



# Garrett County *Voters' Guide* 2018 General Election

League of Women Voters of Maryland Education Fund

## About this *Voters' Guide*

This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Maryland Education Fund. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. The League offers this *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare to vote and includes all candidates who appear on the November ballot. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for the same office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates who will appear on the ballot are printed exactly as submitted to the LWV. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 400 characters and any additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond by the **September 15, 2018** deadline, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Additional information on the candidates is available at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org), which has any updates received after the **September 15, 2018** deadline. Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. If the candidate submitted a campaign website, it is listed under her/his name.

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## Three Ways to Vote

### Early Voting

**Where:** Oakland Community Center (The Armory)  
14 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, MD 21550

Northern Outreach Center  
12601 National Pike  
Grantsville, MD 21536

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

Garrett County Board of Elections  
Public Service Center  
2008 Maryland Highway, Suite 1  
Mountain Lake Park MD 21550  
301-334-6985

### By Mail (Absentee Ballot)

You may request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you or sent via an email link. Apply online or by printing out an application from the State Board of Elections website:

<http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html>

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

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

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

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

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

## ELECTION INFORMATION

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

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

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](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](https://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 Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/benjealous/>

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/BenJealous](https://twitter.com/BenJealous)

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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](http://www.benjealous.com).

## **Shawn Quinn / Christina Smith**

### **Libertarian Party**

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**Campaign Phone:** (443) 684-0924

**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](http://www.schlakman.com/issues) as Marylanders continue to ask us to respond to their top priorities.

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## **Comptroller**

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

Works along with the Governor and the state Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly.

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

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

**WEBSITE:** see [Maryland Manual](#)

## **The Issues**

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

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

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

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

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Anjali Reed Phukan**

**Republican Party**

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

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

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

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

### **Peter Franchot**

**Democratic Party**

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**Campaign Phone:** (443) 254-6000

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

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

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

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

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## Attorney General

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

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

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

**WEBSITE:** see [Maryland Manual](#)

### The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

**Craig Wolf**

**Republican Party**

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**Campaign Phone:** (202) 415-6732

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

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

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

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

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

## **Brian E. Frosh** **Democratic Party**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.brianfrosh.com>  
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**Campaign Instagram:** FroshforAG  
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**Campaign Phone:** (240) 479-9788

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

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

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

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

prey on the poor.

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

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## U.S. Senator

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

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

**Term:** Six years.

**Base Salary:** \$174,000 per year.

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

### The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

#### **Tony Campbell**

**Republican Party**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.campbell4maryland.com>

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

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/campbell4md](https://twitter.com/campbell4md)

**Campaign Email:** [info@campbell4maryland.com](mailto: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 labors rights, environmental provisions & anti-corruption provisions.

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

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

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

## **Arvin Vohra**

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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.

## Michael B. Puskar

### Write-in

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** Criminally prosecute companies that discriminate against people based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty. Criminally prosecute executives in companies that discriminate, including CEOs and Board Members. Criminally prosecute members of Congress and

the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government, who discriminate based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty.

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

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

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

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

## Lih Young

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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. Televise candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records,proceeding

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## U.S. Representative District 6

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

**Term:** Two years

**Base Salary:** \$174,000

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

**Website:** [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

### The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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

**HEALTH CARE:** I support empowering individuals with more control over how to meet their healthcare needs and those of their families. I will support policies to promote wider availability of



generic drugs and cross-state insurance to keep costs lower. One of our healthcare failures has been treatment of our veterans. I will work to see that veterans have access to quality healthcare, either public or private.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Maryland General Assembly

## Senator District 1

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

**SALARY:** \$50,330 annual base.

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

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

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

## **The Issues**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

### **George C. Edwards**

**Republican Party**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **House of Delegates 1A**

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

**SALARY:** \$50,330 annual base.

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

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

district and one multi-member district.

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

## **The Issues**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Wendell R. Beitzel**

**Republican Party**

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

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

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

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

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

**HEALTH CARE:** The Maryland Health Insurance Exchange, that was created to satisfy the requirements of the Affordable Care Act, Obamacare, is in trouble. It is unaffordable and most insurance companies have left Maryland, only Blue Cross-Blue Shield remains. Those enrolled in the plan were facing a 50% increase in premiums. The General Assembly passed a one year short term fix but will need to find a solution.

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

HUR to local jurisdictions.

## **Michael Dreisbach**

**Democratic Party**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# **Local Leaders**

## **Garrett County Commissioner District 1**

**DUTIES:** The Commissioners may exercise only the powers conferred by the Maryland General Assembly. These include: raising revenues to fund the capital and operating budgets of County departments and agencies; providing for the public health, safety, and welfare of County residents; adopting and updating the Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance and overseeing the development

process; establishing, promulgating, and enforcing County rules, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures; and appointing boards, commissions, and task forces to advise them and make recommendations.

**SALARY:** \$32,500.

**TERM:** Four years.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected at-large, though each Commissioner must live in the district they represent.

## **The Issues**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

### **S. Larry Tichnell**

#### **Republican Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Being self employed has helped me to be fiscally responsible and has helped me with making sound judgements and decisions. Being born and raised in Garrett County has given me the opportunity to know the county's needs.

**BUDGET:** I will continue to look at the budget on an item by item basis and do what it takes to remain fiscally responsible. My goal is to give the citizens of our county well maintained roads, schools, fire and rescue departments and all other services that our taxpayers expect.

**DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** At present I would keep land use policies as they are.

**EDUCATION:** Continue to support all programs that enhance our children's learning. Examples are after school programs, mentoring, robotics and all our sports activities.

**EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** WE need to continue to get all citizens access to broadband, continue to work with the college, develop incentives for new business and have the infrastructure in place in our business parks for new business.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Promote home ownership with our pathway to home ownership program which gives qualified persons the down payment they need to finance a new home. Continue to work with community action and private developers to develop low rent homes.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** With our county being so large transportation is a very difficult issue to address. I will continue to look for ideas that will help solve this problem. The only area that has a traffic problem is Oakland and that is in the hands of the state. As far as public facilities I feel that most of our public areas are well maintained and would continue to fund these as needed.

### **Judy A. Carbone**

#### **Democratic Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** 30+ years in non-profit organizations, primarily in managerial positions being fiscally responsible. For 11 years, I was an administrator at Garrett College and am currently Volunteer Coordinator at HART for Animals. I am Chair of the Garrett County Commission for Women and have been an officer/Board members in numerous Garrett County service organizations. I hold a Master of Education degree.

**BUDGET:** We are challenged by flat revenues and increasing costs but need programs to empower and engage citizens in government. We need programs to support diversified economic development across the county and citizens starting/expanding local businesses. We need to support community schools and our teachers. We need to involve the community in a conversation on how to increase investment in our schools

**DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** The beauty of our natural resources, rural heritage must be protected. And our potential for smart growth and economic development must be measured with policies that are good for our public, environmental and economic health. Citizen engagement should be required with any new use of our land. Lessons learned from fracking as a community issue need to be applied to decisions on the Oakland Bypass.

**EDUCATION:** Parental involvement is key to increased public support for our schools. They need to be made aware of ways to get involved, invited to participate, given recognition when they do, allowed to learn/develop skills, and be aware that they are making a difference. Increase use of collaborative, community-based working groups to improve opportunities for parental AND community engagement and input.

**EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** Develop growth-minded economic strategies that build on our community's strengths. Focusing on filling business parks hasn't worked. Work on solutions for transporting goods/people, providing living wages, young people moving away, agricultural innovations, enhancing entrepreneurial efforts, and encouraging progressive businesses. Increase internships/apprenticeships for workforce development.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Joining with other rural counties, I would advocate for more state funding for affordable housing and against expensive regulations such as sprinkler laws. I support expanding the MD Pathway to Homeownership program and other grant/loan programs available through CAC. I would convene a community coalition of builders, lenders, employers, government, and other non-profits to explore local solutions

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Approaching these problems must include all stakeholders and be transparent. We have many problems including transportation availability, water delivery systems, sewer system contamination of the lake, water contamination from road chemicals, and the Oakland Bypass. Solutions must include community education, decisions based on updated facts, and public commentary, positively building community.

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## **Garrett County Commissioner District 2**

**DUTIES:** The Commissioners may exercise only the powers conferred by the Maryland General Assembly. These include: raising revenues to fund the capital and operating budgets of County departments and agencies; providing for the public health, safety, and welfare of County residents; adopting and updating the Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance and overseeing the development process; establishing, promulgating, and enforcing County rules, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures; and appointing boards, commissions, and task forces to advise them and make recommendations.

**SALARY:** \$32,500.

**TERM:** Four years.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected at-large, though each Commissioner must live in the district they represent.



## **The Issues**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Paul C. Edwards**

#### **Republican Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I now have 20 years as a local government official, having served 6 years as a councilman in Grantsville, followed by 10 years as Mayor of Grantsville, and now having the fortune of serving as Chair of the Board of Garrett County Commissioners for the past 4 years. I have also served on 2 Governor's Task Forces - Post Labor Day School Start and the MD Outdoor Recreation Economic Commission.

**BUDGET:** My priorities the past four years have been public education and economic development. This includes infrastructure upgrades including water and sewer projects, and bridge and road works. Broadband and internet infrastructure needs a firm commitment from local government, as well.

**DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** No response received by deadline.

**EDUCATION:** I have, and will always be, and strong supporter of public education. My entire professional career has been in public education and I firmly believe that education provides the greatest opportunity for people to better themselves and set themselves up for future success.

**EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** I think we need to focus on growing the businesses we currently have in the county that would like to expand. Fortunately, we have many great businesses here that are successful and would like to grow. These businesses are often some of our greatest contributors to our communities and provide good paying jobs with benefits. We need to make sure we have quality infrastructure in place, as well.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** We have successfully launched the "Pathway to Homeownership" program, which has helped close to 100 homes be purchased in Garrett County over the past few years. We are also looking at opportunities right now to incentivize developers to create market rate rentals in our communities, as well.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** We are constantly looking at upgrading water and sewer infrastructure throughout the entire county. Furthermore, we are very active in trying to expand broadband and internet access throughout the whole county.

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## **Garrett County Commissioner District 3**

**DUTIES:** The Commissioners may exercise only the powers conferred by the Maryland General Assembly. These include: raising revenues to fund the capital and operating budgets of County

departments and agencies; providing for the public health, safety, and welfare of County residents; adopting and updating the Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance and overseeing the development process; establishing, promulgating, and enforcing County rules, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures; and appointing boards, commissions, and task forces to advise them and make recommendations.

**SALARY:** \$32,500.

**TERM:** Four years.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected at-large, though each Commissioner must live in the district they represent.

## **The Issues**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Jim Hinebaugh, Jr.**

**Republican Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I served as the County's Director of Economic Development for 17 years, and worked closely on a daily basis with several Boards of Commissioners. I've served as County Commissioner since December 2014. Plus, I served in a variety of senior leadership and management positions during my military career.

**BUDGET:** The current Board of Commissioners has generally held the line on budget expenses over the past three years. County Departments and supported abancies have even cooperative and supportive in limiting cost growth. The Board has increased funding to the BOE annually - including this budget cycle. Many Irganihabe requested a 2-2.5% increase to their FY19 budgets -library, sheriff, etc.

**DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** Planning & Zoning has begun the process for the five year update of the County's Comprehensive Plan. This process should identify any necessary changes.

**EDUCATION:** The elected Board of Education has the authority and is responsible for management of the County's public school system. The Commissioners continue to fund the BOE above previous levels. About 54% of the BOE budget comes from the County. The County will be in a better position to examine its funding to public schools once the BOE completes its strategic plan.

**EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** The big challenge for economic development is workforce development and skill base. There are literally hundreds of unfilled jobs available in the County. The problem is employers cannot find and retain employees. Economic growth is being limited by workforce shortages. The new economic development director will work with the school system, Garrett College, and County businesses to address this.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** The County, working with Community Action, implemented the Pathway to Home Ownership Program that provides down payment assistance to people interested in purchasing a home. Over 100 families used this program to buy homes. The Board is also working

with Community Action to create more affordable housing.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** The Board's top priority for infrastructure is improving access to high speed, affordable, reliable broadband. The IT staff is working with local broadband providers to develop and build additional broadband infrastructure. Additionally, the County continues modernize and expand public water and sewer systems.

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## Judicial Offices

### Judge in Court of Appeals (C3: Western MD)

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

**SALARY:** \$181,433, annual base.

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

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

#### The Issues

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

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

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

#### Candidates

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

**Joseph M. Getty**

No response received.

### Judge in Court of Special Appeals (At-Large)

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

**SALARY:** \$168,633 annual base.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** When there is a vacancy on the Court of Special Appeals, the governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office, with the consent of the State Senate. Once appointed, the appellate judge holds the office until the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. At that time, the judge runs for an uncontested election for a ten-year term on

their record (yes or no for continuance in office). No one is permitted to file against them. If the incumbent judge is approved, the judge faces another "retention election" every ten years to continue in office. If the incumbent judge is rejected by the voters, the post becomes vacant, and the governor makes a new appointment.

### **The Issues**

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

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

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

### **Candidates**

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

#### **Donald E. Beachley**

No response received.

#### **Matthew J. Fader**

No response received.

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## **Other County Offices**

### **Garrett 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:** \$103,838

**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.

### **Lisa Thayer Welch**

No response received.

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## **Garrett County Clerk of the Circuit Court**

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

**SALARY:** \$109,000

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

## **The Issues**

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

**AREAS OF NEED:** What are the areas of greatest need in the 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.

### **Timothy W. Miller**

**Republican Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been an employee in this office for 28 years; as a deputy clerk, Supervisor of the office, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Clerk, appointed by the Judge as Clerk in 2013, and elected as Clerk in 2014. I have worked in all departments of the office and court. I am a member of various committees including the Maryland Clerks' Association where I currently hold the position of President.

**AREAS OF NEED:** Areas of need vary from time to time. It might be staffing or training. But whatever the need, discussion begins first with leadership in the local office. The Office of Human Resources or a department within the Administrative offices might be called upon to discuss and respond to the issue(s) and assist in providing a solution.

**ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC:** I have a very competent staff whose priority is to provide excellent service to all customers and Court personnel. The employee is efficient in responding to the needs of each customers at the counter, on the telephone, of from another office or agency. Our Administrative office does provide periodic training for the employees in the area of customer service.

**PRIORITIES:** The Clerk's Office maintains volumes of files, records, and other documents. A priority of this office, other than those mentioned above, is to maintain these records with efficiency, neatness, and accuracy. The day to day duties and work product of the staff of this Clerk's office exemplifies those characteristics. The public deserves that service.

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# Garrett County Register of Wills

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

**SALARY:** \$105,000

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

## The Issues

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

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

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

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

## Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Rita L. Watson**

#### **Republican Party**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have over 35 years experience in the office of Register of Wills. I have attended many seminars and conferences to keep abreast of the changing statutes regarding probate laws. I am knowledgeable of all aspects and requirements of the position. I attend Register of Wills Association conferences and other seminars to gain more knowledge.

**AREAS OF NEED:** There is a need for pro bono work from the legal field to assist the public in preparing a Last Will and Testament. The Register of Wills is prohibited by law from preparing Wills and this is the area of greatest need that I encounter. I would like to see the state make more resources available to our Orphans' Court Judges, who are not all attorneys, but work diligently and competently.

**ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC:** I offer, free of charge, presentations to any public organization that is interested, I will gladly speak to any group and share my knowledge of the probate process. My staff and I are keenly aware of the grief and stress under which many of those who come to our office are suffering. I consider our service excellent and will continue to improve it any way we can.

**PRIORITIES:** My priorities include to reach as many people as possible with assistance with their interaction with our office. I will continue to hold presentations and speak to any group that is interested in probate. Excellent understanding & helpful service at the most vulnerable time in a person's life is and always has been my top priority. My first priority is serving the public in the best possible way

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## Garrett County Judge of the Orphans' Court

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

**SALARY:** Chief, \$4,500  
Associate, \$4,200

**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.

#### **Dan Duggan**

**Republican Party**

No response received.

#### **Fred Sanders**

**Republican Party**

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://Fred Sanders for Orpahans Court Judge>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have four years experience as a sitting Orphans Court Judge, also 28 years in the administrative field.

**DISCRIMINATION:** With four years of experience I have never ran into this situation. However, we must treat each case with fairness and honesty, regardless of the person(s) appearing in the court.

**COURT NEEDS:** In Garrett County I feel the system works very smoothly and each case is treated individually and with integrity, as the law requires.

#### **Jack Rush Turney**

**Republican Party**

No response received.

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## Garrett 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:** \$85,000

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

## The Issues

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

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

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

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

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

## Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

**Robert E. Corley**

**Republican Party**

No response received.

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# Nonpartisan Offices

## Garrett County Board of Education District 1

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

**SALARY:** \$4,000

**TERM:** 4 years

**HOW ELECTED:** Members are elected at-large, though they must live in the district they represent.

## 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?

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## **Candidates**

Vote for no more than 1.

### **Matthew A. Paugh**

No response received.

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## **Garrett County Board of Education District 2**

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

**SALARY:** \$4,000

**TERM:** 4 years

**HOW ELECTED:** Members are elected at-large, though they must live in the district they represent.

## **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?

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**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.

### **Rodney B. Glotfelty**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As the county health officer I gained experience working effectively with state and local officials, managing complex budget and personnel issues, testifying before legislative committees, and serving on and chairing numerous state and local associations and committees. These experiences and will aid me as I help deal with the complex issues facing the Garrett County School System.

**BUDGET PRIORITIES:** 1. Recruiting and retaining the best possible educators. 2. Keeping class size to a manageable level to allow teachers to effectively meet the needs of the many diverse learners they educate. 3. Assuring students have access to, and become fluent in, current technologies. This will give them opportunities to be productive citizens in the 21st century economy.

**STANDARDS AND TESTING:** I believe that appropriate national and state standards should be used for planning our school curriculum. Nationally recognized standards, like the Next Generation Science Standards and the Common Core, are important because they ensure that public school students across the country are afforded the same quality educational opportunities.

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** As a school district, we must strive to set all of our students up for success to meet their career aspirations. It is crucial that we continue to develop curriculum and hands on experiences to prepare Garrett County students for good paying jobs. Both of our high schools have strong vocational programs. I support funding these programs and looking for opportunities for expansion.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** Early identification of behavioral health issues in children is essential. Providing early intervention and treatment services to mitigate those problems must be a priority. As health officer I supported, and helped to implement and fund, many mental health, substance abuse, and anti-bullying initiatives. As a member of the Board, I will continue to support and expand on those programs.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** As Health Officer, I was proud of the role the Health Department played over the years in fostering partnerships and working in a collaborative fashion to improve outcomes for children and families. If elected, I will continue to build on the strong relationships I have with community and business partners in furtherance of Board and community objectives.

**PRIORITIES:** I will work with community partners to ensure that our schools are addressing the needs of the student and their families. Schools are more successful when they are a hub of the community and able to provide connections to important support services. I will work with state and local officials to develop long term funding plans for facility improvement or replacement.

## **Nathan M. Sorber**

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/BOEElection2018/>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the Vice-President of the Garrett County School Board, Professor of Education at West Virginia University, and a father of a Garrett County student. As a board member, I have used my expertise in educational finance, policy, and planning to promote effective and equitable budget, teaching and learning, and strategic planning processes for Garrett County Schools.

**BUDGET PRIORITIES:** After years of school closings, teaching force reductions, and program eliminations, further cuts will result in a significant decrease in academic standards and outcomes in Garrett County Schools. While I will continue to work to find administrative and operational savings and efficiencies across the system, we need additional revenue from state and local sources to manage annual inflation.

**STANDARDS AND TESTING:** While I support the spirit of national and state standards in promoting equitable access to rigorous curricula, it is my belief that teaching and learning decisions are best made at the local level. We must of course follow federal and state laws regarding assessments and standards, but I will support all efforts to empower teachers and parents in making educational decisions for our children.

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** I am committed to career readiness programs, as we must maintain our vocational initiatives in agriculture, carpentry, mechanics, health care, etc., while promoting emerging fields like computer science, robotics, and other new economy STEM programs. As budgets will remain tight, we must forge deeper partnerships with Garrett College and local industry for internships and on-the-job training.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** I will support and invest in our school resource officers and building security technologies to protect our schools from the unthinkable. Also, behavioral issues in our schools are usually not isolated incidents. They are rooted in deep social issues tied to drugs, abuse, poverty, and neglect. We must work with community partners to address social ills in our county. No tolerance for bullying.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** As I stated above, we need to do more to engage with local industries to prepare students to work in Garrett County. We also need to further dual-enrollment with Garrett

College to provide greater learning opportunities. To meet our goals, we must deepen our partnerships with Garrett County Community Action, the Judy Center, Garrett County Health Department, and the County Commissioners.

**PRIORITIES:** We need to invest in teachers. We must recruit and retain the very best teachers for our children. Finally, I want to protect our community elementary schools as critical components of the academic system. We should invest in these schools as strategic assets that nurture learning through optimal class sizes, connectivity to local problems and resources, and community partnerships.

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## Garrett County Board of Education District 3

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

**SALARY:** \$4,000

**TERM:** 4 years

**HOW ELECTED:** Members are elected at-large, though they must live in the district they represent.

### 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

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#### **Fred Gregg**

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://Fred Gregg for Board of Education>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My 30 years as a teacher in Garrett County combined with my diverse business experiences make me uniquely qualified for this elected office.

**BUDGET PRIORITIES:** Budget priorities change constantly, but building maintenance, staff compensation, and curriculum development are always high on the list.

**STANDARDS AND TESTING:** Standardized testing should be a part of the evaluation process. However, when overemphasized, instruction eventually focuses on what the student needs to know to excel on the test.

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** By utilizing the local office of Economic Development to help identify what skills are needed by area employers, we can tailor vocational programs to better prepare our students for existing and future job markets.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** Reporting methods should be examined and if necessary revised, so that the process is simple and confidential. At risk students must be given access to professional help, but

they should also be held accountable for their actions.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** My relationship with the business community will be of benefit in establishing partnerships aimed at saving the school system money. These savings can be re-directed to current budget priorities.

**PRIORITIES:** To establish cooperative working relationship between all parties – county commissioners, central office staff, teachers, support staff, and the elected board. We must endeavor to provide the organizational leadership and strategic thinking needed to create the financial stability our school system requires.

**Monica L. Rinker**

No response received.

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## Ballot Questions

### Question 1 - Education Funding

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

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

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

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

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

**Arguments FOR the amendment:**

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

**Arguments AGAINST the amendment:**

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

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

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

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

## **Question 2 - Election Day Voter Registration**

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

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

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

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

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

**Arguments FOR the amendment:**

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

**Arguments AGAINST the amendment:**

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

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

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

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