

# ☆ 2018 ☆ VOTERS' GUIDE



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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BALTIMORE CITY**

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## Primary Election

Tuesday, June 26 • Polls open at 7AM and close at 8PM

### Maryland Statewide Offices

#### Maryland Governor / Lt. Gov

**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*

#### Questions

**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?

*Answers to additional questions are available at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).*

#### Republican Candidates

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

**Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford**

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

No response received by deadline.

#### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

**Rushern L. Baker III / Elizabeth Embry**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the only candidate who has served as County Executive of Prince George's County, leading one of Maryland's largest jurisdictions and in the Maryland House of Delegates. I have also served as the executive director of a non profit organizations that recruited and trained teachers to work in schools with diverse populations and urban problems.

**BUDGET:** Education and transportation funding will be my top two spending priorities as governor. Our public schools are the heart of our communities and must be fully funded. As one of the most densely populated states, we need a governor who makes strategic investments in mass transit infrastructure to create jobs, provide equity and reduce congestion.

**REDISTRICTING:** I would support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census. Non-partisan redistricting ensures that no political party can rig the system. "Safe districts" can lead to a decrease in voter participation, limit voter choice and reduce the incentive to have meaningful debate and conversations.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I have brought a world class environmental program to the county, which now leads the state in waste diversion and recycling. As governor, I prioritize innovative environmental policies to make Maryland a leader in clean energy, and create jobs across the state. I will announce my comprehensive "Baker Green Print for Maryland" soon to address climate change, sea level rise, and Bay restoration.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will work to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the community and provide resources to forgotten communities through my Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative to increase racial and income equality across the state. My Equity for Women Initiative is a comprehensive plan to make MD a national leader in gender equality by championing economic empowerment and security for women.

You may check the candidates of your choice and take this voters' guide into the voting booth.

**T**HE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS offers this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare for the 2018 primary election. The League is a nonpartisan organization that does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in public policy debate and governmental decision-making. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. All answers appear exactly as submitted; no editing or corrections have been done. If a candidate exceeded the length limit for their response, their answers were cut off. If a candidate failed to reply to our request to participate by the deadline, their name is listed with the statement "No response received by deadline." This Voters' Guide contains responses only from candidates who will be on the Primary Ballot. Candidates from the other recognized parties in Maryland (Green, Libertarian and Constitution), unaffiliated candidates, and write-in candidates have been invited to submit responses that will be published in our General Election Voters' Guides. The League thanks all candidates who submitted answers to our questionnaires.

**THE PRIMARY IS A CLOSED ELECTION. YOU MAY VOTE ONLY IN THE PARTY IN WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERED.**

**Ralph Jaffe / Freda Jaffe**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Political science teacher since 1964. Taught in public and private sectors. Leading a movement which started in 2002 and is an evolving process to get rid of corruption in MD govt. and replace it with true ETHICAL reform. My website, [fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com](http://fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com) documents everything

**BUDGET:** Stop wasting taxpayer money on public education and transportation programs that don't work. Invest the saved money in public police departments and public schools.

**REDISTRICTING:** Because of unscrupulous, unethical practices of politicians in power for last 50 years, it's an impossible task. Until we get ethical politicians who care about their constituents rather than themselves district lines will be unfair.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We need ethical politicians who will work together on the complicated environmental issues. They need to arrive at compromises that will be fair to both sides.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I would convene assembly of religious leaders from churches, synagogues, and mosques throughout MD - mission to generate specific set of recommendations for improving race relations - recommendations which would be put into operation immediately. Also implementation of my TUTOR-MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM.

**Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull**

**Campaign Website:** <http://benjealous.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** At 35, I was named the youngest-ever President & CEO of the NAACP. In my role there I advanced a strong, progressive agenda across the board. In Maryland these achievements were recognized in 2013 when 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:** 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 finally supplement education funding. We need a plan for transportation that will revive the Red Line and provide dedicated funding for the DC Metro.

**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.

### James Hugh Jones, II / Charles S. Waters

No response received by deadline.

### Kevin Kamenetz / Valerie Ervin

**Campaign Website:** <http://Kevinformaryland.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Kevin Kamenetz is a husband, father of 2 teenagers, a lifelong Marylander and lifelong Democrat. Kamenetz has served as a prosecutor, 16 years as councilman, and 8 years as Baltimore County Executive. He has improved schools, created jobs, and protected the environment—without ever raising tax rates. With Valerie Ervin as Lt Gov, they have the track record of real results to best lead our state.

**BUDGET:** Kamenetz will restore our schools to the nation's best, with universal pre-K, eliminating historical inequities in funding formulas, and making college more affordable and job skill training more accessible. Kamenetz will invest in 21st century mass transit, connecting counties to regional systems that provide highway alternatives, easing traffic congestion and promoting economic development.

**REDISTRICTING:** The inherently political gerrymandering process is unjustifiable and has helped contribute to the hyper-partisanship and gridlock we see in Washington. We must respect natural boundaries and keep communities together and as Governor, Kamenetz will support efforts to ensure compact and contiguous districts.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Kamenetz will fight climate change to protect our state's long-term health by combatting air pollution, reducing chicken manure runoff, improving health of our waterways, and increasing use of wind and solar power. As governor, Kamenetz will defend our Chesapeake Bay, double oyster sanctuaries, recommit to smart growth policies, and expand Maryland's clean energy economy.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Kamenetz will eliminate racial disparities and increase opportunity by enacting policies that strive to eliminate poverty, address educational inequality and lack of job opportunity, promote affordable housing in safe neighborhoods, and end health disparities impacting our most vulnerable. As County Executive, he has diversified police, fire and department head, ranks & protected rights of all.

### Rich Madaleno / Luwanda Jenkins

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience serving the people of Maryland in the State Senate and the House of Delegates for the past sixteen years uniquely prepares me to be Governor. I have an extensive record of public and community service and accomplishment, and hold leadership positions in the General Assembly, as Vice-Chair of the Senate Budget & Finance Committee, and as a member of the Kirwan Commission on Education.

**BUDGET:** My key budget priorities are investments in education -- such as the \$200 million dedicated to funding recommendations to improve education and opportunity for all Maryland children in this year's budget -- as well as long-term sustainable transportation, such as securing \$178 million for the Baltimore Metro and \$167 million for the DC Metro. I will be the Governor who funds these priorities.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support redistricting reform. I support establishing a nonpartisan Redistricting Commission to prepare and adopt decennial redistricting plans for congressional and legislative districts in Maryland. Each congressional district should consist of adjoining territory; be compact in form; and be of substantially equal population, giving due regard to natural and political boundaries.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The most significant environmental challenges are to protect and continue to be an active steward of the Chesapeake Bay and to address climate change and its impacts. As governor I will protect, defend and improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, one of Maryland's abundant natural treasures. I will reduce harmful emissions and increase our reliance on renewable energy sources.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will set the tone at the top, a strong and effective leader who will stand up against racism, bigotry and discrimination. Whether the fight for freedom to marry or to combat discrimination in housing and employment, I have championed equal rights. Building on my achievements in human rights, criminal justice, voting rights and social justice, I will implement policies to end discrimination.

### Alec Ross / Julie C. Verratti

**Campaign Website:** <http://alecross.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have spent my entire career in public service. I came to Maryland as a public school teacher and went on to the highest levels of federal government working on innovation and technology. I believe that our government needs leaders who will push for new solutions in a constantly changing world. Talent is everywhere in Maryland but opportunity is not, and we can change that.

**BUDGET:** The proper funding of our education system, especially resetting the formula through recommendations by the Kirwan Commission, is the single most important budgetary concern for our next governor. Regarding transportation, I will prioritize use of state money for multimodal transportation solutions like mass transit and multi-use roads - not just on highway widening projects.

**REDISTRICTING:** We need to make the modification of Congressional districts a process conducted by independent commissions that rely on the fairness of mathematics rather than the bias of politics. We also need to look into ways to de-polarize our politics, like open primaries and Rank Choice Voting. These are simple steps and will bring more competition into our politics and more choices for voters.

**ENVIRONMENT:** My administration will prioritize cleaning up and preserving the Chesapeake Bay by participating in regional and statewide conservancy programs. We will make Maryland the center of the green economy and provide funding for environmental innovators by establishing a statewide Maryland Green Bank. Conservation and innovation should go hand in hand and Maryland is the perfect place to make it happen.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There are practical ways we must address discrimination,

but it starts with a set of values. Our leaders should work to bring people together, not divide them. And they must take strong stands against things that conflict with those values of openness, and move our state in a positive direction. As governor, the values of openness and inclusion would be first and foremost in my leadership.

### Jim Shea / Brandon M. Scott

**Campaign Website:** <http://JimShea.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Over the course of my career, I have led large public and private organizations across the state. For four years, I served as Chair of the University System of Maryland – the state's largest public entity. I also served as Chair of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance, the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, and the Empowerment Baltimore Management Corporation, and my law firm, Venable LLP.

**BUDGET:** In my budgets, education and transportation will be my top two priorities. As Governor, in my first legislative session, I will pass legislation that includes some of the policies I know we need in education – from universal pre-K through increased compensation for our teachers. Transportation will be my second priority, and I will focus on mass transit options that moves people across the state.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support forming a bipartisan and independent commission to advise the Governor during the process of drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland. As Governor, I will also work diligently to implement changes to the system to make it more transparent and accountable to the people.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Our way of life and our economy is strictly tied to our environment. The largest challenges include ensuring that our water is safe to drink, our air is safe to breathe, and the Chesapeake Bay is healthy. I will push for a shift more completely towards renewable energy, including solar and wind. I will also work to get more cars off of our roads and onto cleaner, mass transit lines.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Along with my Lt. Governor, Brandon Scott, I will work to create an Office of Equity that will be charged with ensuring that all state agencies complete gender, racial, religious, disability, and income assessments of their services, programs, employment, and contracting practices. In addition, the office will direct agencies to create action plans to address the findings of these assessments.

### Krish O'Mara Vignarajah / Sharon Y. Blake

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a lifelong Marylander, who has lived the American Dream--going from a basement apartment on the Baltimore City/County line and attending Maryland public schools to serving as Michelle Obama's Policy Director at the White House & Senior Advisor to Sec. of State Hillary Clinton. I've led complex organizations, multi-billion dollar budgets & initiatives in education, healthcare, & creating jobs.

**BUDGET:** Education is my absolute top priority. As the only candidate who attended Maryland public schools (K-12), I am committed fully funding our schools, guaranteeing Pre-K, closing the achievement gap, expanding STEAM education opportunities, & providing free community college and retraining. I will restart Baltimore's Red Line and invest in transportation solutions that cut commute times in half.

**REDISTRICTING:** Gerrymandering and unlimited dark money are the greatest threats to the health of our democracy. I support independent experts drawing district lines in Maryland using transparent processes/formulas to ensure fairness. At the same time, I will work regionally on solutions to ensure that our good government actions in Maryland do not adversely affect the overall balance of power in the U.S. House

**ENVIRONMENT:** Saving the Chesapeake Bay, reducing air pollution, and acting on climate change will be my top priorities. For the Bay, we will reduce water pollution at its source, improve the Bay's resilience, & hold upstream states accountable. We will reduce air pollution from our transportation and power sectors by investing in clean energy (offshore wind, solar, etc), energy efficiency, & public transit.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination has no place in society. We will build an inclusive government that reflects the full diversity of Maryland to end it, because discrimination increases when diverse voices are excluded from decision-making. We will guarantee 3-months of paid family leave, ensure equal pay for equal work, end sexual harassment, attack systemic racism, prosecute hate crimes, and improve accessibility.

## 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

## Questions

**QUALIFICATION:** 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.

## Republican Candidates

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### Anjali Reed Phukan

**Campaign Website:** <http://mscomptroller.weebly.com>

**QUALIFICATION:** 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 for energy star, solar panel, and other efficiency products and services. 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, and our delicate environment. The ethics and prior history of contractors completing projects in time, safely, and within budget should also be considered.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I also 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. Lastly, I will 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.

## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### Peter Franchot

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

**QUALIFICATION:** 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.

## 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

### Questions

**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?:

## Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

### Craig Wolf

**Campaign Website:** <http://wolf4ag.com>

**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 history 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.

## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### Brian E. Frosh

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

**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.

## U. S. Congress

### U.S. Senators

**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>

### Questions

**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?:  
See [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) for answers to additional questions.

## Republican Candidates

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### Tony Campbell

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.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.

#### Chris Chaffee

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an American, son of a Veteran, son-in-law of a Veteran, a brother-in-law to a Veteran. These men not only fought for my freedom but yours as well. I am husband, father, father-in-law grandfather, Catholic, coach, union worker, state worker, business owner, volunteer, and a lifetime Maryland resident.. All of these experiences have given me the insight necessary to represent Maryland.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would advocate getting the government out of Healthcare. Healthcare should be turned over to private industry. This will create jobs in the private sector and would lower the price of health care. It is also expensive, but using volume or cooperatives to buy blocks of coverage in large numbers would drive down the costs. The current administration had made a start with important policy changes

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination in any form is harmful, detrimental and offensive. There are numerous additional brackets including age. It extends from employment, finance, insurance, banking, and real estate. We should have a Zero tolerance policy.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Under the current administration we have taken large steps to improve our economic policies. The tax reform, cancelling NAFTA ,Tariffs across the board especially on steel and aluminum, the re-negotiation of current trade deals, repealed net neutrality law. We need to train our workers from trades which include welders to cyber security using American workers first.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need a border wall, or a fence, a means of stopping the flood of illegal's crossing into the United States. Security along our border is vital to the safety of all Americans. People should not live in fear of illegals, gang members, drug dealers and sexual offenders jumping over our border. The current number of illegal people who are in our country proves what we have currently isn't working

#### Evan M. Cronhardt

**Campaign Website:** <http://evancronhardt.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I believe our Founding Fathers intended for Congress to compose of multiple backgrounds of people—business persons; scientists; educators; civil leaders; government workers & private citizens; each a life experience. I'm prepared for office because I embody diversity through a range of life challenges. I put principle over politics & party loyalty, and my motto is "be the change you seek".

**HEALTH CARE:** Making CHIP/PACE permanent & legislating a single-payer co-pay/free market system for PCIP by increasing FICA 1% & keeping 3.8% surtax on capital gains; amending the ACA cost-sharing reduction payments toward Ambulatory Care Centers; legislate Medicare drug price negotiations; focus on a balanced hospital Charge Description Master. To do so will be closest to making healthcare a right.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Strengthen Trans protection/public prejudice, healthcare & endocrinologists; focus on school to prison, Summer Slide, reduce Juvenile CJS/Adult CJS recidivism; emphasis on gentrification; disabled 'needs' earmarks allowance; efficiency in entitlement programs; vocational schooling; advocating sex ed. & business ed. Pub. Sch. changes; emphasize discrimination/racism/sexism; cordial understanding.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Three stand. deductions: \$18k (earners under \$24k), \$12k and \$6k; stand. deduction on overtime pay; legislating top dollar corps. shareholders foot 40% bottom tier employees pay (i.e. Wal-Mart's); Corp. tax 21%; close S & C Corp. 'pass through' loopholes; 5% federal sales tax; progressive tax rates; fair employee benefits (sick, family & medical leave); support \$1.0T+ infrastructure spending.

**IMMIGRATION:** Minimum H1-B visa changes; merit based immigration; deter/modify birth tourism; full-proof bio-metrics data system; support DACA; ITIN/DACA-esque lottery/pathway to citizenship; border defense-drones, patrols, structures; NAFTA renegotiation/prisoner transfers; foreign aid negotiations Latin America & Mexico/end Mexico City Policy & allow remittances; expedite deportation of criminal aliens.

#### Nnabu Eze

**Campaign Website:** <http://nnabueze.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** In Information Technology to implement or upgrade a system we gather information, analyze the information, present the findings before a solution is implemented. I will use this same strategy to analyze national issues such as immigration, social justice and gun control that both parties have been kicking down the road with opposing views to ginger their base.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would advocate for a Patient Centered Healthcare system which involves listening to, informing and ensuring that patients values guide all clinical decisions. My wife Chioma Eze a nurse and other doctors heavily influenced my view in healthcare. The healthcare professionals shared the view that when patients are treated with dignity and respect they tend to recover from their illness quicker.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I know that you can not legislate an end to discrimination but government is a critical site for struggle and change. I would support legislation that would require public/private bodies to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance the equality of opportunity and the financial consequences of noncompliance are made real.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I will continue to support President Trumps campaign promise to simplify the tax code and lowering the marginal income tax rates. When tax rates are reduced people will be motivated to work, save and invest which will help strengthen the national economy.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration is one of the lingering issues that both parties do not have a desire to resolve because they can use immigration to ginger their base during election cycles. I would support securing our borders (terrorists have indicated an interest in the past to enter through our southern borders) but establish a program of providing Guest Workers with a path to citizenship.

#### John R. Graziani

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/grazianiforsenate/>  
No response received by deadline.

#### Christina J. Grigorian

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a first-generation American who is a mother, a wife, and a lawyer who has practiced for almost 22 years. While raising my three children, I have also counseled financial institutions related to compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements. I taught Sunday school for 11 years and am an active volunteer in protecting the gardens and grounds at the Washington National Cathedral.

**HEALTH CARE:** Greater attention should be given to eliminating waste in our healthcare system, which represents over 30% of healthcare spending. Providers must be incentivized to deliver efficient care while maintaining quality, and we must re-engineer the way care is delivered (e.g., best practices that rely on data and analytics to identify the most efficient way of delivering healthcare services)

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination in any form is anti-American and has no place in our society. It is our responsibility, as an informed electorate, to ensure that Americans of all races, genders, abilities and religions have access to good jobs, quality schools and a healthcare system that meets their needs. If I become Maryland's next U.S. senator, I will work tirelessly to end all forms of discrimination.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Maryland needs to look forward to high-growth industries and develop policies that attract those businesses now. For example, there is a revolution coming to the automotive industry in connection with self-driving vehicles. Maryland should become the "incubator" for these technologies and create economic incentives to attract those high-growth businesses that will be the future's "job creators."

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration reform remains a bottleneck to our country's growth, security and prosperity. A bipartisan solution must be devised to determine the status of those currently in the United States illegally. Once a solution is achieved, the United States Congress must decide our country's immigration policies, not federal agency officials or others who unilaterally impose their own political agenda.

#### Albert Binyahmin Howard

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.HowardForMaryland.com>  
No response received by deadline.

#### Bill Krehnbrink

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://BillKrehnbrink>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Before I was a teacher I fixed bulldozers, tractors, and plant equipment. I am a Class A mechanic. If it rotates I can fix it. I became a teacher of History & American Government so I created lesson plans to have my audience understand not only what happened in the past but why it happened. Senators should create and preserve the Republic & History. As a proud Coppin graduate I am prepared.

**HEALTH CARE:** Prior to Obamacare problems with healthcare or prices could be taken to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner...and solved. Governor, your Delegates, and Senator could also leverage a solution if necessary. Now, the two Senators from Oregon and the entire complement of Texas Congressman are required to adjust / modify the benefits, premiums, or authorizations of anything. Current plan is too much.

**DISCRIMINATION:** When we find discrimination it must be addressed quickly. In the Senate it is important to have 59 other Senators on your side to reach a solution. The next Senator must communicate effectively with other Senators to elicit help and speed toward discovering solutions which will work. A working solution is key because most law breakers don't give a hoot what the law says or what words are on paper.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** As a Senator I pledge not to pick economic winners. As a former business person I know the hassles of making payroll every week. I still flinch when I hear tales of cost overruns, hostile bureaucratic interactions, fees, and fines. I will work for one rule for everyone not 20 different rules. There is a reason that the contents of your wallet are called "your money". I will respect that notion.

**IMMIGRATION:** We are a nation of legal immigrants. My ancestors followed the rules and obeyed the law. They recognized that "American" was not a place but an attitude with a place. What defines "American" is our attitude. We hold our head up. We walk in like we own the joint. We look people in the eye. We speak our mind even if you don't like it. American newcomers must be legal because that's the way it's done

### Gerald I. Smith, Jr.

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I had an outstanding military career in many leadership roles. I work very well with others and listen to all sides before making decisions. My decisions are based on facts vs. politics. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine which has given me a very good understanding of other cultures. Also lived in Germany for over 3 years while serving on active duty military. Living overseas is an import

**HEALTH CARE:** The goal of the Affordable Care Act was to ensure all Americans received health coverage. I believe in the goal but the implementation of the Affordable Care Act led to drastic price increases for all Americans. If an individual mandate was not required then many healthy uninsured individuals would have probably not purchased healthcare. Nobody likes higher prices and nobody likes mandates to p

**DISCRIMINATION:** While serving on active duty in the military the Department of Defense has a zero tolerance policy for discrimination & harassment therefore I would have the same policy. Many laws currently exist to protect individuals and I would ensure employers are adhering to the law. If laws need to be strengthened then I would do everything to propose new legislation in protecting individuals from discrimi

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I'm a proud supporter of President Trump and believe strongly in his agenda and policies which are based on his campaign slogan "Make America Great Again". The tax plan that was signed by President Trump will create economic growth therefore I will always be for less taxes. Individuals spend their money more wisely and efficiently than the gov't will. When I was in the Peace Corps from 1997 to

**IMMIGRATION:** I fully support President Trump's immigration policies. I would add temporary visas for farm workers and other areas that may need temporary workers.

### Blaine Taylor

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Vietnam combat veteran; careers in journalism, public relations, advertising, Capitol Hill press secretary for Congress, four winning PR political campaigns at local, State, and Federal levels 1974-78, '90, '92; prodigious researcher

**HEALTH CARE:** Single payer National Health Insurance for all citizens only, no illegals; ban all assault rifles and high-capacity magazines, raise firearms purchasing age from 18 to 21, start complete informational universal background checks.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support all such laws currently in effect dealing with all of these aspects, and whatever else is deemed necessary and prudent when I take office.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Repeal NAFTA. Support the President on what he's doing in these areas. Introduce legislation for a one-time credit card debt forgiveness program that wipes out all debt with provision that these debtors can never charge again. Banks write off these losses as tax credits. The entire nation gets to start over with a clean slate thereby.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support the President. Deport all illegal, undocumented aliens ASAP. Build the Wall on the Mexican-US border. Outlaw all sanctuary territories within the US: cities, towns, colleges, etc. Enforce all our laws regarding the above.

### Brian Charles Vaeth

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

No response received by deadline.

## Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

### Ben Cardin

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

**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.

### Erik Jetmir

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Erik Jetmir was born in 1967, grew up in Harlem and the

Bronx in New York. Erik is the son of a Korean War veteran who became a Baptist minister in Harlem, his mother is from Albania and met his father while attending college. He spent the last 6 years on active duty with the United States Navy, most recently as part of the Navy Cyber Warfare Group Six team at NSA.

**HEALTH CARE:** Health Insurance has an impact on all Americans and represents challenges that directly affect all communities. A single-payer health insurance program with a strong mandate (backed by incentives) to innovate and root out waste insures a system that addresses the entire population. The key is to mandate and fund incentives to innovate all processes and ensure waste is addressed at every level.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Building inclusion & making change that addresses gender, race, religion, disability & social class requires that we first accept this issue exists. We must define and obligate ourselves to the work of addressing these issues by clearly expressing their impacts, the generational results and solutions. These include greatly increasing visible programs and funding for cultural education & training.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I believe with the best trained and highest skilled workforce, we position the nation to drive all areas of the economy. We know that by investing in our youth, this will drive all economic policy. No cost college with room, board, meals, childcare & healthcare is an investment in the long-term success of our citizens, their families, our communities, our nation and economic vibrancy.

**IMMIGRATION:** DACA represents a way forward to ensure we are providing a path of citizenship to many of the folks that are already here and doing great things in our country. We need to look at our immigration policy in the perspective (1) as the foundation that built this nation (2) our enduring legacy of inclusion and multiculturalism. I would build on that foundation with a strong focus on national security.

### Chelsea Manning

**Campaign Website:** <http://xychelsea.is/running>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been homeless. I spent the summer of 2006 living on the streets of Chicago. I have been to war. I enlisted in the military as an intelligence analyst in 2007, and served in Iraq in 2009-10. I have been to prison. I spent seven years in prison, one year in solitary confinement, and four seeking trans-related healthcare. These experiences provide incredible insight into our policies

**HEALTH CARE:** Free healthcare for all. No conditions or questions asked. No one should be denied free healthcare for any reason. No one should be afraid to seek healthcare based on who they are, how much money they have, or what their "legal" status is.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Work toward dismantling the police, the military, the vast surveillance state, and the prison systems. These systems carry out discriminatory policies on a vast scale, such as mass incarceration of people of color, detention and deportation of immigrants, and the implicit support of incumbent businesses and the wealthy. The combined effect of the policies is a vast, gradual ethnic cleansing

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Universal basic income for all. Advanced automation is making the vast majority of all jobs becomes obsolete. We need to transition our economy away from an outdated expectation of people working endlessly, to one of people thriving and living life.

**IMMIGRATION:** Abolish the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. Abolish the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agency. Provide full rights for all immigrants. No bans, no walls, no borders at all.

### Marcia H. Morgan

**Campaign Website:** <http://marciahmorgan.com>

No response received by deadline.

### Jerome "Jerry" Segal

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.segalforsenate.org>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** all your questions are answered in great detail on my campaign website [www.segalforsenate.org](http://www.segalforsenate.org) I apologize for this, but I am lurching from one campaign crisis to another - PhD. Philosopher, MPA as well 4 year on Hill, 10 years in USAID, 20 years at School of public affairs. founded the Jewish Peace lobby 29 year ago etc.

**HEALTH CARE:** Medicare option for all. Access to solid and affordable coverage is a human right, especially in a wealthy society.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I favor a guaranteed job or retraining for any American able to work. Employment in decent jobs (higher minimum wage + variable earned income tax credit = living wage income level is the way to cut through most of the impact of discrimination and poverty. We also need strong targeted laws, but going after the core economic reality is key to change.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I reject Trickle Down. I taught incoming hires at USAID about the Basic Human Needs approach to development. We need that in the US as well. My book: Graceful Simplicity: the philosophy and politics of that alternative American dream lays out a detailed policy agenda and a philosophical grounding.

**IMMIGRATION:** I go with the Statue of Liberty, give me your wretched. Like the Jews on the St. Louis who went back to Europe and died in the Holocaust.

### Richard "Rikki" Vaughn

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** For growing up in working class household in Baltimore to working my way up from a McDonald's employee to receiving my MBA and becoming husband, father, business owner, and restaurateur life experiences have given me the tools to become a solid and accountable US Senator for the great state of Maryland. I have a fluid understand of the needs of people throughout the spectrum of Maryland life.

**HEALTH CARE:** The Affordable Care Act (ACA) needs to be strengthened. My belief is a single-payer ACA would be better for businesses and provide better services to tax-payers. Reduce Cost for Prescription Drugs. Work with Companies to Reduce and Monitor Sales of Opioids. Get more federal monies to screen packages for opioid deliveries. Decriminalizing cannabis and removing it from being a Schedule 1 drug.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The most important cure to inequalities in race and poverty is to have good paying jobs. But, we need to go further to fully address systemic inequalities to include the disabled with upgrades to education, higher education, housing, transportation, criminal justice, and healthcare must all be addressed. For healthcare and criminal justice complete decriminalization of marijuana is necessary.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** There are three major policies I'll support on day one to strengthen our nation's economy: support for to decriminalization of marijuana leading up to billions of dollars of potential federal tax revenue, new labor laws that support current workers and the growth of unions in new industries like tech, and a national infrastructure upgrade bill.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration laws in the US should be changed to: 1 allow children of immigrants who were born outside of the US, but raised in the US (Dreamers) should be allowed to stay in the US; 2 misdemeanors and small crimes by immigrants should not warrant deportation; 3 deportations should apply to those who commit violent crimes in the US and will be subject to imprisonments 4 open doors to asylum seekers

#### Debbie "Rica" Wilson

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.politicalbank.com/find-candidates/debbie-wilson>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** \* Life experience has prepared me to serve my country. I am dedicated to equality, fairness, and justice. As a mother, disabled African-American woman, and concerned citizen, I am committed to what is in the best interest of American citizens. Moreover, I work to improve lives daily through Brown Girl Wellness, Incorporated. I founded Brown Girl to make a positive difference for families.

**HEALTH CARE:** A universal healthcare system would benefit all Americans. Yes, Medicare should be available to every American regardless of income. A universal healthcare system is essential to ensure every citizen has access to quality healthcare. Quality healthcare is a human right. Moreover, job status should not determine access to care.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a disabled African-American woman, I know how discrimination feels. I will support practical policies that promote diversity and inclusion regardless of race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty. I will continue to support policies that oppose discrimination.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Economic inequality impacts every American. Elected leaders must continually seek solutions to eliminate economic disparities in middle-class and low-income communities. By providing transparent solutions regarding trade, taxes, labor and infrastructure, access to viable change will help American communities suffocated by despair. I will support fair policies that improve lives.

**IMMIGRATION:** Dreamers are Americans! This country was built on the backs of men and women who worked for low wages to help their children live better lives. Deportation and family division is not the answer. Congress must continue to create laws to protect Dreamers and families. I will only support changes that create better opportunities for individuals and families.

#### Lih Young

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.vote-md.org>

**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

## U. S. Representatives

**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)

## Questions

**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?:  
See [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) for answers to additional questions.

## U.S. Representative District 2

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

#### Liz Matory

**Campaign Website:** <http://lizmatory.com>

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

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

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

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

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

#### Hubert Owens, Jr.

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.hubertowens.com>  
No response received by deadline.

#### Mark Shell

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience includes manufacturing, banking/finance, and public sector (USDA and IRS). I also possess three master degrees covering IT, Business, and Finance.

**HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare needs to be more affordable with better access - everyone should have healthcare coverage. Prescription medication costs are too high and that also needs to be addressed.

**DISCRIMINATION:** My primary focus in this area is pay equality as well as setting a fair and equitable living (minimum) wage.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Need to reduce taxes on income, improve labor rights through living wages, actively negotiate trade agreements. Enact tax legislation to repatriate income from large corporations. Simplify all tax laws.

**IMMIGRATION:** The whole immigration system needs to be overhauled to improve the immigration process as well as handling of those who are currently undocumented.

#### Mitchell J. Toland, Jr.

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a political activist over the past decade, I felt a need to get more involved and take the message of liberty and Constitutional government to the people of my district. I hold a B.A. in Economics and Business and spent the first five years following graduation working at two CPA firms. I have the knowledge to promote a strong economic plan in Congress leading to economic opportunity for all.

**HEALTH CARE:** I believe every citizen should have the ability to receive the care that they need at an affordable rate. Unfortunately, unconstitutional government interventions in health-care over the decades have driven up the cost of coverage and decreased competition within the marketplace. The federal government has no authority here and we should allow free markets to improve and reduce the cost of care.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There are already countless laws on the books regarding this issue. However, contrary to popular opinion I believe this has resulted in more tension between various groups of people and is the antithesis of a free society. I personally am opposed to all forms of discrimination against any and all parties, but do not believe individuals should be forced to interact with anyone on private property.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** The economy can perform best when it allows individuals to voluntarily interact and exchange goods and services free of government in-

intervention of any kind. A free economy where the government doesn't provide bailouts to failing companies, and pick winners and losers in the marketplace. Government should reduce taxes to a minimal level. This would provide the best opportunity for all Americans.

**IMMIGRATION:** The process of becoming a citizen is extremely burdensome, expensive, and time consuming. We should encourage immigration as a means of advancing our society and bringing skilled individuals into our workforce. We should reform the process of becoming an immigrant to make it more streamlined, and make sure that any changes ensure that those currently waiting in line remain at the front of the line.

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

#### Jake Pretot

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.jakepretot.vote>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I pride myself on being an innovator and someone who thinks outside the normal box. Over the past 25 years I have been assigned the tough jobs of putting out fires and solving problems. My vast experience in multiple industries from military to telecommunications and private sector to government consulting means I can handle pretty much anything that is thrown at me.

**HEALTH CARE:** Our country made significant progress with the ACA. Women who now buy insurance on their own are no charged more than men for health insurance. Before ACA, roughly 35-60% of women's insurance covered contraceptives. Now most plans provide contraception coverage without cost sharing. I have spoken with many breast cancer survivors who say the ACA saved them from bankruptcy.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The push for privatization of our schools is what concerns me. We combat, we overcome discrimination through understanding and exposure. Our public schools are the best way to bring children together of different race, gender, religion, disability and socio-economic status. Our public schools often provide breakfast for students who would normally go hungry.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Education is the best way that we can strengthen our economy. We generally have failed to match industry needs with educational training. There is no reason why if Maryland needs software developers that we can't have software development coursework in the last two years of high school.

Graduating students could start a good paying job straight out of high school.

**IMMIGRATION:** We must protect our borders. That being said, we must also be sensitive of those women fleeing extremely violent and abusive environments in Central America. We must provide humanitarian aid for those seeking asylum while at the same time increasing pressure on those Central American governments to ensure their safety. All illegals with jobs and without a criminal record should get a green card.

#### C.A. Dutch Ruppberger

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served in public office for nearly 30 years, including eight terms in Congress, where I have developed a reputation for supporting bipartisan, common sense legislation. I am an expert in national security issues and leverage my role as an Appropriator to ensure the Second District gets its fair share. I have also built one of the best casework teams in the country to serve my constituents.

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

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

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

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

## U.S. Representative District 3

### Republican Candidates

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

#### Charles Anthony

No response received by deadline.

#### Thomas E. "Pinkston" Harris

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a BS degree and two Master Degrees which gives me a well rounded education. I studied Economics at Hopkins. I'm retired from my own financial services business. So I know how jobs are created and how our economy works.

**HEALTH CARE:** We should be able to buy insurance across state lines. This would increase competition and keep prices low.

**DISCRIMINATION:** One thing more education on these subjects. People have to stop making everything about race. That's like crying wolf when there is no wolf.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I support the corporate tax cuts. America has one of the highest business tax rate in the world. Cut taxes that would incentivize

businesses to bring the money home and expand.

**IMMIGRATION:** We don't need any new laws. We just need to enforce the old ones.

#### Rob Seyfferth

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://Facebook.com/robseyfferthforcongress>  
No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

#### Adam D. DeMarco

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My professional experience as an Army Officer, federal consultant, small business owner, and non-profit leader give me a robust and broad understanding of the challenges and opportunities we currently face. Whether it be security threats, job creation, healthcare solutions, or education reform, I have spent my entire working in these realms and am best prepared to lead on these vital issues.

**HEALTH CARE:** We must continue to fight for the Affordable Care Act and ensure that every American is able to attain quality and affordable healthcare. I believe that healthcare is a universal right for every American, and in the country with the most advanced centers for medical research and innovation, I will fight to make universal healthcare a reality for every American.

**DISCRIMINATION:** A policy and program that I have unveiled is my 21st century jobs program to ensure that marginalized members of our communities are able to attain and retain new 21st century jobs. In Baltimore, much of the crime we face is due to the lack of living and family wage paying jobs in our city. I am also advocating for a complete review of our criminal justice system across our district.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** We live in a 21st globalized economy and as such we must operate like one. However, I believe that fair trade and protecting jobs is not mutually exclusive. I will fight to ensure that our current trade agreements not only are fair, but equitable for our economy. We also need to ensure that our transportation infrastructure, for people and cargo, meets the demands of our 21st century economy.

**IMMIGRATION:** As great grandson of an Italian immigrant, I firmly believe our country was founded by immigrants. The variety of cultures and ethnicities is what gives our United States strength. Call it amnesty, call it common sense, I believe that all DACA dreamers deserve citizenship. I also believe that we must reform our current immigration policies to allow immigrants an easier path to citizenship.

#### John Rea

No response received by deadline.

#### Eduardo Rosas

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I bring over 30 years of combined federal government experience; public service as a Commissioner with the Maryland Veterans Commission and as a Member for the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans. I am the Executive Director for a nonprofit helping veterans. I am the best qualified and strongest advocate for veterans and the military running for the third district.

**HEALTH CARE:** Eradicate Opioid Addiction: This is a real problem! As a cybersecurity guy, there are ways which we can apply technology and big data to stop the sale of illegal prescription opioid at the point of sale. Available technology can help identify corruption with Medicare and other federal and state programs saving taxpayers millions (billions at the national level).

**DISCRIMINATION:** Legislative action and public leadership! The first step is to acknowledge the gravity of the problem. Education is always key and it must start at home at a very young age. We must build better relationships between communities and law enforcement, particularly in low-income communities and how we educate community members regarding the legal remedies for discrimination.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Improving infrastructure and productivity: Our national infrastructure is aging and much should be spent to maintain our road networks; electrical grids and water systems. Productivity ensures gainful employment for as many people as possible to provide for those who have trouble providing for themselves.

**IMMIGRATION:** For the pass, Congress has failed to come to an agreement on immigration - this is unacceptable! We must provide a path to citizenship to Dreamers and other eligible immigrants so that these future citizens can move on to continue being productive members of society. Only strong bipartisan support for comprehensive immigration reform will allow us to move forward as a country.

#### John Sarbanes

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prior to entering Congress, I had nearly 20 years of experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. I worked with the MD State Dept of Education, represented non-profit hospitals and senior living providers and championed efforts to protect consumers and ensure fair treatment in the workplace. This prepared me well for the diversity of issues one must manage as a member of Congress.

**HEALTH CARE:** I am a strong supporter of the Affordable Care Act and have opposed every attempt to repeal or defund this important law. That said, improvements could be made to further lower costs and expand access to care for all Americans, including passing legislation to help stabilize health insurance markets, provide premium rate relief for working Americans and to address the nation's opioid epidemic.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There is no question that our laws and governing practices continue to permit and sometimes encourage discrimination against racial and ethnic minorities, the disabled, the poor and other minority communities. We need to end racial profiling in our law enforcement, prohibit gender pay disparities and ensure low- and moderate-income Americans have equal opportunity to achieve the American dream.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** To combat growing economic inequality, we need to focus

on economic policies which grow the middle class. These include ending tax breaks for the corporations who ship American jobs overseas, investing in national infrastructure, and raising the minimum wage. No American who works full time should have to worry about their economic security.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support a policy that considers both national security and economic interests, as well as the need to provide a fair, legal and humane framework for people who want to come to America. I support a solution for our nation's DREAMERS, a focus on punishing employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers, and a practical approach to addressing undocumented workers currently in the country.

## U.S. Representative District 7

### Republican Candidates

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

#### Ray Bly

**Campaign Website:** <http://raybly.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Life experience, owning a home in Howard County, that they do not want to exist. I have been fighting the system for our rights since 1969 I have won a lot and lost a lot. No matter how many times the state and county has knocked me down I am still standing and fighting on as I will in Congress. I have ran two businesses for over forty years.

**HEALTH CARE:** I believe in a one payer system where low income people are 100% covered and high income people will have the add on insurance. I would include prescription, eye and dental 100% covered when necessary only health care. No cosmetic or elective surgery be paid for.

**DISCRIMINATION:** my wife was Vietnamese she was also Buddhist I witness outrageous discrimination even in the nursing home she was in Forest Haven in Catonsville, MD concerning her religious and being Asian. We all have bias because of life experiences and we can not legislate to stop these bias but if you blatantly abuse other races or religions we can legislate that you can be liable both criminally and financi

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** 400 characters is not long enough to describe this question. fair trade, sales taxes not income taxes, a balance budget nation building in America not third world countries and the right to unionize or de-unionize

**IMMIGRATION:** BUILD THE WALL AND A COMPLETE OVERHAUL OF OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS TO MAKE THE MORE FAIR AND JUST FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WANTS TO COME HERE LEGALLY

#### Richmond Davis

**Campaign Website:** <http://davisforcongress2018.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a congressman, I will have had decades of experience dealing with problems derived from my experience as a practicing attorney. I, further, am well read and knowledgeable on public affairs to which I will bring a conservative perspective.

**HEALTH CARE:** I oppose Obamacare. I will support alternatives – expanded health savings accounts and increased competition among insurance companies.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I oppose discrimination based on such factors.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I am a firm believer in the free enterprise system and free trade.

**IMMIGRATION:** First priority – control our borders. It is a national obligation. Keep better track of the whereabouts of legal admittees authorized to stay on a limited or visitor visa.

#### William T. Newton

**Campaign Website:** <http://newton4congress.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 2009 Maryland Delegate to the Continental Congress. 2014 Republican nominee Maryland House of Delegates. 2016 Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives in Congress. Baltimore County Republican Central Committee Representative for District 3 -Current. Founder/Co-Chair of the Maryland State Republican Election Integrity Committee Curriculum vitae/resume can be viewed at: <http://www.newton4congress.com>

**HEALTH CARE:** Government has no Constitutional authority to be involved in personal health insurance.

**DISCRIMINATION:** It's called the Bill of Rights. There can be no equality by designations using labels.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Read my policy statement(s) at: <http://www.newton4congress.com/blog>

**IMMIGRATION:** We have a Federal immigration policy (and laws) NOT being followed....begin by up holding the law... And yes I support a Wall! There are but few actual Constitutional requirements/functions/duties of government. Actually, 17. One of them is defence of our citizens and that includes defending our borders.

#### Michael Pearson

No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

#### Anthony Carter, Sr.

No response received by deadline.

#### Elijah Cummings

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Howard Univ.(Phi Beta Kappa 1973). Univ.Maryland Law School(JD 1976). Md General Assembly (14 years - Speaker Pro Tem). U.S. House of Representatives (1996 - ). Oversight & Government Reform (Ranking Democrat) and Transportation & Infrastructure Committees, Congressional Black Caucus (Past Chair). Lifetime 7th Dist. Maryland resident.

**HEALTH CARE:** I have long supported universal access to affordable, high-quality healthcare. I will continue to defend the Affordable Care Act as a first

step toward making healthcare a federal civil right, while also fighting for a single-payer system based on expanded and improved Medicare (H.R. 676), expanded children's healthcare, and reformed veterans' healthcare.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a former civil rights attorney and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, I will continue our fight for fair and equal treatment of all Americans, especially in the areas of education, healthcare, economic empowerment, criminal justice reform and voting rights.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I am working to create more 21st Century jobs by investing in American manufacturing, exports, sustainable energy and innovation while ensuring a living wage, protecting union organizing, expanding worker training, making higher education affordable for all, solidifying the social safety net, fighting pay discrimination, and improving corporate governance.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship to better secure our borders, protect workers against abuse, limit the downward pressure on wages, and unify families – policies that are both realistic and humane.

#### John Moser

**Campaign Website:** <http://nb.johnmoserforcongress.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm a problem solver with an IT Security and a Project Management background. I leverage subject matter experts to solve problems, rather than relying solely on my own knowledge and experience; and I believe strongly in stakeholder management to ensure the needs of all parties are considered and addressed properly. This is not a job you do alone, and no single person is qualified.

**HEALTH CARE:** The ACA must require employers to provide healthcare YOU can afford: the payroll cost must fit within 9.65% of YOUR paycheck for a family plan with out-of-pocket costs based on YOUR income level. A zero-premium public option must continuously cover ALL Americans who don't have healthcare, with the same out-of-pocket cost structure. Congress gets ACA Bronze or a HDHP. You can buy up if you want.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Ongoing project: this question needs constant examination. For the FOUNDATION, however, I believe in criminal justice reform based on restorative justice, justice reinvestment, and the expansion of behavioral health services, minimizing sentences and maximizing the success of those who interact with corrections. This will disempower any discriminatory agenda.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** A Universal Dividend will end poverty and create jobs in the poorest areas WITHOUT tax increases or welfare cuts. Modernize the NLRA; prohibit permanent replacement of striking workers. Trade and progress WILL displace workers; we must support them until they find new jobs, rather than harm our economy with isolationism and tariffs. End identity theft by technical means. YES WE CAN.

**IMMIGRATION:** Sanctuary cities can keep their unauthorized immigrants IF they interface with corrections just as anyone else AND they implement these more-humane, behavioral-health-focused corrections systems. Even if you have a suspected terrorist, YOU can hold them while DHS does their investigation. Work visas should be easy to convert to permanent residence (green card). DACA to green card.

#### Charles U. Smith

**Campaign Website:** <http://charlesusmith.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** serve in every level of command in MD Guard and National Guard Bureau as General officer .

**HEALTH CARE:** the same as I supported when I work for the state of Maryland under the state medical board .I address

**DISCRIMINATION:** I address these issues Adjutant general state of Maryland

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** fair trade polices for all .

**IMMIGRATION:** they have to be here legally .

#### Charles Stokes

No response received by deadline.

## General Assembly

**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>

### Questions

**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?:

*See [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) for answers to additional questions.*

## Senator District 40 Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### Antonio Hayes

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.antoniohayes.com>  
No response received by deadline.

### Barbara A. Robinson

**Campaign Website:** <http://senatorbarbararobinson.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am presently the incumbent. Prior to becoming a senator, I was a member of the House of Delegates for 10 years.

**REDISTRICTING:** Re-draw district lines that include a lot of empty spaces rather than residential areas in some districts. Congressional and district lines can determine who the voters are and how much financial improvements are provided to certain areas support redistricting it impacts the census.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Trash and Vacant houses and trash going into the sewage that travel into the Bay. I would provide money for more redevelopment and organized cleanup campaigns and provide more open spaces and greenery in neighborhoods.

**DISCRIMINATION:** policies that address the following: Dream Act, anti-bullying, equal pay, racial disparity, accessible to buildings, policies that protect African Americans and women. .

**EDUCATION:** more funding for K-12, financial literacy and entrepreneurship classes from 10th through 12th grades, community schools and Judy centers in more schools, implement Kirwan Commission recommendations, funded by the Education Trust Fund.

## Senator District 41 Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### Jill P. Carter

**Campaign Website:** <http://JillPCarter.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have dedicated my life to the fight for justice. My vast experience as a practicing attorney, coupled with my fourteen years of service in the Maryland House of Delegates has prepared me to be an effective senator for all of the residents and communities of the 41st legislative district.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the appointment of an independent redistricting commission to ensure a fair and transparent process of determining congressional and legislative boundaries. With Maryland currently being one of the most gerrymandered states in the country we must ensure that any and all efforts are non-partisan.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Lead poisoning, water quality, leaking sewage and air toxins are all pressing environmental issues, that I will continue to create legislation that holds willful wrong doers accountable. All these hazards destroy lives and caste an additional burden on those with the least. I will also support legislation that moves us toward 100% clean energy usage and fossil fuel independence.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As senator, I will sponsor and support legislative initiatives to address pay equity and criminal justice reform. I believe in equal access and opportunity for all people no matter their background, race, sexual orientation or religious belief. In my current role as Director of the office of civil rights and wage enforcement I fight any and all forms of discrimination.

**EDUCATION:** I would sponsor and support legislation to ensure that the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission would be implemented and become law. I will ensure that the school funding formula directly addresses the historic inequities suffered by children of Baltimore City. My goal as senator will be to ensure equity in education funding from pre-k to higher education, inclusive of our HBCU's.

### J.D. Merrill

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Teachers share four traits that make us exceptional legislators: we have deep content knowledge and first hand experience in a broad range of issues facing our city and state, we seek understanding by listening to and learning from others, we show up and work hard every single day, and we are committed to delivering results for those we serve.

**REDISTRICTING:** In 2020 Maryland has an opportunity to end partisan gerrymandering. I support the creation of a nonpartisan redistricting commission independent from political leadership on both sides of the aisle. We can and should make significant strides to remove politics from redistricting. Voters should elect their political leaders. Not the other way around.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Maryland must continue its work to transition to clean energy and fossil fuel independence while also working to keep utility costs low for families that are struggling to make ends meet. We also need to take action at the state level to reduce trash, litter, and other types of pollution that hurt the environment and threaten our quality of life.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will support any and all policies that address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or economic status.

**EDUCATION:** I support the preliminary findings of the Kirwan Commission.

We need to invest in early childhood education, strengthen teacher professional development, enrich our curriculum, provide more resources for at-risk students, and improve our system of education governance and accountability. This isn't a matter of whether we can afford these enhancements, it's a matter of whether we can afford not to.

### Nathaniel T. Oaks

No response received by deadline.

## Senator District 43 Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

### Joan Carter Conway

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.senatorjconway.org/>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Elected, 1995-3rd District Baltimore City Council, the first woman & African-American to serve in this capacity, served the 43rd District from 1998-Present, served as Vice-Chair(4 yrs) & Chair of EHEA (12yrs); one of (4) Senate Standing Committees, I have been bestowed the honor of being the first African-American Woman to ever serve in this capacity in the history of the MD General Assembly.

**REDISTRICTING:** The State of Maryland has criteria and guidelines for drawing legislative districts. Inclusive of compact, contiguous, with specific populations in each district with a plus & minus deviation factor. Congressional Districts lack such specificity. If the federal level doesn't act, I feel that it is incumbent of the state to resolve issues relevant to gerrymandering.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Sea level rise and flooding is one of the most important issues facing Maryland and the nation. Also, environmental protections are crucial to the Chesapeake Bay as a result of the Trump budget cuts. Legislators must be vigilant about restoring those cuts associated with monitoring pollutants.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination is at the top of my list to abate any vestiges of these illegal & unconscionable acts. I have participated in numerous work groups/task forces to abate these acts. I have requested disparity studies to reveal acts of economic discrimination and have co-sponsored numerous legislative bills to abate issues relative to any type of discrimination.

**EDUCATION:** My educational policy focus is inclusive of a quality education for Baltimore City Students, specifically and (Maryland) students in general, adequate salaries & pension benefits for our teachers and a safe/healthy learning environment for all students. In the 2018 legislative session I was the chief sponsor of SB 1122 - Lockbox Funding from casino gambling to supplement & increase education funds

### Mary Washington

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I will build on my progressive and sensible track record in the House of Delegates, to improve the safety and quality lives of the people of my District. I have passed bills to increase and put a "lock box" on education funding, protect people losing their homes at water tax sales, secured funding for senior centers and provide housing and health care for homeless youth.

**REDISTRICTING:** First, we must ensure full and accurate participation in the 2020 Census. A repeat of the 2010 undercount of Baltimore City residents will be the single-most threat to redistricting. Additionally, I support the concept of a non-partisan, equitable and independent body and process to implement and make recommendations for decennial redistricting of congressional and legislative districts.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The high rate of asthma and lead poisoning in our children, the rising cost of water and sewer rates, poor air quality, the lack of safe and affordable housing and water affordability are challenges I will address in the Senate. I continue to fight fracking and water lien sales, promote lead mitigation in rental properties, and work against tax incentives for incinerators

**DISCRIMINATION:** I always vote to protect against all forms of discrimination. Additionally, I will advocate and build coalitions around legislative actions to address discrimination in access to health care, the enforcement of law, housing, wages and employment, and public accommodations based on race or ethnicity, sex or gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, immigration status, and income

**EDUCATION:** I support an emphasis on funding a state-wide community school strategy, universal Pre-K, increase improved facilities, competitive professional salaries for educators, full implementation of the Kirwan Commission recommendations, and the development of a funding formula that addresses disproportional impacts of concentrated poverty, homelessness and race inequity on local school systems.

## Senator District 44 Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

### Victor Clark Jr.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have many valuable experiences that have prepared me for this position which are all encompassing. My (15) years of employment with the State of Maryland at DBED/Commerce in small business development, service on Baltimore City boards and commissions which include the Wage Commission, Community Relations Commission, Board of Fire Commissioners and the Planning Commission.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support any efforts that would make the process less partisan and more community focused. This could range anywhere from an outside commission to having citizens becoming more engaged in the overall process by voting on competing proposals prior to the actual passage of the laws that implement the changes.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Clean air to me is the most challenging of our environmental issues. Expanding the use of the many emerging technologies available today to overcome some of our more stringent concerns that effect everyone. Use of legislation that helps to accelerate through incentives the growth of small innovative companies to address environmental problems.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I would be supportive of any and all policies including many that currently exist to overcome the inhumane obstacles placed in the path of people through discriminatory practices. Equal protections under the law would as always be my primary concern in the areas of employment, housing and education.

**EDUCATION:** I have always supported education policies that give more power to parents in the process and would continue to follow that methodology. Ideas that include attainable performance and evaluation criteria for both the students, teachers and administrators of our school systems. I could be

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supportive of having certain funding sources of the State to be lock boxed for education only.

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

#### Aletheia McCaskill

No response received by deadline.

#### Shirley Nathan-Pulliam

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.shirleynathan-pulliam.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was elected as State Senator in 2014 and I am finishing up my first term. Prior to that I served as a State Delegate for 20 years.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the development of a bi-partisan or non-partisan committee after a census to create the mapping for congressional and legislative districts.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The challenges are trash burning incinerators have contaminated the air quality, threats of harmful pesticides to humans, birds, and most specifically the pollinating bees, off-shore drilling, and fracking. I sponsored the Pollinator Protection Act that protects bees and other pollinators. I have also sponsored similar bills that address harmful pesticides.

**DISCRIMINATION:** This session I sponsored SB 350 Taskforce on Reconciliation and Equity Conversation on Race that will explore issues on inclusionary justice and racial equity and make recommendations to the Maryland General Assembly. I also sponsored SB 444 Taskforce on Social Determinants of Health in Baltimore City. The purpose is to examine economic stability, education, social justice and housing.

**EDUCATION:** I support the findings of the Kerwan Commission and especially want to work to ensure that the appropriate resources are allocated for early childhood education, quality teachers, and equalizing funding for at risk students who live in areas of concentrated poverty. I supported legislation that would direct revenues from Maryland casinos to education and would provide \$500 million over four years.

### Senator District 45

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

#### Cory V. McCray

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I stand by my track record as an impactful legislator. My bills have: • Restored voting rights to returning citizens who were incarcerated for a felony, & after the governor vetoed the legislation, I lead a veto override • Expanded funding and usage for apprenticeship programs • Created a need-based scoring rubric for infrastructure funds in Baltimore City schools, so no community is left behind

**REDISTRICTING:** I supported Craig Zucker's bill (SB1023) in 2017. There's no honest way to discuss the issue that does not acknowledge the politics present though. I support more compact districts that use more coherent representations of community, but I have economically challenged constituents who depend on Democratic policies. I remain, however, open to viable non-partisan solutions.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I'm proud to have supported the fracking ban, the Clean Energy Jobs Act, and extending protection of oyster sanctuaries in the Bay. I want to increase attention to environmental impacts on urban communities. Improving my constituents' water quality is incredibly important to me, both by decreasing the prevalence of lead and by improving pollution levels in the Herring-Run watershed.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Before I took office, my District was left out of funding for Baltimore's billion dollar 21st Century Schools program. That's why I passed a HB 76 (2017) that creates a need-based scoring rubric for future infrastructure funds in Baltimore schools. I am committed to advancing economic justice in Maryland, because I believe financial empowerment increases equality.

**EDUCATION:** Improved teacher compensation, which includes more transparent healthcare packages and safeguarding their retirement benefits. I also support a statewide community schools plan, increased teacher staffing levels, and an adequate number of service providers to address trauma. You can read an op-ed outlining my complete vision here: <http://www.afro.com/time-stand-education-funding/>

#### Nathaniel J. McFadden

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served as State Senator for the 45th Legislative District for 23 years. I also served five years in the Baltimore City Council. I serve on the Budget & Tax Committee, Legislative Policy among many others. I served for 10 years as chairman of the Baltimore City Delegation. I was majority Leader for the Maryland Senate, and currently serve a President Pro Tempore (1st Black in history of state)

**REDISTRICTING:** Unless we get national legislation to change the process, I have concerns about making substantial changes. Can we do a better job? Yes.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Protecting the Chesapeake Bay and our important water ways. We must also closely monitor environmental conditions in urban water and air quality and modifications of plastic containers.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Strengthening and making sure existing laws are enforced. Consider attaching monetary penalties to those individuals and institutions that violate the discrimination laws.

**EDUCATION:** Take a serious look at how we finance education, especially our reliance on property taxes as a primary funding source. Until that happens we must respond seriously to the recommendations of the Kirwan and Knott Commissions.

### Senator District 46

### Republican Candidates

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

#### Christine Digman

No response received by deadline

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

#### Bill Ferguson

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** For the last seven years as the 46th District's State Senator, I have led some of Baltimore's most significant public policy victories for educational excellence and City revitalization in the General Assembly. If reelected, I will continue to build coalitions that bring an urgency to helping Baltimore meet its fullest potential.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the formation of an independent commission to lead the process of redistricting in Maryland for both state and federal districts. Getting this process right nationally is imperative for the future of our democracy.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Global climate change is crisis that threatens every single one of us. We must be more urgent and more innovative in our approach to tackling this problem. In Maryland, we need to be leaders in clean energy generation, which is both good for the environment and for our future economy. We also must be more aggressive in protecting our most vital natural resource, the Chesapeake Bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We must own and accept the systemic inequities that have perpetuated discrimination in our State throughout our long history. With a better appreciation of the intentional policy decisions that created and furthered discriminatory outcomes, we can take active steps to create a more just and more equal State. I am open to all ideas to furthering this objective.

**EDUCATION:** Next term, the single most important initiative we will address will be passing, funding, and implementing the recommendations of the Innovation & Excellence in Education Commission ("Kirwan Commission"). This framework for building world-class schools is visionary and bold. Associated tax reform will be essential to provide the needed resources.

## House of Delegates

**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>

### Questions

**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?

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### House of Delegates 40

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 3.*

#### Anees Abdul-Rahim

No response received by deadline.

#### Gabriel Auteri

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a former teacher, a public health professional, a father, and an active community member, I have worked on the policy level, on the front-lines, and everywhere in between. My classroom experience gives me insight into what we need to do to make our schools a place where we want to send our kids. I am active in my community and believe that our leaders need to be more accessible and accountable.

**REDISTRICTING:** Districts should be drawn based on proportional representation and nothing else. We cannot allow gerrymandering to perpetuate politics as usual and disenfranchise our communities.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is a top-priority that requires urgent action to reduce emissions and pollution, invest in sustainable energy sources, and reduce reliance on car travel. I will work to bring our public transportation system into the 21st century and make Maryland a leader in renewable energy.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I believe in empowerment and increasing access to opportunity with an explicit focus on equity. It starts with schools, but we need criminal justice reform: to end mandatory minimums, treat addiction as a disease, and increase access to expungement. We need to ensure women are

safe at work and paid equally to men. We need to ensure the state is a strong actor against discrimination in all forms.

**EDUCATION:** As a former teacher, I've seen what it takes to make schools great. We need a statewide equitable funding formula for schools, but it takes more than that. To have great schools, we need great principals, but we invest next to nothing in their development. Great principals better support students and teachers and can drive the change we need from within their community. We need to invest in them.

#### **Terrell Boston-Smith**

**Campaign Website:** <http://terrellbostonsmith.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My life's work is about making our future, especially for the disadvantaged, stronger through economic opportunity and justice. I graduated from Baltimore City College High School. I served as Special Assistant to Attorney General Brian Frosh. I earned a BA in Political Science at Franklin Pierce University and was named a National Urban Fellow at Baruch College - CUNY where I earned an MPA.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the creation of a non-partisan, fair, independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census. Gerrymandering is a very serious problem that threatens the very core of democracy. I will support a redistricting process that works and is fair. I believe that we must also work toward a national solution to ensure we don't weaken progressive power.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The health impacts of pollution are real in our neighborhoods and exacerbate the problems our communities face. I will be a strong voice for environmental justice especially for the disadvantaged and persons of color. I will fight for addressing the disparate impacts of pollution on our communities.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The state can and should take on income inequality. Income inequality is the result of our policy choices. A better use of Maryland's resources would be to fully fund the Kirwan Commission recommendations, consider additional wage supplements, and work with the business community to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour while moving quickly to implement paid sick leave.

**EDUCATION:** I support the initial findings and recommendations of the Kirwin Commission and look forward to the release of the its final report. There is no issue more important to the future of Baltimore, than equity and excellence in public education. It is our best economic development tool. I believe casino and gaming revenues could provide a strong extra source of funding for increased investment.

#### **Frank M. Conaway, Jr.**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Blair DuCray**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.voteblair.org>

No response received by deadline.

#### **Latia Hopkins**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have worked behind the scenes helping to shape progressive policies for over 10 years in Maryland. In my roles in Young Democrats I have participated in our lobby day events in which we fight for issues that affect young people and minorities.

**REDISTRICTING:** I believe we need to explore alternatives to redistricting that result in districts with straight lines. I believe we should use computer programs to define districts and give legislators a radius of 5 miles in each direction to change each district to take into consideration human circumstances that cannot be picked up with an algorithm.

**ENVIRONMENT:** One of the most significant environmental issues in MD is continued funding for Chesapeake Bay restoration due to pollution and runoff. I will address it by working with our federal elected officials to make sure the federal government continues to help fund restoration. I will also work to make sure Maryland continues to put funding into the restoration as well.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will support policies that require any company getting tax breaks, grants, subsidies or state contracts to keep demographics of their employees to make sure there are equal hiring and equal pay regardless of race, gender, religion, disability, poverty or sexual orientation.

**EDUCATION:** I believe the city should have free summer camp to all low-income children so that they can continue to learn during the summer. Studies show that children are able to retain more information from the school year if they continue to learn during the summer months. Baltimore will get additional funding from the state to implement these optional summer camps.

#### **Sarah Matthews**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Timothy Mercer**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Nick Mosby**

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

No response received by deadline.

#### **Brian Murphy**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.brianformd.org>

No response received by deadline.

#### **Sanjay Thomas**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.sanjaythomas2018.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Educationally, my undergraduate degrees in Finance and Economics coupled with my law degree equip me to navigate the legislative processes. Professionally, by owning a successful small business in my district, I am able to understand the unique economic needs and promote common-sense solutions. My community work spans serving on the board of a district charter school to mentoring at-risk youth.

**REDISTRICTING:** I believe that our elected representatives should not cede the authority to outline congressional and legislative district boundaries to an unelected group of individuals. I would be inclined to support initiatives like

the Mid-Atlantic Compact, where the six regional states would all undergo redistricting in a bipartisan manner. Such measures would ensure procedural equity among the parties.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Chesapeake Bay is an integral part of our region and therefore needs continued safeguarding. I will support legislation protecting the Bay, such as the Offshore Drilling Liability Act, which passed this past session. Additionally, municipal sewers leaks and sewage overflows from treatment facilities are particularly concerning. I would support heightened state oversight of these issues.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Suitable housing is a basic necessity for all of our residents, irrespective of income-level. From the municipal perspective, I support the affordable housing trust fund to provide quality low and moderate income housing opportunities. At the state level, I would explore the feasibility of utilizing some of the casino revenue to provide an ongoing financing source for the trust fund.

**EDUCATION:** I will vigorously support universal pre-K. Several studies have shown that affording early childhood education, starting as early as three years old, will set students up for greater academic and professional proficiency. Funding for this important initiative can be sourced in casino revenue. Secondly, I do support the Fix the Fund Act and look forward to it being approved by voters in November.

#### **Melissa Wells**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a Union Representative and community advocate, I have worked with federal, state and local decision-makers to ensure the 40th district is receiving the resources and investments it needs. My top priority is fair inclusion of all communities in developing legislation, and in how we direct resources and investments to communities.

**REDISTRICTING:** For too long redistricting has been a partisan political tool. I support efforts such as assigning the task to a nonpartisan commission to determine fair representation. However, any effort to address this issue must ensure that my constituency is given the tools and programs they need to build on the status quo.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The emission of greenhouse gasses is the most significant crisis facing our environment. I support tax incentives for those who put solar panels on their homes, conservation easement that creates wind and solar farms without taking up good tillable farm land, I support putting solar arrays on government buildings, and energy-efficient public transportation, such as electric busses.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The decline in funding to the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights needs to be addressed. Given the commission has taken a strong stance on discrimination cases, it is important to the state of Maryland that this is properly funded and have the scope to accomplish the goal of a discrimination-free state.

**EDUCATION:** I would support implementing apprenticeship programs in schools. Not all children have a desire or the choice to go to college. As a viable alternative, apprenticeship programs offer a valuable trade that will result in higher incomes as adults. To fund this program, I would support a lockbox on casino revenue, reinstate the Millionaires Tax, and legalize/tax marijuana.

#### **Westley West**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a founding pastor, I am responsible for providing organizational leadership to hundreds of people. I interpret biblical info, collaborate with leaders & develop programs to benefit the Baltimore community. I provide care & counseling to church/community members & assist them in crises. I am confident that my administrative-management skills will help me flourish in the area of Public Service.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census. I think that efforts to reduce elected officials control over the redistricting are to be praised. I would support, and be accessible to organizations that are working hard to gain more traction to draw legislative and congressional district lines.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Trash, climate change, renewable energy, and ensuring safe water. We have to clean up Maryland's waterways, invest in open space preservation, better coordinate resources to address the effects of sea level rise and improve outdoor recreational activities. However, the fact remains that we can't win these challenges without Federal government support financially & multiple agency tech assistance.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I recognize that equality, fairness, and opportunity for Maryland residents often require government action for security, mobility, and economic opportunity. I would further support bills, like House Bill 172 that addresses discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, and poverty. If elected I will work to enhanced the quality of life.

**EDUCATION:** I support the findings of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. I am committed to funding associated reforms because strong schools benefit children and their families. When elected I will work to support bills like (House Bill 1415) which will bring Maryland's schools up to first class status.

## **House of Delegates 41**

### **Democratic Candidates**

*Democrats may vote for no more than 3.*

#### **Bilal Ali**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Dalya Attar**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was born and raised in the district to parents who immigrated to Baltimore from countries of Muslim extremism. As a government prosecutor, my familiarity with the criminal justice system provides a keen understanding of legislation needed to fight crime and drugs, as well as combatting recidivism. As a mom of 2, I understand the economic, educational, and housing challenges city families face.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support a non-partisan commission that would ensure fair districts and representation. I believe that as much as possible, we should keep cultural, ethnic and racial populations living in close proximity within the same district, to give them more representation by their peers, rather than dividing them without a proper voice.

**ENVIRONMENT:** As a mom of 2 kids, I know that environmental issues have increased contemporary health problems, including asthma and allergies, in our families. And as a Baltimore resident, I am extremely concerned about the air and water, and they will be a priority for me.

**DISCRIMINATION:** My background as a non-white female raised by parents who fled political and religious persecution overseas and overcame cultural and financial challenges here lead me to desire equal treatment, particularly in the workplace, and respect for all as humans and individuals. Two Central Committee0 candidates on my slate are running to advocate for those with special needs and disabilities.

**EDUCATION:** I support universal pre-K and free community college, as well as stronger city public schools including more skills training in high school to better prepare for careers or college. We need more state funding with better prioritization and spending accountability, so taxes do not go up.

#### **Tony Bridges**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.tonybridges41.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a neighborhood liaison in the Mayor's Office, I advocated for communities in City Hall and fought to have the city provide services that the communities demanded. As I progressed in my career, I have taken on different roles from Chief of Staff for government agencies, to Director of Community Affairs for Johns Hopkins and working for a local community development corporation.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support reform for how we draw our voting boundaries in the state. Having a transparent, independent commission to draw district lines is a popular choice for most Marylanders as demonstrated in a Spring 2017 Goucher poll. I believe further research into other states with independent commissions (such as California) is required and we should evaluate their processes and outcomes.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Environmental Justice is a significant challenge and one that I would look to address. The most effective way to ensure that individuals in low income communities and food deserts have access to fresh food is a farm to table approach working with farmers and farmer's markets to become part of these communities. Both groups need incentives to increase accessibility.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There is no one initiative that will address the long-lasting effects of discrimination in this city, state or nation. I do believe we must find multiple ways to address discriminatory practices that have led to the disparities in our state such as increase the minimum wage to give individuals a living wage of \$15 per hour and ensure that new housing development includes affordable units.

**EDUCATION:** The Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education has multiple promising preliminary findings in its draft, but I look forward to seeing the final recommendations and will fight to ensure they include priorities such as universal access to Prekindergarten, adequate funding for Baltimore City Public Schools, and teacher incentives for those who are highly effective in the classroom.

#### **Richard Bruno**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.bruno4md.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a seasoned activist and public health expert. I have often submitted testimony to the General Assembly, and I chair the Public Health Committee of MedChi. I have joined labor union campaigns at Johns Hopkins and Chase Brexton, and last summer I was arrested in Washington protesting Obamacare repeal. As a family doctor, I take care of uninsured people. I have dedicated my life to service.

**REDISTRICTING:** Voters should pick their politicians—not the other way around. Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, New Jersey, and Washington have adopted nonpartisan redistricting commissions to insulate congressional and legislative district lines from politics. Maryland should follow suit. We have led on voting rights issues (like automatic voter registration). Gerrymandering is a voting rights issue.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Nationally, our biggest challenge is climate change, which is why I support 100% renewable energy by 2035 and a carbon tax. At the state level, we need to protect the Bay, so I support the Poultry Litter Management Act. In the city, our top challenges are lead in paint and pipes—and air pollution (we have the deadliest air in the country). We need funding for lead removal and to shut down BRESKO.

**DISCRIMINATION:** A compensation transparency bill, so we can see how companies are paying women and people of color versus white men, would be a powerful step towards equal pay. We should increase enforcement of laws against housing discrimination. We need mandatory special prosecutors for fatal officer-involved shootings, and we should restore control of BPD to the city. I support raising the minimum wage to \$15.

**EDUCATION:** I support the findings of the Kirwan Commission and will not be afraid to raise taxes on the rich to pay for it. I want reforms that include: (1) funding for community schools, (2) fixing the formula to acknowledge concentrated poverty, (3) developing a "master teacher" program, and (4) equalizing maintenance funding for the city. I also support free tuition at state universities for all programs.

#### **Angela C. Gibson**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Native Baltimorean, graduate of Morgan State Univ. Have served in government administration for 5 Mayors. Knowledge of legislative process and parliamentary process. Served in House of Delegates since February 2017 and have established relationships with legislators across the aisle.

**REDISTRICTING:** A committee of bipartisan elected officials, community members and, youth and business leaders to provide the greatest input on the new district lines.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Childhood lead paint poisoning is still an environmental crisis in Baltimore City. I support lowering Maryland's threshold for elevated lead

levels, which is defined as 10 micrograms per deciliter or more. Increase funding lead abatement and funding for more affordable housing.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support the recently signed Consent Decree which I believe will begin to address some of the discrimination experienced in Baltimore. Increase the availability of resources to address mental health and diversity sensitivity training in places of employment and schools. Assist families through hands on training and education in parenting and life skills to help address family needs.

**EDUCATION:** I support the increased funding of the Kirwan Commission including improving teacher recruitment ; expanding career and technical education programs and opportunity for more mental health services. Baltimore City needs more funds for the classroom education of our children. needed long-term aplan for services in its core service area .

#### **Tessa Hill-Aston**

**Campaign Website:** <http://runtessarun.com>

No response received by deadline.

#### **Walter J. Horton**

No response received by deadline.

#### **George E. Mitchell**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Former Candidate for Congress 4th District of Maryland President of Neighborhoods United CEO of Youth Educational Services Park Heights Angels Award for work in the community Ali Entertainment Award for Outstanding Community Service Chairman of Park Heights Black Sox Little League Baseball State of Md. Governor Hogan Citation-2018

**REDISTRICTING:** Right now, I would not make changes but redistricting depends on the findings of the census in terms of population.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The most significant environmental challenges is the cleaning of the Chesapeake Bay. There should be stricter penalties for people dumping in the bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will support strict policies against discrimination of any kind. If a company or business does not have strict policies against discrimination, I believe they should not be able to do business in MD.

**EDUCATION:** I would personally support Vocational Technical education. I believe the time has come to increase the focus on technical education as this is where the world is going.

#### **Samuel I. "Sandy" Rosenberg**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** During my career in the House of Delegates, I have increased pre-kindergarten-12 education funding; preserved and broadened civil rights protections; expanded behavioral health programs; and ensured that vulnerable tenants are not taken advantage of by unscrupulous landlords. I ask that you judge me by my legislative record in Annapolis.

**REDISTRICTING:** I will vote for a new process consistent with the holdings in the cases which will be decided by the Supreme Court later this year. We need a constitutionally sound redistricting process in every state that adheres to a national standard.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I have been a leader in significantly reducing the number of lead poisoned children, but work remains to be done. I sponsored House Bill 852 this year, which would reform rent court to prevent evictions by a landlord who has not met the lead risk reduction standard for a lead-affected property. I have also been an advocate for an environmentally sound redevelopment of Pimlico Racecourse.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I sponsored the Lilly Ledbetter Civil Rights Restoration Act of 2009, which protects the rights of all workers to secure redress for discrimination in compensation. I have enacted several laws to protect our right to vote against fraud and intimidation. I was a key player in enacting our first-in-the nation response to the Kremlin's disruption campaign during the 2016 election.

**EDUCATION:** I support all of the Kirwan Commission's recommendations. Requiring the State to provide universal access to public and private prekindergarten for all four-year olds and low-income three-year olds is of particular interest to me because of my efforts in this area. When we raise money for public schools, I would vote for a more progressive way rather than the current reliance on gaming revenues.

#### **Joyce J. Smith**

**Campaign Facebook:**

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100004714387853>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Elected for 3 terms to the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee. Chair of the Voter Registration Sub Committee. Current Executive Secretary of the Howard Park Civic Assoc. (10 years). Member of the Shop Rite Supermarket committee. Member of Urban Renewal Plan Committee and Ambassador Theater redevelopment group. Coordinated gift bag distributions for homeless women for 18 years.

**REDISTRICTING:** I believe that it is a good idea to have a bi-partisan committee set up to draw the district lines in a fair and impartial way. This committee could also include some legislators. Hopefully, this would mean that Baltimore City could keep the number of districts that we now have.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Sewage backup and storm drains overflowing in parts of the 41st District. Amount of trash that impacts the Harbor and Bay areas. New pipes are needed in the city instead of patchwork repairs. Public service campaigns addressing and showing the trash in the waterways can be an effective tool, especially if it is constantly tied to the availability of our seafood and the harvesting of such.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I continue to support Affirmative Action initiatives in the workplace. Limited use of some of these categories such as race, religion, disability should be eliminated from workplace interviews. This would also apply in up-front interviews when residents are seeking government assistance from various programs.

**EDUCATION:** Focus more on children who fall through the cracks in elementary

schools due to issues with curriculum and mental health resources that should identify problems early and determine a path to success. This would impact students who fall behind in reading and math for various reasons and go through school never catching up. Better distribution of state funds.

#### Sean Stinnett

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have over 25 years of experience in servicing my community in a number of leadership positions. I am the PRG Administrator for the MD Department of General Services which allows me to work with small, minority and veteran-owned businesses. I also sit on the MBE Commission and Bill Review Committee. Therefore, I understand policy and how it directly affects the 41st District.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the process for drawing congressional and legislative district line in Maryland if it is done by a non-partisan committee that is more a community based and/or engaged group with the proper training and education. It also needs to be reflective of the representation and demographically balanced as much as possible.

**ENVIRONMENT:** There are several environmental issues that are most important to me. Those three are solar energy, protecting our state from having oil and gas companies from drilling and keeping our children safe against lead. The specific environmental issue I would seek which is one that is directly affecting the 41st District and Baltimore City is lead.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I would support the necessary legislative and/or administrative reform to focus and address discriminatory practices by the government, institutions and/or the private sector.

**EDUCATION:** Recent judicial rulings have made it clear that funding is not being properly applied throughout the state of Maryland. Going forward the funding formula and proper allocation and resource management and oversight needs to be addressed.

## House of Delegates 43

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 3.*

#### Curt Anderson

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I attended Guilford and Winston elementary schools and graduated from Baltimore City College in Baltimore. My children also attended Baltimore City public schools, so I am passionate about making our city schools great for our children. I am also a graduate of Morgan State University and the University of Baltimore Law School. I serve on, among others, the Maryland Police Training Commission

**REDISTRICTING:** Maryland's legislative districts should be drawn in a manner to reflect the diversity of the state's population without regard to political party. If we do this, each district would have the power to directly impact the needs of the district. In the 43rd district that means more money for schools and more trust in our police so that they can keep our community safe.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change obviously is an important issue around the state and the country. But a safe environment is most important in our community. Stopping violent crime is key to maintaining a safe environment. We need police who are trained, not just to use a gun and make arrests, but officers who respect those they are sworn to protect. That is why I work on the Maryland Police Training Commission.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination in any form is unacceptable. Some discrimination is not always easily detectable. Most notably, Baltimore City school students are being discriminated against because many school buildings are still inferior to many jurisdictions around the state. I and my delegation of representatives from Baltimore have started to change that by securing \$1 billion in new school construction.

**EDUCATION:** In addition to fighting for money to construct new schools with central air and clean drinking water, we need to ensure that our teachers and administrators are strong leaders and are given the tools they need to lead and educate. I would also return music and art to the schools all of which would be funded by changes in the education formula to make the funding of school equitable thru the state.

#### Regina T. Boyce

**Campaign Website:** <http://reginatboyce.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My personal, professional and public service experiences have prepared me to serve the 43rd district. I received a BS from Towson University and a MPA from the University of Baltimore. I worked in my community for 13 yrs. and worked in city government with communities to solve problems for 5 yrs. As an adult education provider, I want to secure my students present and future success in Baltimore.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the creation of an independent, non-partisan body to draw the lines. This would enhance public trust and confidence in government and provide integrity and ethics by removing self-preserving power or party favor.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The most significant environmental challenges are trash, plastics/disposable items, and pollution of waterways and the air. To address our challenges, we must reduce trash and disposable items, ban plastics/plastic bags/styrofoam, updating crumbling water and sewer infrastructures, strictly regulate chemicals and toxin in our waters, air and open space.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support all policies that level the playing field and provide opportunities to all, no matter one's race, gender, religion, disability or socio-economic background. I would like to work on policies that remove questions or boxes pertaining to the disclosure of demographic information that tends to allow for discriminatory practices.

**EDUCATION:** I support the findings of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education as well as the Kirwan Commission formula for school funding. I am committed to funding reforms that include increasing the funding contribu-

tion from the City and police department budgets. We must closely track how funds are spent at the school/classroom levels to assure resources are provided for enhanced learning.

#### Kelly Fox

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a youth and family therapist, a pastor and servant of the Baltimore City Community as a whole as well as the 43rd District. I was born, raised, worked and currently live in the 43rd district. I believe that several decades working as a community advocate and building bridges of understanding and teamwork prepare me well for duties of this office.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the Maryland's Redistricting Reform Commission and its mission. As long as it continues to remain bipartisan and represent the citizens of Maryland to be fair and protect the integrity of the democracy process. The commission should specifically ensure all Marylanders are represented and fair principles are applied.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Our most significant environment challenges are moving our city forward towards becoming Greener and Clean Energy Sustainable. Our communities needs to improve recycling rates, educate our citizens on why recycling matters, and ramp up our efforts to eliminate litter. I will establish partnerships with Green Businesses and form a task force that will find ways to make our communities walkable.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I am committed to supporting policies prohibiting of discrimination, especially when it comes to housing, physical and mental disability, employment, and public accommodations. I also support the HOME Act that is to prevent housing discrimination and Ban the Box which combats discrimination against former offenders who are seeking employment. Everyone deserves a second chance.

**EDUCATION:** I support the re-allocation of State and District funds to support a fully functional educational system throughout. My skills as VP of Business Banking benefit when working with other legislators to re-evaluate the budget and compare them to current education policies and procedures. Where the budget falls short, I would fight for the funds to provide quality education for the City's youngest.

#### Urcille Goddard

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

No response received by deadline.

#### Nilesh Kalyanaraman

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.nileshmd43.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a primary care doctor caring for the working poor and homeless for over a decade, I've spent my life helping people meet their needs for health care, housing and food. I know how to go beyond symptoms to look at root causes. That's what we need in Baltimore, to go beyond our symptoms of violence and poor education to address the root causes of poverty and racial discrimination.

**REDISTRICTING:** Our faith in our government rests on knowing that our elected officials represent their residents and are not in power because their districts are rigged to give them an advantage. I support creating a non-partisan, independent body to draw our legislative and congressional districts. We should prioritize existing boundaries for cities and counties and encourage competition.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I want environmental justice in Baltimore. Let's get rid of lead from all neighborhoods, increase the tree canopy, and clean our runs and streams. In Maryland, let's reduce greenhouse emissions through better transit systems, single stream recycling, and increasing renewable energy goals. We must protect the Chesapeake Bay by restoring our streams and shorelines and improving our sewage systems.

**DISCRIMINATION:** To combat discrimination, we need policies to actively undo their effects. We must fix the racial disparities in school funding and in the programs available to children at different schools. I support a \$15 minimum wage, paid family leave, and the elimination of cash bail to lift people out of poverty and support women and families. We also need true universal health care.

**EDUCATION:** All our children deserve high quality education. Let's expand early education by increasing Head Start and universal Pre-K. Let's invest more in college readiness, vocational training and mentorship with equal access across racial and economic lines. We need community schooling with mental and physical health services on site. Funding is through general appropriations and dedicated casino money.

#### Maggie McIntosh

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** It has been my honor to serve as a member of the House of Delegates since 1992, including the last four years as Chair of the Appropriations Committee. Previously I chaired the Environmental Matters Committee and was the first woman in Maryland history to serve as minority leader. I have also served as a Baltimore City teacher and former state director for Senator Mikulski.

**REDISTRICTING:** Generally, I support some sort of reform in the way Maryland draws congressional and legislative districts. However, the proposals put forward in recent years by Governor Hogan would not produce an impartial process. I support creating an independent redistricting commission so long as it is truly independent and transparent.

**ENVIRONMENT:** As former Chair of the Environmental Matters Committee, I've played a role in many of the gains for the Chesapeake Bay over the past 15 years. Right now, I believe our greatest environmental challenge is protecting the gains we have made for the health of the Bay and to improve our resiliency against climate change.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I think it is important that we use the power of government to enact policies that combat and correct discrimination whenever we see it. It is imperative that we enact policies that prohibit discrimination where we see it, but also that our investments in education, housing, transportation, and more are made with an eye towards making amends for past discrimination.

**EDUCATION:** I am a member of the Kirwan Commission and committed to implementing the recommendations necessary to ensure Maryland's public

education system provides a world-class education to every student regardless of ZIP code. Sen. Conway and I sponsored legislation to put gaming revenue for education in a "lockbox" that will put up over \$500m annually in additional spending towards priority reform areas.

#### **Destinee Parker**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.healyoumd.com>  
No response received by deadline.

#### **Dong Shen**

**Campaign Website:** <http://vote4dongshen.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Dr. Shen graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. As a Doctorate of Medicine and of Philosophy (MD-PhD), the President of CBA-US, and Chairman of subcommittee on Health and Environment at the Baltimore Sister Cities program, Dr. Shen has been working hard to bring investment and jobs to Maryland. As a father, Dr. Shen is fighting to prevent school shooting & protect our children.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support 2011 congressional redistricting. No change is needed at this point.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We face great environmental challenges, from aging sewer systems, increased pollution in Chesapeake Bay, to lead poison in homes. We need to conserve natural resources by balancing environmental protection with economic growth, property rights, public health, and energy production. I will introduce bills to increase clean-energy job training. I am committed to eliminate lead poisoning in Baltimore

**DISCRIMINATION:** Baltimore is perhaps the worst large city in the country when measured by a child's chances of escaping poverty. The city's racially segregated. The tensions associated with segregation and concentrated poverty place Baltimore at risk of unrest. I support to turn vacant houses into affordable housing and build integrated areas that offer better jobs, schools and lives for their children

**EDUCATION:** Maryland had the lowest number of teachers relative to students at a ratio of about 1:15. Baltimore students score near bottom on key national assessments. I support legislation providing free tuition at community colleges and vocational schools. I will expand online learning programs. I will work with big companies like BGE, GOOGLE, AMAZON to sponsor and create workforce development programs.

## **House of Delegates 44A**

### **Democratic Candidates**

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

#### **Keith E. Haynes**

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://Keith E. Haynes>

I am currently serving my 4th term in the House of Delegates. I serve in the capacity of Dep. Majority Leader, Dep. Majority Whip, Vice Chair of the Baltimore City Delegation, Chair of the Appropriations Public Safety and Administration Sub-Committee, The Capital Budget and the Joint Oversight Committee on Pensions, the Joint Audit Committee all which assist me in representing my district.

**REDISTRICTING:** Currently there is a court case pending on appeal and we are waiting the decision on redistricting. I believe we should wait to review Court Decision and then determine the best course of addressing the issue of redistricting.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I believe we need to establish a strategic policy to move more towards green energy and renewable energy, as well as, doing more to protect the Chesapeake Bay in order to address the environmental challenges we face.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I am a strong advocate for eliminating discrimination on all levels. I have supported in the past and continue to support policies prohibiting discrimination as well as legislation to the same.

**EDUCATION:** I have been a strong supporter of education and education issues over the last 4 terms. I supported the new Kirwin Commission which addresses the new educational funding formulas for the State. I supported the casino revenue as a revenue source to fund our educational system. However, I believe that we should fund education "first" from the general fund in order to meet our constitutional mandate.

## **House of Delegates 45**

### **Republican Candidates**

*Republicans may vote for no more than 3.*

#### **Ronald M. Owens-Bey**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Jewel Rucker**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.rucker45.com>

No response received by deadline.

#### **Andy Zipay**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a social worker and my job allows me to work with all kinds of individuals, from all different backgrounds. I have an ability to work and achieve goals with folks from all different political perspectives. My job requires me to develop action plans and to focus on specific goals and I feel this is needed in Annapolis.

**REDISTRICTING:** I know the current map district line set up is not fair. The current lines were drawn to make the districts more favorable to democrat incumbents. Not fair to the people of the state! I think an independent body should redraw the districts.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I love our Chesapeake Bay. There is so much rich history there and I will do everything I can to devote the needed money to improve the Bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will always fight against discrimination of all kinds. As a social worker, I often advocate for my clients who have suffered discrimination in many different aspects of life. So I am especially alert to this issue. I was always taught to judge a person by their actions, and not by anything else.

**EDUCATION:** I am a strong supporter of school choice. I believe that schools

will improve only if we have competition and value our students enough to allow them to leave failing schools. We must put pressure on school systems to fire bad teachers. My Mother was a public school teacher. And I have so much respect for teachers.

### **Democratic Candidates**

*Democrats may vote for no more than 3.*

#### **John D. Amankwah**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Attended Fairfax County Public Schools attended Marshall University was a legislative aide

**REDISTRICTING:** I believe Maryland just like Pennsylvania is gerrymandered and I support a computer base model so they will take the human element in the politics out of it

**ENVIRONMENT:** I believe in clean air and clean water and want to protect the environment.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I believe discrimination in any form is wrong and will fight to protect the citizens of Maryland

**EDUCATION:** I believe Baltimore city's education department needs to be totally revamped. I would like to see teachers get paid more and get a tax break. Doing this I believe we will attract The Best of the Best of teachers to Maryland.

#### **Talmadge Branch**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an incumbent of 24 years.

**REDISTRICTING:** That will depend on the demographics of whether the district has grown or loss population. Last census we lost population and loss 2 delegates in the city. I would support seeing more of the 7th congressional district back in Baltimore City.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I have a proven environmental record. Currently serving on the Energy Subcommittee on the Economic Matters Committee.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Proven record. I have voted for womens rights and equality, LGBT issues, disability..ect....

**EDUCATION:** Currently formula funded, general fund, and tax credit programs.

#### **Rita Church**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a participant in the political process as an advocate for the past 25 years. I also come from a family of Politics. I have served my community for many years. I also have a Master Degree in Public Policy Administration and B.S in Criminal Justice. I believe as a newly elected official I will work hard and provide a difference of positivity for the people in the 45th District.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the change that has been mandated by the Federal Census because when every there is a lost population of people throughout district you must redraw along district lines. I do not support the manipulation of Gerrymandering.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I support Environmental because changes must be made to reduce pollution, the effort of reducing pollution must come from less use of fossil fuel, and greenhouse gases which is one of the leading causes for global warming.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will support policies that prohibits discrimination based on color, national origin, an individual sexual gender, or because someone has been denied access or opportunity to participate in programs of their choice. I will also work hard to protect all citizens according to the Civil Right Act 1964.

**EDUCATION:** I support special education programs and I support after school programs for youth, teens, and adults who want to obtain their GED or Secondary Education. I also support educational programs that involve students learning academically which ensure updated curriculums' that meets the educational standards of all students state-wide.

#### **Marques Dent**

**Campaign Website:** <http://Marques-dent.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I concluded his military career in 2012, with the rank of Captain and as a decorated officer. I earned an Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal and a Most Outstanding Unit Medal. Throughout my career, I had the goal of returning home and helping serve the community by ensuring that everyone had adequate resources to achieve their goals.

**REDISTRICTING:** I do not support redistricting.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I support strengthening the RPS to reach 50 % by 2030 because we all want a bright future and a healthy earth for generations that follow. In strengthening the RPS to 50% by 2030 it will create a movement that cannot be stopped, as we will have come too far not to continue making major strides in reducing pollution.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I believe that legislation ensuring equal treatment of men and women in the workplace is not only appropriate, but also mandatory. To this day, women are still treated unfairly in several areas such as wage disparity, inappropriate workplace behavior, and lack of confidence in their ability to perform.

**EDUCATION:** I would absolutely support ensuring that any Universal Pre-K includes a diverse delivery system that allows for Family Child Care and Child Care Centers to be a part of the program. This would certainly provide a much needed solution to many parents. I will support a school funding formula that fully funds the education budget, including the GCEI.

#### **Cheryl D. Glenn**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a lifetime of public service. I served more than 12 years as a PTA President, 8 years as a Commissioner for the MD School for the Blind, 8 years elected to the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee, 6 years as President of the City Union of Baltimore, and 12 years as a State Delegate.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the appointment of a bipartisan commission, to include elected officials, representatives of the faith community and community representatives, as well as the NAACP, the ACLU, and representatives of organized labor, to propose a process for Redistricting.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Communities that have high concentrations of poverty are

disproportionately impacted with food deserts, incinerators, industrial fumes and noise, and high levels of various types of cancer. The lack of a good transportation system results in unhealthy traffic concentrations. We must work harder to reach higher goals for renewable energy.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We must develop a system whereby we look at every issue using a "racial equity lens" similar to that proposed by the Associated Black Charities. Doing so would help the Maryland General Assembly to look at our current policies, and newly proposed policies, and how these policies impact factors that could potentially result in discrimination of any type.

**EDUCATION:** This 2018 Session the General Assembly passed legislation that begins to implement the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission, starting in the fall of 2018. I also support the recommendations of the Knott Commission. Additionally, I was happy to support Senate Bill 1122 CASINO LOCKBOX, a ballot question for voters.

#### Linzy Jackson

**Campaign Website:** <http://linzyjackson.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My Qualifications include but are not limited to serving as a YMCA Youth and Government Teacher, where I taught high school students the Maryland State Legislative process. I served under the Sheila Dixon, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and now current Mayor Pugh administration where I draft and testified on legislation, most notably the 21st Century School Construction Bill.

**REDISTRICTING:** The clear solution and the message resonating across the country is that the best way to promote democracy is for the redistricting process to be submitted to an independent, nonpartisan commission. I support that message.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Environmental, Climate, and Social Justice movements are inextricably linked — poverty and pollution I believe is the same thing. I will put emphasis on the vulnerability of the poor/urban communities to pollution and climate change and draft legislation to address them.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I acknowledge the differences that exist between people and the different supports and resources that each person requires. I also, understand that inequality must be tackled across a broad range of issues such as gender, race, family or marital status, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, disability, faith belief, socio-economic background and I will support any policy that will close the gap.

**EDUCATION:** Any Kirwan Commission recommendation for a funding formula that will finance universal pre-kindergarten for students of all incomes and provide more money for schools in low-income neighborhoods. As well as policies to insure that casino revenues are reserved for schools and not depleted by other spending.

#### George Johnson

No response received by deadline.

#### Sharon McCollough

**Campaign Website:** <http://friendsofsharonmccollough.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Diverse professional prepared to be: service oriented by seeking ways and means to help people; an active listener providing undivided attention, in efforts to bring viable best practices for resolution; technology equipped to multitask, communicate and meet deadlines; information driven through research and innovative development; empathetic regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religio

**REDISTRICTING:** Active listener and an active listener and establish relationships and partnership that provide resources and materials for those I serve. In these roles, I interact and empathize with people regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity and or demographi

**ENVIRONMENT:** No response received by deadline.

**DISCRIMINATION:** No response received by deadline.

**EDUCATION:** No response received by deadline.

#### Andy Pierre

**Campaign Website:** <http://andypierre.com>

No response received by deadline.

#### Stephanie Smith

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have the education and experience to harness the power of state policy for the good of Maryland's 45th District. Specifically, I have engaged in policy analysis, advocacy and development at the municipal, state and federal levels. I possess a Masters in Urban Affairs and Public Policy and a law degree. I'm admitted to the Maryland bar. My leadership will be rooted in equity, data and engagement.

**REDISTRICTING:** I believe Marylanders should determine who represents their communities. In order to avoid piecemeal efforts, I think national standards to limit gerrymandering are ideal. However, I would not rule out a nonpartisan body redrawing lines.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Maryland's lawmakers must be vigilant to protect our people, air, water and lands. We need to ensure truly clean renewable fuel sources are included in the Renewable Portfolio Standard, adequate funding is appropriated to protect the Chesapeake Bay and the cumulative impact of environmental health burdens are factored into environmental regulations. I will support bills that address these issues.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will fight for fair pay and reducing barriers in hiring that disadvantage women and candidates of color. I support: banning employers from asking about salary history, integrating an equity analysis into state capital funding, transportation planning and school funding formulas,

**EDUCATION:** I will fight to secure adequate funding for Baltimore public schools because it is tied to our city's competitiveness and ability to retain/attract new residents. To set the best foundation for students, I also support universal Pre-K to make sure every Baltimore student is given a sound start. These policies can be funded through tobacco taxes and increased taxes on millionaire inheritances.

#### Caylin Young

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I started my career working for two 45th district legislators

and the State's Attorney as Community Liaison. I worked on Capitol Hill for Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) as a Legal Fellow crafting bills. I've also run a national non-profit. I was raised in this district and have served it most of my career. As such, I have developed relationships locally and in Annapolis to leverage on day one.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Protecting the bay. I support the use of Environmental Impact Bonds to assist in the construction of "Green Infrastructure" to reduce storm water runoff from impervious surfaces. These bonds can help spur development and redevelopment of infrastructure and buildings in ways that increase green space, reduce pollution, and improve community aesthetics and property value.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We must strengthen laws and be deliberate about protecting classes who have been historically disenfranchised and discriminated. Specifically, we can strengthen the remedies available for victims of discrimination. This will act as a deterrent to discriminators while making victims whole.

**EDUCATION:** I'd support the findings of the Kirwan Commission. I support the lockbox provision to ensure casino revenues are devoted to education. I also support universal pre-k and free community college. We must also ensure the school funding formula is updated. Class sizes are too large for learning and must be reduced to under 25 students per class. We can reduce the pay.

## House of Delegates 46

### Republican Candidates

*Republicans may vote for no more than 3.*

#### Jeremy Baron

No response received by deadline.

#### Nicholas Wentworth

No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 3.*

#### Luke Clippinger

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.luke46.org>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a native Baltimorean, a prosecutor, and a leader in the General Assembly. I grew up in a dollar house, and I'm a proud graduate of City Schools. As a prosecutor, I have been an advocate for victims of crime for ten years. As a legislator, I led the fight and created earned sick leave for 700,000 Marylanders, advocated to build 25 new schools in the City, and expanded access to solar power.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support the creation of an independent, non-partisan body for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We must lower our reliance on burning fossil fuels for the electricity we use every day. I have been a leader in the promotion of renewable energy in the House of Delegates. I drafted the Community Solar legislation which is providing an opportunity for thousands to purchase clean solar power. I also support raising the amount of energy we generate from clean, renewable sources.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a member of the LGBT caucus, I am acutely aware of the ongoing need to address discrimination based on race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or genetic information. I have supported anti-discrimination bills in the past and I will do so in the future.

**EDUCATION:** I support the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission related to school funding. I also support the Constitutional Amendment that will create a lock-box to ensure revenues from casinos supplement and not replace existing funding. I support further opportunities for high school students to participate in apprenticeships for credit, and support expanded funding for adult education.

#### Robbyn Lewis

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My training in anthropology, international public health and languages are the foundation of my strong cross cultural, communication and partnership building skills. Two decades of devoted community service demonstrate my ability to improve life for everyone by bringing people together to solve shared challenges. These skills are essential to fulfilling my duties as Delegate.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support an impartial, transparent process for redistricting. The health of our democracy depends on this. One of the most important first steps to achieving this goal, however, is to conduct a complete, unbiased, comprehensive federal census. Without such a census, redistricting cannot be done fairly.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is the foremost environmental challenge facing all of humanity, not just those of us living here in Maryland. I have led local efforts e.g., creating and leading a grassroots greening movement in my neighborhood. As Delegate I have supported renewable energy, clean air, clean water and forest preservation legislation. I will continue to champion climate adaptation efforts.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As an African American woman who has directly benefitted from the Civil Rights Act, Fair Housing Act and all of the liberation movements of our century, I am a staunch defender of human rights. I utterly oppose discrimination in all forms and will continue to fight at the legislative, social and interpersonal level to protect every human being's right to exist and thrive.

**EDUCATION:** Every child in this country, no matter where they were born, what their zip code or genetic code, deserves access to quality public education. Public education should be funded by equitable distribution of public resources. As Delegate I have voted for progressive education, and will continue to do so. I also support the right of teachers to organize and collectively bargain

#### Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I ran for delegate 4 years ago as a mom, community activist & civil rights attorney, so I could be a champion for our communities and pass

progressive state legislation. I have worked every day to do just that - passing important statewide bills while acting as an advocate for local families & communities. I will work to be an effective advocate locally and statewide to support our communities.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support an independent commission to draw congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland, and voted in support of legislation in 2017 to establish such a commission.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Global warming and plastic trash are two extremely important challenges we must confront. I was designated a Legislative Green Champion by League of Conservation Voters for my support of clean energy initiatives and my advocacy against single-use plastic trash, like plastic bags and styrofoam. Although we have not yet banned these products at the state level, I will continue to lead the charge.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I work to identify state policies that that can be ended or enacted to end discrimination. For instance, thousands of young children of color or with disabilities were being suspended/expelled from our schools so I passed a bill to prohibit suspension/expulsion in preK-2nd grade. I actively champion policies that create opportunity & break down barriers, including supporting our schools.

**EDUCATION:** MD can have a world-class education system if we choose to update our policies for the 21st century & provide the funding needed to allow children to learn & grow. Students should graduate with the knowledge/skills to succeed in careers in which they can find satisfaction, earn a living wage & be involved citizens. I have actively participated in the Kirwan Comm process & will push to enact reforms.

#### Nate Loewentheil

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.nateforstate2018.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I grew up in Baltimore, where my dad owned a restaurant called the Cultured Pearl down the street from our home. I spent 15 years as a political organizer and advocate. More recently, I served 4 years at the White House under President Obama, who appointed me to run a White House Taskforce for Baltimore. I am the president of Baltimore Homecoming ([www.baltimorehomecoming.com](http://www.baltimorehomecoming.com)). Nate for State!

**REDISTRICTING:** I support creating a nonpartisan commission to draw our districts after each national census. Maryland should lead by example in this critical area.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I will fight for a cleaner, greener Baltimore. That means getting trash off of our streets, banning Styrofoam, and expanding access to parks and waterways. My second priority is climate change. I will focus on the transportation sector, which is now the largest sector for carbon emissions. Finally, I'll be a strong advocate for protecting the Chesapeake Bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The election of Donald Trump and his policies are pushing our country in the wrong direction when it comes to civil rights. I will be a strong advocate for protecting the rights of all of our citizens. I am particularly focused on wage equality. Although Maryland has a strong law on the book to guarantee equal wages for women, we need stronger enforcement.

**EDUCATION:** We are in the midst of a critical debate on the future of the Maryland education system. I will fight for investments in early childhood education, more funding for our schools, and to expand after-school programming. We also need stronger accountability in our school system to make sure that children are never again left in freezing cold classrooms.

#### Dea Thomas

**Campaign Website:** <http://DeaThomas.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a lifelong resident of District 46 and I know what is possible when we smartly deploy our resources and our energy. My focus will be to serve the entire district with a keen eye on the historically underserved areas of our community. I believe "that we all do better when we all do better".

**REDISTRICTING:** I will pursue legislative action, ballot initiatives and support court cases to ensure fairer drawing of congressional and legislative district lines. I view overtly partisan-gerrymandering to be as much as a threat as regressive voter ID laws or attempts to dismantle the Voting Rights Act.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The bay is such a vital resource to our state and especially our district. I will fight for the most aggressive and progressive protections to ensure that families will enjoy the Bay for generations to come. I will also be an advocate for better protections against runoff, illegal dumping and litter. These things do not get the attention as other environmental hazards but they are critical.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will be a tireless promoter of policies that equal the playing field for all of our citizens. There is so much we can do to ensure that opportunities for a better life are more equitably accessed. It starts with providing a first class education for each and every child; as well as identifying and addressing systematic barriers to opportunity.

**EDUCATION:** I would champion efforts to bring student performance up to meet global competition. I would advocate for increased spending in economically disadvantaged communities. According to the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, Maryland spends 5% more on wealthy districts than those that are underserved. Students who come from uniquely impoverished circumstances deserve better.

## Judicial Offices

### Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge

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

**SALARY:** \$154,433.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. The General Assem-

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

#### Questions

**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

*Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 5.*

##### Charles H. Dorsey

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.baltimorecitysittingjudges.com>  
No response received by deadline.

##### Lynn Stewart Mays

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.baltimorecitysittingjudges.com>  
No response received by deadline.

##### Dana Michele Middleton

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.baltimorecitysittingjudges.com>  
No response received by deadline.

##### John Nugent

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.baltimorecitysittingjudges.com>  
No response received by deadline.

##### Jennifer Bridget Schiffer

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.baltimorecitysittingjudges.com>  
No response received by deadline.

## City Offices

### Baltimore City State's Attorney

**DUTIES:** The State's Attorney is the chief law enforcement official in Baltimore City, responsible to the citizens of Baltimore for enforcing the law. She/he manages a staff of attorneys responsible for the prosecution of all criminal cases and juvenile matters. In addition, the office is involved in advocating for the public interest in legal matters and involving the community to address and resolve issues regarding crime and the criminal justice system.

**ANNUAL SALARY:** \$238,772.

**TERM:** 4 year term.

**HOW ELECTED:** Citywide

#### Questions

**Qualifications:** How does your experience prepare you for this office?:

**Violent Crime:** What plans do you have to address the problem of violent crime in Baltimore City?

**Substance Abuse Crisis:** What is the impact of the opioid crisis on the criminal justice system and how will you address it?

**Public Confidence:** How do you plan to address the problem of public confidence in law enforcement?

**Personnel:** How will you attract, recruit and retain qualified prosecutors?

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

#### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

##### Ivan Bates

**Campaign Website:** <http://ivanbates.com>

**Qualifications:** I began my legal career working for the NAACP Legal Defense protecting civil rights. I soon became a law clerk to Judge David Mitchell in 1995. In 1996 I was hired by Patricia Jessmy to become an Assistant State's Attorney. After working in the public sector, I moved to the private sector and worked for Schulman, Treem from 2004 to 2006. In 2006 I started my law firm, Bates and Garcia.

**Violent Crime:** My first week, my team will evaluate every case involving a violent repeat offender. I will select the ten best trial lawyers and they will each be assigned ten cases with the understanding that they're going to trial and cannot plea. Once we have won the cases in trials and have held the violent offenders accountable, we will then be able to send a message that the State's Attorney's Office will

**Substance Abuse Crisis:** The investment of diversion programs must become critical component to the State's Attorney Office. Mass incarceration has never been the answer to proper rehabilitation. The State's Attorney Office has resources at its disposal that is not being used to address the opioid crisis.

**Public Confidence:** As in any relationship, you must have trust and trust is earned. As a homicide prosecutor, my job wasn't about trust, but the evidence and the law. I evaluated the evidence and studied the case brought to my office by the Department, and exercised my professional judgment about whether or not there was probable cause that a crime had occurred. Being an attorney for 23 years, it's about building a

**Personnel:** There is a long list of experienced prosecutors who have left the State's Attorney's Office and a number of them have expressed an interest in coming back under my administration. In addition, a number of attorneys at the state and federal level have expressed an interest in working with me. The State's

Attorney's Office under my leadership will be a office where prosecutors will have discretion

**Other Priorities:** —

#### **Marilyn J. Mosby**

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

**Qualifications:** I am the only candidate who has served as State's Attorney and during some of the most turbulent times in our City's history, I have stood firm in my convictions and on the side of the people. I am uniquely qualified to serve this City at this moment. I am committed to the hard work of ushering in substantive reform and continuing to shift the trajectory of our City.

**Violent Crime:** Using data driven approaches led by the Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) I created, and ensuring close coordination with the Police, including embedding detectives in our offices, we effectively prosecute violent repeat offenders and maintain a 92% felony conviction rate. We have convicted all 12 Public Enemy #1's since 2015, resulting in six life sentences and more than 700 years in prison.

**Substance Abuse Crisis:** Understanding and recognizing that the drug trade fuels gun violence, I re-established the Narcotics Unit to combat the current opioid crisis. This unit held a 98 percent conviction rate in 2017. However, we also need to recognize the public health needs the opioid crisis has created and treat the disease of addiction in our population rather than simply jailing nonviolent drug users.

**Public Confidence:** Victim and Witness services has been a priority from the start of my administration and it is a major factor in restoring the community's faith in the criminal justice system. We have doubled the size of our Victim/Witness Unit with the support of a record \$2.4 million in grant funding and secured an additional \$360,000 each year of support for victim/witness relocation services from Annapolis.

**Personnel:** The SAO recruits mission-minded prosecutors who share our belief in justice over convictions. We look for attorneys who are effective in holding violent offenders accountable for their crimes, but who also seek to build a better Baltimore by addressing the root causes of crime. We recruit from the many law schools in the region with an emphasis on increasing diversity and cultural competency.

**Other Priorities:** My family lives in the heart of West Baltimore and I see firsthand what is possible when you believe in the capacity of our City and our neighbors to do great things. I am committed to the hard work of ushering in substantive reform and continuing to shift the trajectory of our city. Building a criminal justice system that the people trust and want to participate in is the key.

#### **Thiru Vignarajah**

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

**Qualifications:** As the son of Baltimore City school teachers, public service is in my blood. I went to Yale and Harvard Law, where I was president of the Harvard Law Review. I clerked on the U.S. Supreme Court and served as a federal and city prosecutor before becoming deputy attorney general of Maryland. I am a proven prosecutor devoting my entire career to bringing gangs and violent repeat criminals to justice.

**Violent Crime:** I pledge to cut murders in half in 3 years: 1) prosecute gangs in ten deadliest hot spots; 2) match community policing with community prosecution; 3) focus on high-impact cases like burglaries and gun crimes; 4) prioritize reentry and juvenile justice; & 5) divert resources from petty offenses to violent crimes. This plan will reduce violent crime without mass incarceration or mandatory minimums.

**Substance Abuse Crisis:** An estimated ten thousand victims of addiction spend a million dollars a day on heroin in Baltimore. We cannot arrest or prosecute our way out of this crisis, and public health strategies—from more substance abuse centers to expanded naloxone training—are vital. I will focus on prosecuting high-level suppliers, pill mills fueling the addiction, and dealers who lace heroin with lethal fentanyl.

**Public Confidence:** I will create a first-ever civil rights division to prosecute and prevent corruption, misconduct, and constitutional violations by police. Our investigations will be thorough and transparent and driven by evidence.

**Personnel:** We will seek federal grants to raise salaries and establish world-class training to get the best trial lawyers in America to address the worst crime surge in Baltimore history.

**Other Priorities:** This is the most important State's Attorney's race in a generation. I will bring record-breaking crime to record lows, end cash bail and the school-to-prison pipeline, and forge the most innovative, transparent, progressive prosecutor's office in American history. If you think enough is enough and that this crisis has to end now, then this isn't just my campaign—it's your campaign too. Vote Thiru!

## **Baltimore City Clerk of the Circuit Court**

**DUTIES:** The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City handles administrative duties for the Circuit Court. The office maintains records of criminal, civil, and juvenile cases, as well as land transactions. Clerks also issue business and marriage licenses and administer oaths to some local officials

**ANNUAL SALARY:** \$114,500

**TERM:** 4 year term.

**HOW ELECTED:** Citywide

### **Questions**

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

**Resources:** Does the Clerk's office have sufficient resources to support its functions and , if not, how will you address its lack of resources?:

**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?

## **Democratic Candidates**

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

#### **William Allen**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Marilyn Bentley**

**Campaign Website:** <http://bentleyforbaltimore.com>

**Qualifications:** I currently serve as Clerk following appointment by the judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City in December 2016. I have 30 years of varied experience in the courts, including service as Chief Deputy Clerk. I have worked with the public, judges, lawyers and other legal professionals across every dimension of Baltimore City Circuit Court operations.

**Resources:** I have requested additional personnel to support the processing of an increased number of petitions for expungement due to changes in the law. I addressed staffing shortages in the Family Division. I have initiated staff training and cross training, and emphasized professionalism. I look forward to the introduction of updated computers and systems in the next two years.

**Assistance to the Public:** The Clerk's Office will be using more online forms to improve service and will be making more public service announcements on various topics, including mediation for foreclosure cases and self help resources. I encourage the public to use the court confident that the court records are being properly maintained and services are timely.

**Priorities:** My priority is preparation for electronic filing. Training for use of electronic filing is essential, and it is important to sustain existing files and systems during the transition. Land records must be accessible to ensure the orderly transfer of property. The same is true for marriage licenses and divorce records, so essential for those filing for government benefits and other transactions.

#### **Valerie L. Cunningham**

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

**Qualifications:** I have extensive occupational experience in the both the Federal and State judiciary. I began my career in the state as a criminal assistant, worked as a courtroom clerk and was later assigned to work as the Special Assistant to the Clerk of the Court. I retired after having served 20 years as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer and am familiar with all aspects of Court functions.

**Resources:** I will maintain a collaborative working relationship with both the Administrative Judge and the Administrative Office of the Court to ensure that any budget shortfalls can be addressed by the parties/Departments whose services will be affected. I recognize that the role of the elected official is to ensure that the ceremonial duties as well as the efficacy of Court Services are realized.

**Assistance to the Public:** I will make sure that Courthouse staff are trained and that programs are put in place to keep staff moral high. As fiscally appropriate, I will institute an incentive awards program to recognize outstanding staff performance. These are just three examples of how encouraging/training staff will improve service to the public.

**Priorities:** Fair treatment in the workplace; Increased pay and benefits for workers; and Timely, courteous service to the public.

#### **Lenora Dawson**

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

**Qualifications:** I have years of executive-level experience in City government, giving me a firsthand understanding of how to implement systemic improvements that deliver transparent, accountable public service. I run my own small business, so I understand how important it is to maintain a budget when more resources are not available and I hold a MS degree in Conflict Management and Negotiation.

**Resources:** Office resources are as much about how money is spent, as it is about how much money is available. We need to invest in better user-facing interfaces for online services, and migrate more services to online access. We should also put more time and resources into customer service-style training for Clerk of Court employees, and orient performance measures around customer satisfaction.

**Assistance to the Public:** An initial performance audit would provide a concrete understanding of what services are in highest demand, and where delivery stoppages occur for those services. User surveys would also be a constructive way to better understand the user experience, and how it can be improved. Using that data, we can shift budget allocations to better meet the public's needs.

**Priorities:** My message is focused on transparency and accountability. I want the public to know what their tax dollars are actually funding the Clerk's office, and I want to take responsibility for whether the office is performing at a high level. For too long, the criminal justice system has been a tangle of bureaucracy and outdated technology. My focus is on a modernized, tech-friendly, efficient office.

#### **Shanai Dunmore**

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

**Qualifications:** After obtaining my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore, I served as a City Council Assistant. As Chief Deputy in the Register of Wills Office for Baltimore City, I have gained invaluable experience overseeing probate proceedings, training and managing court clerks, and overseeing the Record Room and the Fiscal Administration Department.

**Resources:** Having been in public service for over a decade, I have a keen understanding of the deficiencies of the Clerk's office. Presently, the Clerk's office lacks sufficient resources to support its functions. Accordingly, I will collaborate with other elected officials to assess and allocate resources to maximize its efficiency.

**Assistance to the Public:** I will improve the service by the Clerk's office to the public by increasing accessibility to commonly used forms, educating citizens on services provided by the Clerk's office, and creating a welcoming environment. I will make vital court-related information more accessible, create and manage social media platforms to interact with constituents, and modernize technology usage.

**Priorities:** My top priorities will be to drastically enhance our court system by improving the docketing standard, remove outdated record keeping equipment, improve the courthouse customer service experience, and work with local and state lawmakers to increase stipends for citizens serving jury duty. I will bring my

passion for community-driven leadership, service, and governance to the Clerk's office.

#### Hassan Giordano

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

**Qualifications:** I have worked for years alongside President Pat Kelly and the courthouse employees union AFSCME 3674, fighting for better working conditions and equal pay for all state courthouse employees, while also attending monthly Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meetings to help address the injustices within the criminal justice system here in Baltimore, which is why the union supports my candidacy.

**Resources:** It absolutely does have sufficient resources; however, it certainly can be doing better and as the next Clerk I will work hard to ensure that the circuit court is fiscally responsible and we collect the monies owed to the citizens. For one, we are missing out on hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in uncollected fees that can add to the roughly \$20-million the circuit court generates annually.

**Assistance to the Public:** I plan to upgrade the court's technology so we no longer have judges issuing court orders and sentences off of carbon copy paper, while surrounding jurisdictions have 21st century operating systems. I plan to work with city and state leaders to build a brand new court complex and plan to upgrade the antiquated juror selection process, as well as the online operating system for attorneys and patrons

**Priorities:** My 21st century vision on how we "Change the Courts" includes reinstating the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, raising the daily juror pay from the current \$15-a-day stipend to help with juror parking or public transportation, upgrading the court's technology and operating system, building a brand new court complex and restoring fiscal accountability to a financially irresponsible system.

#### Narine Hoffman

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

**Qualifications:** I am naturally curious, perseveres and get to the bottom of things, provide superior customer service skills and have 16 years of administrative experience. I am a Seasoned and Professional Liaison with experience in leadership, the administrative process, accounting, procurement, project and business management. I am driven to find solution to problems. I know how to get things done.

**Resources:** Yes, I believe the Clerk's office have sufficient resources to support its functions.

**Assistance to the Public:** 1. Offer extended customer service hours of operation 2. Educate employees about Civility 3. Ensure that customers who do business with the Clerk's Office experience superior customer service 4. Streamline payment methods 5. Create greater access and transparency through technology 7. I will educate the public about expungement and shielding of personal records

**Priorities:** My first priority is to put the customers first. I will be very active in the office that is the public will see the Clerk in the office where they do business. I will be greeting each customer that enters the Clerk office for business daily and also get one on one feedback. I will evaluate all the surveys already done and do my very best to satisfy the request of the public with the office team.

#### Rodney "Faraj" Leach

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

**Qualifications:** Born and raised in Baltimore, I understand the challenges that our communities face. I to pursued both a Master's of Public Administration from the University of Baltimore and a Law Degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law. The duties of this office require an individual with policy and legal experience. I am the change we need!

**Resources:** There are opportunities to introduce new technologies to support the Clerk's office. Many places have utilized technology to improve accounting, improve record keeping, and improve overall customer service experience. I will spend time analyzing how to do more with existing resources that could support functions. Introducing new technology is also an available option.

**Assistance to the Public:** Auditors disclosed that innocent citizens were sentenced to jail time as a result of clerical errors made by the Clerk's office. This level of service is deplorable and under my leadership, there will be zero tolerance for poor performance.

**Priorities:** Holding criminals accountable is important to violent crime reduction. I will hold criminals accountable through new federal, state, and local partnerships. Officials elected to the Clerk's office have a documented history of fiscal mismanagement. We deserve a leader who understands how to lead people, how to drive innovation, and who wants to be held personally accountable.

#### Anika Middleton

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

**Qualifications:** I am a dedicated public servant with over 14 years of service. I've managed people, programs, and projects as well as drafted legal documents, maintain and update systems to streamline processes. As the Asset Manager for Baltimore City I am responsive and touch every section of Baltimore offering solutions and resources to solve concerns of citizens involving City property.

**Resources:** The Clerk's office does not have sufficient resources to support the variety of functions it performs. Addressing these concerns will take restructuring current systems and integrating processes that will ensure responsibility. I intend to implement more informative updated online systems, institute community services, education initiatives, and establish accountability systems.

**Assistance to the Public:** I intend to implement an accountability system that will hold all divisions and services responsible. The website will be revamped to be more user friendly with improved access to forms. I will collaborate with non-profits, local businesses, and government agencies to offer onsite community resources.

**Priorities:** My priorities for this office are to offer transparency, enhance existing technology to provide responsiveness, create a stronger social media presence and expand on community engagement by creating opportunities on-site for expungement services, job training, job opportunities and literacy programs.

#### Kevin W. Parson

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

**Qualifications:** The position of Court Clerk is an administrator's position, which I have over 19 years of Administrators experience. I have served as Chief Deputy for Register of Wills, where I supervised court clerks, oversaw court files and records, court docket scheduling, prepared legal reports. I oversaw the daily operations. Also, I served as a school administrator for many years. I lead operations in both.

**Resources:** As Clerk, I will do a resource assessment, looking at work loads and efficiency-looking at best practices. The technology is one resource that should be cutting edge around 21st century e-filing, e-notifications, document management-to improve the quality of justice . I will work with policy makers to address the issue.

**Assistance to the Public:** As an administrator, I lead efforts to train on customer service. I lead a training module called "Customers are at the Heart of Everything We do" at the Register of Wills Office, which support Orphan's Court and its judicial function. Therefore, I will assess and train employees on customer service. We will develop a customer creed and post. Constant evaluation and training are keys to good service.

**Priorities:** First, I will do a resource assessment- to include technology. Second, I will advocate for a jury pay increase. Third, I will assess our collection efforts for fines/ fees. Fourth, institute training and cross training- along with customer service. Fifth, I want to survey our customers, including lawyers. Sixth, restore public trust and transparency by going into community meetings. Advocate to clean space.

#### Danny Smith

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.dannysmith2018.com>

**Qualifications:** I have over 17 years of administrative experience with the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, and the State of Maryland's Judicial System. I have designed, developed, and enacted many of the Court's more recent procedures and protocols. For years, having been the Court's "Go To," I have restored troubled divisions to optimum service levels, by increasing morale, efficiency, and performance.

**Resources:** Maintaining required staffing levels has reached a critical state. Low morale, and the lack of career opportunities for existing staff has created a, "Revolving Door" affect. This has crippled many of the Circuit Courts more vital operations. In order to change the culture of an organization, the culture of the organization's leadership must change first.

**Assistance to the Public:** The Circuit Court of Baltimore's current departmental structure was developed decades ago. This structure was never devised to handle the increasing demands of our citizenry. By utilizing the experience of the court's management staff, we will immediately begin a restructuring initiative. The goal will be to create a more service oriented court, and increased efficiency.

**Priorities:** The implementation of MDEC (Maryland's Electronic Filing System) set for 2020, will dramatically change the manner in which we do business, and how the public will do business with the court. MDEC will replace all of our current operating systems, and we need to be prepared. My restructuring initiative will begin with MDEC in mind. We will need to begin preparation as quickly as possible.

### Baltimore City Register of Wills

**DUTIES:** The Register of Wills handles administrative duties dealing with estates and heirs. The office appoints representatives to make sure that a deceased person's property passes to others, assists in legal paperwork dealing with wills and probate, collects inheritance taxes, keeps records of wills and probate documents, and does clerking duties for the judges of the Orphans' Court.

**ANNUAL SALARY:** \$114,500

**TERM:** 4 year term

**HOW ELECTED:** Citywide

#### Questions

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

#### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

#### Belinda K. Conaway

**Qualifications:** I have an earned Masters Degree in Education. After serving the children and families of Baltimore City for 23 years as an educator and 7 years as the elected City Council Representative, I was elected to the Register of Wills office. Since then, I have updated and streamlined the office.

**Areas of Need:** The Orphans Court is an independent agency established by the State Constitution. It maintains its own schedule and hires its own personnel. The Register of Wills serves as the de facto Clerk Court for the agency.

**Assistance to the Public:** Under my direction, the Register of Wills has established a Welcome Center for members of the public who choose to participate in the probate process without attorneys. We also have commenced unprecedented public outreach that informs citizens of the importance of having a will. We will continue this.

**Priorities/Goals:** Goals: 1. Continue to update and refine the operation of the agency in the emerging digital age. 2. Continue public outreach and citizen education about the importance of having a will. 3. Continue to stress to employees that the citizens are our boss. Their needs come first.

#### Robert M. Higginbotham II

**Campaign Website:** <http://higginbothamforregister.com>

**Qualifications:** I have hands on practical experience in the court system and the administrative process. This experience is further refined to Baltimore City

given my 6 years of service on the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) for the City of Baltimore. I received my Juris Doctor degree from the Howard University School of Law, as well as having many years of law firm experience in wills and trusts.

**Areas of Need:** Prompt, consistent and accurate information to the public. Fair employment practices to encourage employee morale. Well trained staff within the Register's Office.

**Assistance to the Public:** Retaining and recruiting qualified professionals. Recruit well informed volunteer members of the legal profession to provide free training to the staff. Lawyers routinely provide training in other areas as part of their public service. A regular question and answer forum for lawyers and the public that routinely use the services of the Register, as well as outreach to the community.

**Priorities/Goals:** Collaboration with community stakeholders to promote the timely administration of estates, to assist Baltimore City in returning property to appropriate ownership and tax rolls, thus reducing property taxes for all. My decades of experience in business, regulation and enforcement will ensure fairness in this very sensitive area of distributing property correctly to the heirs and beneficiaries.

## Baltimore City Judge of the Orphans' Court

**DUTIES:** The Orphans Court is a probate court that presides over the administration of estates where assets of the deceased do not automatically pass to a beneficiary. In such cases an administrative account is created. Orphan Court judges are responsible for overseeing the account and for making sure that appropriate payment and distributions are made. Where disputes arise, Orphans Court Judges hold formal hearings.

**SALARY:**

**TERM:** 4 year term

**HOW ELECTED:** Citywide

### Questions

**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?

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for up to 3.*

#### Charles "Chuck" Bernstein

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been an AV lawyer for almost 50 years. I have been an ASA, an AUSA, the first Federal Public Defender for Maryland, a Lecturer at the U of M Law School, a Circuit Court Judge, and am now finishing my first term as an Orphans' Court Judge, seeking a second term.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The Maryland Courts have extensive rules, regulations, and procedures in place to guard against any type of untoward discrimination. These items are constantly reviewed to make sure they are adequate. Our having a diverse bench is also helpful.

**COURT NEEDS:** The greatest problem facing Orphans' Court Judges is the large number of people appearing without counsel. We are constantly faced with un-schooled litigants trying to navigate the Byzantine world of Estates and Trusts. Without funding for court-appointed counsel, it is difficult to address the issue.

#### Lewyn Scott Garrett

**Campaign Website:** <http://OrphansCourtJudges2018.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been an attorney for 40 years and have sat as an Orphans' Court Judge for 23 years in the State most busiest Orphans' Court. Combining my knowledge of the law that I have accumulated over the years with its practical application have enable me to not only become an expert in the areas of estate and probate, but to maintain an up to date docket.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The court can render opinions that clearly condemn any type of discrimination any time it appears in any judicial proceeding. Also, the court can work with law related organizations to help draft policy and establishing legal information and representation venues. The Orphans' Court is cooperating with Legal Aid to establish a probate division to represent low income individuals.

**COURT NEEDS:** To have the necessary resources to advise and inform the general public of its rights, thereby enabling them. An informed public will be beneficial to all. At the same time, the resources to address the concerns and any proceedings initiated by an individual.

#### Michele E. Loewenthal

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a practicing attorney since 1983 and represented clients in estate matters. I have served on the Orphans' Court since 2011 and attend yearly trainings on issues relevant to the Orphans' court.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I took a course required of all judges on sensitivity to discrimination issues in the courtroom. Our court prides itself in treating all litigants compassionately.

**COURT NEEDS:** The Orphans' Court would benefit from having a list of attorneys who can represent litigants appearing before us either pro bono or for a reduced fee.

## Baltimore City Sheriff

**DUTIES:** According to the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, its duties include the following: • Service of Writs of Execution, Summonses, Subpoenas, and Writs of Possession • Service of Rent Court Orders and Evictions • Execution of Arrest Warrants • Execution of Sheriff's Sales • Collection of Fines and Court Costs •

Transportation of prisoners to place of incarceration • Maintaining order in the Circuit Court courtrooms • Custodial charge of prisoner during trial • Custodial charge of jurors during sequestration, including transportation to and from overnight accommodations • Execution of Domestic Violence and Peace Orders • Criminal Patrol and Crime Suppression Details • Traffic Enforcement.

**ANNUAL SALARY:** \$132,600

**TERM:** 4 years

**HOW ELECTED:** Citywide

### Questions

**Qualifications:** How does your experience prepare you for this office?

**Resources:** Does the Sheriff's office have sufficient resources to support its functions and, if not, how will you address this lack of resources?

**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?

### Republican Candidates

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

#### David Anthony Wiggins

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://DavidAnthonyWiggins>

**Qualifications:** In 2015 I spearheaded the movement against police brutality and prevailed upon former Chief Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City to write a letter to the Department of Justice which forced former Mayor Blake, to agree to a DOJ Investigation of the BPD. I was the only individual interviewed by the DOJ to have a complaint forwarded to the Criminal Division leading to the Consent Decree.

**Resources:** No, By lobbying the Legislature to fund the Department in accord with Maryland Statutory Authority: Md. COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS Code Ann. § 2-309(d) § 2-309. Sheriffs--- Salaries and expenses; deputies; employees; equipment; inmate labor. To seek and divert funds from the bloated BPD overtime budget that has been used by various BPD personnel to engage in criminality and overtime fraud.

**Discrimination:** By having a Sheriff that is trained in law and litigation, and who is willing to perform the Constitutional duties of the Office, who is willing fight the BPD Culture of Corruption and hold criminally negligent and malfeasant government officials and employees accountable. The City government, BPD and State have failed the people, I will work with the DOJ to enforce the Consent Decree on BPD.

**Other Priorities:** Our Mission: Enforcement of the Maryland Declaration of Rights; and all laws enacted by the Maryland Legislature. Community Peace Keeping Court Security/ Court Assignment Protection, Ending Government Fraud, Waste, & Abuse, Ending Police Brutality Ending Government Official Corruption Restoring Trust in the police and internal government. I'm not a part of the BPD Culture of Corruption

### Democratic Candidates

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

#### John W. Anderson

**Campaign Website:** <http://andersonforsheriff.com>

**Qualifications:** As the Sheriff of Baltimore City, John W. Anderson has built a reputation for serving Baltimore's citizens with commitment, integrity, and professionalism. Through his daily acts and deeds, Sheriff John W. Anderson embodies the spirit of public service. He is committed to Baltimore City's success and has lived here all of his life.

**Resources:** The important work of the Office of the Baltimore City Sheriff is carried out by only 103 deputies, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the women and men in uniform. Sheriff Anderson's leadership has forged the Office into a successful, proud, and professional team that efficiently serves Baltimore City.

**Discrimination:** Sheriff Anderson's experience and core values reinforce community based, constitutional law enforcement. Sheriff Anderson mandates non-discriminatory enforcement and his Deputies act as Peace Officers that protect the rights of all parties. Inside the Office, women and people of color serve in most of the top leadership roles.

**Other Priorities:** Community outreach is the backbone of community policing, which is why Sheriff Anderson has made community outreach one of the highest priorities in the office. Our Deputies treat all people with respect and dignity. We believe it is our duty to uphold the trust of the people of Baltimore by protecting public safety with care, honor, and respect for the dignity of every individual.

#### Stanley Brandford

**Campaign Website:** <http://stanleybrandford.com>

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## Party Offices

### Baltimore City Republican Central Committee

**DUTIES:** The party central committees make and guide policies of the party, finance state campaigns, and recommend candidates for state-sponsored positions. Should a vacancy occur between the primary and general elections in the party's nominations for statewide office or the U.S. Congress, that party's central committee is empowered to fill the vacancy. When a vacancy occurs in the General Assembly, the departing official's central committee recommends replacements for appointment by the Governor.

**TERM:** Four years.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected by the members of the party in the primary, voting by councilmanic district.

*Answers to questions for Republican Central Committee may be found at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).*

#### Candidates

*Members of this party may vote for no more than 2.*

##### District 001

Joe Collins Jr  
Nicholas Wentworth

##### District 002

Derod G. Broady  
Brendon Tamont Joyner-El  
David Anthony Wiggins  
Andy Zipay

##### District 003

Rhandi Lawrence  
Shannon Wright

##### District 004

Glenn E. Bushel  
Armand F. Girard

##### District 005

**District 006**  
Joseph L. Aston

##### District 007

Tamu Ifetayo Davenport  
Aaron Kates

Megan Oliveras-Conners

##### District 008

Dennis Betzel  
Joseph C. Brown

##### District 009

Victor Clark, Jr.

##### District 010

Christine Digman

##### District 011

Gary M. Collins  
Makelle Collins

Tom Kennedy

Duane Shelton

##### District 012

Michael Pearson  
Kasezga Tembo

##### District 013

Jacquelyn Fisher  
Blaire Freed

Larry O. Wardlow, Jr.

##### District 014

Christopher Hughes  
Carper

Charles A. Long

Lisa Oliveras-Carper

### Baltimore City Democratic Central Committee

**DUTIES:** Voters participate in governing the national, state, and local party in their selection of members of the county party central committee. The county central committee sets local party policy and assists local candidates and chooses representatives to the state central committee. The state party committee, in turn, sets the state party's policies, assists state-wide candidates and selects Maryland's representatives on the national party committee. The national party committee sets the rules for nominating candidates for President and assists candidates for federal office. In Maryland, party central committees fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office.

**TERM:** Four years.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected by the members of the party by legislative district.

*Answers to questions for Democratic Central Committee may be found at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).*

#### Candidates

*Members of this party may vote for no more than 7.*

##### District 40

Natasza Bock-Singleton  
John T. Bullock

Monica Cooper

Arlene B. Fisher

Keenen Geter

Aaron Graham

Steven Tyrone Johnson

Angelo Salvatrove Lewis

Bill Marker

Michael May

Crystal Jackson Parker

Phylicia Porter

Jericka A. Robinson

Ben Smith

Theresa Stegman

Braxton C. Street

Sherelle R. Witherspoon

##### District 41

Bilal Ali

Perrice U. Austin

Chezia Cager

Joshua Crockett

Christopher Ervin

Tehila Fink

Kalman Finkelstein

Bassheva "Shevy" Friedman

Angela C. Gibson

Tessa Hill-Aston

Walter J. Horton

Lisa James-Henson

Ricarra Jones

Ira Kolman

SueEllen Lawton

Mary Page Michel

Ellie Mitchell

Nathaniel T. Oaks

Billie Roberts Spann

Antoinette "Netty" Rucker

##### District 43

Karenthia A. Barber  
Scherod Barnes

Kevin Brooks

Ray Davis

Alex J. Garcia

Khalilah M. Harris

Keith Holt

Steve Holt

Sonja Merchant-Jones

Destinee Parker

Odette Ramos

Reanna M. Rogers

Michael Aaron Rosenblum

Darryl Strange

Terrence Threweatt, Jr.

Sylvia Williams

Angie Winder

##### District 44A

Haki Shakur Ammi

Kyle Samuel Berkley

Timothy J. Bridges

Roscoe Damon Brunson III

Lela Campbell

Keith E. Haynes

Roxane Prettyman

Eric Stephenson

##### District 45

Jackie Addison  
Kirsten Allen

Dwayne Benbow

Eric Booker

Chanel A. Branch

Margie Fleming Brinkley

Donoven Brooks

Jasmine A. Collins

Darius Craig

Martin Edward Davis

Kashawna Duncan

Jesse Fields

Antonio Glover

Nicole Hanson

Linzly Jackson

Kurt Kennedy

Darryl Perry

Denise C. Richards

Joe Richards

Robert Stokes, Sr.

Calvin Allen Young III

##### District 46

Mike Ball

Paris Bienert

Betty Bland-Thomas

Sharon Brackett

John J. Cierniak

Mark Edelson

Jan Eveland

Nick Frisone

Max Green

Cynthia Hendricks Jones

Andrea Mayer

Gabriel Stuart-Sikowitz

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Primary: June 26, 2018

General: November 6, 2018

## BALTIMORE CITY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

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3500 W. Northern Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21215  
(Enter on Manhattan Ave)

#### Southeast Anchor Library

3601 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224

#### Mount Pleasant Church & Ministries

6000 Radecke Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206

#### The League for People with Disabilities

1111 E. Coldspring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21239

#### Westside Skill Center

4501 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21229  
(Enter on Athol Ave)

#### University of Maryland at Baltimore

#### Community Engagement Center

1 North Poppleton Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

#### Dr. Carter G. Woodson

#### Modular Building School #160

2501 Seabury Road, Baltimore, MD 21225



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