

The Frederick News-Post and the League of Women Voters of Frederick County

# 2018 VOTER'S GUIDE



**Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018 — Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Early Voting:** Oct. 25, 2018 through Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 from 10 am until 8 pm.

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# How to vote

## How to vote in person on Election Day

- During early voting or on Election Day, you will hand mark a paper ballot.
- Use the pen provided to fill in the oval next to your choices.
- Review your ballot choices, place your voted ballot into the privacy sleeve and take it to the scanner. An election worker will direct you to insert your ballot into the scanning unit to cast your vote. Your ballot will be scanned and dropped into a secure ballot box.
- There will be instructions available at the early voting centers and at your polling place to familiarize you with the ballot. You may ask an election judge to explain how to vote, but you must cast your vote alone, unless you are unable to do so because you have a disability or are unable to read or write the English language.
- Voters with disabilities may request to use a ballot-marking device that is accessible to most voters. Such devices are available in early voting centers and polling places.
- To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of “or write in” and print the name clearly on the dotted line.
- If you make a mistake marking your ballot, let an election judge know right away. In most cases, the election judge will void the ballot and give you another ballot.
- If the ballot scanner finds an error, it will let you know. If you have an error, an election judge can give you another ballot. Please carefully mark the replacement ballot, as a voter is allowed only two replacement ballots.

## Voter Registration

- The voter registration application must be received by a Maryland election office no later than 9 p.m., 21 days before an election. If your application is complete and you are found to be qualified, a Voter Notification Card will be mailed to you. You are not registered until you receive your Voter Notification Card.
- If you are registered to vote, but need to make a change, keep in mind that only some changes are possible during early voting. If you moved, you can update your address. If you want to change your party affiliation, however, you cannot do that at an early voting center. You must wait until after the election to change your party affiliation. If you changed your name, you must vote under your former name, but you can fill out a form with your new name. Your name will be updated after the election.

## How to vote early in person

- Early voting is from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, to Thursday, Nov. 1.**
- The process during early voting is the same as on Election Day. Registered voters who arrive at any early voting center will check in and vote their ballot. Please note that early voting centers are not open on Election Day; on that day, voters must vote at their assigned polling places.

### Early voting centers:

**Frederick Senior Center**, 1440 Taney Ave., Frederick, MD 21702

**Middletown Activities Building**, 1 Fireman’s Lane, Middletown, MD 21769

**Thurmont Regional Library**, 76 E. Moser Road, Thurmont, MD 21788

**Urbana Regional Library**, 9020 Amelung St., Frederick, MD 21704

## How to vote by absentee ballot

- Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. It’s another way to vote for those who don’t want to or can’t go to an early voting center or polling place.
- A request for an absentee ballot must be *received* (not mailed) by:  
**Tuesday, Oct. 30**, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax.  
**Friday, Nov. 2**, if you want to download your ballot from the state’s website.
- Voters must mail or hand deliver their voted ballot. Ballots cannot be submitted online, returned by email or fax, or taken to an early voting center or a polling place. If you hand deliver your ballot, you must deliver it to your local board of elections by 8 p.m. on Election Day. If you mail your ballot, the envelope must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

# Frederick County Sheriff (vote for one)

**SALARY:** \$125,000. **TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

**DUTIES:** The sheriff performs law enforcement functions, carries out court orders, delivers summons, executes bench warrants and supervises the county corrections facility.



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Why are you running for this office?

I enjoy the challenges and remain motivated by the accomplishments, effective operations, and forward movement of the Sheriff's Office. I have the energy, commitment, focus, experience, and most important the encouragement of the public to continue as Sheriff. More than any elected official, I care deeply about the future of Frederick County, public safety, our citizens, and the Office of Sheriff.

What are the three law enforcement priorities facing Frederick County?

Heroin/Opioid addiction, which is not only a law enforcement problem but a very complicated societal crisis. School Security is taking the forefront in staffing of schools with deputies, hardening school security. Increasing organized criminal gang activity including gangs such as the notoriously violent MS13.

What tools does the sheriff's department need to better understand the communities of people with physical and mental challenges?

Personnel understand and are well equipped with tools and are trained on various topics dealing with these populations. Training includes crisis intervention, autism and developmental disabilities, mental health, ADA, and more. We handle and defuse situations with sensitivity, accommodating the needs of every individual engaging in partnerships support agencies and resources.

What tools does the sheriff's department need to assist with preventing and solving the opioid crisis?

Prevention through education and awareness meetings, presentations on drugs & addiction, and medication turn in efforts. I'm involved with treatment and recovery centers to establish prevention strategies. Our primary role is drug enforcement, carried out through interdiction efforts, trafficking investigations, and tracking the source of heroin following overdoses. Narcan has saved 97 lives.

What is the impact of the 287g Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) program in Frederick County?

A much safer community. Through the 287g Program the Sheriff's Office has placed almost 1500 criminal aliens into deportation/removal from our country, including close to 100 trans-national criminal gang members, primarily MS13.



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I am running to restore the crucial ethical leadership and integrity needed in the sheriff's office to combat the opioid epidemic, and to improve employee morale and citizen service through better use of resources. I will audit the efficacy of the 287g program and present the results for public scrutiny, and I will go after available grant money to save tax dollars and improve public services.

Opioid Crisis: reduce deaths and arrests of the addicted, provide a path to treatment and increase enforcement/arrests on dealers and their networks; ICE Detention Program: audit to determine need, outcomes and costs, improve transparency and community involvement in decision making; Save Taxpayer Money: improve financial management saving taxpayer dollars, access federal funds now being ignored.

Improved policies and procedures, improved supervision and improved training. Deputies and correctional officers are still being denied adequate training placing themselves and those with special needs at risk. Hiring individuals with special needs in support positions would allow all personnel to develop working relationships and to better understand our citizens' abilities, needs and resources.

Leadership and a plan are needed, as well as the resolve to take action. 174 people have died of opioid overdose in the last 5 years. As sheriff, I will welcome and listen to community stakeholders, and then utilize their knowledge and strengths in executing a comprehensive plan reducing overdose deaths, expanding options for treating the addicted and arresting dealers who prey on the addicted.

There has been no public accountability for the program, which is why I am calling for an audit. Just what local problem does the program address? Is it working? What are the costs? There are claims that the county is profiting from the agreement while preliminary data indicates a million dollar loss. Greater transparency is needed in this and all other sheriff's office programs and operations.



## Frederick County Circuit Court Judge

### Vote for two.

**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:** \$154,433. **TERM:** Fifteen years, no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** The state is divided into eight 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.

### Julia Martz-Fisher

No response received by deadline.

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### Ricky Sandy

No response received by deadline.

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## Frederick County Clerk of the Circuit

### Vote for no more than one.

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

**SALARY:** \$112,000 **TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.



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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Over 25 years experience; "no-findings" audits; E-filing; shortened service for jurors; leadership positions; committee membership; certified Court Manager; community involvement. I am passionate about creating an environment that makes employees and users proud of the job we do and where citizens know they are always welcome. Thank you Voters for your trust, please "Vote for me – Sandra D"



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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I currently work as a Deputy Clerk at the Clerk of the Court's office. I have hands on working knowledge and experience of the position for the past (13) years. Bachelor's degree in Legal Studies with a 3.8 GPA., a (4) year Master's Level Certificate from the Institute for Court Management, and I have just been accepted into their Fellows Program. I lead by example with a rock solid work ethic.

## Frederick County State's Attorney

### Vote for one.

**DUTIES:** 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 promotes fairness in the criminal justice system. **SALARY:** \$125,000. **TERM:** Four years, no term limit. **HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.



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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Elected in 2006 as State's Attorney. Began as prosecutor in Baltimore City in 1989. Served as Chief of Special Victims Unit in Frederick. Appointed Deputy State's Attorney in 1999. Served as President of Maryland State's Attorneys' Assn, and serve as State Director of National District Attorneys' Assn, where I represent all of the elected State's Attorneys in Maryland. Extensive trial experience.

**PRIORITIES:** As State's Attorney, it has been my privilege to prosecute violent criminals and keep your families safe since 1999. I am dedicated to providing the finest public service available and committed to the ideals of public safety and justice, while aggressively prosecuting those who put our health and safety at risk, especially those dealing heroin and fentanyl. Gang prosecutions are also a priority.

## Frederick County Register of Wills

### Vote for one.



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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Current Register — two terms. 15+ years of hands-on Estates & Trust experience in the Register's office. Personally assisted thousands of families through the probate process. 2017 "Clear-No Findings" report by the Office of Legislative Audits. Recognition of sound management and fiscal oversight of a state agency. Awarded Comptroller's medallion in commendation of excellence and service.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** This Office requires a hard-working, forward-thinking Manager who embraces technology. As an Entrepreneur and former Corporate Operations Manager I am highly qualified. I have the energy, enthusiasm and technical know-how to evaluate & improve the current system for increased efficiency. As a Hospice Volunteer and trained Mediator; I have the caring & compassionate personality the public deserves.

# Frederick County Judge of the Orphans' Court (vote for up to three)

**DUTIES:** The Maryland Orphans' Court is the state's probate court. It also has jurisdiction over guardianship of minors. The Orphans' Court supervises the handling of estates of people who have died — with or without a will — while owning property in their sole name. **TERM:** Four years, no term limits.

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

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

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

## Douglas D. Browning Republican

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I have over 40 years of public service having served as President of Frederick Community College, Chief Administrative Officer and County Manager for Frederick County and County Treasurer for Montgomery County, Maryland. I wish to continue providing service to the public by serving on the Orphans' Court.

The Orphans' Court deals with Estates and Inheritances and does not face the discrimination issues that may face criminal courts.

If I am fortunate enough to be elected as an Orphans' Court Judge I will be able to spend the time needed to evaluate the operation and needs of the Orphans' Court and be in a position to make recommendations on what may be needed.

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As sitting Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court, I believe my experience on the bench, my firsthand personal experience in the court system, my desire to serve and my career in civil service have provided a solid basis for my candidacy. I was appointed in 2017 by Governor Hogan to the Court. Since, I have been appointed to the MD Conference of Orphans' Court Judges and was designated Chief in 2018.

The Orphans' Court can address discrimination by ensuring that all hearings before the court are heard in a fair and impartial manner. Every litigant before the Orphans' Court comes from a different background and has the right to an unbiased proceeding. The devastating loss of a loved one and ensuing grief is hard enough as it is and there is no room for discrimination in this or any court.

This is a court people don't know about until they need it. I hope to promote the court so it is not an unknown factor when it comes time for our first interaction. I am beginning plans to feature the court more visibly in the courthouse and plan to spread the word as I reach out to the public during my campaign. A conservative revision of the budget is also necessary and must address technology.

## John Daniels Democratic



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The Orphans' Court Judge is a lay judge and requires no specific legal experience; however, the judges can have a considerable impact on people's lives. The Orphans' Court is about ensuring fairness, equity and the ability to apply the law in an impartial manner. My 24 years of military experience, much of it in a leadership role, as well as my small business experience,

Rule 2.3 (b) "A judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct, manifest bias, prejudice, or harassment based upon race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, socioeconomic status, or political orientation." My pledge: As a Judge of the Orphans' Court, I will require strict adherence to the above rules.

It's premature for me to attempt to identify the deficiencies of the court and its procedures; however, as a Orphans' Court Judge I will be closely evaluating the process and making recommendations for changes as they are identified.

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I have worked with the public for more than 25 years and would like to continue my service as an Orphans' Court Judge. I have much experience with Md. rules and regulations and feel this will help with interacting with citizens needing assistance during a sometimes stressful period of family business. My training also includes conflict resolution, public speaking and team management.

The Orphans' Court is a division of the Md. court system and as such should be based on the interpretation of the laws of Maryland equally and fairly with no bias towards any race, religion, gender, disability or financial status. There should be no question in the application of our laws due to any perceived discrimination. All should be equal under our legal system.

Ease of access to and information about the duties of the Orphans' Court should be a priority. I believe any updates and use of technology should be encouraged. We also need to be accessible to those who aren't as computer literate such as our seniors and others without access to the latest technology. We should be available for answers thru many channels that the public can use.



## Mary Rolle Republican

No response received by deadline.



## Eugene N. Sheppard Democratic

No response received by deadline.



# Frederick County Executive (vote for one)

**DUTIES:** Proposes and administers the operating and capital budgets, carries out policies established by legislation, interacts with the state and other local governments, helps citizens resolve concerns and oversees county departments. **SALARY:** \$95,000. **TERM:** Four years, two-term limit.



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Why are you running for this office?

I believe that I can make a difference. As a minority Republican in Annapolis, I learned how to "get it done" within the confines of being outnumbered by the majority party 2 to 1. I know how to work across party lines and get along with people with whom I disagree. People want their elected officials to stop bickering and get something done. I am the leader to do it!

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

1. Freeze Property taxes which are already too high for Frederick County homeowners and small businesses. 2. Stop overdevelopment-I am the only candidate who will stand up to the developers and demand responsible growth that puts quality of life first. 3. Roads and schools-I will make sure Frederick County schools are fully funded and that more transportation dollars are spent improving our roads.

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

Our senior population should be valued. The Citizens Care & Montevue fiasco perpetuated by the past two administrations was an embarrassment. The county had an obligation to honor the original deed to care for low income seniors and should not have turned the facility over to Aurora. The current administration made a bad financial deal for the county in getting Citizens/Montevue back.

What is the role of the county executive in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

Housing should be driven by the market and sound growth and development policy. My opinions on overdevelopment were addressed above.

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

Unfortunately, county government has missed the mark totally. It appears the county has built the houses first and worried about overcrowded roads and schools after. The next Frederick County Executive should think about infrastructure before more residential development is approved.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students?

As a Delegate, I consistently fought against the unfunded mandates imposed on local school systems. The state would pass laws requiring schools to do something the state wanted, but never sent a check to cover the cost of those mandates. I understand the local schools' frustrations with the state. The Frederick County Delegation, under my leadership, brought the most school funding ever.

What is the role of the county executive in addressing the opioid crisis?

I don't know a family that hasn't been affected by drug addiction. Just recently I lost my brother, who had been an addict for years. I watched the heartbreak of my parents and their feelings of hopelessness and loss. I will work closely with local law enforcement, the Governor's office, and Anne Arundel County Executive Steve Schuh, whose approach has become a statewide model.

I am running to deliver exceptional schools, safe communities, a thriving economy, and a high quality of life. I pledge to hold the line on taxes, maintain our AAA bond rating, and manage residential growth responsibly by timing growth with our ability to provide roads and schools; and, by requiring development to pay its way to protect taxpayers. I am proud to have restored honest government.

My top three priorities are education, seniors, and managing growth responsibly. We deliver great schools by ensuring the best teachers and staff in the classroom. I am proud to have created a Senior Services Division, saved Citizens and Montevue, and expanded Meals on Wheels. Managing growth is essential to managing our budget. New housing should be approved only when infrastructure is adequate

We have a responsibility to take care of our community's frail seniors. I am proud to have saved Citizens and Montevue and to once again provide subsidized assisted living for those who need it. I have expanded in-home services so more seniors can safely age in their own homes. The Seniors First Initiative, senior tax credits, and more affordable senior housing options will support our seniors.

Developers should be required to provide a mix of moderately priced housing in all projects. To provide more housing options and affordability for seniors and young families, I dedicated existing revenue to a Housing Initiative Fund to provide first time home buyer assistance, rental assistance, and to leverage federal funds for senior and workforce housing. Supported the 520 N. Market project.

County leaders must identify and require new development to provide needed road infrastructure as a requirement of approval. We are behind in large part due to short sighted approvals from the past. Many of our most congested roadways are state secondary roads or interstates. Our top priority for state funding is widening of US 15 through the City of Frederick. Growth must be managed responsibly.

No. Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is the minimum amount of funding required by state law and only allows the school system to keep pace with enrollment growth. I have consistently funded education above MOE to ensure the best teachers and staff in the classroom. We must keep the promise of public education to lift our students, their families, and to ensure our long-term economic prosperity.

As County Executive, I have provided leadership by creating a Heroin Consortium bringing together law enforcement, public health, the hospital, non-profits, and others to coordinate efforts to address this challenge. We have expanded peer recovery, education in our schools, public awareness, and Narcan training to save lives. I allocated one-time funds to incentivize the creation of a detox center

I am running for County Executive because I have leadership and management skills to address the changing dynamics and demographics of Frederick County. I bring honesty and integrity to the position. In addition, I am willing to listen to my constituency and the people with whom I work. I am running as an independent because I care about the issues and not the party.

We must provide adequate educational funding to ensure a level playing field for all students because all students can learn. We need to reduce fees to make the cost of housing affordable. We must partner with the governments to receive the support to provide adequate and safe transportation. We should form partnerships with municipalities so the costs of transportation can be shared.

We must run an efficient government so that we do not have to increase taxes. Information about tax credits should be readily available in a user friendly system for seniors. We must continually review how property taxes are impacting low income seniors so that they will be able to remain in their homes.

Working with developers and partnering with a groups like Habitat for Humanities are measures to assure adequate affordable housing to meet the needs of Frederick's diverse population as growth continues. Reducing costs, spreading out impact fees and refurbishing older homes can provide affordable housing.

Continual review of the comprehensive plan is important so that infrastructure preparation will be based on approved development. The use of public/private partnerships will allow the county to negotiate agreements to keep infrastructure in line with development.

The Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is the baseline for funding education and if MOE does not meet the needs identified by the school system's yearly review, then I will adequately fund the education budget. Education is a priority and I must ensure a level playing field for all students.

It is a national emergency and it is my responsibility to ask with our congressional representatives to support the Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency Act (HR 5545/S 2700) so that the resources are available to the county. I would support the Sheriff's expressed need for a detox center and fast track it through the system to get it operational.

# Frederick County Council At-Large: 5 Candidates - Vote for 2

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



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We need a change in leadership that will work together to deliver reduced taxes, better infrastructure, and responsibly manage growth. Frederick County is where I grew up, where my daughters attend public school and where my wife has a small business. I am committed to county government providing world-class services including public safety and schools.

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

We need a Council that will partner with Governor Hogan to bring transportation solutions — too many residents are spending their time stuck in traffic. As a parent of two elementary school students, I understand the importance of maintaining top-tier schools. We have to make it more affordable and an important component of that includes reducing the high tax burden.

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

A big issue facing seniors is lack of affordable housing which includes property tax bill, water bill, and sewer bill increases. The County government needs to understand that fee increases disproportionately affect those on fixed incomes. I have a record of voting against fee increases.

What is the role of county government in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

Frederick County needs to be a place where people can live and work. We need to expand economic opportunities within the borders of the county. Adequate workforce housing is an important component of being able to live, work, and play within the county.

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

The county government needs to improve its ability to deliver creative transportation solutions for the residents that already live here. Governor Hogan has proposed some transformative traffic solutions for including investing in major upgrades to I-270; we need a county government that is able to promote this plan and partner with Governor Hogan to ensure these improvements are made.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students? Explain.

My father was a Frederick County Public Schools Teacher for over 30 years, so I understand the importance of quality teachers in the education system. However, I don't believe that simply increasing the school budget necessarily equates to improved performance. Money needs to be spent efficiently and focused on classroom performance.

What is the role of the County Council in addressing the opioid crisis in Frederick County?

Sadly, opioid deaths have exceeded even traffic fatalities in Frederick County. We need to work with the state to ensure residents can get the help they need as well as provide the Sheriff's office and local governments the resources they need to address the illegal distribution of these drugs.



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I'm not overstating it when I say that this county saved my life. It gave the seeds of my dream fertile ground to take root and grow. It gave me my wife and family. It provided me with a safe haven when I needed it most. As a former soldier and career firefighter, a non-profit founder, and veteran advocate, my entire life has been devoted to service. I plan to carry that on as a councilman.

First, conversations and civility in the government. We must restore civility and dialogue to public office. Next, first responders. They are understaffed, underpaid, and ill-equipped. We must find a way to prioritize funding for them. Lastly, opioids. We cannot arrest our way out of the problem. We need to come up with a creative and multi-faceted approach to solving this issue.

Absolutely. Frederick has a population aging faster than the rest of the nation, many of whom helped build Frederick to the amazing place it is today. There is no reason they shouldn't be able to age in a place, and the county should help when and where possible through things such as affordable housing and tax breaks.

As someone who was once homeless, this issue strikes a chord close to my heart. For a community to be developed and grow, it must meet three benchmarks. It must be predictable, profitable, and people focused. The local government plays a major role in ensuring that happens.

It plays a huge role in it! Again, this goes back to conversation and teamwork. The county must have strong relationships with both the city and the state so the County can advocate for funding for our roads and be on the same page with our priorities in planning. We must also work harder to make sure our development takes place in a manner which is well thought out and implemented.

No. Schools aren't the same as when I attended them. We are asking much more of our teachers and our world is rapidly evolving. We need to find ways to support our teachers, SEIA's, and support staff, all while ensuring we prepare our students for the workforce and life.

As I stated above, we will never arrest our way out of this crisis because it is a multifaceted problem. We must work with individuals in our community; non-profits, community activist, first responders, the education system, and our medical professionals to find a way to get ahead of this. We also must find some way to bring a proper detox center to our county to help those who seek it.



# Frederick County Council At-Large: 5 Candidates - Vote for 2

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



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Why are you running for this office?

To support & work for Frederick County's Future: Vibrant. Affordable. Sustainable! Citizen leader, former county commissioner, dedicated to public education, planning based on genuine Smart Growth principles, affordable housing, forward-looking economic development, environmental protection, agricultural preservation, citizen engagement & ethical government that cares about everyone in the county.

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

Good planning: More people will live and work here. how well we plan for that will affect everything. Applying genuine Smart Growth principles is key. Affordable housing: Use planning tools and strategies to create more decent, safe and attractive housing options. Economic development: We need a forward-looking economy that is diverse and resilient, supports small businesses, and is sustainable.

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

Yes! As commissioner, I was a strong supporter of the Department of Aging, Senior Centers, Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center, Meals on Wheels & more. As vital as these and other facilities and programs are, however, with a rapidly growing senior population, we have to better address other issues, too, such as affordable housing, better transit options, tax breaks for low income seniors, etc.

What is the role of county government in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

As the county has grown, the problem of affordable housing has grown even faster. There are laudable efforts, but they barely begin to address the problem. Local government has a variety of available planning tools that haven't been used, or used well, that could generate a much better mix of affordable housing options in safe, attractive communities with good schools, parks and transit options.

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

Transportation isn't just about roads. If we think so, there won't be enough money and we'll never "keep pace with development." Good transportation (and reduced congestion) requires good planning, based on Smart Growth principles, that creates more walkable communities and efficiently provides a range of transit options. Sprawl means spending more, having fewer options and falling farther behind.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students? Explain.

MOE does NOT adequately meets the needs of our students. Any vision of a thriving future for Frederick County has to include excellent schools. I'm proud to be endorsed by the Frederick County Teachers Association again. Based on my solid record and sincere commitment to achieve and maintain system-wide excellence, FCTA recognized that I'd strongly support that vision as a county council member.

What is the role of the County Council in addressing the opioid crisis in Frederick County?

This is a critical issue and top priority. We must treat it more as a public health crisis than a tough law enforcement problem. More public education, early intervention and addiction treatment, training for first responders, safe drug disposal options, support for families, resources for county treatment facilities and programs. Assess our needs and options. Listen to and support the experts.



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I love Frederick County and as a lifelong resident I want to give back to a community that has been so good to me. My experience in business and economic development, strategic planning, budgeting, and biotechnology, provides the background necessary when making decisions that affect all citizens of the county. I am also a small business owner and know the issues that small business owners face.

Opioid Epidemic-Kids are dying and we must work together with law enforcement and subject manger experts to eradicate this disease. Education-An excellent school system drives economic development, job creation, and a great quality of life. Competitive teacher salaries and tools for students are essential. Growth-Managed growth results in good business, communities, roads and emergency response.

Yes-Providing care to low income seniors in our community is not only a good thing to do but it's the right thing to do. No senior should be without food, medication or a place to live and its our moral obligation as a county to help those that are most vulnerable. Funding to the Meals on Wheels program should be increased and meals should be prepared at a facility that prepares food for seniors.

Tremendous growth has occurred over recent years and we must concentrate new residential and commercial growth in targeted growth areas. More focus needs to be placed on affordable and senior housing options so those that grew up here and/or work here can afford to live here as long as they want. I have lived here all my life and I want my others to be able to afford to buy a home here as well.

The counties involvement in road infrastructure is critical to make sure road improvements do keep pace with development. Good roads and traffic patterns are essential for business and commerce, safety, education, and overall quality of life. Partnering with local and state officials to obtain funds to improve local roads and major arteries for long term planning needs is essential.

Funding at the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) level is not sufficient in addressing the overall needs in the classroom. Law provides increases in revenue when enrollment increases but does not take into account the additional costs incurred from inflation, energy costs increases, salary and benefit increases if the economy is growing, programs in special educations, disabilities, and poverty needs.

The county should play a major role in working on and solving the opioid crisis. This involves working together as a team with law enforcement, subject manner experts, healthcare officials, recovering patients and state officials in developing the right tools to do this. This is a disease and should be treated as such and the astigmatism of this disease should be eliminated from the discussion.

## Frederick County Council At-Large (vote for two)

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Why are you running for this office?

This is a great county with great citizens and I feel they deserve a good positive government. I believe in people and so I like to listen to the citizens in our Public Hearing on bills before the council. I will pull a bill if I find ideas that come up in the Hearings that the Council needs to address before we take the bill to final vote. I am running because I feel the citizens need to be heard

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

1. Bring jobs to our county so our citizens don't have to travel down the road for work 2. Supporting our School system to make sure we have the best teachers by paying them right and Schools without portables. 3. Managing the growth and infrastructure so come they together so that we don't become Northern Montgomery County.

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

Yes. I voted for a bill that with lowers the taxes paid by our Seniors. We have increase the funding for Senior health care and services in our County. One great example of helping our Seniors in our meals on Wheels program. I just had a bill passed that allows for a 800 sq. foot house to be built next to a home that makes it possible for mom or dad to retire and live next to their son/daughter

What is the role of county government in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

We need 5,700 affordable homes right now. The citizens working in the service industries in our county are in real need as a high percentage of them are living below the poverty level. Where would we be with out their service to our communities! Each time a development is approved we need to make sure a percentage of them are set aside for affordable housing.

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

Funding for Transportation come from the Federal and State governments through the gas tax. Unfortunately the State has not put the funding for roads in a lock box to just be used for roads. Our job is to press the State for funds by making our case to the Governor and State Houses. We have had some success but need to keep pressing. We need to make sure development matches the infrastructure.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students? Explain.

When I was elected in 2014 the starting pay for our teachers was the lowest in the State. I was shocked that teachers could get \$7,000.00 more by teaching in Washington County. Teachers pay and new schools (without portables) is Hugh with me. We owe it to our students to give them the best chance in life by providing them with a quality education! We have done it without raising your taxes!

What is the role of the County Council in addressing the opioid crisis in Frederick County?

Stopping the flow is all of our responsibility. The Sheriffs office is addressing the search and seizure. Our Heath Department is addressing treatment. The Councils role is to work with the County Executive to provide the funding necessary to combat this very difficult human tragedy.

## Frederick County Council District 1 (vote for one)

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Why are you running for this office?

As a veteran and retired police officer from the City of Frederick, and an employee of several small businesses, I've seen first-hand how the political processes help and hinder citizens in their everyday lives. With these combined experiences, I have the knowledge and experience to connect and improve resources for our citizens, while serving residents of the County I call home.

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

Public Safety, Planning and Education are 3 of the top issues. If citizens do not feel safe in their homes, schools, workplaces and communities, the other items listed will be of little concern. Planning for Growth and making sure we have adequate resources – public safety, green space, schools, transportation/roads, libraries – that keep pace with growth.

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

Senior Citizens should have affordable health care and housing that is safe. Since the County cannot shoulder the entire responsibility, they should definitely be a part of the conversations and the solution, bringing together all stakeholders to ensure our oldest citizens are cared for.

What is the role of county government in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

Because the County is the ultimate community planner, the County should include affordable housing options across a wide spectrum of socioeconomic levels as they approve and plan future development. Along with affordable housing options, the need for adequate infrastructure (roads, schools, transportation, public safety) is equally important.

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

It is the government's responsibility to properly plan for future growth in tandem with adequate infrastructure. As growth is approved, it is the government's responsibility to ensure proper planning and timely construction of roads, inclusion of mass transit systems where practical, while respecting individual property rights and the wise allocation of tax dollars.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students? Explain.

As a government employee for 28 years, I know there is always room to implement cost saving systems in every aspect of our government. I think the MOE will and should expect peaks and valleys in spending, but we should also expect those responsible for administering budgets to spend the taxes collected wisely, and as efficiently as possible.

What is the role of the County Council in addressing the opioid crisis in Frederick County?

The Opioid Crisis is extremely complex. The County has and should continue to inform and educate its citizens on prevention and treatment resources. The County should continue to combat the crisis by involving community agencies and families affected by opioid use; continue/ implement programs that teach coping skills, drug use prevention, signs of addiction and treatment resources.



## Frederick County Council District 1 (vote for one)

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Why are you running for this office?

I want to continue to move Frederick County forward. During the last four years we have built much needed schools, libraries, fire stations and parks. We kept our promise to our senior citizens by retaining Citizens and Montevue. We have funded the Board of Education at levels above Maintenance of Effort, allowing the system to implement a new pay scale that recruits and retains the best teachers.

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

1. Infrastructure (roads, schools, libraries, fire stations) related to growth and replacement. We must build these to give all citizens the services they need. 2. Public school operating budget. An excellent school system is necessary to attract employers and to keep up housing values, which for most people is their biggest asset. 3. Emergency services (including 911, fire and rescue, police).

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

Yes, we need to help our low income seniors. That is why I introduced a bill to double the property tax relief for our poorest seniors who own houses and whose housing value has gone up far more than their income.

What is the role of county government in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

Affordable housing is difficult to address because it is mostly a function of the market. We have made an effort to increase affordable housing, especially in the area of rental assistance. 520 North Market Street is an example.

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

We must make sure that development pays its fair share of the cost. We also must try to keep pace with development so that current residents are not over burdened. Traffic problems are regional and must be addressed regionally.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students? Explain.

MOE is a MINIMUM. No, it does not meet the needs of FCPS students and that is why we have funded FCPS above MOE every year since taking office in December of 2014.

What is the role of the County Council in addressing the opioid crisis in Frederick County?

We are trying to help with this in the budget, but it is a national problem that will probably take national solutions.

## Frederick County Council District 2 (vote for one)

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Why are you running for this office?

First, I'm concerned about our schools, our roads and, eventually, our taxes because of the many bad development decisions made for District 2. Over 11,000 homes were approved in D2 and we'll need smart leaders to manage the impact. Second, as someone who has been as critical as I have about other County leaders, I felt compelled to put my own name forward to do the job myself

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

1- Properly managing growth. I will prioritize growth in areas with adequate infrastructure. I'll seek higher development standards, to ensure that growth pays its fair share. 2- Education. I will prioritize a strong education budget and make smarter growth decisions to avoid over-crowding. 3- Opioid crisis. I support stronger punishment for dealers, Narcan, treatment options, and education programs

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

As a society, we have a responsibility to support low income senior citizens. I concur with the County's role in the Citizen/ Montevue facility. I also support tax breaks for low income seniors, particularly property tax breaks for long-time senior residents. I think the County also has a role in facilitating private efforts to benefit low income senior citizens, through grants and other programs

What is the role of county government in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

The County has the ability to ensure that affordable housing units are built with each new development. However, prior County leaders allowed developers to buy their way out of that requirement. The funds collected from this option certainly provide for new & different affordable housing options; however, I think that we should require more new developments to build affordable homes.

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

One of the most important approval criteria for new zoning decisions is whether the transportation network is or will be made adequate to support a proposed development. We must never ignore that criteria and we must be prepared to say "no" to development when the infrastructure is inadequate. We also need stronger Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance mitigation standards for roads.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students? Explain.

No. Our children deserve more than our minimal efforts. Our teachers deserve more than our minimal efforts. For too long, the County funded at MOE and the result was crowded classrooms, teachers buying supplies out of their own pockets, classes removed from the schedule, and teachers leaving for other jurisdictions. We can and we must do better by our children and by their teachers.

What is the role of the County Council in addressing the opioid crisis in Frederick County?

The County Council should support the Sheriff's office and the Fire services' budget requests for Narcan doses. These men and women are our first responders and this drug saves lives. The Council should support the Sheriff's request for staff funds to better address the problem. The Council should support treatment and educational programs. The Council can be a leading voice fighting this crisis.



# Frederick County Council District 2 (vote for one)

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**Why are you running for this office?**

I stepped up to serve my community because I feel passionately about the responsibility of being an active member of my community. I am honest, ethical, hardworking and I will listen to all my constituents. I will listen to individuals, consider the issues and do the research so that I can fully understand each situation. I'm not afraid to talk about difficult issues. I'm not afraid to be honest.

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

The important issues are growth, education, and transportation. These issues are connected. We need to manage our growth wisely and carefully considering each development's location and value as it relates to both education and transportation. Students will only succeed if we are mindful of funding and supports. Addressing transportation infrastructure will keep our roads safe and uncongested.

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

The County does have a responsibility to meet the needs of low income senior citizens just as we are responsible to meet the needs of all our citizens. Our senior population is predicted to grow significantly over the next decade and we need to be prepared for the issues facing them. I feel we need to expand programs to ensure that seniors get questions answered and find services they need.

What is the role of county government in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

It is imperative that all citizens are considered within the economic growth of our county. The only way that we will all succeed as a collective society is to ensure that basic needs such as housing is affordable to all. It is important to have affordable housing options as we consider and create new growth in the county. We should be providing opportunities to those that need housing to find it.

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

Keeping pace with our road infrastructure is critical to development. It is important that our roads remain safe and uncongested. With growth in development, we need to assess the volume of traffic on the roads and ensure that they are adequately maintained, serviced, or widened. Funding needs to be found in conjunction with the State where feasible. Our roads need to remain serviceable and safe.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students? Explain.

No, I am offended by the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education. MOE is just barely enough to subsist. Our children and FCPS employees deserve better. Our students and staff have suffered from this emaciated funding. Our children deserve to be educated in a well-rounded system with access to many opportunities. They deserve safe facilities: buildings, fields, theaters, etc.

What is the role of the County Council in addressing the opioid crisis in Frederick County?

The Opioid Crisis is serious in Frederick County. I think it's extremely important that the council works directly with organizations in the community to ensure that they provide any and all resources to help curb this epidemic. These organizations range from our local law enforcement, to drug treatment facilities, to educating our youth on the dangers of Opioids and other addictive drugs.



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If given the opportunity to serve and protect the interests of all constituents in District 2 for another term, I will consistently choose what is best for the preservation of community while working to build new schools and to improve our roads in innovative ways. My record shows that I have not voted for new development. My focus is to seek balanced and fair solutions for all in District 2.

Adequate school facilities, easing congestion, managing growth responsibly through a properly funded budget to support new school construction, working with state legislators to obtain increased funding for our roads, and holding developers accountable. It is imperative that enacted policies gain the best benefit for the entire district. It is my duty to support measures which benefit District 2.

Yes it is important to help those who are struggling, often through no fault of their own. For this reason, I have supported property tax cuts for the elderly and low-income seniors. I would support other initiatives to help, including discounted fares, expansion of ride share programs, and transportation assistance for medical purposes. Our aging population deserves our best solutions.

Unfortunately, the County's current fee structure (\$48,000/home) continues to make it difficult to build affordable homes without providing local and state tax credits. Considering the largest growing demographic in the County is seniors, we should consider waiving some of these fees to relieve the burden. The recently passed tiny houses bill, which I supported, should help improve the situation.

We should streamline processes which would require developers to invest in road improvements earlier than is required now and update the APFO. I would recommend legislation to allow for vesting to occur when certain infrastructure has been implemented such as stormwater controls, FRO implementation, and water and sewer improvements which should remove the need for DRRAs.

MOE has risen every year for the past four years and there is still a need to raise the salaries of our teachers to remain competitive and attract the best educators. We should require regular increases to keep pace with the rate of inflation so that we do not fall behind as we did during the great recession. Teachers should be rewarded for their efforts. Our children deserve no less.

The County Council can fund programs that have shown to work and cut funding for those that do not bear fruit. We should fund rehabilitation programs for those arrested for drug use as studies have shown this helps to reduce the rate of recidivism. We should also consider expanding programs through Parks and Rec to encourage children to get involved in activities outside of school.

# Frederick County Council District 3 (vote for one)

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**Joe Parsley**  
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Why are you running for this office?

As a resident and small business owner in Frederick City for over 30 years, I believe some business common sense is needed to help run our County. I've supported many organizations at my Car Wash, hired hundreds of young adults and Fostered over 40 Children with my wife and family. Respecting personal property rights and being able to listen and respect others opinions are important to me!

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

In District 3, 1. Promoting a resurgence on the western side of the city, especially along the "golden mile" area. Collaboration between the city and county governments are needed to make this happen. 2. Making sure our Schools and Communities are safe from gangs by working with our Sheriff and City Police . 3. Making sure our county council is a true check and balance to the county executive!

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

Yes, The skyrocketing costs of living here has made it very hard on seniors. Ensuring seniors have the Homestead Tax Credit on their residence instead of making them apply seems simple. Making sure programs for Seniors are easy to apply for instead of just announcing locations is required. We should not have seniors struggling with paper and online forms. The processes must be easier!

What is the role of county government in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

It is the role of the county to create an environment where growth can happen effectively and efficiently. Continuing to increase fees and taxes on new building only raises the cost, making housing less and less affordable. Another consistent form of revenue is needed to fund the incentive programs for affordable housing. The market will dictate what growth occurs. Better paying jobs is key!

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

Transportation is the key to growth in our county. Ensuring our county road network can handle the existing and additional traffic is essential! The State's responsibility in improving and maintaining their network in the County is also important. Using the latest advancements in Traffic control and Road construction will help! MD must provide the County it's share of Highway User Funds.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students? Explain.

MOE is the starting point. The BOE should be as lean as possible just like private business! Examining more efficient methods of delivering services, reducing new construction costs, supporting teachers and support staff in their classrooms is needed! The BOE Ultimately decides where the money is spent, the Council only funds! If I'm shown more funds are needed, I'd agree to to fund over MOE!

What is the role of the County Council in addressing the opioid crisis in Frederick County?

The County Council needs to continue to fund the effort to educate all ages about the dangers of opioids. Assistance in Recovery programs and promoting the hiring of the these individuals so they can have a Second Chance at supporting themselves is a role. My business hires these individuals. It has created a Safe environment for them to work and have a sense of self worth. Treatment is key!



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There is a critical need for knowledgeable, thoughtful people in leadership positions. We need to have meaningful dialogue and constructive debate without personal attacks when considering issues impacting the lives of county residents. I believe I have shown for the past four years that I am that type of person. I know the issues. I have consistently worked collaboratively to get things done.

Education: Ensure the best teachers are put in each classroom and budget to pay them appropriately; Jobs: Ensure good job opportunities are available in our community for our residents by offering incentives for businesses; Transportation: Ensure we are providing the transportation networks necessary for our residents by making sure our roadways are adequate for our traffic needs.

Our seniors are our history and we have an obligation to ensure their needs are met as they age regardless of their income. By providing adequate funding for programs to assist them, by providing appropriate health care services, housing assistance and ensuring they have access to healthy food, it is possible to allow them to age with dignity, many times in their own homes.

County Government needs to work with developers to ensure adequate affordable housing is being built as developments move ahead. The County must lead the way by partnering with builders to find creative ways to fund the building of this type of housing. Simply allowing payment of fees in lieu of building is not working. There is not enough money coming in to build the number of units needed.

Making sure that all the county's infrastructure, not just the roads, are adequate concurrent with development is a prime responsibility of government. It is imperative that government ensures as developments are approved ALL the infrastructure serving the region will be adequate. This is why ordinances such as the APFO (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance) were passed and remain in place.

MOE is the floor not the ceiling for funding needed to adequately meet the needs of our students. It is the bare minimum. It does not take into account any increases in things like cost of living for staff, increased costs of materials, or the increased needs of our students (psychological as well as physical) each year. Yet the issue of the increased cost of ensuring student safety remains.

It is the responsibility of the Council to ensure that programs being called for by the experts (the Health Department, the Sheriff's Office and others with knowledge of all issues entangled in this crisis) are adequately and appropriately funded. The County Executive has money in this budget providing funding for a Detox Center in Frederick County and the Council must support this effort.



# Frederick County Council District 4 (vote for one)

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Why are you running for this office?

Through the murder of my mother and passage of the Ann Sue Metz Slayer Law, I realized an average citizen can make a difference for our state. As a former elected Judge with refined listening skills, I can make unbiased decisions based on the facts, common sense and public opinions. I am an independent thinker, father and husband of 32 years. I want to use my personal experience to serve.

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

Increase outreach for trades, manufacturing and STEM positions, maintain a safe community and create cohesiveness among all parties. Business and education partners should work together to identify workforce needs. Enforcing current laws with low unemployment will result in less crime and a safer county. Communicating civilly with all county stakeholders will result in greater accomplishments.

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

Absolutely! Our responsibility is to assure seniors can retire in the community they have contributed to for so long. Our long-time residents should be afforded tax credits and less government infringement. Partnerships can be formed with non-profits such as Meals on Wheels. To thank our seniors for a long history of tax payments, the simplest programs should be fully funded to give something back

What is the role of county government in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

Government can certainly cut or reduce many fees and taxes currently attached to home purchases. With county wide cooperation, work can be done with non-profits such as Interfaith Housing and Habitat for Humanity. We also need to establish and execute criteria for the distribution of payments currently being received from the builders. These payments need to be used for their intended purpose.

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

It is government's role to maintain our roads and infrastructure. Our county has some of the best roads in Maryland. Often, I feel we are working on too many roads at once causing unnecessary traffic jams and travel issues. We should plan better and constantly monitor ways to improve our travel systems. We should actively involve developers and new businesses for their expertise and funding.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students? Explain.

Because education is the future of our county, we must adequately fund it. FCPS should be held accountable to use the funds wisely while incorporating more local business and workforce needs into the curriculum. When justified, we should fund above MOE. Our teachers and support staff should get pay raises based on a thriving economy that would be comparable to private sector employment.

What is the role of the County Council in addressing the opioid crisis in Frederick County?

We need to work closely with law enforcement, School Board, FCPS, State & Federal officials, and local & national volunteers. This is a terrible problem in our county that needs the utmost attention. There is nothing our county government can do on its own. We must work as a team to build solutions to ward off this epidemic. We must educate, legislate and fund our way out of this crisis.



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I'm running for re-election to District 4 because I'm proud of the County Council's accomplishments and I want to continue serving the people of Frederick County. I will support excellent schools, responsible growth, and effective government with a bold, experienced perspective. I am a voice for young families and I approach challenges with an open mind.

Excellent schools: Investing in public education supports our most important resource- our children. Responsible growth: We need a balanced approach that considers the rights of all parties and adheres to smart growth principles. Keeping pace with a changing County: Some challenges are predictable, some aren't. I'll bring a collaborative spirit to the Council as we consider our bright future.

Yes. The County should provide senior services in proportion with the growing population. We should also follow the recommendations of the Seniors First Report, specifically restructuring the responsible agencies so our seniors have effective and responsive care and service. I strongly support enhancing our Senior Tax Credit to benefit more low-income seniors.

One third of Frederick County families are unable to budget for basic needs, often due to the high cost of housing. The County must fill its toolbox with programs and initiatives to incentivize the building of affordable, workforce housing. I have championed several affordable housing legislative efforts and believe this is one of the most critical issues facing our County.

Traffic congestion adversely affects our residents and businesses. The County must ensure that our Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance continues to properly take road capacity and safety into account and that we plan future growth around existing infrastructure. Roads and public transit must be a high priority when planning for growth and development in our County.

As an FCPS teacher, I know MOE is not enough to support top schools and well-prepared students because it ignores inflation, unfunded mandates, and changing student populations. Excellent public schools prepare our students for a global society, and they drive economic development, support job growth, and improve our quality of life. Investing in education is investing in our future.

I support the efforts of our outstanding Health Department to attack opioid addiction as a public health crisis. The Council should help address the daily challenges of our first responders, while encouraging community stakeholders, such as mental health professionals, to identify and implement long-term prevention strategies.



# Frederick County Council District 5 (vote for one)

The County Council is the legislative branch of county government. Members of the County Council pass legislation, appropriate money to fund the capital and operating budgets, set county property and other local taxes, and make planning, zoning and subdivision decisions.



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Why are you running for this office?

I want to see Frederick County grow and prosper using conservative values that promote sound and effective policies.

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Frederick County and how would you address them?

Land Use and Rights. From the Counties Comp. plan (Livable Frederick), to the Monocacy Scenic River Plan our County Citizens private property rights need to be respected and protected. Safe Communities, Support Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue and EMS and related agencies. Support 287g. No sanctuary County. Check & Balances County Council needs additional involvement in the Budget. Charter needs amends

Does the county have a responsibility to help meet the needs of low-income senior citizens? Explain.

Frederick County supports our seniors. Additional tax relief is planned and needed Our seniors help build this County and they deserve the right to be able to live here.I support additional legislation to further enhance the quality of life for our senior citizens

What is the role of county government in assuring adequate affordable housing in tandem with growth?

Providing affordable housing options is a necessary function of our County Government. Private/Public agreements as well as tax incentive programs can prove useful. Attracting new Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue, and Teachers(to name a few) to work in Frederick County, should be coupled with affordable housing options. We want our employees to live and work here in Frederick County.

What is the role of county government in making sure road infrastructure keeps pace with development?

Any County government needs to provide adequate road infrastructure for it's citizens. Many of the roads in Frederick County are State and Federal owned. Additional new roads and upgraded road infrastructure must keep pace if not stay ahead of future residential and commercial developments. Planned growth with adequate roads in place will play a key role in the quality of life for our citizens.

Do you think that the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding standard for education adequately meets the needs of Frederick County students? Explain.

Maintenance of Effort funding for education is a starting point. B.O.E. salaries and benefits, school construction and renovations play a key role in what the County can support after this starting point. Additional Agency budget demands have to be considered and a balance is needed to provide all citizens the services that are expected and deserved. Education is very important in Fred. County.

What is the role of the County Council in addressing the opioid crisis in Frederick County?

County, State and Federal governments all play key roles in addressing the Opioid Crisis. The County Council working with the County Executive need to fund programs and center(s) to help treat and educate addicts and offenders.County and private partnerships would provide additional resources for treatment options.Law enforcement alone will not work.



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I am running for office to restore some integrity and civility to local government. The government exists to represent the citizens. Respecting the citizens and being responsible are interrelated and needed for effective governance. "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government" Thomas Jefferson

My primary focus is the management of responsible growth. We need to prepare for this growth and plan for it. Growth affects three large issues that are basic services for all governments. 1. Roads and infrastructure – these are already behind as evidenced by congestion. 2. Public education – we already have shortages . 3. Public safety and emergency services.

1. Seniors have housing, medical and transportation needs, as well as safety concerns. Addressing these issues in not only compassionate but fiscally responsible as well. There is a financial savings to staying in one's home, compared to moving into an assisted living facility. How any culture treats it's seniors is a reflection of its ethics.

Affordable housing can only be available with managed growth. Managed growth includes impact fees and taxes associated with the growth. The previous board of commissioners waived many of these fees, placing extra financial impacts on the current county executive and the county council. To have adequate affordable housing the county needs good planning and to be fiscally responsible.

As stated in my priorities, without managed growth infrastructure will not keep up with demand. The allowance of new developments without infrastructure (at least planned infrastructure) should not occur. Transportation needs also includes mass transit and shuttle services.

No. The education funding was not adequate for many years. The MOE is a good start, but a comprehensive blueprint of long range needs, not unlike the livable Frederick plane, is needed to produce accurate numbers of future needs. States like West Virginia, Kentucky, Kansas, Arizona and others have underfunded Education by reducing taxes and depending on private schools. That is not planning

This problem is one of several that include homelessness and mental issues. Many times the issues are interrelated and interdependent. We often see and hear of intervention strategies that treat symptoms. What we need are intervention strategies that address the problem (s). In some cases the intervention strategies are financially beneficial, meaning that ignoring some issues cost us more.

# Frederick County Board of Education: 8 Candidates - Vote for 4

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What are Frederick County's two most pressing education issues and how would you address them?

How does diversity enrich and challenge the FCPS and how would you ensure successful outcomes for all students?

How should FCPS address the needs of students not college bound?

What background and experience do you bring to this position?

Do the testing protocols in place now for Frederick County students reveal information to educators and parents that is informative to their education?

Is it important that the Frederick County Board of Education Election is non-partisan?

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1. Retain quality teachers. We must provide competitive compensation and the time and tools they need. I voted for a competitive salary scale for our teachers, wrote a policy to reduce testing, and support other contract changes to provide more planning time and schedule flexibility. 2. Reduce achievement gaps; aggressively improve special education, and target interventions for all students.

The diversity of FCPS gives our kids the gift of understanding and a promise of a more civil and compassionate future for our community. We must truly see, reach, and support every child. I support implementation of our new Equity Policy and push hard to ensure we are recruiting a qualified and diverse faculty and staff so that every student can see her or himself in a teacher or staff member.

Expanding programs and space at the Career and Technology Center is a long-overdue priority. Creating a path for this expansion is among my goals. Students seeking options, but not a 4-year degree, may access many classes through dual-enrollment at FCC. We also need to create more time for pursuit of individual interests by reducing the number of hours our students spend in testing.

Currently, I am a Member of the Board of Education (elected 2014-18); served as Vice President of BOE, 2014-2017; serve as chair Policy Committee, 2016-present. I am a Frederick County native, a school volunteer, community advocate, and my children attend FCPS. I have a 20-year career in consulting, communications, strategic planning, and policy making in the private sector and in government.

I support assessments that provide teachers and staff with crucial real-time information that helps them immediately support student growth. Tests mandated by the State and Federal government often do not provide clear student-specific data that help our teachers. For this reason, I seek local alternatives to the PARCC test and continue to advocate for our system to implement something better.

It is essential. Partisan politics have no place in public education; effective Boards are comprised of a diverse group of people and experiences. My collaborative approach centers on consensus building around shared priorities with an emphasis on public participation, efficiency, and defining our own best practices that work locally. I am a tenacious advocate for our kids, teachers and taxpayers.

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Bullying is the issue that is most pressing. I would address the issue by using mentors in our schools to assist our teachers and counselors with any student issues. Another issue is diversity in FCPS staff. There are 77 nationalities represented in our students and the staff should be a reflection of the student population. A diverse staff can help with eliminating the achievement gap.

Diversity is one avenue for students and adults to become more educated about another individual's nation of origin, religion, or socioeconomic status. Diversity challenges some people to get out of their comfort zone, which, if they do, can create educational moments. I will be a conduit to help recruit and retain a more diverse staff, which will help many of our students and staff.

All that is done in FCPS should be about preparing our children for whatever goal they set for themselves. As educators, we should not be setting the goals, we should be encouraging students' goals. The CTC program is the best resource we have to encourage students that are not college bound, and we should be working diligently to expand the programs at CTC that have a waiting list.

I did not graduate from college when I should have, so my personal story fits well with for any student who needs to know the importance of an education or having a plan after high school. I earned my undergraduate degree 17 years after I completed HS. Since then, I have earned a Master's Degree. I have non-profit Board experience, so I understand the obligation of a collaborative, engaged board.

The standardized tests do not reveal information to parents. I know our students are tested, and there is no transparency about what is on the tests. I know my high school age student's PARCC score, which has always been great, but I do not know what is on the test. The best information a teacher obtains about their students is from the daily interaction in the classroom.

Education should not be political; therefore, the Board of Education election needs to remain non-partisan. Our children need the education and resources to become productive citizens. We should be providing our children with the necessary tools to achieve their goals and not politicizing them.

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Two of the most critical issues in education are the safety/security of students and special education/dyslexia. First and foremost, we need to know each and every child in our classrooms and reach them where they are. We need increased school resource officers, to finish security vestibules and a visitor identification system. We need structured literacy programs for K-2 and OG training ASAP.

I believe that diversity can strengthen a school community personally, academically and culturally. There are challenges if students education has been interrupted, as well as with language barriers in the classroom and communication with home. We need to focus on ensuring equitable access and opportunities for success. Seek to understand different perspectives and not shut out those that disagree

All Each student deserves an education that does not put limits on their potential. We currently have opportunities in all of our high schools and our Career and Technology Center for industry certifications, work study, mentor/ internships and dual-enrollment with FCC. FCPS piloted the MD Youth Apprenticeship program. The LYNX program at FHS is focused on individual plans for student success.

I am an FCPS graduate, have 2 students currently in FCPS and work with students in my practice. It has been an honor to serve on the Board of Education for the last 7 years. I have led the Curriculum and Instruction, served on the Synergies, Strategic Planning, Calendar Committees, as well as Career and Technology Advisory Council. I am currently working on a Special Education Strategic Workgroup.

The current state tests are designed more for accountability than use in student instruction, but the testing does (often negatively) impact what is happening in our classrooms. Policy 511 was created to limit local assessments to only those that provided meaningful information on student progress and to standardize the refusal process. We must advocate for other measures of success than tests.

I am not a politician. I am a parent. Our children deserve a Board of Education that is responsive to families and the community. Leaders that set the example, respect different opinions and provide a system of "checks and balances" with a common goal of high student achievement. BOE members should not be indebted or beholden to any organized partisan group that may try to influence decisions.



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Staff compensation and distribution of capital improvement projects. We need to continue to implement and build upon the new teacher salary scale, as well as better compensate our support staff. In addition, it is imperative that we distribute school construction and renovation projects across the entire county equitably, improving current buildings while also increasing total capacity.

Diversity is an asset for FCPS staff and students. I am committed to building a school system where a student's gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, and zip code do not affect the quality of their education. The incredible diversity of our students should be celebrated and encouraged in every FCPS school.

FCPS needs to expand opportunities for students at the Career and Technology Center (CTC). Our goal must be to have enough capacity to never turn away students who are eager to learn trades and valuable skills for careers after high school. It is important to build a school culture that doesn't assume every student should go to college, but instead cultivates the skills of each individual student.

A lifelong Frederick County resident, I attended FCPS schools from K-12. As the son of two educators, I've familiar with the daily challenges facing FCPS staff members. In addition, I've served on the FCPS Family Life Advisory Committee for the past four years, including the past two years as its Recording Secretary, and have been carefully watching Board meetings for years.

It depends on the test. Fluency and foreign language exams can provide valuable information on where a student is relative to their peers. However, as tests become more standardized and utilize multiple choice questions, it becomes more difficult to discern whether a student is learning or just good at taking tests, particularly for older students.

Yes. I should not be able to go up and down the Board of Education ballot and easily identify the political affiliation of any candidate.

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Lack of focus on classical education. With the agreement of at least 3 other BoE members I would send a letter to the Maryland State Department of Education and inform them we are taking back our legal authority to set our own educational standards, curriculum and goals. The first duty of any Board of Education is to educate its children under parameters we set.

It doesn't. Relationships challenge and enrich students. Being hyper-focused on identity, race, culture and politics are ruining public education. The focus should be on academic content, not cultural proficiency. We need to restore healthy human relationships, not build on the current climate of divisiveness.

We need to expand workforce opportunities. Stop telling our children the only way to succeed in life is through attending college. Many successful people are not college graduates.

I have 50+ years of life experience that tells me Dr. Martin Luther King was right when he said it's about "content of character" not the "color" of ones skin that mattered in this world. We have strayed far away from those very profound words. We have lost the focus of public education. We have dehumanized the learning experience. We are creating broken children.

If you are referencing PARCC assessments, no they do not. Teachers assess their students every day through observation, those are the most valuable assessments. I believe our students are still over tested.

It's not non-partisan. Since education is overly politicized at this time, it's important to know the politics of any Board of Education candidate. Progressive Democrats seem overly concerned with social learning and pouring more money into education without knowing if it will help. Conservative Republicans seem concerned over academic content and want an itemization of every

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The 2 most pressing education issues are: Teacher Pay and Safety Appropriate pay for our Teachers: We have to put more money in the budget to address the salaries that our teachers and support staff are receiving. School safety is always on the minds of people, because we have to find a way to make sure that all our students/staff are safe coming to, being there, and return home safely. Period

This world is diverse, simply put and it should be an asset to our school systems because it give each student a unique feel on how to deal with other students from around the world. That is the beauty of who we are, we are not meant to all be the same. We are people and no matter where we are from, we are more alike than different, so we should celebrate that.

Not every student will be college bound, there there needs to be ways to engage our students who may not be going to college, to be exposed to other alternatives like CTC, other trade schools or certificate program sat Vocational schools that they may be interested. We all learn in different ways and students have many, many varied interest on what is important to them.

I have been PTA President at several schools that my 3 sons attended. My 3 sons are grown now, are products of the Frederick County Public School system and I have been pleased on what they have learned. I have over 30 years of Volunteering in the Public Schools, so that makes me more than qualified to understand what happens on the day to day operations of students and staff, and what is needed.

Yes, of course the testing currently in place reveals information to teachers and parents, but is it right? Sometimes the testing doesn't reveal the whole truth on what a student's strengths are/are not. There is mandatory testing to be done, so the teachers spend all their time preparing students for these test, which leave little time for other things. Learning can happen in many different ways.

The Board of Education election is listed as non-partisan and it should be, but truthfully there are people that will not vote for someone if they are not in the right party. What should come into play are the issues on the table as opposed to what the party affiliation is.



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#1-Attracting and retaining the best teachers for the benefit of our students. I would continue the implementation of the new salary schedule and other measures to support teachers new to our county. #2-Equity in resources between schools. FCPS has begun to look at ways to shift staff, making it revenue neutral. Most measures require working in cooperation with county government for funding.

Diversity enriches FCPS by allowing students to experience differences, thus better preparing them for the world they will enter as adults. However, even when students look alike on the outside, they can be very different on the inside. Diversity can create challenges with regards to resources, personnel, and time. FCPS should strive to support all students so they achieve their maximum potential.

I have long been a proponent of expanding opportunities at the Career & Technology Center. The service trades are sorely lacking in qualified applicants. We should explore opportunities for students to complete training programs or earn an associate's degree in certain fields before exiting high school, thus unnecessarily incurring the burden of college debt and making them truly career-ready.

I will retire from my 25-year teaching career with FCPS on July 1. I substituted for 12 years prior to that. My 3 children went through the system; I have a granddaughter currently in an FCPS kindergarten where I volunteer weekly. I have been a PTA member since 1986 and served as president at 3 different schools. Additionally, I manage the office for my husband's electrical contracting company.

The purpose of testing is to ascertain whether students have learned the material they are being taught. The fact that PARCC results are not received until after those students have moved on means the results cannot be used by that teacher. The results are used for future placements of students. More useful for the current teacher are teacher-created and county assessments due to their timeliness.

I believe it is. Parents and students need to feel that you are watching out for the best interests of the students without politics being at the forefront. Party affiliation is public information for those who find it pertinent. Past election results indicate that the average voter does not consider it to be a primary reason when considering for whom to cast their board of education votes.

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The two most pressing issues are funding and security. Great schools are critical in any community to maintain and grow the economic base. In order to attract and retain the best teachers you have to have appropriate funding. I will continue to work hard to advocate for increased funding. Security is also more critical than ever. I have worked hard to ensure that this is happening in FCPS.

Diversity is critical to the enrichment of any school system and our community. We have a very diverse student population in Frederick County Public Schools. That being said, diversity also comes with challenges. We have a growing population of students whom English is not their first language and of students with disabilities. We need to make sure we are providing the resources they need.

I teach at a university and I know that not all students need to go to a university in order to be successful and have a meaningful and productive career. I am very proud of our Career and Technology Center and the many opportunities that our students have to learn occupations that they can make a great living at without college. We have to prepare all our students whether college bound or not!

I bring over 30 years experience in the financial field. I also bring a vast experience in education. In addition to my 8 years on the Board at FCPS, I served 15 years on the Board of FCC, 7 on state community college board, 7 on national community college board, 6 of the Advisory board of the Universities at Shady Grove, taught 15 years at Mount St Mary's and coached 8 years at Hood College.

All testing has benefits but it also has negatives. As a country, we have too many standardized and required tests. I have taken a position to reduce these tests and let our teachers teach! Many tests do provide useful information, but that information can be obtained other ways. Mandated tests are usually to prove that dollars invested are being well spent. That can be proven without the tests.

I believe that the Board of Education should be non-partisan. Politics do not belong in education. We have great educators in Frederick County and they need to be able to teach and allow students to learn and grow without political biases. If you make the BOE a partisan race, you will surely make the Board more political which will filter down to the schools. I do not think that would be good.



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# Maryland Senate District 3 (vote for one)

**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.



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Much like Governor Hogan four years ago, I am coming into politics as a true outsider. As a former police officer, local family businessman and father I have seen first hand some of the challenges facing everyday Marylanders. I hope to bring a practical perspective down to the State House in order to help Governor Hogan make Maryland a more affordable place to raise a family.

Democrats, Republicans and Independents all agree that Martin O'Malley's 2010 redistricting plan was bad for Maryland. In the Senate, I will support Governor Hogans efforts to establish a non-partisan redistricting commission. Fair and practical redistricting will create a more responsive legislature.

Under the leadership of Governor Hogan Maryland has made significant strides in ensuring a cleaner Chesapeake Bay, despite other states not pulling their fair share. Pollution crosses state lines, that is why the General Assembly needs to do a better job of working with surrounding states to guarantee that they are not hindering Marylands environmental initiatives.

The employees at my company come from a diverse set of backgrounds. As an entry level employer I have seen many of my employees move on and achieve great things. The biggest hurdle to advancement many employees face is the accessibility of quality education. In the Senate, I will support programs that would make education much more assessable to everyone regardless of where they come from.

Strong public schools result in a better community for everyone. As a father of two, I understand the value of quality education close to home. Despite record funding for education many students are still left in portable classrooms. We need to ensure money that is ear-marked for education actual makes it into the classroom. I will support the Governor's continued efforts to fully fund education.

Having access to quality, low cost healthcare ensures that families have the ability to take care of their loved ones. Skyrocketing premiums and deductibles have left too many families under financial distress. Hardworking Marylanders are struggling to afford quality healthcare they deserve. It is time for the General Assembly to work together and address this problem.

A strong infrastructure is the backbone to any thriving economy. Annapolis has a history of being unfriendly to Frederick County roads. It is clear that the present Frederick County leadership has not been effective in securing funding for much needed road improvements. The General Assembly needs to create a more competitive bidding process so much needed road projects can be funded such as, I-270.



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I have 28 years experience in elected office As A City Alderman, Mayor and State Senator. I served 11 yers as a Deputy Secretary or acting Secretary at The MD Deptmnts of Planning and Natural Resources. I served three years as a town manager, I was a teacher for six and a half years. On the business side I was a commercial realtor, for over twenty years, did redevelopment work, started three smb

I supported the regional proposal that the Governor vetoed. I think redistricting is a national issue. Congress should do it or the Supreme Court should set guidelines. The state by state approach penalizes Maryland. Congress is made up of representatives of all fifty states. If it is only done by states of one party it throws us out of balance even more than we are now..

Climate change, clean air and clean water. We must reduce our carbon foot print. We need zero energy homes and businesses. We need clean anergy, solar, geothermal, wind, etc. We have to keep our streams and rivers clean. we need to protect our trees, reduce chemical use, keep nutrients out of our water. I have a very strong environmental record on legislation I have sponsored or voted for.

We must require equal pay for equal work by gender, race and all other factors. There should be anti discrimination laws that cover every aspect of life. I have voted accordingly. In addition we need to address education, jobs and job training to promote opportunities for the less advantaged to succeed. we needed to move antidiscrimination practices from law to practice.

We are presently in the midst of several major commissions looking at our educational system to get us back to number one in education in America and the world. The Kirwin commission will be making final reccomendation before next years legislative session. We are presently in the process of moving five hundred million out of casino money back to education. Students and teachers are our priority.

Providing universal health care and the best medical servives to all our citizens. Until more is done in Washington we must stabilize insurance costs and drug costs in MD. We have taken action on both of these fronts. We need to put more emphasis and incentives on staying healthy through personal habits.

We need more mass transit and road improvements that move traffic more efficiently. We also need growth practices that promote walking, cycling and shorter car trips. Jobs closer to where we live. We are long overdue to create seperate revenue streams for transi and roads so they are not competing for dollars.A mileage tax and regional tax for transit. Private roads and tolls should be considered.

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

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

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# Maryland Senate District 4 (vote for one)

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I was trained to lead at an early age. After high school, I joined the U.S. Air Force and was given the immense responsibility of serving as a Minute Man III Missile Technician. From 2011-2015, I represented parts of Frederick & Washington Counties in the Maryland House. For the last four years, I have represented parts of Carroll & Frederick Counties in the State Senate.

I have consistently supported Governor Hogan's initiative to develop a non-partisan redistricting commission. Voters should pick their legislators, not the other way around. I will continue to work for voters to be represented by those who live in their communities. Your representatives should drive on the same roads you drive, shop where you shop and send their kids to the same schools as you.

For the last several years, I have worked to remove trash incineration from the Renewable Portfolio Standard, which allows them to receive ratepayer subsidies meant for clean energy sources like wind and solar. Currently, utility ratepayers subsidize over \$10 million annually for dirty energy like trash incineration. This year I passed a bi-partisan amendment in the Senate to stop this.

I believe like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that individuals should be judged by the content of their character rather than the color of their skin. I strongly oppose discrimination. I believe in a merit-based system, where individuals rise and fall based on merit. This can best be summed up as equality for all, but favoritism toward none. I abhor identity politics, which seeks to divide Americans.

This year I passed an amendment in the Senate to ensure that School Resource Officers (SROs) or adequate police coverage is available at every elementary, middle and high school. I worked with my Senate colleagues to provide an additional \$10 million to assist local governments with this requirement. Parents shouldn't have to send their kids off to school and worry if they will come home safe.

In 2016, Frederick County ranked as the sixth highest in Maryland for opioid deaths. I co-authored legislation to increase funding for drug treatment and required mandatory treatment within 72 hours if ordered by a judge. Prior to this, addicts were waiting weeks to get court ordered treatment. I also worked with Gov. Hogan to increase sentences for heroin dealers who sell lethal dosages of drugs.

I support Governor Hogan's efforts to widen I-270 by use of a public private partnership. In Virginia this approach has worked well to expand lanes and relieve congestion, without overly taxing state finances. This year I voted to restore Highway User Revenues to local governments. With eleven municipalities in my district, it is important to me that these towns have the ability to fix their roads

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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As a public high school teacher, I have experience in working with every different kind of personality, including sometimes reluctant participants. Working with parents, support staff, and administration, I can effectively teach every kind of student. My experience has prepared me to effect change by consulting with stakeholders and clearly communicating a well-developed plan for progress.

I am against gerrymandering and I am hopeful that the US Supreme Court will outlaw it nationwide. Trusting states to redistrict fairly puts only the party with the most integrity at risk. On the state level, I am in favor of partnering with a handful of neighboring states to agree to redistrict fairly, together.

Clean water. We have made great strides in bringing back to health the Chesapeake and the Potomac. We cannot rest. Maintaining the health of these watersheds requires constant vigilance, especially in the wake of our current EPA administration. Maryland needs to commit to funding what the federal government won't: namely the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act.

Fully funding education is paramount. A free, quality education can reduce opportunity gaps and can also reduce discrimination by providing enhanced opportunities for the traditionally marginalized. I support legislation that promotes pay equity, including a paid family leave policy that doesn't force new parents to choose between caring for their children and continuing their careers.

Build more community schools and increase funding for personnel in all schools. Community schools serve as a hub for resources in areas of concentrated poverty. Counselors and school psychologists support healthy social and emotional growth of our children. The state legislature has already approved increased funds, we need a governor who will allocate those funds.

A lack of access is the root of health care challenges in Maryland. Every Marylander deserves access to affordable quality health care. Preventative care is more cost effective than the emergency care that results from lack of preventative care. Access to quality health care must also include access to affordable addiction rehabilitation.

All Marylanders should have access to public transportation. Urban residents need mass transit. Suburban residents need increased commuting options. Rural residents need public transit options to navigate daily needs. Toll lanes on high-volume roadways create revenue, but also increase car traffic. Electric busses could alleviate car traffic and make use of toll lanes.



# Maryland House of Delegates District 3A: 5 candidates — Vote for 2

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

In 46 years, I have had many employees, and their families, depend on me for a weekly paycheck. I can successfully negotiate with others and arrive at the best possible solutions for all parties experienced in making tough decisions, I have survived 4 recessions. I absolutely know there are ways to be successful without continually increasing spending and taxes.

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

We need to relook our entire state redistricting to better reflect today's state's population. It should be done in a way that provides fair representation for all. To achieve this, we will have to work together in the state house to ensure that all plans are considered

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

Clean air and clean water and less landfill items . proper disposal of plastic and other waste items . innovative ways to recycle these products.

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

Biblical Policies . treat everyone fairly, . give everyone an opportunity, and train everyone that wants to be trained. . look at the job done, not the person . my company is a great example of this.

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

Work with Gov Hogan to expand the High School Apprenticeship programs ... Find ways to help teachers ... Allow Business to fund the Apprenticeship programs because they are looking for workers ... Gov Hogan's new push for accountability in the Board of Ed will make funds available for teachers.

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

Drug addiction ... We need to treat this like we have treated and cured other diseases.

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

Look at ways to lower the cost by increasing the use of value engineering ... reduce the over cumbersome regulations in building our roads and schools ... Funds will come from these cost savings and maybe we will save money by building larger roads and schools now, and not having to rebuild larger ones in 10 years.



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I serve as District 3A Delegate in the General Assembly and a member of the Appropriations Committee. As a member of this committee, I am able to ensure that Frederick County fiscal interests are protected. I strongly advocate for public education funding and school construction dollars. Having previously served as an alderman in the City of Frederick, I am cognizant of local government issues.

I support a constitutional amendment that requires the appointment of a Legislative Redistricting Commission. I also co-sponsored and voted for legislation that established an independent redistricting commission with other mid-Atlantic region states. I support independent redistricting commissions.

As your delegate, I've supported progress on protecting the Chesapeake Bay. I support renewable energy projects to achieve Maryland's goal of reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and efforts to address climate change. I vote for Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation funding that are utilized in Frederick County to protect pervious surfaces and reduce runoff in our local waterways.

My committee closely monitors and audits programs receiving state funding to ensure discrimination does not occur because funding to programs is contingent on non-discrimination. I voted for the Home Act that deconcentrated poverty by tenants using public subsidies to live in all neighborhoods regardless of source of income.

I strongly support better teacher pay, eliminating the achievement gap with prek education, and ensure our students are college or career ready. I also support more school construction funding to ease overcrowding. I believe in the direction of the Kirwan Commission to make Maryland's education system world class. I support restricting gambling revenue for public education as was intended.

Affordable health care is the most significant challenge. We should continue to improve our healthcare system for quality outcomes. The federal government destabilized the health insurance market this past year by rescinding the individual mandate requirement. Maryland responded by working with the insurance market to put in place legislation I supported that stabilized our insurance costs.

I continue to aggressively advocate for Frederick County priorities as a member of the Transportation Subcommittee. I support the widening of Route 15 through the city, increased MARC train service and commuter bus service. I support the traffic congestion reductions initiatives on I-270. Funding is through the Transportation Trust Fund. Public Private Partnerships are available for projects.

# Maryland House of Delegates District 3A: 5 candidates — Vote for 2

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My career in the private sector has given me strong analytical, communication, problem-solving and financial skills. A term as an Alderwoman familiarized me with the everyday concerns of our citizens and the challenges faced by local government. As a member of the House of Delegates, I have developed an expertise in health care solutions and strong working relationships with my colleagues.

I would like to see a national, comprehensive plan. Otherwise, single-state solutions, encouraged by minority parties, will only exacerbate the political controversy. An alternative solution is a regional compact that is lead by state panels composed of objective, independent citizens who would draw lines based on population, transportation routes, and natural boundaries.

We must reduce pollution to local waterways and the Bay. All lands need to pollute less. We need to reduce ozone and greenhouse gases. We need electrical grid updates, electric vehicle siting, and renewable energy production. Forests need stronger protection during development. We should protect green infrastructure through sound planning.

I have introduced bills to achieve equal pay and affordable, accessible health care. I have championed initiatives on equal opportunity, guaranteeing a livable wage, ending homelessness, universal pre-school education, and college affordability. Finally, I have co-sponsored numerous legislative efforts to help those with disabilities and assist with the challenges faced by the LGBTQ community.

I support devoting more resources to at-risk students by updating school funding formulas, greater emphasis on the stable relationships of children and their families, raising the status and compensation of our educators, ensuring that students are college and/or career-ready, and strengthening accountability. The lockbox on gambling funds will provide another \$500 million for these efforts.

We must address affordability by holding down insurance rates increases. I supported two measures to do that this year. We must improve accessibility by expanding networks, increasing the availability of community clinics, and encouraging providers to locate in underserved areas. We must improve quality by reducing emergency room wait times. Finally, we need to move towards a single-payer model.

State and federal funding is needed for construction on US 15 from I-70 to MD 26. This would eliminate the only segment within the US 15/I-270 multimodal study that is over capacity in both directions in both peaks, improving access to jobs in the region including the County's top employer, Fort Detrick. I would also like to see expansion of the MARC train schedule and planning for light rail.

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

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

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

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

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

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

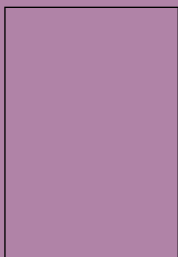
What are your transportation priorities and how should they be funded?



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# Maryland House of Delegates District 3B (vote for one)

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

As a police officer, I am trained to communicate with individuals from diverse backgrounds, sometimes in the most difficult moments of need. I am the President of a youth football, cheer and LAX organization and the current Chairman of the Frederick County Delegation. Collectively, these positions have helped me be a strong and balanced voice for Frederick in Annapolis over the past 4 years.

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

Partisan Gerrymandering has no place in politics. These boundaries should be established by an unbiased, non-partisan process where the citizens select their leaders, not where elected officials select their voters. These are the types of issues that build distrust between our elected leaders and the public they serve.

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

Frederick County has been my home for my entire life, except for my military service. I have seen our county grow significantly at the cost of hundreds of farms. We can not continue to over-regulate our farmers.... No farms, no food. Additionally, the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries are precious resources. We need to continue the Gov's work in restoring and maintaining the Bay's integrity.

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

Discrimination of any kind is unacceptable. Freedom of speech and expression is a fundamental right that must be protected! It is our responsibility to our citizens to create and sustain an environment, based on mutual respect, where differing opinions are allowed to be heard regardless of race, age, gender, religion, disability or socio-economic standing.

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

I would support the repeal of Fred Co Schools SB 443 (Transgender Restroom Policy) to conform with Federal Standards, thus ensuring all students a safe, inclusive and private space. This policy unnecessarily places young students at risk of being exposed to the opposite, physical sex, without regard to theirs or parent consent. Cost=\$0 Comfortable learning environment for ALL students=PRICELESS!

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

The Opioid epidemic has to be addressed through education and awareness. We can not arrest our way out of it. It goes hand in hand with our need for stronger community behavioral health advocacy. We have an increased need for treatment and providers. I have been working locally with The Ranch and State to create a "Stabilization" Center for those in need to get intensive outpatient services.

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

I am proud to have been apart of bringing over \$200M back to Frederick County District 3b. The bridge replacement on I-270 at Rt 85. Ballenger Creek improvements at I-70 and Rt 340. Rt 180 Streetscape in Jefferson. The #1 transportation priority must be I-270/Rt 15 improvements. I would like to see two lanes added to the middle of I-270 that are reversible during rush hour times. P3 Funding



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Like an effective legislator, a college professor needs 100 students to voluntarily cooperate each semester, and I must convince them what I'm asking them to do is worth doing. As a community leader, I make decisions of what is best for most, and do the physical work as well. As a state, regional, and national leader, I uphold the standards of practice that maintain the integrity of education.

This is a national issue, and I support a national approach that would draw district lines based on natural population clusters and respecting natural boundaries

Continued reliance on fossil fuels for transportation and electricity is a significant environmental challenge. I support renewable energy expansion in Maryland and legislation that would set a goal of 50 percent of the state's energy from renewable sources by 2030.

As a member of the Frederick County Board of Education I supported a policy assuring students would not be discriminated against for their gender identity. I support hiring goals for public sector employment that seek to match the demographics of the employees to the demographics of the population they represent. I oppose voter ID laws and support same-day registration for voting on election day.

I would focus on both ends of the education spectrum beginning with full-day Pre-K and increasing career education in high school leading to full-time professional apprenticeships. I support free college for registered apprentices in jobs that require a college degree. Funding would come from a combination of county and state money and anticipated increased federal support for apprenticeships.

Opioid overdose and death are the most serious problem facing Maryland with fentanyl and carfentanyl as the main sources. First, this need to be seen as a medical issue, not a criminal offense, with increased emphasis on treatment and recovery, and mandatory intervention and followup whenever Naloxone is administered.

My priorities are to ensure the safety of existing transportation infrastructure, increasing access to and availability of public transportation, and offering incentives for development of smart-car technology what will increase efficiencies and capacity of existing roads. I prioritize these rather than adding high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes. Funding is typically through gas taxes and user fees.



# Maryland House of Delegates District 4: 6 Candidates — Vote for 3

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

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

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

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

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

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



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I served in Annapolis from 1995 to 1998 as a Delegate from Montgomery County. In 2015 was appointed by Governor Hogan to represent Frederick's 4th legislative district. Obviously, I do not need training wheels. I am familiar with the workings and mechanisms of Annapolis. I work well with both sides, having cultivated friendships in both parties. I am working on a successful term, if reelected.

I support a nonpartisan commission to establish rational district lines. Currently, we have some districts which violate common sense. Please note the 6th Congressional District; from a farming community to Wheaton? Really? Establish boundaries that are fair and just, and certainly not drafted by political hacks.

1. Increase funding to continue improving the wonder that is our Bay. This is essential. 2. Also, folks it is time to recognize a critical and growing problem in our waters, land fills and especially our oceans. PLASTICS. This must not dissolve into a partisan issue. We must come together as Marylanders, as Americans and fix this.

Equity, justice, and fairness must be the governing ground rules. To that end, common sense is the common denominator. There are no one eyed jet fighter pilots. If the above issues arise, and it is proven there have been violations firm penalties must follow.

Governor Hogan has been outstanding in his funding of K thru 12. Also, additional funding was forthcoming to insure tuition increases would not exceed 2%. These should continue, and I will continue to support them. However, dear citizens we must keep a vigilant eye on our budget and the revenue stream. There are tremendous demands for revenues, but we have a constitutional law to balance our budget

The largest single program in the budget is 11 Billion dollars for MEDICAID. It supports health care for 1.4 million of us. We maintain this, along with a 20% increase in behavioral health and substance abuse services. I will continue supporting this. Also, I support the 5 year 50 million dollar Heroin and Opioid crisis funding. These challenges must be funded. All are funded with no new taxes!

First, the 1 billion dollar plus funding for Baltimore city subway cut by Gov. Hogan. More funds then for route 404, bridge repairs, road widenings. All are essential. We must continue funding for rational transportation, as requested by local jurisdictions. All of the above done with continued reduction of taxes, no new taxes. ALERT: Spending growth exceeds revenue growth.



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For over 12 years I have professionally advocated for Frederick and MD families resolving legal matters. As a Frederick County resident for nearly 40 years, husband and parent, and stakeholder in our success, my work has been to try to serve well. Mt. St. Mary's Univ. (Govern/French) Univ. MD (UMUC) (Government/Legal) Regent Univ. Sch. of Law (Juris Doctor) Town Council President (Secretary, MD)

I support Governor Hogan's plan for a non-partisan redistricting commission. Representation should come from the same contiguous and geographic communities as the voters.

I support Senator Hough's effort to remove trash incineration from the Renewable Portfolio Standard, which allows incinerators to receive ratepayer subsidies meant for clean energy sources. Currently, utility ratepayers subsidize over \$10 million annually for dirty energy like trash incineration.

Justice John Marshall Harlan - a distant relative by my mom, Sally Harlan Cox - wrote the famous dissent in Plessy v. Ferguson. He wrote and I agree: "Our constitution is colorblind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens. In respect of civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law." As an attorney, I have fought for civil rights and will continue to do so.

My goal is equal funding for Frederick schools, as we are last in Maryland state funding per pupil. That is unacceptable. I also supported Senator Hough's amendment in the Senate to ensure that School Resource Officers (SROs) or adequate police coverage is available at every elementary, middle and high school.

I supported Governor Hogan's and our delegation's fight against opioid deaths. In 2016, Frederick County ranked as the sixth highest in Maryland for opioid deaths. We must end this through tough sentencing of drug dealers and increased access to treatment. We also must ensure that health insurance premiums are lowered for all via across-state line competition.

I support Governor Hogan's efforts to widen I-270 by use of a public private partnership, as well as Rt. 15 and I-70. We can do this without new tolls by restoring Highway User Revenues to local governments. With eleven municipalities in my district, it is essential that we don't tax folks \$8 or more each day, round-trip, just to get to work, and that we also end the hours of sitting on the roads.

# Maryland House of Delegates District 4: 6 Candidates — Vote for 3

**DUTIES:** State senators and delegates represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly.

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

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

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

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

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I have over a decade of business and organizational leadership experience creating jobs, balancing budgets and meeting deadlines. That experience has prepared me to be an effective representative for Maryland tax payers and the challenges they face. My experience as a Public Official, leading a State Agency has enabled me to assist Marylanders with navigating state government.

We need a non-partisan redistricting commission to draw congressional and legislative lines. The practice of gerrymandering for political advantage is wrong. I support Governor Hogan's plan and will continue to work on common sense redistricting legislation.

We need to address the Conowingo Dam and its failure to prevent sediment and other northern state pollutants from entering the Chesapeake Bay. Like most Marylanders, I'm concerned about the environment, however the policy of targeting Maryland Farmers for the actions of many others is wrong. When it comes to environmental remediation, Government should utilize common sense to ensure fairness.

All U.S Citizens should be treated equally under the law. Government should not be picking winners and losers, but rather ensuring that the rules are applied equally to all regardless of race, gender, religion, disability or financial status.

I support increased funding for school safety that includes armed resource officers in every school along with increased structural security. I would fund these priorities by utilizing the savings that would come from amending the prevailing-wage laws that have made the cost of building schools unaffordable. Our kids should not be learning in trailers. We also need charter school options.

The greatest health challenge Marylanders face is the cost of health care. With the implementation of "Obama Care" and the failed rollout of the Maryland Health Exchange, premiums and deductibles have skyrocketed. Health care has become simply unaffordable. Marylanders need more options and I'll work to ensure they have choices by supporting an increased marketplace.

We need to ease traffic congestion on I270. Many of our Frederick County Residents commute to work. I'll support Governor Hogan's proposal of widening I270 with a public-private partnership as long as there are no additional tax or fee increases for Marylanders.



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As a PTA leader, community activist, and former human resources professional with experience in advertising, web management, and engineering industries, I've had success dealing with complex, confidential and difficult situations that required sound judgement, a willingness to work with everyone, and a genuine desire to find common sense solutions that led people to work better together.

Gerrymandering is wrong. I support a national solution that will lead all states to draw fair and reasonable district lines in every state.

The most pressing environmental issue is protecting a sustainable supply of clean water. We need cooperation from every upstream community to do more to control agricultural and municipal runoff. We also need to continue to support the Forest Restoration act. I want to hear more from the experts about the best ways to protect water quality in the Potomac drainage and the entire Chesapeake Bay.

I support all policies that move us towards equality for all. I will support policies that address the discrimination that is implicit in underserved rural and urban areas: access to transportation, to health care, and to education.

I support the Maryland State Education Association's campaign to Fix the Fund. Schools across the state must be funded equitably and must be held to the same standards. I also support hiring more support personnel at schools, such as counselors, nurses and homeless outreach agents. Teachers in our district should be paid comparable salaries to teachers in surrounding districts.

Health care access is a serious problem — less than half of the primary caregivers in our area accept Maryland HealthChoice, the program for most Medicaid enrollees in my district. This forces Medicare and Medicaid patients to travel long distances to get care, and many lack available transportation. We need to attract medical professionals to our area and expand insurance, especially Medicaid.

We currently have major congestion issues, and many more homes are being built every day. Some roads can be expanded to handle the traffic, but that will take many years. We need to expand transportation options for commuters to DC and Baltimore areas. Currently Governor Hogan wants to roll back the gas tax — I'd like that money to be invested in public transportation instead.

# Maryland House of Delegates District 4: 6 Candidates — Vote for 3

**DUTIES:** State senators and delegates represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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I believe that a good lawmaker is first a good listener. I was a stay-at-home mom until my youngest was in the seventh grade. It was then that I began work as a substitute teacher. I retired in 2016, after teaching for Frederick County Public Schools for seventeen years. I currently work at Shepherd University. I have a history of listening and then acting.

I believe that gerrymandering election districts has gotten out of hand and I would like to see a bi-partisan commission created to redraw our congressional and legislative districts. Partisanship should not play a role in creating our districts.

We must accept climate change as real and do what we can to lessen human impact on our environment. I support the expansion of renewable energy sources, emissions restrictions, and controls on plastic products that are filling our oceans. I believe much work on these efforts can be done at the state level.

I think that all citizens need to be treated equally in all aspects of daily life. This includes employment, housing, education, and opportunity. I support educational programs that help to reduce bullying in our schools, which is where I believe the seeds of discrimination are sewn. I think equal housing and employment legislation needs to be enacted and enforced and Title IX programs supporte

I would support efforts to reduce standardized testing and put assessments in the hands of teachers and educators. Standardized tests do little to assess what a student has actually learned. I would like to see teacher-developed, performance-based assessments given in our schools. I also believe that our public schools should be fully funded by the state, and that education dollars are not held

We need universal healthcare. Our Maryland legislatures need to work towards legislation that ensures that all Marylanders have quality, affordable healthcare. We also need to look at how pharmaceutical costs can be reduced so that medication is not a primary budget item for senior citizens and families.

I would like to see Maryland look at light rail options and how we can improve and increase mass transportation in the state. Mass transportation reduces wear and tear on our roadways, emissions in the air we breathe, and the stress caused to workers when they are sitting in traffic congestion. Funding for a portion of the cost might be found on the federal level and by reinstating some road tol



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My experience as a community leader, as a political advocate for those that are voiceless has prepared me for the duties of this office. I have often time advocate for the deaf community in various aspects - private and public. My experience has allowed me to listen and understand different ideas and how to be able to devise those ideas into solutions.

I believe that the changes in the redistricting should be able to reflect the community; the Legislative Branch should also have a voice in the redistricting process - allowing the people to also have a voice in the process as well would procure the proper results that it can reflect the state as a whole.

Right now the most significant challenges that Maryland face is the cleaning of the Chesapeake Bay - with some of the current policies that have been pushed by the current administration - both state and federal - climate change is something that we are experiencing at an astronomical rate - and the best way to address it is to push more energy efficient policies such as going green.

As a member of three different unique communities - Deaf, Black, and LGBT - I strongly do believe that discrimination is on the rise in different aspects and the best solution that can be thought of is that there need to be clearer anti-discrimination laws that clearly provide remedies - clear guidelines - stricter punishment if such vile act is conducted.

Education is something that is very important to me - I strongly support increasing teacher's pay; I strongly support more funding for renovation projects for schools that are not up to code. I believe that this can be done with smart governance - working closely with the local elected officials - to fund them would be to ensure that big businesses are paying their fair share toward education.

The biggest challenge that Marylanders are facing when it comes to Health-care - affordability of coverage. Many Marylanders has experienced at one point in their lifespan the drop of coverage - and that shouldn't happen. that shouldn't put more pressure. A plan that will help covers many Marylanders from the coverage of hospitalization; medicine, Urgent Care should be spearheaded in the new GA

Transportation is something that needs to be addressed. The mass transit system needs to be expanded - and it needs to be properly funded. Expanding the highways and the beltways will only bring more congestion which is not needed in Maryland. Smart and efficient transportation policies must be balanced out by each other. It could be funded by various proposals that could be spearheaded.



# Maryland Governor and Lieutenant Governor: Vote for one

**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.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide as a team with the lieutenant governor.

**LEIUTENANT 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.

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

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

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

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

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



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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.



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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

# Maryland Attorney General (Vote for one)

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

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

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

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

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

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

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



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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.

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.

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.

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.

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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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

## Maryland Comptroller (Vote for one)

**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.

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

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

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?

Please describe any other priorities you have for this office.



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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.

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.

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.

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.



## Maryland Comptroller (Vote for one)

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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.

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.

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.

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.

## U.S. Representative District 6 (vote for one)

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

What other issues are priorities for you?



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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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 <p><b>David Trone</b> Democratic</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.davidtrone.com">www.davidtrone.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://facebook.com/davidjtrone">http://facebook.com/davidjtrone</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/davidjtrone">twitter.com/davidjtrone</a>  <b>Instagram:</b> @davidjtrone  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:david@davidtrone.com">david@davidtrone.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> (240) 907-2392</p>	I grew up on a struggling family farm cleaning hog pens. Taking out loans, I was able to go to graduate school and start a successful business that's headquartered in Bethesda. I'm prepared to represent a diverse district that spans from urban areas in Montgomery to rural areas in Garrett.	Quality healthcare is a basic human right, and our job must be to ensure that right for all Americans. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, we've made great progress. We should build on that progress and expand the ACA so that all Americans have coverage.	I've supported the ACLU for 20 years, and in Congress I will continue fighting to fix our criminal justice system that discriminates against people of color. I'm 100% pro-choice, and I support equal pay and paid family leave. I support the Full Equality Act to fight discrimination against LGBTQ people.	I strongly oppose Trump's tax cuts, which worsen income inequality and add \$1.5 trillion to our national debt. We need to remove the carried interest loophole that allows hedge fund managers to pay lower tax rates. I support an infrastructure bank to fund projects like expanding I-270 and I-81.	Immigrants are an important part of American society and should have a path to citizenship. I oppose Trump's mass deportations, travel bans, and rescinding of DACA and TPS protections. We also should reduce the amount of time it takes for applicants to receive work authorization.	Climate change is real and it's a serious threat to our economy and our way of life. I oppose Trump's decision to withdraw from the international climate agreement. I also support investing in green technology, making federal buildings more energy efficient, and protecting fuel efficiency standards.	The opioid crisis is a top priority for me. In 2016, 64,000 Americans died from overdoses – my nephew Ian was one of them. Every day we don't act, more people will die. I've put together a comprehensive plan to address the epidemic which you can read at <a href="http://davidtrone.com/opioid-crisis">davidtrone.com/opioid-crisis</a>

<p>No photo available</p> <p><b>Kevin T. Caldwell</b> Libertarian Party</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.electkevincaldwell.com">http://www.electkevincaldwell.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/KCaldwell4Congress/">http://www.facebook.com/KCaldwell4Congress/</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/Caldwell4MD6CD">twitter.com/Caldwell4MD6CD</a>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:kcaldwell@electkevincaldwell.com">kcaldwell@electkevincaldwell.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> (904) 930-2631</p>	As a service member, I served as the legal liaison between JAG and the command group. It was my job to legally protect the rights of each and every service member (1000 approx) and to ensure the command adhered to all regulations of the UCMJ. I have been a part of & navigated one of the largest bureaucracies on the face of the planet. One can not serve where one is unwilling to follow.	There is no one silver bullet solution to our health care system. I would advocate returning the power of choice via a market-based health care system. I believe that we the consumers of health care know our needs far better than a group of DC bureaucrats. Any plan that takes power from the millions and places it in the hands of the few is not in our best interest as consumers.	The biggest gap we face in inequality is the unequal application of our laws & the unequal protection afforded by them based on income, political connections or office held. Gov. has become the greatest offender of our rights at every level. It is my promise to protect all citizens.	I advocate for a fair, equitable & simplified tax system for individuals & business. I support limiting Gov. spending to 10%-15% of actual GDP. We must begin to address our \$100 plus million in debt. We have no right to put our debt on future generations simply because we lack the will to force Congress to be responsible with our money. I support free trade with other nations.	I fully support the enforcement of our current laws & securing the border. I advocate for more legal immigration. I will help to make those here currently who pose no threat, a possible path to citizenship after some probationary period of proving their desire to become lawful proud U.S. citizens. All taxes must be paid and any serious criminal conviction will result in deportation.	I will encourage real scientific research not the politically driven pseudoscience for political gain. I have a physics background so I understand the basics of science. I believe the key to being a good steward of our planet is we must use real science & the free market. The move towards renewable energies must be driven by our ability as consumers to pay for it not Gov subsidies.	We have the opportunity to have complete control over a party leadership if I am elected. I would be the only & 1st elected as a (L) in Congress and would have far more honest access to committees and influence in them than either one of my opponents unless they buy that as well. Gov. reform is the key to all other issues. In this election, we can either repeat a failed history or make history.
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I've lived in Maryland since 1967 and my (grand)children have been raised here, most in CD6. I've been politically active here for more than 2 decades, feel well prepared to represent, and will propose and promote legislation that will benefit the vast majority of those of us who live here in CD6. I have also promised to employ citizens from the 4 parties recognized in MD and those unaffiliated.

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

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

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

As an immigrant myself: 1. Assure DHS' Verify Employment Eligibility (E-Verify) system is used by all employers and prosecute those who hire ineligible employees. 2. Devise a path to citizenship for law-abiding, undocumented workers and their families presently in the US. 3. Strengthen our visa system to continue to allow immigrants from around the world to bolster our economy and culture.

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

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

## U.S. Representative District 8 (vote for one)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Representing Maryland's 8th in the U.S. House since January 2017, I recognize that I have spent my life preparing to serve in this capacity. As a local native, a professor of constitutional law for a quarter-century at AU and a Maryland State Senator for a decade, I have the passion for service to our community and the legislative knowledge needed to advance our priorities and values every day.	I'm working to keep increasing NIH research funding, to guarantee the solvency of Medicare and to defend Medicaid by opposing work requirements and other poison pills. I seek to stabilize the ACA and bring down the costs of premiums and deductibles. I'm also fighting for lower prescription drug prices and the power of government to negotiate for them in Medicare. Organizing for single-payer.	I'm defending civil rights in every federal program and context and advocating voting rights for all. Played an active role in developing strong new policies against sexual harassment and race discrimination on Capitol Hill. Fight regularly on the Judiciary Committee to champion civil rights and liberties and to oppose efforts to weaken the ADA and undercut employee rights in the workplace.	I'm fighting for a Green Deal, a bipartisan infrastructure plan to reinvest in roads, highways, Metro, mass transit, water etc. in an environmentally positive way; a fair tax policy that protects the working middle class and opposes special-interest tax breaks and giveaways; revitalized labor rights; and a policy of free and fair trade that bolsters our living and working standards.	I favor comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for 800,000 DREAMers, who are students, armed service members and workers who were brought here as children by their parents. I oppose President Trump's profligate border wall proposal and his efforts to curtail legal immigration and refugee admission. We can make common-sense progress when we reject extremist plans.	Climate change must be the overarching context for public policy decision-making. We need to take urgent action to confront the profound damage caused by global warming, including taxing carbon pollution, dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and investing in renewable clean energy. Also we must address air pollution, deforestation, species extinction, and threats to biodiversity.	Nothing is more important to me than delivering effective and prompt service for the 800,000 people I proudly work for. Since I took office in 2017, my excellent staff has resolved 2,353 problems faced by seniors seeking Social Security checks, veterans filing VA claims, federal contractors awaiting payment, immigrants applying for citizenship, and so on. Our doors are always open.
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As a Paramedic I am taught to assess a situation and then treat it with the proper solution. I would not only fight for what I believe is right, but I would ask for the people of my district to reach out to me with their thoughts. I would maintain an open mind to all solutions / ideas because I believe that is what is best.	I would fight for a free market approach. A system that puts the power in the hand of the individual verses the regulators. Allow people to purchase insurance in private groups so the benefits of lower costs are available to everyone. Allow competition across state lines to bring prices down. Allow people to pick and choose what coverage they want to lower their premium.	As gross as discrimination is people have a right to hate / dislike who ever they want for whatever reason. I would speak at many events and work towards ending hate, but I do not believe more laws are the answer.	I would work to increase free trade among ALL countries. Reduce taxes and privatize infrastructure. We can start saving money but cutting Congressional pay from \$174,000 a year to much the national median income (\$56,000).	I want to make it easier for immigrants to come to America and bring with them their ideas and cultures. I would work to end mass deportations and strengthen the rights of families here. I would also filibuster anything that had to do with construction of the wall.	The environment is obviously changing as it is constantly evolving and going through cycles. The argument is not "is it" but what is the best solution. I believe in renewable energy as a future and would work to make that easier for people to afford. Allow more private money to flow into research and development.	Installing Congressional term limits and slashing pay. Ending all wars that were are in and bring ALL of our troops home ASAP! Increasing personal privacy and eliminating Eminent Domain.
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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.

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.

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.

I am against raising taxes. I support a balanced budget amendment. I am in favor of bilateral 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.

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.

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.

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



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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 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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



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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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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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 <p><b>Michael B. Puskar</b> Write-In Candidate</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://mbpuskar.com">http://mbpuskar.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://facebook.com/mbpuskar">http://facebook.com/mbpuskar</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/mbpuskar">twitter.com/mbpuskar</a>  <b>Instagram:</b> @mbpuskar  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:puskar2018@yahoo.com">puskar2018@yahoo.com</a></p>	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.	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.	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!"	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!	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.	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.	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

	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.
 <p><b>Edward Shlikas</b> Write-In Candidate</p> <p><b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/senatorshlikas">twitter.com/senatorshlikas</a>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:edwardshlikas@gmail.com">edwardshlikas@gmail.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> (410) 977-3175</p>							

# U.S. Senate (Vote for one)

**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.

**TERM:** Six years.

**BASE SALARY:** \$174,000 per year.

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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.]



# Ballot Questions

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

## Frederick County Question A

This charter amendment would amend the Frederick County Charter to provide that a council member vacancy must be filled by a member of the same political party as the vacating Council member was in the most recent Council Member Election.

## Frederick County Question B

This charter amendment would amend the Frederick County Charter to authorize and specify the process for expedited legislation that could become effective the date of enactment.

## Frederick County Question C

This charter amendment would amend the Frederick County Charter to change the removal process for the County Attorney to require either the Executive with the consent of 5 Council Members or the vote of 6 Council Members to remove the County Attorney.

## Frederick County Question D

This amendment would amend the Frederick County Charter to expand the required subject matters for collective bargaining for County Career Fire Fighters and require the County Council to provide by ordinance for binding arbitration by a neutral arbitrator whose decision must be funded in the county budget.

# County Council Districts

For a list of polling places, go to [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org), or visit Frederick County's website at [www.frederickcountymd.gov](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov).

