



**Carroll 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

Voting Information

1. Early Voting

Westminster Senior Activities Center
 25 Stoner Avenue
 Westminster, MD 21157

South Carroll Swim Club
 1900 W. Liberty Road
 Westminster, MD 21157

2. 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**, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax; or

- **Friday, November 2**, 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 general 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.

3. 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>

MD State Board of Elections – 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 Hours: 8 - 5 Monday - Friday.

Rumors about the election?

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

Offices and Candidates are listed on the following pages in ballot order. Website and social media sites are those provided by the candidates to the Board of Elections unless updated by the candidate for this *Voters' Guide*.

Statewide Offices

Governor / Lt Governor

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

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford

Republican Party

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

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/LarryHogan

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

No response received by deadline.

Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull

Democratic Party

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Campaign Phone: (904) 891-1843

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

BUDGET: As a businessman, I'll also make sure our transportation policies also encourage

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shawn Quinn / Christina Smith

Libertarian Party

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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 Instagram: MsComptroller

Campaign Email: Mscomptroller@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Peter Franchot

Democratic Party

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

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

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

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

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Attorney General

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Craig Wolf

Republican Party

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

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

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

DISCRIMINATION: There is no room in this state for discrimination based upon race,

gender, religion, disability or poverty/class. The Attorney General should be vigilant to ensure that our laws are respected and people are treated equally.

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

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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United States Congress

U.S. Senator

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

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

Term: Six years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year.

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

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

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: 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

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?

U.S. Representative District 1

Candidates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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U.S. Representative District 8

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: I'm working to keep increasing NIH research funding, to guarantee the

solvency of Medicare and to defend Medicaid by opposing work requirements and other poison pills. I seek to stabilize the ACA and bring down the costs of premiums and deductibles. I'm also fighting for lower prescription drug prices and the power of government to negotiate for them in Medicare. Organizing for single-payer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Maryland General Assembly

State Senator District 4

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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: 30+ years human service experience & life-long Frederick County resident & community activist bringing first-hand knowledge & understanding of economic & service needs of all district residents, barriers to citizens, environmental concerns, & substance illness use crisis. 10 years service Thurmont Planning & Zoning Commission, gaining expertise in responsible growth planning. Green Team member.

REDISTRICTING: Support re-examining the congressional district lines to ensure all citizens have fair representation.

ENVIRONMENT: Developing waste reduction & management solutions, & renewable energy sources Examine/ re-introduce legislature RPS @ 50-100% by 2030 Protecting MD from off-shore drilling & fracking Ensuring MD sets 50s mpg gas mileage standards in response to Federal standard reductions Attract green industry through tax incentives Assist farm community in meeting environmental regulations w/financial assist

DISCRIMINATION: Examine: eliminating cash bail training for police & sheriff's dept's around use of deadly force, unconscious racial bias, response & understanding of mental illness symptoms & disabilities Ensure all areas & lending institutions practice Fair Housing policies Address economic inequality in Maryland schools with programs to target concentrated poverty Increase public education diversity training

EDUCATION: Fully fund public school systems with designated funding stream, oppose funding of private/religious schools w/public funds Requiring Charter schools to meet same licensing & regulatory standards as public schools Increase state-wide APFO's/impact fees for residential development to ensure adequate schools

HEALTH CARE: Substance use illness crisis is a public health crisis Increased behavioral health, detox, inpatient, recovery, transitional housing & support services for impacted family members & coordination between law enforcement, criminal justice & treatment systems Lack of affordable health care, continue Medicaid expansion & strive toward single payor system Negotiate drug prices at state level

TRANSPORTATION: Widen 270 thru Frederick City Increase mass transit options & local transportation services for rural municipalities Fund through gas tax & without toll lanes or raising fees on citizens Increase bus lanes & commuter service on 270, 495, etc.

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House of Delegates District 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over a decade of business and organizational leadership experience that includes creating jobs, balancing budgets and meeting deadlines. That experience has prepared me for the role of an effective representative for the tax payer, small businesses with the challenges they face. Furthermore, my experience as a Public Official, leading a State Agency has enabled and prepared me office.

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

legislation.

ENVIRONMENT: We need to address the Conowingo Dam and its failure to prevent sediment and other northern State pollutants from entering the Chesapeake Bay. Like most Marylanders, I am concerned about the environment however the policy of targeting Maryland farmers for the actions of many others is wrong. I believe Government's role in environmental remediation should be to ensure that it is done fairly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EDUCATION: I support the Maryland State Education Association's campaign to Fix the Fund. Schools across the state must be funded equitably and must be held to the same standards. I also support hiring more support personnel at schools, such as counselors,

nurses and homeless outreach agents. Teachers in our district should be paid comparable salaries to teachers in surrounding districts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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State Senator District 5

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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?

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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've had the honor of serving in the Senate for four years and in the House of Delegates where I had served one term as well. Through my experience there, I've grown to have a better understanding of key issues Maryland as a whole. In my professional life, I work in marketing and advertising sales and have past small business experience which has helped me bring practical knowledge to the job.

REDISTRICTING: I support and have co-sponsored Governor Hogan's legislation to create a nonpartisan redistricting commission to draw the district lines fairly with common sense, geographic considerations in mind. Politicians picking their voters across the country have gotten us into a terrible mess and nowhere is that more obvious than the ridiculous districts brought to us by Martin O'Malley.

ENVIRONMENT: For Maryland and particularly for the Chesapeake Bay, the sediment buildup and overflow during storms at the Conowingo Dam make significant progress very difficult. We need to dredge the Conowingo Dam area and focus stormwater remediation on the large urban areas where pollution is the worst.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in anyone of those areas is already expressly forbidden in Maryland state law and our state constitution protects the freedom of conscience and religion. I support in both my public service and personal life - treating all people with kindness and respect. We should all be committed to the fundamental dignity of every life.

EDUCATION: I've been proud to support Governor Hogan's priorities which have included record funding for K-12 Education. An area of concern I have is the current education formula and the need to alter how it addresses school systems with declining enrollments. I support looking at outcomes when we judge educational success, not just how much money

is spent. Above all we accountability and transparency.

HEALTH CARE: The overall cost of care - not simply insurance but health care - is rising all over the country. While there is not a silver bullet, part of the issue is a system with too many services mandated for health insurance plans without enough flexibility. Greater tax deductibility for health care costs would be a great measure for Maryland to pursue in addition to sensible legal reforms.

TRANSPORTATION: For many years, before Governor Hogan came into office, roads were receiving less than a third of funding from the Transportation Trust Fund - funded by our gas tax. Over half of the fund was going to mass transit, used by 9% of Maryland travelers. That's been realigned and significant investments are being made in expanding road capacity. I support the Hogan plan to correct traffic gridlock.

Jamie O'Marr

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No response received by deadline.

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House of Delegates District 5

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Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am one of the few legislators in Annapolis with actual business experience- over 20 years working in Accounting and finance and thirty years actively volunteering in our Carroll County Community. Elected to the Carroll County Board of Education in 1998 and served as President for two years. Serve as Delegate representing Carroll County since 2003 and serve as Chair of Carroll Hospice.

REDISTRICTING: I was cosponsor of Governor Hogan's Redistricting Reform Act of 2018 which would have instituted an independent, nonpartisan redistricting process to ensure free and fair elections in Maryland. This legislation would have, once and for all, removed the politics and politicians from the process of drawing their own districts. I support single member districts throughout the state that are compact.

ENVIRONMENT: Cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay by dredging the Conowingo Dam to allow control of sediment that flows from the Susquehanna River through PA and ensuring that all Waste Water Treatment plants in the state have been upgraded, using the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund, with new pollution control technologies and fines for those who continue to dump large amounts of raw sewage into our waterways.

DISCRIMINATION: We have plenty of policies in place to address discrimination of all types. We need to focus on people as complete individuals and stop being forced to look at each other through discriminatory lenses. We need to reject those who are constantly trying to divide us into different categories and check certain boxes. We are all human beings and God's creation.

EDUCATION: I support a focus on early literacy to ensure that our children are fluent readers by the 3rd grade and support focusing on individualized learning plans so that students can move along as they are ready. Focus current spending on student achievement not on additional seat time. Ensure that every student is college or career ready. Parental involvement is essential for success.

HEALTH CARE: The rising cost of healthcare and the cost of prescription drugs must be addressed at both the state and federal level. Our citizens must take responsibility for their own health - preventable chronic conditions such as obesity are very costly to our healthcare system. The opioid crisis is ravaging our communities and healthcare system. I am working in the Legislature to address these issues.

TRANSPORTATION: Carroll County's top highway projects are the widening of Route 32 from Route 26 to Route 70, widening portions of Route 97 in Westminster, widening Route 26 in Eldersburg and completion of the MD 30 Hampstead "Streetscape project". Streetscape projects in New Windsor and Sykesville are also in the Planning phase. Projects should be funded by motorists fees in the Transportation Trust Fund.

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QUALIFICATIONS: The first half of my career was in mortgage finance and real estate. I interacted with borrowers, buyers, sellers, agents and everyone involved in the closing of a transaction. I am very good with customers at all levels. For the past nine years I have worked in Human Resources with a concentration in IT recruiting. Human Resources is where the implementation of many laws occur.

REDISTRICTING: I support Governor Hogan's initiative of a non-partisan committee that will draw fair lines for the state.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe that we need to address the issues with the Susquehanna River and the infrastructure issues in Baltimore City in order to make real progress with the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe we have very good policies and laws in place that address all of these issues.

EDUCATION: I fully support the School Safety bill that we passed in 2018. As we move through the provisions of this bill we will have armed School Resource Officers or other law enforcement professionals in our children's schools. I also support the computer science bill passed this year. I feel that we need to expand computer science and computer programming in K-12 education.

HEALTH CARE: Access to affordable health insurance is an on-going problem. The ACA has been a dismal failure. I believe we should open the markets nationwide and allow trade organizations to be considered groups and able to purchase group plans for their members. In addition I think that heroin addiction is a major problem and we need to be able to open up more treatment beds for those who want to get well.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe that we need to move forward with the priority road projects that every jurisdiction has been asking to have addressed for many years. It is time to be fair towards the entire state and not spend the bulk of transportation money on mass transit.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have run my own business for 25 years. As for public service, I have served as a Hampstead Town Councilman, Mayor of Hampstead, as Carroll County Commissioner, and for one term as Delegate from Carroll County. Those experiences have buttressed my conservative principles.

REDISTRICTING: Maryland has some of the most gerrymandered districts in the United States and it is an embarrassment to us all. As a result of O'Malley's unabashed gerrymandering, the Supreme Court has gotten involved. As the Governor says, Maryland needs a non-partisan panel to redraw the district boundaries fairly and constitutionally.

ENVIRONMENT: We have many environmental laws on the books already. What we need to do is reduce regulation of our agriculture industry because they are the ultimate conservationists.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe discrimination is wrong, and everyone should be judged on his/her individual merit. Current law is already clear about that.

EDUCATION: As a member of the Education Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, I have been the lead sponsor of successful legislation to reduce standardized testing in our public schools. I have also supported Governor Hogan's record funding of education. During my term, Carroll County has received significant supplemental funding for

our schools.

HEALTH CARE: Rising health insurance premiums are killing folks. Congress needs to act to promote interstate health insurance competition to drive down costs. The reason costs have spiked so significantly is because of the failure of Obamacare.

TRANSPORTATION: Thankfully, Governor Hogan has placed an emphasis on funding transportation projects that people actually use, i.e., roads, bridges and the like. Under the last Governor, way too much money was spent on mass transit which is regularly used by an extremely small segment of the population. I applaud the Governor for his approach.

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QUALIFICATIONS: In addition to my most important jobs of being a wife and mom, I'm a lawyer and an activist. I fight for what I believe in. As a delegate, I will do the same. As a lawyer, I advocate for my clients' interests in the same way I would advocate for my constituents' interests. I will always put people and issues over party. I believe bipartisanship is the key to a government that works.

REDISTRICTING: Maryland is so incredibly gerrymandered. We must have a non-partisan body draw new legislative maps.

ENVIRONMENT: For Carroll County, we need to make sure the we are taking care of the environment in a way that is supportive of our farms. There are really exciting things happening with renewable energy, and I believe we can be aggressive in reaching 100% clean energy. I'm proud to be endorsed by the Sierra Club and Maryland Conservation Voters and look forward to working with them.

DISCRIMINATION: We still have a long way to go on equal pay. The problem is, it is both hard to prove, and the employer doing the hiring may not even recognize their own bias as a factor. A great way to address this is to prohibit employers from asking about pay history and requiring that they publicize what the pay is. This results in employers paying a position its value, regardless of who fills it.

EDUCATION: The Kirwan commission has recently come out with some great recommendations for improving our schools. One of my favorites is the expansion of pre-K. We know that exposure to Pre-K has benefits that stay with children throughout their school career. With all the changes recommended by the Kirwan commission, funding formulas will have to be re-worked.

HEALTH CARE: We must address the opioid epidemic and mental health treatment. We must look into pain treatment alternatives to reduce the prescribing of opioids. Additionally, we must make healthcare that includes mental health treatment accessible and affordable to every Marylander. I would support a Healthcare for All initiative.

TRANSPORTATION: I would love to see Carroll County get a Marc Train. This would allow residents of Carroll County to more easily commute to D.C., opening job opportunities. It is cleaner too, benefiting our environment. Of course, we must also repair and maintain our current roads, so commuters have a comfortable and safe commute. This should be paid for by maintaining the transportation lock box.

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State Senator District 9

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Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: 4 years as Maryland Senator 13 years as Maryland State Delegate 8 years as Assistant to County Executive Charles Ecker - Legislative liaison During that time, I have introduced and tracked legislation, served on a budget committee and worked with constituents to get answers to their problems and concerns.

REDISTRICTING: I support a non-partisan redistricting commission as Governor Hogan has proposed. I would also support single member House of Delegates districts rather than the one, two or three person districts we now have.

ENVIRONMENT: With respect to the environment, we need to utilize the best science available to protect the quality of the Chesapeake Bay that are economically feasible and fiscally responsible.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland law currently protects citizens from discrimination based on a wide variety of factors. It is our diversity that makes us successful.

EDUCATION: As a former educator and parent, I believe our students need to receive the best education possible. I have been a strong supporter of computer science to help prepare them for the jobs of the future. Students must be able to read on grade level by the end of the 3rd grade as that is the transition from learning to read and reading to learn. I support

the lockbox on casino revenues for education.

HEALTH CARE: Skyrocketing costs. We need flexibility in providing health care and should explore models that prove successful in other states, such as allowing doctors to form a membership practice in which patients pay a basic monthly fee to obtain services, including specialty needs for which there is an agreement for referral. These practices minimize the additional costs to pay for insurance.

TRANSPORTATION: We have highway needs, such as widening Rt. 32 and we need to assure the transportation trust fund (which is funded by gas tax revenues) is utilized to assure the highways are adequate and safe.

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QUALIFICATIONS: For 20 years I have worked with governments, Fortune 500 companies, communities and nonprofits – facilitating collaboration to reduce poverty, increase education, improve health and the environment. With a technical engineering background and proven track record on partnership building, I look forward to working on innovative, bipartisan solutions in Annapolis.

REDISTRICTING: I support the establishment of an independent redistricting commission that will be responsible for drawing congressional and legislative district lines after each census. There need to be clear national guidelines, to which all states would have to abide, on representative fairness and a transparent process that ensures accountability.

ENVIRONMENT: An increase in sea levels due to global warming threatens 61,000 homes across Maryland at an estimated cost of \$19 billion in damages. Maryland can be a part of the solution by investing in renewable energy, expanding incentives for best-environmental practices and pursuing partnerships with environmental groups and other states that share an interest in a clean, vibrant Chesapeake Bay.

DISCRIMINATION: We need to ensure protections for women, people of color, individuals living with disabilities or mental illness. I will support policies to eliminate wage gaps, achieve universal pre-K and provide incentives and funding for job readiness and career training. I will also work closely with other delegations to eliminate discriminatory policing and rebuild community trust.

EDUCATION: I support the Kirwan Commission findings, which are vital for the 21st century needs of our students. Improved teacher salaries, smaller class sizes, manageable caseloads for support services, expanded career training and apprenticeships, universal pre-K, and supporting our most vulnerable students are all priorities. We can afford this by locking gaming revenue into general education funding.

HEALTH CARE: I believe that access to healthcare is a human right and that no one should be deprived of needed medical care. I am committed to ensuring the healthcare market in Maryland stays stable and bringing down the cost of healthcare and pharmaceuticals without compromising access to care. We must address the opioid crisis through coordinated addiction facilities and emergency naloxone access.

TRANSPORTATION: Our region has some of the greatest congestion in the nation and too many spend too long in their commutes. Investment in public mass transit like the Red and Purple Line, rapid transit buses, and increased MARC service are the start of addressing our

infrastructure and community development needs. They will be a powerful economic engine by creating jobs and greater access to workplaces.

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House of Delegates District 9A

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 2.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Broad & deep government experience as: Deputy Transportation Secretary and CEO of MD Transportation Authority; minority counsel for Sen. Fred Thompson; and incumbent legislator. Broad & deep experience in private industry as: VP Legislative Affairs for Marriott; co-owner of small business, GenderStrategy, independent consultant on contract to re-write regulations of NY Taxi & Limousine Commission.

REDISTRICTING: I fully support the bill governor Hogan proposed in his first year (HB458, 2015) to take the process of redistricting completely out of the hands of politicians. Maryland's third Congressional District was described as a "broken-winged pterodactyl, lying prostrate across the center of the state" by a federal Judge. Hopefully, a good Supreme Court decision in Benisek v Lamone will help.

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland is making significant progress in protecting and promoting clean air and water, although you seldom hear about the progress being made. We should follow

the lead of Governor Hogan, whose common sense commitment to environmental progress is clear and substantive; last year, the Governor signed 20 pieces of environmental legislation into law, including the Clean Water Commerce Act of 2017.

DISCRIMINATION: The greatest source of discrimination I've seen is our failure to provide a decent education for the majority of African American children in Baltimore City. It's not a lack of funds! The City has the 4th highest per-pupil expenditure in the country & most highly paid teachers in MD. We MUST encourage innovation, but instead we forbid it! After 40 years of failure, how much worse can it get?

EDUCATION: Howard & Carroll have extraordinary public education. Not all of Maryland does. We have to support charter schools, encourage access to MANSEF options for children with disabilities, and embrace innovation where current public schools continue to fail. Educating ALL of our children is paramount; public schools are critical, but cannot be allowed to preempt other options when they continue to fail

HEALTH CARE: Maryland has a Waiver from the federal government that gives us the flexibility to maximize the value of our health care dollars, and we should work to keep it. An excellent health care bill is the MD No-Fault Birth Injury Fund that would compensate the families that experience this tragedy expeditiously and without a 40% cut-out for lawyers. Despite strong bipartisan support, it fails each year.

TRANSPORTATION: Governor Hogan is doing an exceptional job with transportation. Despite the early efforts by the legislature's majority party to dictate what projects must be built, the Governor has maintained a fair and balanced approach to providing the important and necessary transportation projects (such as the Rt. 32 expansion) in each of the State's 24 jurisdictions. I support his efforts.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served 15 years in the Maryland House of Delegates. I have made the most out of supporting my constituents when they have unsolvable issues with the State of Maryland. My Experience includes working at the White House, Agency for International Development and Office of Personnel Management for Presidents Reagan and Bush. I also successfully ran a re-election campaign for Rep. Barlett.

REDISTRICTING: I support the legislative changes that have been offered by Gov. Larry Hogan, Maryland's Congressional lines are so bad that out fifth graders joke about them. We are better than this and should get rid of the traditional one party gerrymandering that happens here.

ENVIRONMENT: I'm happy to see that the health of the Chesapeake Bay is improving.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is against Federal Law and there are many state laws that address this issue.

EDUCATION: I would start with reforming how the local Board of Education and State Department of Education staff and attempt to micromanage what is done in the classroom. These entities receive and spend too much of the money that is intended for our classrooms. I also think that Howard County needs to refocus on how our school buildings are maintained - leaking roofs and mold in classrooms is unacceptable

HEALTH CARE: With the collapse of the Affordable Care Act we need to stop punishing those who can afford health insurance.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland Route 32 needs the safety improvements that are being

performed between Route 108 and I-70, but will not be complete until the road is dualized all the way to Route 26 in Eldersburg. We also need to encourage the federal government to assist with widening I-70 between the 40 split and I-695. Mass transit needs to recover more of the cost from its ridership.

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QUALIFICATIONS: State Delegate is a position in the public trust. It demands commitment, hard work, and selfless leadership. I am a 27-year veteran of patriotic, dedicated Federal Service. I have proven leadership at executive levels driving collaboration across global enterprises to successfully meet our nation's challenges. A lifelong learner, I have also earned a Ph.D. in engineering.

REDISTRICTING: I strongly support an end to partisan politics in drawing federal, state, and local districts. An independent panel should be formed to draw district lines that are fair, balanced, and unbiased. The panel should be transparent in its methods, determinations, and with the data it uses.

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland must lead the nation, and the world, to protect our environmental heritage. We must set a path to "clean living" and build a renewable, clean energy economy, modernize and expand our transit systems, preserve our forests and open spaces, and stop pollutants from entering our landfills, water, and air. We must support ecologically sound legislation and ensure enforcement of our laws.

DISCRIMINATION: No one should have to face discrimination. We must create opportunities for everyone to succeed and ensure universal access to fair paying jobs, quality education, public safety, healthy foods, health care, and to safe, affordable housing. To do this, we need to provide affordable transportation, end money-based bail, and allow all lawful income to be used to determine the ability to pay rent.

EDUCATION: Education is the key to our socioeconomic success and long-term prosperity. We need sensible, holistic solutions that work for our children, parents, teachers and communities. I support the Kirwan Commission findings - to close the opportunity gap, support families with young and special needs children, and recognize teachers as high-skilled professionals. We also need to "Lock-In" school funding.

HEALTH CARE: It is essential that we create an accessible, affordable, sustainable health care system. We need to expand the current hospital-based all-payer, rate-setting system to a broader patient population, group patients together to negotiate prices, provide wellness and chronic care management outside the hospital, and use data-centric approaches to coordinate care among caregiver professionals.

TRANSPORTATION: We must revitalize and modernize our transportation infrastructure - our roads, bridges, and public transit systems in smart ways that respect the taxpayer and the environment. We must ensure federal, state, and local funding for programs like the Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway; and, we must expand our network of safe, accessible pedestrian paths and bike trails in our neighborhoods.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a mother of two who attended public schools in Howard County, and education is my top priority. My first career was in broadcast journalism, which provided me with an incredible education in politics, economics and current events, and I currently own and operate a farm and a small business, which has provided me an incredible education in perseverance, budgeting and creative problem solving.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering is wrong, no matter which party engages in it, and every attempt to disenfranchise voters is a threat to our democracy, no matter the means. I support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw districts. Given the complexity of the task, we need to ensure that the process is completely open and transparent from beginning to end.

ENVIRONMENT: With its 3,190 miles of coastline, climate change is a direct threat to Maryland. Scientists estimate that by 2035, 22 communities will experience chronic flooding. We need to support our two major wind projects and work towards producing 100% clean renewable energy. Solid waste is another big threat to our environment. As a start, I support a ban on EPS (Styrofoam) food containers.

DISCRIMINATION: There are a lot of anti-discrimination laws- and a lot of discrimination. I favor much stronger enforcement of existing laws, particularly in mortgage lending, and a focus on the factors that keep poor people poor; addressing needs in the areas of education, affordable housing, health care, public transportation, good, family- sustaining jobs, food deserts, and an all-out crime fighting effort.

EDUCATION: I support the recommendations of the "Kirwan Commission", including universal pre-K, regardless of income. We need more accountability and oversight in school funding and to make sure the funds are spent in the classroom and not disproportionately in administration. Education needs to be our top priority, and should get the first dollars in the budget, in addition to all casino revenues.

HEALTH CARE: The biggest short term challenge is how to keep the individual market functioning in the wake of the repeal of the individual mandate. I favor a system similar to Massachusetts' which has a state mandate for most residents, but offers low or no cost plans to eligible residents who cannot get insurance through their work. We also need to explore large buying group options to force prices down.

TRANSPORTATION: Howard County is wonderfully situated between Baltimore and Washington but remains isolated by the traffic problem. Better commuter transportation linking Columbia, Baltimore and Washington DC should be a priority, along with much better service from lower income neighborhoods to shopping and jobs. Property values and hence tax revenues will rise as we create more walkable neighborhoods.

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Carroll County Offices

Carroll County Commissioner

DUTIES: The County Commissioners are responsible for legislative and executive policy decisions affecting County government agencies. The County Commissioners are responsible for setting the tax levy and thereafter assuring that spending is limited to a set budget. The Commissioners provide leadership, define policy, and enact programs to meet community needs.

SALARY: \$45,000 per year

TERM: 4 years.

HOW ELECTED: One Commissioner is elected from each of the 5 districts in the county. (NOTE: We have used the best geographic data available to show the Council race for your precinct, but some addresses near the boundaries of a district may differ - check with the Board of Elections at (410) 386-2080 to be sure that the correct district is shown. To see the contest in any other Council district, type in an address near the center of that district.)

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?

County Commissioner District 1

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: A County Commissioner should be well versed in every aspect of our County. I am a life-long resident with extensive volunteer experience and my record speaks for itself as your incumbent.

BUDGET: Increases in Education, Emergency Services and Economic Development. No decreases.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We passed the Master Plan in 2014 and we are very close to passing the Freedom Plan. We must continue our work on updating very outdated zoning categories.

EDUCATION: Work closely with our schools, and Board of Education with open and honest communication.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We must continue our efforts and work closely with our community business leaders, our towns and municipalities and our Chamber of Commerce to assure we are providing all the services we can.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Properly managed land development with the right infrastructure and amenities will allow for the right growth.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Continue to work with the State Highway Administration and our State Transportation officials to assure they continue their efforts in improving our major highways. In addition, it is essential to work with our state legislatures to continue the push for the return of Highway User Revenue which will allow increased spending on local roadways.

County Commissioner District 2

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent the past three and a half years as County Commissioner preceded by 38 years as an educator in Carroll County. Additionally, I am a lifelong farmer and Agriculturalist. I have served as ex-officio on the Veteran's Council, the Board of Education and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

BUDGET: There are many programs in the county budget that need to be increased. Examples of programs that need immediate attention are police, fire, education, drug treatment and infrastructure. These programs have a major and direct impact on the lives of our citizens.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: A large reason people move to Carroll County for the rural setting. We must continue to balance industrial, commercial residential and agricultural land use. The county is currently in the middle of comprehensive rezoning plan which I hope can accomplish the balance needed to preserve our way of life.

EDUCATION: Funding for our school system is critical to the outcome of our students. Our school budget is balanced by a combination of local and state funding combined with efficiencies in the school system. During my first two years in office we managed to increase the education budget by \$12.2 million. State funding needs to increase to maintain a top school system.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Carroll County has been very successful in attracting and expanding large businesses. Job growth starts with development of small businesses. We need a stronger small business incentive package to make Carroll County more attractive. We are fortunate to have a strong Chamber of Commerce and "The Miller" at Carroll Community College to help small business.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Our biggest drawback to affordable housing is the host of regulations that drive up the price of a home. Examples are septic systems and sprinkler systems which can drive the price of a house up by \$20,000 or more. We have almost regulated ourselves out of affordable housing.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Most of our traffic congestion occurs on state highways. We must continue to work with the Maryland Department of Transportation to prioritize and move

projects through the funding process to provide commuters relief on Carroll roads.

County Commissioner District 3

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I believe my years of public service have prepared me to continue as Commissioner. I am the current Carroll County Commissioner for District 3. Prior to this I was a Councilman for the city of Westminster, as well as a former Planning and Zoning Commissioner for the city.

BUDGET: I am always looking for ways to improve the working conditions at the Sheriff's department, the school system and for the county work force. We need to do what we can to keep county workers working in Carroll. We also need to help the volunteer fire departments recruit and retain firefighters

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We, the county are currently going through a comprehensive zoning text update. When that is finished, with citizen input, we can look at next steps. Next steps may include different zoning categories such a boulevard district and another residential district.

EDUCATION: I believe I already support education as much as possible within the scope of our budget. I support the public schools, the community college and the library system. I think everyone in Carroll should have the opportunity to improve themselves by taking advantage of a first-rate educational system.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: We need to keep the government out of the way of potential business looking to expand into Carroll or come to Carroll. We are working to make the permit process faster and more user friendly. Businesses in Carroll have added 1320 new jobs and invested over \$332 million in the past 2 years! Therefore, I believe we are moving in the right direction.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We need zoning changes that give developers the opportunity to build diversified housing, as well as incentives for building affordable housing.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We, the county are currently working with the state to upgrade the major roads in Carroll; 26,32, and 97 are our top priorities. We are currently expanding fixed routes within our transit system. Additionally, the county is expanding high speed fiber optic internet to underserved communities.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 33 years experience working with counties and towns on stormwater management and other environmental and public health issues. I am well versed in collaborating with elected officials, town administrators, public works directors, engineers, and others on developing plans and projects that meet certain regulations but are also practical for a given jurisdictions.

BUDGET: Significant salary increases for Sheriff deputies should be a priority. Carroll has become a training ground for adjacent counties due to our low salaries, especially five years out. Reducing the CCPS funding gap should also be a priority. Attention to the capital budget is also needed as many infrastructure projects continue to be listed year in and year out, but no funding given or work done.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Some tweaking can be done to zoning to bring in more commercial/industrial land in the Designated Growth Areas as described in the 2014 Carroll County Master Plan. Otherwise, ready-to-build lots already exist at a couple business park locations. I would also support some zoning changes to agricultural land to allow more ground mounted solar panels and other sustainable energy generation projects.

EDUCATION: The Commissioners should play a supportive role when it comes to the CCPS, working with the Board of Education, the Superintendent and others to determine the level of funding needed to maintain our high quality schools and ensure buildings are sufficiently maintained. Any decisions regarding additional closures shouldn't be done until all limiting factors, such as zoning restrictions, are known.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: County government should continue to support the quality programs and initiatives already in place throughout different agencies. The county should also work with the state delegation to search out potential State grants and loans that support local companies. Maintaining good schools and quality infrastructure and recreational facilities also help attract companies and employees.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The County should leverage some of its funding with the many non profits in the county that help people buy a first home or stay in their home or apartment. The County might consider a reduction in the transfer tax for persons under a certain income buying a first home. Many of the more affordable houses and apartments are within town limits, so working with the various municipalities is a must.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Much of the traffic congestion in the county is on State roads (MD 140, 97, and 32) so working with the State Highway Administration and planning ahead is critical. It appears the county is receiving additional highway user funds from the State which can go towards some improvements. The issuance of bonds for facility upgrades often makes fiscal sense so work can be done more cost effectively.

County Commissioner District 4

Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a businessman of 25 years experience, I have learned to process all the information available, weighing the pros and cons before finalizing a financial decision. I understand budgets and managing a multitude of priorities simultaneously. I am persistent when challenged, yet humbled by life's experiences.

BUDGET: We have fiscally conservative commissioners and a budget director keeping them on track, so I don't think there is any room to cut anything. As far as increasing, unless there is economic expansion nothing is increasing.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I am for expansion of the commercial and industrial property tax base. Through I do believe in a balance in how we develop land with the preservation of our rural culture.

EDUCATION: Less students per class equals better education. Parents who use private or home school should get property tax credits, since education consumes 50% of the budget they are saving the county money. A community college annual fee spread out across 12 years of school to cover an associates degree, voluntarily and optional.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Upgrade the Career and Technology Center to provide businesses with a good work force. Make it easier for businesses to build and grow here. Tradesmen with degrees are great businessmen or women. Citizens who live and work here provide the county with income and property taxes just like businesses do. Marketing strategy needs to be made and executed.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: My research shows 60,000 county homes with a shortage of 4,000. If we allow the free market to supply housing for young couples, young professionals and senior citizens the county will gain revenue to relieve the pressure of raising existing home owners taxes.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I am not a specialist on traffic and transportation, but I am a businessman that understands assets and liabilities. I would utilize the knowledge of people who made a career of these fields. Then analyze their advice to determine if we have the resources necessary to implement and whether or not there is a return on investment. To say otherwise, is just playing you for a fool or being one.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My successful 33-year career as a software engineer has taught me how to identify problems, look at correlations to other problems, lay out options, and find ways to resolve them. I understand how important trade-offs and collaboration is required to arrive at a solution that best serves our county.

BUDGET: Carroll public infrastructure assets require modernization and routine maintenance now and must be included in future budgets. Reduce growing the Assigned Fund Balance that require future budgets to pay for previous projects. Increase funding for Volunteer Length of Service Award Program, to keep LOSAP solvent for our emergency service volunteers.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Carroll can become the new hub for small Information technology firms facing rising costs and should be promoted as an alternative within this tech-rich region. Vacant schools are draining county resources and revenue and require immediate decisions. Empty buildings are blight. Decisions to repurpose, lease or remove must be timely.

EDUCATION: Support and empower our superintendent and BOE to set CCPS priorities. Honor BOE negotiated teacher contracts and pensions. Work with Carroll's delegation to ensure that casino revenue placed into the State Education Trust Fund is not siphoned out into other areas and remains invested wisely for education needs only.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Promote economic growth by positioning Carroll County as a new hub for information technology firms. Carroll can be the affordable alternative to high

business cost neighboring counties. Our quality of life is attractive to young professionals. IT firm's offer good jobs from entry to advanced levels with minimal water requirements.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The median value of Carroll County housing exceeds \$320,000 (Source: US Census). We can stop closing schools if we focus on housing that our young adult children, our teachers, and our public safety professionals can afford. We also need housing that our elderly parents can afford, to keep them nearby.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Many public modernization, maintenance, and replacement project needs are coming due and are not in current budget requests. We need to plan now, to start addressing these needs over time, instead of having them all come due at the same time in the future. East Middle School is an example.

County Commissioner District 5

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Served in Army for 30+ years. Garrison Commander, Fort Meade with over \$300M budget providing safety and security of 55,000+ population. President / CEO of Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation. Principal of ERA Advisors LLC, a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business. Serve on boards including Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council and Governor's Workforce Development Board.

BUDGET: Priorities evolve over time and having the ability to appropriately adjust is a must. The budget must be requirements based and not on the percentages. For example, the budget for our schools goes well beyond the current percentage allocated and must include other department commitments as well ensuring a holistic effort that meets the current demands and supports the vision.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: As a principle, land use measures should be decided locally via planning and zoning within Carroll County. Bottom line - Carroll County knows best how to deal with local land use issues and can better respond to our residents affected. Carroll County should have as much flexibility as possible on how to comply with environmental mandates that impact our local land use.

EDUCATION: First and foremost, we must ensure open communications and transparency with ALL those involved with our schools. This starts with a strong listening / learning campaign in the neighborhoods and schools; second and concurrently establish a strong relationship with the Superintendent and Board of Education. We must instill confidence in our community that our schools are resourced appropriately.

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: Focus on leading growth that pairs infrastructure and development while maintaining public support for keeping Carroll County the place to live, educate our kids and establish a strong workplace environment. This approach will ensure a community that promotes growth while maintaining our great cultural integrity. We ARE NOT and WILL NOT be an extension or outgrowth of neighboring jurisdictions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The focus should not be on affordable housing, but on the vision and development of our County. With proper economic and business development the market will dictate the housing trends.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to focus our attention on improving our existing

infrastructure and the transportation options we currently offer for more hours and diverse routes for our community and not focus on mass transit. I'm especially proud that we offer the Carroll County Veteran's Shuttle Transportation Program which provides our veterans and their caregivers free rides to VA medical facilities.

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Carroll County Circuit Court Judge

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

SALARY: \$159,433.

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

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

The Issues

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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Qualifications: I have 20 years experience in areas including family, criminal, and domestic violence. My passion is public service, having served 14 years as a Prosecutor specializing in Domestic Violence. I trained hundreds of law enforcement officers and tried thousands of cases in Maryland courts. I was recognized nationally as trial advocacy expert, and trained prosecutors at the National Advocacy Center.

Discrimination: To address discrimination, we must elect judges representative of the people they serve. Representation begets perspective. As a single mother, who raised a hearing impaired child, with years of experience, I bring a perspective that has never been represented on the Carroll County Circuit Court. In over 180 years of the court's existence a woman has never been elected to the circuit court bench.

Court Needs: In addition to diversity, judges need to be accountable for their rulings and behavior towards the citizens they serve. Judges are public servants and should be humble yet firm, not arrogant and bombastic. This begins with selecting the right candidates and

continues with routine periodic training, and mandatory supplemental training for judges who disregard the law and rules of proper decorum.

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Qualifications: I am the only candidate found highly qualified by the Trial Courts Nominating Commission. I was selected by Gov. Hogan from a list of four finalists and have been serving as a judge since February 1, 2016. Prior to my appointment, for over two decades I had a general practice of law exclusively in Carroll County where my clients consisted of County residents, small businesses and municipalities.

Discrimination: Discrimination is best addressed by following the oath of office that requires any judge, to the best of their skill and judgment, WITHOUT PARTIALITY OR PREJUDICE, to diligently and faithfully execute the office they hold. A trial judge must apply, not create, the laws enacted by the Legislative branch while following controlling legal precedent of applicable Maryland and Federal appellate courts.

Court Needs: Continuing to make more use of modern technology is the greatest need. For example, Carroll County recently converted to a paperless, online system for all court filings. This was a huge change with significant operational benefits. Similar technological advances have permitted more efficient "real-time" pretrial monitoring of defendants with substance abuse issues in criminal cases.

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Judge in Court of Special Appeals

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?

Judge in Court of Special Appeals (At-Large)

Candidates

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

Donald E. Beachley

No response received by deadline.

Matthew J. Fader

No response received by deadline.

Judge in Court of Appeals, Circuit 3: Western MD

Candidates

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

Joseph M. Getty

No response received by deadline.

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Carroll County State's Attorney

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

SALARY: \$114,527

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have practiced law for 22 years, and have served as Carroll County State's Attorney since December 2014. Governor Larry Hogan has appointed me to the Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, and then designated me as the Chair of the Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks. I am proud of the work of our Office over the last four years in keeping Carroll safe.

DISCRIMINATION: I strongly believe that each individual deserves and should be expected to be treated fairly and equally under the law, and that is a belief that is shared by our law enforcement partners in Carroll County. As an Office, we always review cases to ensure fair and legal treatment, and will continue to immediately address any situation where anyone has failed to provide that to our citizens.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: Our ultimate goal is public safety, and our Office has many programs that serve that purpose that are alternatives to prison. We work extensively with Drug Court, and recently created our own drug diversion program, that seeks to provide users treatment and supervision in lieu of incarceration for non-violent offenses.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS: I believe strongly in a three prong approach to dealing with our drug overdose challenges - enforcement, prevention, and treatment. I have not only seen that drug dealers for profit have been incarcerated for long sentences, but have created several educational programs that are now given in our schools. I have also created unique programs in our Office that address those looking for treatment

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Upon becoming State's Attorney, one of my first acts was to create a Special Victims Unit that has prosecutors and a domestic violence victim advocate that handle all domestic violence cases. I was also instrumental in creating a Domestic Violence Court Day that is held each week so that all of the service providers can be present to provide victims of domestic violence support in court.

OTHER PRIORITIES: No bigger issue is facing Carroll County than opiate overdoses. There is hardly anyone that has not been touched by this crises in some way. I created partnerships with our schools, health department, hospital, and police partners to identify innovative ways to not only get those in need of treatment to those that can help, but at the same time educate our children so they make good choices

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Carroll 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. The Clerk's office files, processes and maintains civil, criminal and juvenile actions. It also records land deeds, mortgages, plats, conveyances and other precious documents. The Clerk administers oaths to County officials, Judges and Governor appointees, issues business and marriage licenses and performs civil wedding ceremonies. The Clerk also commissions Notaries Public.

SALARY: \$109,000

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

The Issues

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

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.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a successful educator and coach for over 20 years, I have developed emotional intelligence, conflict resolution skills, flexibility and a capacity for helping others to improve their performance levels. In addition to my expansive education, directing my successful youth basketball camps has allowed me to master budgeting, planning, supervision, evaluation and other administrative functions.

AREAS OF NEED: I plan to promote a professional environment by emphasizing teamwork and inspiring the staff to increase their opportunities to grow professionally and educationally. In addition to implementing professional development opportunities, I plan to strengthen the relationships between the Clerk's office and judges, create a positive work environment for the staff, and enhance the vision of the office.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: My goal is to ensure that every person who visits the office has an informed, welcoming experience. I plan to utilize social media to educate citizens about the Clerk's Office using various methods of communication that will provide valuable information to the public; and, I plan to participate in community outreach so that all the citizens of Carroll County know what the Clerk can do for them.

PRIORITIES: I plan to research and tour several other clerk's offices in Maryland to better understand their successes and bring them to Carroll County. Additionally, I will develop a mentoring system for new employees and facilitate exceptional customer service. It is important that I survey customers, staff and court personnel to gain feedback about the quality of service the Clerk's Office is providing.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have work for the Maryland Judiciary for over 30 years. I have had the opportunity to work and become proficient in the Criminal, Juvenile, Civil, Courtroom, Land Records and Licensing Departments. I am currently the Senior Manager of Court Operations of the Criminal, Juvenile, Civil and Courtroom Departments. I am tasked with

processing and maintaining court documents and overseeing staff.

AREAS OF NEED: It is extremely important for the Clerks to be properly trained and given the appropriate resources. I would like the Clerks to have additional training through the Judiciary's Department of Professional Development. I want the public to have confidence that when they come into the Clerk's Office, they are being assisted by a professional knowledgeable Clerk.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: I strive to provide resources to aid the public. I think it's important for people to know about these legal resources such as: the Family Law Clinic, family law forms, legal web sites, agency numbers the Judiciary's website <http://mdcourts.gov/>. Carroll County now has a new computer system that allows 24hr./7days a week access to file new cases and pleadings.

PRIORITIES: To ensure the public has fair, equal and prompt administration of justice when dealing with the Clerk's Office. We need to be responsive and adaptable to changing community needs. We need to effectively inform and educate the public and legal agencies. We need to administer justice with diligence and integrity. We need to listen to feedback, be accountable and to take action when necessary.

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Carroll 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: Salary is based on the size of the county and determined by the Maryland Board of Public Works.

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.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been serving as the Register of Wills for 16 years. As an attorney, I am able to help people understand the law and I am able to work with both private citizens and attorneys in clarifying issues and helping to resolve them.

AREAS OF NEED: The Orphans' Court is an independent entity, coming under the County,

whereas my office is a State agency. I serve as their clerk. We work together very well. Education in probate law is always important and I try to supplement the education provided by the Judicial Training Center. Their greatest need is in access to technology and I am working with the County to fill that need.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC: People come into my office after losing a loved one. The last thing they want is a bureaucracy. My office is noted for our compassion and our knowledgeable service. All of my staff has had previous experience in probate law, either in the Register of Wills office or with attorneys in private practice and they are all caring individuals. We will continue to provide that compassionate service

PRIORITIES: My priority has always been and will always be courteous, professional caring service. I believe in treating people as we would wish to be treated. That was established from my first day in office and it continues to be true today.

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Carroll 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.

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.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Appointed by Governor Hogan out of 11 applicants to currently serve as Judge of the Orphan's Court. I have an AA degree from Villa Julie College, now Stevenson University, with a concentration in Paralegal studies. I have served for over 28 plus years on the City of Westminster's Planning and Zoning Commission, serving as chairperson for last ten years. Served on the Wakefield Valley Task force.

DISCRIMINATION: The Orphan's Court procedures are mandated by Maryland Code and Maryland Rules, and therefore does not discriminate based on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty.

COURT NEEDS: Currently the 3 Judges do not have a computer. We have just recently requested 1 to 3 computers to manage our court log and connect to the Maryland Judicial for training and research.

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QUALIFICATIONS: 18 years of experience in the Orphans Court. I am a member of the Conference of Orphan Court Judges. I'm a member of the Maryland Association of Judges of the Orphans Court. I am a member of the National College of Probate Judges. I've attended continuing education seminars through the judicial system.

DISCRIMINATION: The court must remain impartial. I have always served in the past with the utmost integrity and ethics.

COURT NEEDS: The court needs to have members who are willing to go to continuing education classes. Members of the Court must act with integrity and impartiality in all matters.

Donald II Sealing

Republican Party

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the elected and current Clerk of the Circuit Court with over 40 years of experience in the legal field I feel qualified to be fair, impartial and just to any litigant who may appear before the Orphans Court.

DISCRIMINATION: If elected as a Judge of the Orphans Court, it will be my responsibility to treat each litigant who appears before the court with respect, regardless of their race, gender, religion or status in life.

COURT NEEDS: As the Judges of the Orphans Court, it would be our responsibility to sit as an impartial body and listen to any evidence and arguments and make the fairest decision based on the law.

Charles E. Harrison

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QUALIFICATIONS: Serving as Judge of the Orphans' Court for nearly two years provided exceptional hands-on experience to continue to serve in this capacity. Having a Masters Degree in the Administration of Justice and 28 years of service as a FBI Supervisor provided excellent experience in the judicial process, preparation of legal documents, interviewing and making objective, fact based decisions.

DISCRIMINATION: The Orphans' Court can take a leadership role by setting examples of non-bias, objective decision making. Judges must not prejudge people based on pre-conceived notions involving race, gender, religion and other factors. The courts must also make a concerted effort to establish and maintain diversity on the bench.

COURT NEEDS: If selected I will attempt to modernize court room operations by computerizing the scheduling of hearings and establishing timely case reviews to ensure cases move expeditiously through the judicial process. I would establish high work ethics and would schedule periodic training sessions for Judges to ensure they remain aware of current case law impacting upon the probate process.

Frank Henry Rammes

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QUALIFICATIONS: Graduated Westminster HS 1972 Graduated 1972 UMCP. Paralegal Certificate 1993 Worked for Office of the Public Defender at the Court House in Westminster 1992-2015

DISCRIMINATION: I believe this question is beyond the purview of the Orphan's Court. I would certainly be opposed to any discrimination, due to cited reasons, or any reason, in the probate process.

COURT NEEDS: The greatest need is to make sure this Court, like every other court in Maryland, is non-political. I would like to see all candidates run on a non-partisan basis. Like the Board of Education. There's no Democratic or Republican way to handle probate. Orphan's Court judges don't make policy, they determine the law as applying to estates and wills that come before them.

Anita Riley

Democratic Party

QUALIFICATIONS: My whole 'adult' life has been 'helping people' whether it be thru negotiations, arbitrations or mediation. I know what it means to make certain that people receive what is due to them whether it be because of a contract-- or otherwise. I listen, and fair and honest in all dealings.. I am a 5 year volunteer with Carroll County Mediation Maryland doing mediations @ Carroll County District Court

DISCRIMINATION: The only way to address these issues is to simply do the right thing. Be honest and make justice work. Anyone who comes before any court should be made to feel they are honestly being helped, given respect and without prejudice of any kind.. They should feel that they are a contributing part of the human race. No exceptions.

COURT NEEDS: Not certain of 'greatest needs' as I've never sat on the court to know the needs. What I can say, is that if I become part of the court and find issues of major concern that need to be addressed, I will get involved and will work diligently to correct. I would want to make certain that anyone who comes before Orphan's Court is treated fairly, respectfully and without prejudice.

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Carroll 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: \$70,000 effective January 1, 2015.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected county-wide.

The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

Jim DeWees

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No response received by deadline.

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Carroll County Board of Education

DUTIES: The Board of Education acts to improve student achievement, optimize resources, provide a safe and orderly environment, strengthen productive community partnerships and engage in a process of school improvement for Carroll County Schools.

TERM: 4 years

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 3.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a wife and a mom of three children. I worked as an Assistant Branch Manager of a finance company before I became a stay at home mom seven years ago. When my daughter started kindergarten, I go involved in the PTA and served as the PTA Treasurer for two terms. When our community school was voted to be closed, I filed an appeal along with other members of the community.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: The students need to be the priority at all times! The class sizes should never be over 20 students to be sure students are receiving the attention they need to understand what they are learning. Buildings should be on a maintenance schedule. There is no reason for schools to be in such need they are closed. Actual in classroom Teachers salaries are important and they deserve to be compensated.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: We need to get rid of standardized testing. This type of

testing stresses out the students and the staff. Yes, test what the students have learned in their subjects, but all students are different and standardized testing is a cookie cutter test. Not all students will fit into that cookie cutter testing. Everyone learns differently.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Career and Technology programs are very important. I would like to see students use five hours of their Student Learning Service Hours in a small business setting, especially for those who wish to go into the Career and Technology Center to make sure that a particular course they are interested in is what they want to take.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We have a good security procedure in place in Carroll County. Police Departments do monitor our schools daily. Bullying needs to be addressed and stopped immediately once a complaint is filed. We need to do more about Drug Prevention. I would like to see all students before they graduate high school be Naloxone Certified.

PARTNERSHIPS: We definitely need to have better partnerships. With the Career and Technology programs, small businesses and corporations in the communities. We need to allow business owners to talk and teach students as well as our regular certified staff. Personal experiences can teach more than an instruction book.

PRIORITIES: Keeping communities together-if a school needs to close, we need to make sure communities are not divided up. Consistency in Curriculum- we should be celebrating different cultures and that creates diversity. Schools should be teaching subjects at the same time as another school. Field trips, projects should be the same for all students because it widens conversations of experiences with students

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QUALIFICATIONS: My 39-year career in Carroll County as a classroom teacher, resource teacher, assistant principal, and principal and having a Master of Education degree and Doctor of Education degree in the area of education policy, planning, and administration make me uniquely qualified to serve as a member of the Board of Education. My experiences and education enhance my understanding of a school system.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: 1. Safe, secure environments that are conducive to learning 2. Competitive salaries 3. Educational programs that support the development of all students 4. Recruitment and retention of quality teachers and staff

STANDARDS AND TESTING: The national and state standards should be used as intended to measure students' performance in various subject areas. The standards are based on what students know or understand and should be able to do in various subject areas. Our curriculum and instruction are based on these standards. The assessments measure students' progress. The aim is to make sure students are on track to succeed.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: To prepare students for employment I would support the Career Pathways offered to high school students. With the assistance of parents, counselors, teachers, and advisors the students choose a specific career pathway. Work-based learning opportunities are available. Offering hands-on opportunities helps students be prepared for future employment.

SCHOOL SAFETY: There are established policies in these areas and associated administrative regulations. I would suggest a review of the policies. I would explore data on the number of incidents related to these areas and see if there are emerging trends. I would look for how the topics are infused in the curriculum for prevention and how community agencies support schools and students.

PARTNERSHIPS: I would promote new partnerships with our schools including encouraging

persons to volunteer, provide sites for students to complete student service learning, and serve as a guest speaker or resource for classrooms. I would support the Office of Business and Community Partnerships to help fulfill its mission. I would be available to attend receptions to show appreciation to partners.

PRIORITIES: I will work to manage the budget to meet system priorities and establish a caring, positive, working relationship with members of the community. I will be an active, reflective listener. I value education and have a passion for teaching, learning, and helping all students reach their full potential. Working together we can continue to build the future and meet the needs of all students.

Doug Howard

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having served as a County Commissioner and advocate for school funding for more than 7 years, as an ex-Officio member of the Board of Ed several times and as a parent with eight children step-children in our schools, I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve on the Board. I am confident that I can help improve direction of the school system and advocacy for resources at county and state levels.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: The top three priorities for our school system to me are safety and security, compensation and retention of teachers, and education needs for the classroom. Class size is important not of top three concerns. School buildings need to be the least as long as they are safe. We must put the emphasis of resources back into the classroom and much less on buildings and corporate structure.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: Standardized testing and national and state standards should not be used to ensure quality. Carroll County schools should strive to be high quality with true measures of student performance. Standards should be guides, and we should exceed them. Too much resource is wasted on testing and curriculum changes. Curriculum changes to meet test requirements cost millions and add to teacher burden.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We need to go forward with the improvement of the Career & Tech Center, a project I have strongly advocated to do. This needs to include program expansion, reaching students at the other high schools and even training on entrepreneurship. We also need to build a stronger relationship with the business community and foster more internships as well. We can prepare students for college and employment

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety in all of its facets are critical to keeping children safe and providing quality education. I support the use of School Resource Officers and worked for funding them, along with other physical school improvements. I am also leading an effort to provide more resources to address drug education and treatment. All of the security issues are each high priorities.

PARTNERSHIPS: I am a strong believer in partnerships and have created many as County Commissioner including the Combined Education Committee. I also have strong relationships in the business community due to my own business experience and work with small businesses and the Chamber. All of this can help build effective partnerships for the school system. Students need to have real life out of school experience.

PRIORITIES: We need to have excellent schools that are properly funded, focused on the classroom, safe and places where the best teachers want to teach and our students are excited to learn. We can accomplish this with a Board of Education that is focused on those goals. I am committed to this and nothing less.

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QUALIFICATIONS: BA in Mathematics Washington College--Teacher Cert Western Maryland College. MD Army National Guard Officer Candidate School & Officer Basic Course in Field Artillery. Vice President at C J Miller 1978 – 2004. Executive V P at Stewart & Tate 2005 - present. Also active in numerous community groups. This experience should transfer well to the BOE.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Career and Tech Center (We do not need a new building. We need to use existing, vacant class rooms and modernize the existing Tech Center.), An addition to the existing building is probably appropriate. One of the biggest issues in the existing facility is storage space. Facilities maintenance. Teacher retention.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: They do provide accurate measurements of student performance, to some extent. They are accountable, structured and objective. But, do they measure student progress and proficiency over time? We need to understand that data from test results are great tools, but not the only tools. They do not measure social skills, work ethic or resourcefulness.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We need to insure that students can take advantage of the offerings at the Career and Tech Center. We need to emphasize the opportunities available through Career Connections—internships, concurrent enrollment, etc. We should help with job placement for summer jobs.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We had Crisis Counselors assigned to schools. We need Behavior Specialists, at each elementary school, for both students and families. We need our Crisis Counselors back in the schools. Teachers should not be armed. The school properties should not be "gun free zones." What the County is currently doing with School Resource Officers is a great first step.

PARTNERSHIPS: As a third priority for use, the Dept of Rec and Parks and Rec Councils have spent millions of dollars and volunteer hours at our schools for tot lots, athletic fields and interior improvements. We need to continue to make the best use of that. Businesses have also provided internships, tutors, donations, career days and serve on advisory boards.

PRIORITIES: We need to insure transparency and fiscal responsibility. We also cannot forget extra-curricular activities. They are a major factor in college acceptance and teach lessons for life that are invaluable in the working world. They also are a great compliment to classroom work.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have four years' experience serving on the board. I have served as board member, vice president and am currently president of the board.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: I plan to continue to find ways to compensate our hard-working employees, attract and recruit minority educators, increase learning for all students with the use of research and data to improve practice, while closing the achievement gap.

STANDARDS AND TESTING: The state set standards to ensure children all over the state are learning what they need to know to be career or college-ready. This is the minimum standard. In Carroll, we use the standards to determine what needs to be taught, but not how to teach it. Our local experts do that when they design curriculum.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I think preparation begins even in elementary school. Schools host career exploration activities with parents and community members. This continues as the students move into middle and high schools. I have participated and seen the value of holding mock interviews and portfolio reviews by industry professionals. Not every child is college-bound and we need to prepare them accordingly.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Carroll County is fortunate not to have severe gang issues. We must be vigilant to keep them out. We must continue the valuable partnership between our states attorney's office, the sheriff's department and the county health department. They bring invaluable knowledge, experience and expertise in matters related to student health, safety and well-being.

PARTNERSHIPS: Our schools work very hard to build and maintain partnerships with local community groups and businesses. These relationships often last for many years and are invaluable to students and families and are also beneficial to the businesses.

PRIORITIES: My three top priorities were mentioned above – employee compensation, minority hiring and retention and student achievement. To meet these priorities, the board of education must continue to improve its relationships with state and local governments. Only with these continued good relationships, can we solve these issues while maintaining local board of education control.

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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 summaries of ballot question 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.

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

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