



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

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All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for a particular office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates who will appear on the ballot are printed exactly as submitted. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 400 characters and additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond before we prepared this *Guide*, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Additional information on the candidates is available at www.VOTE411.org, which has any updates received after the deadline. Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. If the candidate submitted a campaign website, it is listed under her/his name.

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Three Ways to Vote

Early Voting

Where:

Allegany County Board of Elections
701 Kelly Road, Suite 231
Cumberland MD 21502-3401
301-777-5931

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

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701 Kelly Road, Suite 231
Cumberland MD 21502-3401
301-777-5931

By Mail (Absentee Ballot)

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELECTION INFORMATION

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

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

Maryland State Board of Elections

Hours: 8 - 5 Monday - Friday

P.O. Box 6486

Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

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

Toll Free: 800-222-8683

Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258

Rumors about the election? Visit –

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

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

Statewide Offices

Governor / Lt Governor

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

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford

Republican Party

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/LarryHogan

Campaign Instagram: instagram:@LarryHogan

No response received by deadline.

Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull

Democratic Party

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

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

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

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

Earth Action, and 350.org have all endorsed my campaign.

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

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

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

Shawn Quinn / Christina Smith

Libertarian Party

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: The biggest health crisis facing Maryland and the nation is the opioid epidemic. People need help. People are scared to get help. They have seen what the

government does to nonviolent drug offenders. We need to completely end the War on Drugs in Maryland. We will turn the government into a partner instead of an enforcer. We will stop ruining lives by people to prison over a chemical or a plant.

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

Ian Schlakman / Annie Chambers

Green Party

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: From urban to rural areas we're hearing that residents are concerned that in a wealthy state like ours basic services like schools and fire departments are facing cuts. This is why we're calling for a millionaires tax to close our communities budget gaps.

We will continue to post our priorities to www.schlakman.com/issues as Marylanders continue to ask us to respond to their top priorities.

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Comptroller

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Anjali Reed Phukan

Republican Party

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/mscomptroller

Campaign Instagram: MsComptroller

Campaign Email: Mscomptroller@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Peter Franchot

Democratic Party

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

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

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

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

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Attorney General

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Craig Wolf

Republican Party

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Campaign Phone: (202) 415-6732

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

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

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

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

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

Brian E. Frosh

Democratic Party

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

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

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

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

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

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U.S. Senator

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

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

Term: Six years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year.

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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Tony Campbell

Republican Party

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

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Campaign Email: info@campbell4maryland.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ben Cardin

Democratic Party

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Arvin Vohra

Libertarian Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an educator and entrepreneur, I have seen the damage government has done. I advocate repealing regulations, ending government involvement in education, abolishing public schools, abolishing all government welfare, and ending the income tax. As

Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party, I support ending the welfare-warfare state, ceasing involvement in foreign civil wars, and downsizing the military.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: I believe that America should be a place where everyone is treated

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: 1. Legal immigration needs to be prioritized to asylum seekers: We have

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: Universal Single Payer Healthcare for all Americans. Our current healthcare system sucks. We pay the most money for our healthcare and we get the worst healthcare of all developed nations. Because our current senators are so corrupt and on the take, insurance and pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and doctors make an exorbitant amount of money for providing horrible healthcare to Americans.

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: We must get the Wealthy1% and corporations, who own and control all three branches of our government, out of power. We must get moneyed interests out of the business of buying our representatives elections through "donations," aka bribes, and

publicly finance all candidates with the same amount of money. We must End the War on Plants/Drugs and legalize all plants to reduce overdoses and deaths.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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U.S. Representative District 6

Duties: Representatives make laws along with the members of the Senate, and may conduct investigations on issues of national importance. Laws that impose taxes always begin in the

House of Representatives. Representatives can recommend that the Senate remove from office a public official accused of a crime.

Term: Two years

Base Salary: \$174,000

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

Website: www.house.gov

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: As the daughter of an immigrant, I know that the US is a country of immigrants, and I support immigrants with empathy. We are also a country of laws. I support uniform, fair, consistent enforcement of our laws and processes. Lack of uniformity

is, sadly, increasing divisiveness. It is vital to national security that we not only care for immigrants but also address weaknesses in law enforcement.

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

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

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

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

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

ECONOMIC POLICY: I strongly oppose Trump's tax cuts, which worsen income inequality and add \$1.5 trillion to our national debt. We need to remove the carried interest loophole that allows hedge fund managers to pay lower tax rates. I support an infrastructure bank to fund projects like expanding I-270 and I-81.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMMIGRATION: I fully support the enforcement of our current laws & securing the border. I advocate for more legal immigration. I will help to make those here currently who pose no threat, a possible path to citizenship after some probationary period of proving their desire to become lawful proud U.S. citizens. All taxes must be paid and any serious criminal conviction will result in deportation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Maryland General Assembly

Senator District 1

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was in business most of my life until the family business was sold in 2009. I have served on the Grantsville Town Council, the Garrett County Commissioners, Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland Senate. All of the above give me a variety of experiences.

REDISTRICTING: Districts are to be drawn based on communities of commonality, not politics.

ENVIRONMENT: We all need to do what we can within reason to make sure we have a healthy environment based on fact, and not fear or false information

DISCRIMINATION: There should not be any discrimination, period. Each issue should be looked at on its own merits. There are many current laws on the books today dealing with discrimination and we need to enforce them.

EDUCATION: We need to make sure K-12 education and safety in our schools is funded fully. Any new formula needs to put more emphasis on median family income which is a much truer indication of wealth of a county.

HEALTH CARE: Getting more health care to rural parts of the State. We must also make sure senior citizens get the health care and medications that they need.

TRANSPORTATION: Getting the North/South Highway in Garrett and Allegany Counties, the Howard Street tunnel in Baltimore and I-81 in Washington County completed. These projects could be paid for with existing funds with a more equal distribution of those funds.

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House of Delegates 1A

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: Currently completing third term in Maryland House of Delegates Serve one term (4 years) as Garrett County Commissioner Administrator of the Water and Sewer Authority in Garrett County for 18 years Small business owner in restaurant and motel segment for more than thirty years Served on bank boards Volunteered on numerous commissions, non-profit service organizations and professional organizations

REDISTRICTING: Need to restore uniform compact districts that to the fullest extent possible follow county, city or geographic boundaries.

ENVIRONMENT: The dredging issue with the Conowingo Dam; maintaining funding for the Chesapeake Bay clean up efforts; protection, restoration and maintenance of the 16 State owned lakes; energy conservation; reduction of air pollutants in non-attainment areas of the State; and protection of our drinking water supplies.

DISCRIMINATION: It is illegal and immoral to discriminate in any fashion. Will support enforcement of the laws that are already on the books to address these issues.

EDUCATION: Number one requirement of the Maryland constitution is to educate our young people. K-12 public school funding formula is currently based on recommendations set forth by the Thornton Commission Report, The Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act of 2002. The Kerwin Commission is completing it's work on reviewing education funding. I will review the report and support needed recommendations.

HEALTH CARE: The Maryland Health Insurance Exchange, that was created to satisfy the requirements of the Affordable Care Act, Obamacare, is in trouble. It is unaffordable and

most insurance companies have left Maryland, only Blue Cross-Blue Shield remains. Those enrolled in the plan were facing a 50% increase in premiums. The General Assembly passed a one year short term fix but will need to find a solution.

TRANSPORTATION: Highway user revenues for local jurisdiction were cut from 30% of the Transportation Trust Fund to less than 10%. I have worked every session since the funds were cut to seek to restore HURs to the previous level. Co-sponsored a bill that passed this year that partially restores the funding for a five year period. It will continue to be my priority to fully restore HUR to local jurisdictions.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a small business owner with multi tourism companies employing about 90 people. All of the businesses that my wife and I have opened are from the ground up. I am a retired Labor mediator that has worked in many different industries. I have worked for both public and private businesses. I also have been very active in the community in Western Maryland my entire life.

REDISTRICTING: I would expect that redistricting would be accomplished in a fair and just manner so that no political party could realign the boundaries to give them an added advantage. There are some challenges in Western Maryland because of declining populations in Garrett and Allegany County. Never the less it should be controlled by true census numbers and be representative of the population.

ENVIRONMENT: I would focus on renewable energy in particular solar for homes and businesses and promote clean water and clean air. Here in Western Maryland we need to continue to protect our natural environment to provide for the future generations. I will continue to promote and encourage regulations that will guard against pollution from any source that would threaten the place we live, work and play.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe that all people are equal. I also support laws and regulations that protect a person's right to pursue what makes them happy. In my business, we never discriminate against anyone for any reason. We currently hire people based on their abilities and expect them to respect others who may have a different viewpoint.

EDUCATION: There needs to be a focus on skills education because not everyone will be heading to college. We need many skills in the future, like electricians, plumbers, auto mechanics and equipment operators. These are good jobs with a living wage. I continue to support STEM and college bound students and expect that education will be for all and not just a few.

HEALTH CARE: I do believe that health care should be for everyone. I think that many types of drug abuse are having a major impact on the health of our communities. We need to visit the writing of drug prescriptions by doctors and look for alternative ways to control pain. I think we need to continue to provide health care to small children and people who cannot afford care.

TRANSPORTATION: I think there needs to more focus on electric vehicles with a network of charger stations placed at many business and public locations. In western Maryland, there is an increase in citizens using biking as a way to relax and commute. Infrastructure cost can be paid for by a gas tax to encourage these alternative networks. I also believe there needs be more propane-powered vehicles.

House of Delegates 1B

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

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Jason C. Buckel

Republican Party

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

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served in the House of Delegates for 4 years, and have been selected by my colleagues for senior leadership as the Chief Deputy Minority Whip of the Republican Caucus. I have been a practicing attorney in Maryland representing individuals and businesses in a variety of litigation and corporate matters for over 20 years.

REDISTRICTING: I served as a member of Governor Hogan's Redistricting Reform Commission, and am intimately familiar with the issues surrounding the gerrymandering of Maryland's congressional and legislative districts. I helped to craft legislation which would create an independent commission for the redistricting process as well as establish clear legal guidance for compact and contiguous congressional districts

ENVIRONMENT: I believe that all of us at core are environmentalists and care about providing a safe and healthy environment for our families and generations to come. Unfortunately, in my view, environmentalism has become in many cases extreme, and verifiable science and reasonable trade-offs between economic growth and development and environmental concerns have been lost. In my area, the greatest environmental

DISCRIMINATION: I personally abhor any form of discrimination on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. To me, the merits of a person's character and

abilities are all that matters. I have voted for reasonable legislation in Annapolis which would seek to uncover, limit or remedy actual acts of discrimination, although I have grave concerns about legislation which relies upon "disparate impac

EDUCATION: As a member of the Ways and Means Committee for the past 4 years, I have developed a substantial background in educational policies that affect our K-12 school system. I support programs and initiatives to change the way we teach and evaluate performance so that we are producing students capable of succeeding, either vocationally or in college, in the 21st Century economy. I support funding initia

HEALTH CARE: The most significant challenge in the health care arena that overwhelms all others: the cost of health care and health insurance. In my view, ObamaCare has failed to meet its lofty goals and we cannot continue to pretend that raising taxes to provide subsidies for health insurance has any positive impact on bending the cost curve of insurance or health care services downward. We need to allow insu

TRANSPORTATION: In Western Maryland, restoring highway user revenues to local communities and working to tie our east/west highway system into the national north/south highway system promoting economic development are our highest priorities. I am extremely pleased that the return of highway user revenues to localities is being increased through our legislative action this year.

Penny Lyn Walker

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QUALIFICATIONS: For over 20 years my career has focused on working with my community, specifically low income families and individuals trying to navigate a complicated legal system. This work has put me in the unique position to be acutely aware of the everyday problems the people of my area face. In addition to working full time, I'm also an entrepreneur/business owner employing 25 workers in two counties.

REDISTRICTING: I support an end to congressional and legislative redistricting done with partisan considerations. Currently district lines can be drawn in such a way that one end of a district may have very different needs than the other. This leads to certain voters having a disproportionate impact on elections, and to some citizens not having their needs addressed and/or represented.

ENVIRONMENT: It is my belief that the most significant environmental challenges we're facing are climate change, and destructive resource extraction and transport methods. My plan to address these issues is to push for a move towards green energy methods. My hope is to make renewable, green energy accessible to all people. Additionally, I will stand strong against methods such as fracking and pipelines.

DISCRIMINATION: All citizens have a right to fair and equal representation by their government, and fair and equal treatment under the law. I have spent much of my life's work ensuring that people receive such treatment. I would support any such measures that would protect citizens from discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty.

EDUCATION: I support the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission that would facilitate changes and programs that seek to compensate teachers appropriately, attract/maintain quality teachers, provide staff, lessen classroom sizes, allow for professional development of teachers, and repair schools. These measures would be paid for

by creating a lock box for the Education Trust Fund.

HEALTH CARE: The significant healthcare issue currently facing Maryland is the opioid epidemic. I will address this issue by seeking out and creating programs that create a continuum of support past addiction and during recovery by providing people with treatment beyond the physical and into the mental addiction itself. I will also work tirelessly to address the lack of insurance/under insurance for residents.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation in a rural area is a special challenge, an unmet need, and a barrier to employment in my district. My goal is to augment the current system and improve it by providing comprehensive service. These measures can be funded from a variety of sources, such as federal and state funds, available for transportation, in particular for underserved communities and low income residents.

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House of Delegates 1C

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SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Mike McKay

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the Past President of the Board of County Commissioners in Allegany County (2011-2014) and the current Delegate from District 1C (2015-2018), I believe have prepared me for the duties of this office.

REDISTRICTING: Redistricting needs to be drawn in a non partisan fashion. Congressional and legislative lines should be drawn by independent commissions. Members of these commissions can not be legislators or public officials.

ENVIRONMENT: All environmental challenges should be addressed by common sense solutions properly balanced with economics. Our greatest resource is our fellow man or woman. Our health and safety should be first and most important issue in environmental concerns. Any policy that supports conservation must equally address economic growth and development, as well as private property rights, and be practical.

DISCRIMINATION: I support all fact based polices addressing discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty. As a Member of the Joint Committee to End Homelessness, I believe I bring balance, fiscal accountability with drive for common sense policy that return on investment will help us solve our affordable housing shortage.

EDUCATION: The Maryland State Constitution clearly states that MD will provide a free public school system. Funding of our K-12 should be practical and affordable. Passing mandated school policies should never be approved unless some form of funding is established. As County Commissioner we created a needs based scholarship for Allegany County residents from revenues we receive from Rock Gap Casino.

HEALTH CARE: Many MD adults have serious oral health issues that drive them to the ER with tooth pain and oral infections. The ER are unable to treat the causes of dental pain. I am proud of the approve legislation (2018) that establishes a pilot program to provide adult Medicaid recipients dental coverage. The has been a priority for me for many years. I look forward to the results as we push for statewide.

TRANSPORTATION: The restoration of highway user funds to the Counties and Municipalities should not have a sunset for funding. MD is the only state that funds its mass transit from a fuel tax. This is wrong because when passed it was to be for bridges and roads. I support mass transit and understand the role but funding should be in a "ad vorum tax" a tax on properties that increase in value.

Daniel DelMonte

Green Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: An entire adult life involved in grassroots volunteerism and activism for community groups, ranging from advocacy for the elderly, animal rescue, block associations, disability work, and LGBT advocacy. As a resident of Maryland, have been active in the anti-fracking campaign, chair of the Allegany County Green Party, censure of the local use of eminent domain for private retail development

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering reduces democracy. Both major parties have abused the privilege of districting to create a one-party rule and creating apathy among our voters. I favor regional block districting set by a non-partisan panel, much like in other states such as Iowa or California. Further, I support rank choice voting to give the most weight to each individual's vote.

ENVIRONMENT: Most urgently, though we are not drilling for gas, we are rapidly crisscrossing our state with fracked-gas pipelines and our governor and FERC have ignored local concerns about the dangers the pipelines bring to the water supplies of our

communities, including the communities of Hancock, Clear Springs, and Williamsport. I would introduce legislation to halt all new pipelines.

DISCRIMINATION: I favor equal access to housing, employment and public accommodation for all citizens with no discrimination based on class membership, to include race, gender, religion, disability. I favor increasing access to voting, education and healthcare for all.

EDUCATION: Western MD county funds schools at the minimum level, with some of our most highly rated and rural schools threatened with closure. A good school system is the best investment a community can make in its economy, as businesses and professionals looking to locate here will look first at its school districts. My opponent votes no on all education bills; I would change that dialog.

HEALTH CARE: Access. Consolidation is hurting rural areas. WMHS in Cumberland is closing its pediatrics unit. This, again, like education, diminishes the ability to grow our area and hurts our residents, who have to seek care elsewhere. Rural areas rely on volunteer EMS/EMT and fire depts as a first line of pre-medical care and we need to ensure funding to support those services (loans, tax abatements, etc.)

TRANSPORTATION: Western Maryland has special transportation needs that keep it from developing. All monies in our area have been diverted to roads only, but we need commercial interstate and intrastate service not only to connect our local residents to the rest of the world but to attract businesses here. Transportation bills need to support these connections, like rail and air, and new solutions to local transit

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Local Leaders

Allegany County Commissioner

DUTIES: The three County Commissioners have only those powers authorized by the Maryland General Assembly. These include appointment of County officials, assessing and collecting taxes, maintaining and protecting County property and enacting laws to protect and promote public health. One of the three serves as the president for the term as determined by a vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

SALARY: From January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019:

(1) President of the Board of County Commissioners: \$34,265 per annum;

(2) Member of the Board of County Commissioners: \$33,139 per annum.

HOW ELECTED: All are elected at-large.

TERM: Four years, no term limits.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 3.

Creade Brodie, Jr.

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: Two term County Commissioner. In private life, I'm a supervisor with a local water and sewer authority. My strong areas of knowledge in public work. That our county's largest department

BUDGET: Taxes rates in our county have been decreased in the last eight years. Our public safety budget will have to be increased to keep up with our aging population

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Worked to deregulate to common sense levels. Still more to be done.

EDUCATION: Help with in kind services. Keep funding at MOE level.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: This is a hard one. The county is always charged with finding away to move business forward, when the state and Federal Government has put laws in place to stop business and growth of business. If government in general would get out of the way, this would take care of its self

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We have to much now

INFRASTRUCTURE: We don't have a traffic problem. Our biggest problem is our aging water and sewer systems. We need to reinvest back in ourselves. This would help County wide

Dave Caporale

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am currently in my second term of city council for Cumberland Maryland. I believe that this has helped me identify the needs and the issues facing our community. Also as a small business owner I see firsthand the economic climate of our area.

BUDGET: In Allegany County we need to continue to look for new ways to generate Revenue. As in city government we have continued to make cuts to provide the services necessary to our residents.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We have a very badly aging housing market and infrastructure that should be a top priority for redevelopment. But unlike many places in the state we still have a lot of room for development here that could boost economic activity.

EDUCATION: I want our students to have all the resources they need to succeed. All of our schools need to be a safe and happy place for learning.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: I believe we need to expand on specified tax credits available for our county. I also believe we could continue to look at rural sourcing to locate new businesses in our area.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We have an abundance of affordable housing in Allegany County. However much of it is outdated. I would like to take our housing market to the next level with potential for redevelopment in areas.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We have a badly aging infrastructure and Allegany County. Roads

Bridges Etc also water lines and more need updated. I would be a advocate for a strong pavement Management program as we have used in the city of Cumberland.

Jake Shade

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I cannot answer these questions in 400 characters. My full platform can be found here: <http://www.jakeshade.com/8-for-2018/> My background can be found here: <http://www.jakeshade.com/meetjake/> and

<http://alleganygov.org/Directory.aspx?EID=63> My facebook page can be found here:

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Democratic Party

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No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a proven leader in various professional facets, Michael is ready to get to work for the constituents in Allegany County. With 16 years of business management experience, including owning his own business, Michael knows how to be fiscally efficient, negotiate, and build long-term partnerships. Michael holds an Associate, Bachelor, and Master Degrees in Psychology.

BUDGET: In order to sustain long-term economic growth, the budget must be reformed by responsibly eliminating wasteful expenditures. Michael plans to focus on stringent fiscal responsibility to ensure essential funding for viable programs is available upon request. Michael will request a comprehensive fiduciary audit of all county government accounts to ensure accuracy and efficiency.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The land use policies in Allegany County must be adequately zoned to influence business capture, growth, and expansion. As commissioner, Michael will work directly with the local zoning members to ensure areas are zoned fairly to accommodate business and residential growth, including, stringent environmental protection stipulations.

EDUCATION: As a firm proponent of investing in our children's future, Michael is committed to making public education a top priority, including expanding safety and security measures at all public schools. Michael will work proactively with the Board of Education to ensure educational funding is well above the Maintenance of Effort. Michael will be a strong advocate for all educators in the county.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: It is time to put the residents of Allegany County first! As commissioner, Michael will proactively seek new companies that will provide residents with jobs that earn a living wage, offer adequate medical and dental care, and offer paid sick and vacation time, which will be completed by negotiating tax incentives and the granting of fiduciary rewards to companies that will invest in the county.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The availability of affordable housing is an essential investment for a local, middle-class community. As commissioner, Michael will work with all facets of government to ensure that the necessary funding is in place to accommodate those residents who are in need of affordable housing.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The failing infrastructure over the entire county needs renovated to ensure the safety, reliability, and attract new businesses and residents. Michael will propose immediate rehabilitation of all roads and bridges that are currently failing due to aging infrastructure, by proactively working with the city and state governments to ensure that unsafe roads to reduce potential safety concerns.

Steve Wollett

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QUALIFICATIONS: I ran a 12 million dollar construction budget as an electrical superintendent. I was assistant business manager of Local 24 of the IBEW. As maintenance

supervisor of Levindale Hospital, I had to submit a yearly budget. In these positions, I had to interact with various trades and professions.

BUDGET: Even though the school board gave money back last year to the county because they received federal grants, this does not preclude us from spending more on education. I would increase spending for economic development to bring in industry and tech jobs with good pay and benefits. Tourism has its place, but we cannot have the entire economy dependent on service level jobs.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I would like to follow Baltimore City's example and sell tax foreclosure properties for a dollar, with the requirement that the buyer puts 60 thousand dollars into the home to bring it up to code and live in it. We ought to also look at a grant program where people can borrow 20 thousand dollars at low interest to make repairs to their failing houses and properties.

EDUCATION: We must invest in quality of education, and not just construction in the name of education. I oppose spending public tax dollars on charter schools.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We must audit expenditures for economic development to see if they are being spent wisely. Is this corporate welfare, or is this really in the community's interest? The county commissioners have hired a consultant to bring in more service level jobs as their "economic development" plan, ignoring industry and tech jobs that would boost the tax base. We need jobs that pay a decent wage and benefits.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We should invest in public housing, contingent on residents being held responsible on the condition of the property (is the property abused by residents?). Rents should be progressive based on income, and only take a portion of increases in income to encourage upward mobility. See Development and Land Use Question for other policies.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We will evaluate the county transit system to improve efficiency and expand routes. We must work with our legislators to expand the MARC train to Cumberland. We need Federal and State grants to improve county infrastructure without raising taxes. Currently the county commission belatedly hired a grant writer; it's astonishing it took them this long to do it!

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Judicial Offices

Judge in Court of Appeals (3rd Circuit)

DUTIES: The Court of Appeals is the highest court in the State (commonly called the Supreme Court in other states and at the federal level). In most cases the court may choose whether or not to hear an appeal from a lower court, but it is required by law to hear cases involving the death penalty, legislative redistricting, removal of certain officers, and certifications of questions of law. The Court is composed of seven judges, with one elected from each of seven judicial circuits.

SALARY: \$181,433, annual base.

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

HOW ELECTED: Members of the Court are initially appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Subsequently, they run for office on their records, unopposed. If voters reject a judge's retention in office or there is a tie vote, the office becomes vacant and must be filled by a new appointment. Otherwise, the incumbent judge remains in office for a ten-year term.

The Issues

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

Joseph M. Getty

No response received.

Judge in Court of Special Appeals (At-Large)

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

SALARY: 168,633 annual base.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

Donald E. Beachley

No response received.

Matthew J. Fader

No response received.

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County Offices

Allegany County State's Attorney

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

SALARY: \$125,307

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Michael O. Twigg

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a prosecutor for over 20 years and bring extensive experience to the position. I have been honored to serve as the elected State's Attorney for Allegany County since 2002 and remain committed to my position and making Allegany County safer for all of its citizens.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: I would recommend alternatives to prison sentences when the underlying crime was not considered a crime of violence (i.e. - rape, murder, robbery, assault, etc.) and the defendant can establish that the crimes that he/she committed were fueled by an addiction. In those cases, if treatment is viable option I would recommend that course of action and hopefully address the addiction permanently.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: I have played a significant role of bringing a Drug Court to Allegany County to address offenders with substance abuse issues. I plan to continue supporting the Drug Court as I have personally seen its efficacy in helping people overcome addictions.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: No response received by deadline.

OTHER PRIORITIES: No response received by deadline.

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Allegany County Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

SALARY:\$112,000

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Dawne Lindsey

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I HAVE WORKED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE SINCE 1994 AND HAVE BEEN THE CLERK OF COURT SINCE JULY 1, 2001. I GAINED VAULABLE EXPERIENCE WORKING IN THE OFFICE FOR 7 YEARS BEFORE MY APPOINTMENT TO POSITION OF CLERK OF COURT. SINCE MY APPOINTMENT I'VE GAINED EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE OFFICE. MY STAFF IS VERY SKILLED AND EXPERIENCED AT HELPING ME MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CUSTOMERS.

AREAS OF NEED: ONE OF OUR GREATEST NEEDS IS PROVIDING THE RESOURCES NEEDED BY GROWING CUSTOMER BASE THAT FILES LITIGATION WITHOUT THE HELP OF AN ATTORNEY. TO ADDRESS THE QUESTIONS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THEIR CASES I WORK VERY HARD TO ENSURE THAT MY STAFF IS EDUCATED AND UP TO DATE ON THE VALUABLE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST THEM WITH LEGAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THEIR CASE.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: MY STAFF AND I WORK HARD EVERY DAY TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT, PROFESSIONAL ACCESS TO THE COURTS FOR ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS. WE STRIVE EVERYDAY TO MAKE SURE EACH CUSTOMER LEAVES OUR OFFICE FEELING LIKE WE DID EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO HELP THEM PROCESS THEIR CASE. I WILL WORK HARD TO ENSURE THAT MY STAFF HAS ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE.

PRIORITIES: My priorities have not changed since the first day I sworn into office 17 years ago. I will treat all customers with respect and provide fair, equal access to the resources of the clerk's office to all. The legislative audits I've gone through have all been excellent and I promise to continue to manage the funds of the office with the utmost care and prudence.

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Allegany County Register of Wills

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

SALARY: \$105,000

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Mary Beth Pirolozzi

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: My varied background has developed my organizational and leadership skills, coupling with my work in constituent services for two state senators and as City Councilwoman for Cumberland. Serving as a liaison with the public, community organizations and vulnerable constituencies throughout my career, has required daily compassion and understanding, skills that are critical in this position as well.

AREAS OF NEED: The Register's Office works very closely with the Orphans' Court, which is a County government entity. The Judges of the Orphans' Court work diligently to serve the public with honor, and it is the Office of the Register that executes the orders of the court and maintains the records for the benefit of the public, the county and the state. Timely communication is critical for our citizens.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: The staff of the Register's Office works conscientiously to serve the public with courtesy and compassion. We are available to assist in answering questions and in providing guidance with the filing of required forms and documents. In an effort to be more user-friendly, we will be accepting credit card payments for copies, taxes and fees within the next two months.

PRIORITIES: It is my ultimate goal to serve in this position with integrity, to respond to the public with respect and to strive to do the very best job for the people of Allegany County.

David A. Goad

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QUALIFICATIONS: A vast knowledge of our judicial system from my 39-year career in law enforcement, 20 years of business management and deep involvement in community associations have prepared me for this position. My extensive years of public service create a clear inclination for protecting the citizens and in this case the decedent by carrying out their last wishes as required by law.

AREAS OF NEED: Over recent months I have found a genuine disconnect regarding the public's lack of knowledge as to the responsibilities and workings of the Orphans' Court and Registers of Wills Office. This missing element is the absence of educating our citizens with booklets, pamphlets, brochures, either through social media and/or how to access those same publications online.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: The Register of Wills should be involved throughout the county in educating the citizens as to the functions, duties and responsibilities of this respective position and office. How the Orphans Court functions and its mandates under the laws should be an element of this educational outreach to the community.

PRIORITIES: My top priority is to provide community outreach to educate the public on the duties, and responsibilities of the Register of Wills and the Orphans' Court. This effort shall include the provision of detailed explanations to personal representatives as they work through the process and act on behalf of the estate.

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Allegany County Judge of the Orphans' Court

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

SALARY: From January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019:

(a) Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court: \$6,469 per annum;

(b) Associate Judge of the Orphans' Court: \$6,132 per annum

TERM: Four years, no term limits.

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

The Issues

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 3.

Edward C. Crossland

Republican Party

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served one term as a Judge and during this time have completed all annual requirements for continuing education. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Association of Judges of the Orphans' Court, having been elected to this statewide office by my peers. I hold a law degree from the University of Tulsa, and have 17 years of practical legal experience.

DISCRIMINATION: The Judges in the Maryland court system have received required training on such issues. As a judge of the Orphans' Court, the oath we take requires that we

follow the Constitution and laws of the State, which prohibit such discrimination. Any discrimination against someone, or failure to be fair and impartial, can result in disciplinary action.

COURT NEEDS: The Orphans' Court has received full support of the Allegany County Commissioners, as well as the clerk duties performed for the Court by the Register of Wills, Mary Beth Pirolozzi. Over the past four year term since I was first elected, our Court has decreased its operating budget request from the County despite a heavier docket of estates.

Al Feldstein

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: Prior to retirement was in public service for over 40 years. Worked in the management of Federal and State programs - including working with array of laws, rules and regulations. Have also been very active in community holding leadership positions in numerous local and state organizations. Have always attempted to show diligence, dedication and respect for citizenry and colleagues.

DISCRIMINATION: As an Orphans' Court Judge, I can only state we all endeavor to treat everyone equally and not give any indication or reason for anyone to think otherwise.

COURT NEEDS: We are fortunate to have county support and an excellent staff headed by the Register of Wills, Mary Beth Pirolozzi. The entire office is comprised of competent, diligent and knowledgeable public servants. I am also fortunate in having two experienced fellow judges (Chief Judge Donna May and Associate Judge Ed Crossland) who are mentoring and instructing me as I learn to fulfill this public trust.

Donna F. May

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have held the Office for the last 32 years . I feel I am very Qualified.

DISCRIMINATION: I like to think that , Our court does not discriminate, against anyone, race, gender, religion, poverty,or disability. a a

COURT NEEDS: PROTECTION. In the work place.

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Allegany County Sheriff

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

SALARY: From January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019: \$85,000 per annum

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Craig Robertson

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a total of 38 years in Law Enforcement, with 32 years with the Allegany County Sheriff's Office. Started as a cadet in 1979 and have worked my way up through the ranks. Was second in charge during the past Sheriff's terms and was elected in 2010 as Sheriff of Allegany County.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: I feel that keeping in touch with the citizens through social media has improved the relationship with the citizens. Providing education as well as protection is critical. During my past 7 years the office the Sheriff has been transparent in its operation, as well as making the community involved at all times.

DISCRIMINATION: The Allegany County Sheriff Office adheres to all policies in relationship by treating each and every citizen with the same. Supervisors are constantly reviewing incidents to insure that these policies are followed.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I ensure that each officer under my direction obtain the most up to date training need in order for them to perform their job to the fullest. Allegany County is unique with the relationship between each law enforcement agency, We realize that we need to rely on each other to provide the necessary protection. I continue to nurture these relationships.

OPIOID ABUSE: No response received by deadline.

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Nonpartisan Offices

Allegany County Board of Education

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

SALARY: From January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2022:

(1) President of the Board of Education: \$7,428 per annum;

(2) Member of the Board of Education: \$6,077 per annum

TERM: 4 year terms.

HOW ELECTED: Members are elected at-large.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 4.

David A. Bohn

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been in private practice since 1989 and have managed multiple locations and supervised as much as 38 employees at one time. I'm the designer and developer of spinetechpro.us and primo-practice-software.com professional software that is used by health care providers all over the world. I have taught at two different colleges and continue to teach online and post-graduate level courses.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: My priorities are centered around being fiscally responsible and accountable to the students, the teachers, and the community. As a small community we must get maximum return on our expenditures.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Standardized testing is only one way to measure a students progress and grasp of material. We should be focusing more on longitudinal data to evaluate the quality of education over time. Teachers need to be able to teach subjects with less demand to meet national and state testing standards.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Not everyone wants to or should attend college so we need strong programs to give our students the tools they need to succeed in other fields. In our county the Ag program should be supported. We also need to work with our local trades to make sure our programs meet or exceed their needs.

SCHOOL SAFETY: There is too much leniency for repeat offenders of bad behaviors. I would like to see a 3 strike program to remove these behavior problems from the school by utilizing social workers and the alternative school so teachers can teach those who want to learn and help those who need professional help working through their problems that are likely at the core of the problem.

PARTNERSHIPS: The biggest partnership that needs to be repaired and maintained is with our county commissioners. This is the source of funding. The local relationship lead to the dissolution of a decades old agreement that had both the county and the BOE sharing financial/tax assessment computer software and personnel. In the end, both the county and BOE bought the same expensive software and hired more people

PRIORITIES: I attended K-12 in Allegany County Schools. Our six children did the same. I

want to do everything I can to make our small local school system as strong, safe, and effective as is possible with the funds we have available. As a lifelong resident and local business owner I know this area and the people in it. I have a lifelong love of learning and education and it would be my honor to help.

Bob Farrell

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a classroom teacher and an administrator in the Allegany County Public Schools. I understand the role and the demands of a classroom teacher. I also was the person in charge of Security/Safety for the schools and understand fully the need for the students and staff to have a safe and secure environment in which to learn and work.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: I am a fiscally conservative individual I feel that the educational needs of the school system should be job one. If we don't have our kids we have no future. I believe that the Board of Education need to work with the County Government to make things happen in the best way they can. Class size is very important to me children can not be expected to learn in an overcrowded classroom.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I think that we have highly qualified teachers and they should be allowed to teach the children and not teach to a test. Our teachers have the knowledge and ability to help the students learn, let them do their job. Many teachers have very good ideas as to how to help students a national or state standard is not going to change that outcome, dedicated trained teachers are.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I fully support the Center for Career and Technical Education. I was a teacher there and know the importance of that program. The Career Center is a diamond in the rough, the teachers there help the students to succeed and become college ready or prepared for internships with a trade.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School Safety is my specialty. I was the Coordinator of Safety and Security for the Allegany County Public Schools. I feel that school violence is out of hand. I would place a school resource officer in every school. I feel that the open space schools need infrastructure changes in order to make them a safer place. Two of the middle schools also need infrastructure changes to control access.

PARTNERSHIPS: We have many partnerships with businesses and community organizations. I feel that communication with them needs improvement. Our relationship with the county government has been severely damaged, I want to change that. Parents and Community members need to feel that they can come to a Board of Education meeting and be talked to and that their concerns are heard. I will do that.

PRIORITIES: To make the students and staff of the Allegany County Public Schools feel safe and secure. To have a good learning environment. For the Teachers and Staff to feel free to express their ideas. I feel that happy employees are more productive. Low moral is not acceptable and I want desperately to change and uplift the moral of the employees.

Wayne T. Foote

QUALIFICATIONS: I WAS A TEACHER FOR 42 YEARS . I RETIRED IN 2005 FROM FORT HILL HIGH SCHOOL . I WAS AN ART TEACHER . I HAVE A MASTERS DEGREE IN ART EDUCATION AND BS DEGREE IN ART EDUCATION . I WAS A SOCCER COACH , ART CLUB ADVISOR , SENIOR CLASS ADVISOR , AND SERVED AS AN ART SUPERVISOR FOR ALLEGANY COUNTY . I HAVE SERVED ON THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR THE LAST 4 YEARS .

BUDGET PRIORITIES: # 1 SAFETY ; SALARIES ; CLASS SIZE AND REINSTATING THE AG CURRICULUM . I THINK WE HAVE TOO MUCH TESTING . I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THE CONTENTS ARE OF THESE TEST . IT IS HARD TO COMMENT ON TESTING WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONTENTS .

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I THINK WE HAVE TOO MUCH TESTING . I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THE CONTENTS ARE OF THESE TEST . IT IS HARD TO COMMENT ON TESTING WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONTENTS .

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: OUR CAREER CENTER DOES A GREAT JOB PREPARING STUDENTS FOR JOBS .

SCHOOL SAFETY: THESE SUBJECTS COVER A BROAD AREA . I THINK OUR FIRST OBJECTIVE IS TO GET A RESOURCE OFFICER IN EACH ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS .

PARTNERSHIPS: I TOTALLY SUPPORT THE LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL . I HAVE REPRESENTED THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ON THIS COUNCIL FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS . THIS COUNCIL IS COMPOSED OF PEOPLE FROM ACPS , ACM AND LOCAL LABOR GROUPS .

PRIORITIES: THE MORALE IN OUR COUNTY IS VERY LOW AMONG OUR TEACHERS , CAFETERIA STAFF , CUSTODIANS AND MAINTENANCE WORKERS . MORALE IS ONE OF MY TOP PRIORITIES . THAT IS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS I AM RUNNING FOR A SECOND TERM .

Debra Frank

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QUALIFICATIONS: My 30+ year career as a college educator has prepared me to examine policies and procedures that impact education and student learning. I developed programs at the college that are designed to prepare graduates to enter the workforce as capable, qualified employees and managers. My life's work has always been student-focused and this will continue with a seat on the Board of Education.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Every budgetary decision I will face will be prefaced with the question "How will this benefit students?". Priority should be given, then, to equipping teachers and classrooms with resources needed to provide the best opportunities for learning. Class sizes should be minimized where possible, and opportunities given to teachers to develop innovative programs and teaching techniques.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: National and state standards for education exist to ensure consistency of content in major subject areas. It is the responsibility of each teacher to incorporate those standards into classes best-suited for the students in front of them. Creativity and innovation in teaching should be encouraged and celebrated. Quality education occurs when learning has occurred from inspiring teachers.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Thirty percent of our high school graduates do not pursue a college education or vocational training. I would support innovative partnerships between the Career Center, local colleges and businesses, and apprenticeship programs. The P-Tech program is one such partnership that allows students to begin to develop work skills while still in high school and use that experience to earn college credit.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School Resource Officers should be present in every school. It is equally important, however, to have mental health services easily available and accessible to students. This multi-faceted, proactive approach will combat bullying, depression and suicide, and substance abuse by addressing problems at the elementary level and continuing on through secondary school.

PARTNERSHIPS: Schools are the centerpiece of each community, and partnerships with

local businesses and organizations will be mutually beneficial. Through the use of guest speakers, job shadowing opportunities, internships, and activity sponsorship, both students and area businesses/organizations will benefit. A community is only as strong as its schools. Lifelong partnerships are necessities.

PRIORITIES: My priorities include school safety, fiscal responsibility, strengthened communication among all education stakeholders, and support for quality education and innovation. I will examine all school policies with an eye toward what is best for our students, and support teachers in their quest to provide students with the tools and knowledge that they need to be successful members of society.

Nicholas T. Hadley

No response received.

Carmen B. Jackson

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a lifetime of experience working with children and young adults. From 1975-2003, I helped students find their way at Frostburg State University, retiring as the Assistant to the VP of Student and Educational Services. I served as a member of the Allegany County Board of Education Multicultural Committee. I was the founder/director of the MAP (Motivation & Academic Preparation) Summer Camp.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: I consider teacher retention to be a top budget priority, followed by class size and school buildings. It is incredibly important that we retain our best educators if we are improve the quality of our educational system.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: I support the use of national and state standards as a measuring stick by which we can assess if we are meeting the needs of our students. We need to know if we are providing the knowledge and skills that our students need to be competitive on a national scale, and make needed adjustments to ensure that our students are exposed to technology, innovative practices, and creative curriculum.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I support the expansion of career and technical training programs including apprenticeships, internships, and job shadowing programs. I also support expanding career services in the schools through programs that teach the skills needed for excelling in the workplace (e.g.: how to work as a team, handle complex workplace situations, ask for a raise, etc) so students can negotiate the world better.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I'm committed to increasing school safety by taking a whole-child approach. We need to teach students to resolve matters without resorting to violence, bullying, sexual assault, or other destructive behaviors such as drugs and alcohol use. We need to identify students with problems and complex home lives, and work to connect them with resources before they become a threat to themselves or others.

PARTNERSHIPS: I am particularly interested in developing partnerships with businesses and community organizations in which we create mentoring programs, internships and on-the-job training initiatives, and/ in-school guest speaker programs. I believe these partnerships can also build self-esteem and promote leadership qualities within our students.

PRIORITIES: I am passionate about offering fair and equal compensation packages that keep high-quality educators and support personnel doing what they do best — educating

and challenging county youth to achieve.

Terry Lynn Kasecamp

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QUALIFICATIONS: My unique blend of academic credentials and experience makes me uniquely qualified to serve on the Board of Education. I have an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, MS in Counseling Psychology, and a BS in Psychology and Sociology. I have been teaching psychology in higher education for 28 years and provided individual, family and group counseling for children and adolescents for 7+ years.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Children are coming to school with unprecedented levels of need and the community needs a Board that can work in collaboration with county commissioners to fully fund programs positively associated with academic achievement, prepare ACPS graduates to compete in a global society, maintain a safe and secure learning environment to include infrastructure, and appropriately compensate educators.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: It is important to recognize that federal and state funding for education is often dependent upon being able to demonstrate progress toward achieving academic standards. Indicators for success are a good tool to monitor academic progress and data can be used as a strategy for improvement, accountability, and transparency when implementing academic achievement initiatives.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I support career and technical education (CTE), apprenticeships, early college and dual enrollment programs. These types of programs keep students in school, are associated with a 90% graduation rate, and prepare high school graduates to contribute to a rapidly changing world. The most effective programs provide students with industry credentials or college credit.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Key components of school safety include: a) continuing to collaborate with the Allegany County Sheriff's Office and local city police to provide our schools with school resource officers; b) working with community agencies to provide additional support for the mental health needs of our students; c) developing innovative programs to teach effective coping skills and address school safety issues.

PARTNERSHIPS: ACPS has a great tradition of working with the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. I plan to be an active member of the Chamber's Education Sub-committee in order to continue this strong tradition of seeking local business support for current initiatives, as well as exploring new ideas aimed at producing graduates who are both college and career ready.

PRIORITIES: The #1 priority of every BOE should be to advance and support initiatives designed to raise the bar and close the achievement gap for all students. Every effort should be made at the local, state and federal level to provide high quality tutoring services for every student performing below the appropriate grade level, and to increase access to after-school programming and family support services.

Jim "Snake" Robertson

Nonpartisan

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No response received.

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Ballot Questions

Question 1 - Education Funding

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

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

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

- It ensures that gambling revenues are directed to public education as intended and approved by voters.

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

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

Question 2 - Election Day Voter Registration

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

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

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

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

Origin of the Ballot Question: The 2018 session of the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation (HB 532) proposing an amendment to the Maryland constitution to allow

people to register to vote on Election Day and to vote the same day. A bill to amend the Maryland constitution does not take effect unless it is approved by the voters at the next general election.

Arguments FOR the amendment:

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

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

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

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

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

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

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