted most. We did the groundbreaking this spring!

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Harford County has traditionally been close to the bottom in per pupil spending. This year, the County proposes to spend 43% of its budget on its schools. The ratios in Howard and Montgomery are well above 50%. We lost out on BRAC to a large degree because of this committment. Excellent communities require excellent schools. Changing this dynamic will be key to making our county competative.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I can't think of anyone who supports the PAARC assesments. None the less, testing that allows us to see how our students peform relative to one another, relative to different schools, and to different school systems is important. So far we have avoided the temptation to "teach the test". I fully expect that we will keep it that way.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I recently attended a national conference where this was one of the topics. In many systems, educators are partnering with community colleges and regional employers to design programs that will teach career skills and new technology, particularly for those not planning to go the 4 year college route. Programs like this need to be part of the value proposition we advance for additional funding.

SCHOOL SAFETY: The County has funded school resource officers for our middle schools and most municipalities do so as well. In my own experience, having school resource officers paid an additional bonus beyond school safety. A school resource officer gave the police a face and a name in school, and help to make a police offier a part of life, and not an anonymous authority figure.

PARTNERSHIPS: I intend to spend much of the next four years campaigning for programs to work with regional businesses to develop curricula that prepare students (college bound and work bound) for the economy of the future. It is not enough just to enhance vocational ed. One has to teach the skills of tomorrow. Logistic, robotics, coding, additive manufacturing (3D printing).

PRIORITIES: Over the last four years, we have closed the gap in teacher pay between Harford and surrounding counties. I would like to see us do a little extra. Harford needs to be the place that teachers want to come to. Good teachers make a great eduction system and showcase the county's belief in the future. For that, we will need to raise the commitment we make to public eduction in this county.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Recently retired, I have completed a 25 year career in K12 education in a variety of school-based and central office positions. Positions included: Classroom Teacher, Library/Media Specialist, Assistant Principal, Assistant to Southeast Area Superintendent, and Executive Director of Special Programs. I have managed a budget in excess of \$65 million dollars.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Schools are for children – at least they should be. We must focus on being more responsive to the needs of our children, not just testing outcomes, in so doing we also make schools more amenable to teachers, administrators, and the community. Over the past decade, I have witnessed the elimination of instructional positions in schools as a means to balance the budget; this action is detrimental to all.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: National Standards provide a framework for what should be accomplished at each level or across a span of levels. In theory this should ensure that a child living in Nebraska has similar expectations for mastery as a child in Maryland. The issue is the extreme testing that has accompanied the standards. For example, elementary schools are losing at least 3 weeks of instructional time every year.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Again, in the past few decades there has been a misinterpretation of college and career readiness to morph into the assumption that every child must attend college and we have created great vacuums and voids in the service industries and small business opportunities. CTE and magnet programs that are effectively aligned to the required entry skills and knowledge in the trades must be available.

SCHOOL SAFETY: In this instance we must nurture strong relationships with county government, law enforcement, medical advisors, as well as parents and students in our community. While it may sound trite, we need to clearly define and address the root causes that get our children involved in gangs and drugs. Education is key to these efforts by providing mentoring for students and staff development for teachers.

PARTNERSHIPS: We need to consider the diverse needs of our changing demographics. Partnerships with local colleges are a key component to offer accessible parent learning opportunities. We need to go to the community in these instances and not always expect them to come to us. It would be beneficial to rotate some of the Board meetings out to the communities we serve.

PRIORITIES: The school system needs to aggressively recruit in the colleges and be prepared to follow-up with timely processing of applications if we want the cream of the crop. When you review the attrition rates of teachers currently in the system it reflects movement after year 5 and up to year 10. While salary is important, a dedicated teacher is not walking away from our system for this reason alone.

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Ballot Questions

Question 1 - Education Funding

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

Ballot Language: The amendment requires the Governor to include in the annual State Budget, as supplemental funding for prekindergarten through grade 12 in public schools, the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and any other commercial gaming

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

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

- The amendment would reduce the state's flexibility to use gambling revenues for other state programs.

- The amendment would eliminate the use of gaming revenues to fund capital projects at community and public colleges.

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

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

[Non-technical summary available on State Board of Elections [website](#).]

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 and vote the same day.

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

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