2018 VOTERS’ GUIDE

Maryland Statewide Offices

GOVERNOR DUTIES: The Governor is the chief executive officer of Maryland and appoints judges to the state courts and the heads of state-wide 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 priorties 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.

Republican Candidates

Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford

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

No response received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Rushern L. Baker III / Elizabeth Emby

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 throughout 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 throughout the state. I prioritized 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.

Ralph Jaffe / Freda Jaffe

Campaign Website: http://fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Police and fire clerk for the District of Columbia; 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 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 revitalize 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.

The 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) not submitted questions are 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.

Primary Election

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

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

RUSHERN L. BAKER III / ELIZABETH EMBRY
James Hughes 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, promoting high-quality early childhood programs, and ensuring our children have the tools to succeed. Valerie Ervin has prioritized hiring, and will continue to invest in education and protect the environment from pollution.
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. As Governor, Kamenetz will support efforts to ensure compact and contiguous districts.
ENVIRONMENT: Kamenetz will fight climate change to protect our state's local economy and our health. He will end the chicken manure run-off, improve our waterways, and our power and solar. As governor, Kamenetz will defend our Chesapeake Bay, double our oyster population, and increase use of wind and solar.
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, provide 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.madaleno4maryland.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 our children and families – 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 pollution. As governor, I will work to protect, defend, and improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, one of Maryland’s abundant natural resources. 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://alecrross.com
QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my entire career in public service. I came to Maryland as a public school teacher and went on to achieve 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 resuming the formula through recommendations by the Kirwan Commission, is the single most important budgetary concern for our next governor. Regarding transportation, I will prioritize finding 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.
ENVIRONMENT: My administration will prioritize cleaning up and preserving the Chesapeake Bay by participating in regional and statewide conservation programs. We will make Maryland the center of the green economy and provide funding for environmental innovators by establishing a statewide 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 legislative decisions.

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 budget, 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 ensuring that any preparations for the state's largest transportation agency are in place.
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 our 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 lead on all issues of equity that move people across the state.

Krish O’Mara Vignarajah / Sharon Y. Blake
Campaign Website: http://www.krishofmaryland.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 on 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 start 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 and the Chesapeake Bay is healthy. I will push for a shift more completely towards renewable energy, including solar and wind. 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.
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 it’s 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

DU TIES: The Comptroller is the financial officer of Maryland, responsible for collecting, managing and paying for revenue to support our state’s operations. 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 limits.
HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.
WEBSITE: see Maryland Manual

Questions

QUALIFICATION: How do you ensure your experience prepares 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 policies will you advocate to ensure Maryland businesses have a competitive advantage?

Other Priorities: Please describe any other priorities you have for this office.
Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Anjali Reed Phukan
Campaign Website: http://mscomptroller.weebly.com
QUALIFICATIONS: I believe the top tax collector, auditor & maintainer of the public general ledger should be proficient in accounting. I am a certified public accountant, legal licensed in 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 will also 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, to ensure 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 loving enforce the law equally for all.

Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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

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

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: As a BPW member, I am proud to be a strong fiscal watchdog for Maryland’s working families. I have advocated against single-bid contracts, fought for the inclusion of more Minority and Women-owned contracts in the procurement system, and have worked in a bipartisan fashion to initiate 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 officer of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, and all State departments, boards and 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 the Attorney General should 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://wolf4m ary.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 the achievements 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 affected.

DISCRIMINATION: In 2015, my office was the first in the country to issue guide-lines to all law enforcement agencies prohibiting profiling based upon race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation. 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 upon the consumer.

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 for answers to additional questions.

Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Tony Campbell
Campaign Website: http://www.campbellmaryland.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
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 national policy.

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.chrischaffeeforsenate.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 not lower the quality. Healthcare reform is needed. 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 policies.

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 zero tolerance for discrimination.

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, repelling neutral and neutrality law. We have lead 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 illegal’s, gang members, drug dealers and sexual offenders jumping over our border. The current number of illegal’s who are in our country prove what we have currently is not 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 am parent & care 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-op for Every Person. In between PCORI increasing FICA 1% & HIP imitating IRS, allow tax 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 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’ earnachs, allowance for efficiency in entitlement programs; vocational schooling; advocacy for sex ed. & business ed. Pub. Sch. changes; emphasize discrimination/racism/se-xism; cordial understanding.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Three stand. deductions: $18k (earners under $24k), $12k and $6k; stand. deduction for child care; public education; $12k; lower income for seniors; $8k for households 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 + infra-structure 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-defense, patrols, state-side National Guard/AFT; immigration policy combating illegal hearts & souls of Latin American & Mexico/end Mexico City Policy & allow remittances; eradicate deportation of criminal aliens.

Nabu Eze
Campaign Website: http://nabueze.com

QUALIFICATIONS: 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 to1 gingers 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 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 believe immigration to gingers 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. Grigorion
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 release the weight of the current system (e.g. siloed 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 in 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://howardtorofMaryland.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 CDL commercial driver. 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 left believing 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](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, policies, and ethics. 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 asset.

**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 problems obtaining needed 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 are in place 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 preventing individual discrimination.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I am 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 government does. When I was in the Peace Corps from 1997 to 1999 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 Website:** [facebook.com/blainetaylor](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 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:** Support the President. Deport all illegal, undocumented aliens ALL. Deport-DACA, SANCUS, etc. 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](http://www.vaethforgov.com)

No response received by deadline.

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**Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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**Ben Cardin**

**Campaign Website:** [http://www.fdcardin.com](http://www.fdcardin.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 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, cut 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 our infrastructure & green technologies. Investments should address income inequality & raising wages. We need trade agreements that level the field for our workers, including robust & enforceable labor rights, environmental provisions & anti-corruption provisions.

**IMMIGRATION:** Akin to the President’s 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](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 care should have a significant 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 make health 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 and significant change.

**ECO NOMIC 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 young people 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.

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**Chelsea Manning**

**Campaign Website:** [http://xychelsea.is/running](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 for solitary confinement for speaking truth to power. I am a trans-related healthcare. These experiences provide incredible insight into our policies.

**HEALTH CARE:** Free healthcare for all. No questions or conditions 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 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 those who benefit from poverty and wealth. 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 society 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.

**Martha H. Morgan**

**Campaign Website:** [http://marciahmorgan.com](http://marciahmorgan.com)

No response received by deadline.

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**Jerome “Jerry” Segal**

**Campaign Website:** [http://www.farseorenate.org](http://www.farseorenate.org)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** all your questions are answered in great detail on my campaign website www.jerrysegal2022.com I appointed 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:** Medical marijuana 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 model of 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](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 restauranteur 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 our local 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 decriminalization of marijuana legislation to billions of dollars of potential federal tax revenue, new 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 to stay in the US, but rather in the US (Dreamers) should be allowed to stay in the US; 2) misdemeanor 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 imprisonment for open doors to asylum for the disabled.

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 female professionals.

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. 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 regarding 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, trade, taxes, labor and infrastructure, access to viable change will help American communities succumb 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/encourage to officials, law enforcement, 3 branches. TV programs producer speaker; field/studio. Expertise, commitment: intensive/experience/diversified civic services

HEALTH CARE: Support single-payer healthcare by government, affordable healthcare. Our health care system should not be controlled by for-profit corporations. To improve quality, affordable healthcare 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/busi-
ess; public accommodations; vehicles/resources/reputation/freedom/affilia-


U.S. Representatives

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 support?:

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 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 congresswoman, 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 has become. Healthcare is not about profit; protecting profits 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 today. 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 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: The 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 (USA 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.mitchtolland.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a political activist over the past decade, I felt a need to get more involved and take a more active role in our politics. Constitutional government to the people of this 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-
tervation 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: 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.

Democrat 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 governments and companies right on track. 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 education. 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: 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 vocational or trade training 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 would be eligible for a path to citizenship.

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 small business services business. So I know how to 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 bus- nesses to bring the money home and expand.

IMMIGRATION: We need to continue our efforts to make universal healthcare a reality for every American. I think we should consider a "public option" and allow the elderly to buy into Medicare at age 60.

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 a 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, which sustains our United States of America. Call it America. Call it democracy. Whatever you call it, 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 Board of the American 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. Hometown: Glassboro. This is a real problem As a cybersecurity expert, 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 and 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 closing the wealth gap. Additional investment in roads, bridges, 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 past, 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.johnsaranes.com
QUALIFICATIONS: Prior to entering Congress, I had nearly 20 years of experience in the private, non-profit and public 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 our district manage as a 21st globalized economy.

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 reduce costs and expand access to care for all Americans, including paying attention to 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 encourage discrimination against women and racial, 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 ensures 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

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 run two businesses for over forty years.

HEALTHCARE: 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 witnessed 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 WANT TO COME HERE LEGALLY

Richardmond Davis
Campaign Website: http://davidforcongress2018.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.

HEALTHCARE: 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 N. 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

HEALTHCARE: 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 defense of our citizens and that includes defending our borders.

Michael Pearson
No response received by deadline.

Democrat Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Anthony Carter, Sr.
No response received by deadline.

Elijah Cummings
Campaign Website: Howard Univ./Phi Beta Kappa 1973, Univ./Maryland Law School/BD 1976, MD General Assembly (14 years - Speaker Pro Temp), U.S. House of Representatives, Maryland State Senate, Congress (Ranking Democrat) and Transportation & Infrastructure Committees, Congressional Black Caucus (Past Chair). Lifetime 7th Dist. Maryland resident.

HEALTHCARE: 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 boarders, 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.

HEALTHCARE: The ACA must require employers to provide healthcareYou can afford the payroll general office 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. Your choice 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. Modify the NLRA; prohibits 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-human, 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 Bu as General Officer

HEALTHCARE: the same as I supported when I work for the state of Maryland under the state medical board ,

DISCRIMINATION: I address these issues Adjutant general state of Maryland ECONOMIC POLICY: fair trade policies 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?

REDISTRIBUTION: 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 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

**Qualifications**: I am presently the incumbent. Prior to becoming a senator, I was a member of the House of Delegates for 14 years. I have also supported redistricting reform to address the issue of gerrymandering in the state.

**Education**: I support efforts to create a fair and transparent process for the redistricting of congressional and legislative boundaries.

**Redistricting**: I am opposed to the reapportionment of the redistricting commission. I believe in the fair and equal representation of all residents and communities of the 41st legislative district.

**Environment**: I believe in the protection of the environment and marine life. I support and recommend legislative measures to address climate change and reduce pollution.

**Discrimination**: I believe in the enforcement of anti-discrimination laws and support the appointment of an independent redistricting commission. I am also opposed to the use of gerrymandering in the electoral process.

Campaign Website: http://www.senatorjcconwary.org/

**Senator District 43**

**Democratic Candidates**
Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

**Joan Carter Conway**
Campaign Website: http://www.joancarterconway.org/

**Qualifications**: Elected, 1995-3rd District Baltimore City Council, the first woman & African-American to serve in this capacity; served the 43rd District from 2004 - 2019 (15 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 on the state to give issues related to gerrymandering the attention. 

**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 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.

Campaign Website: http://www.joancarterconway.org/

**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 am opposed to the reapportionment of the 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 is why I continue to create legislation that holds willful wrong doers accountable. All these hazards destroy lives and lead to additional burdens on those without resources. I 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 Education I fight any and all forms of discrimination.

**Education**: I am a 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 needs of our students, teachers and administrators of our school systems. I could be the person who makes the difference in this legislation.

J.D. Merrill
Campaign Website: http://www.jdmerrell.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 need to support the equal access to health care, the enforcement of law, housing, education and environmental protections in the face of federal budget cuts.

**Discrimination**: I support the appointment of an independent redistricting commission. I am also opposed to the use of gerrymandering in the electoral process.

Campaign Website: http://www.jdmerrell.com

**Senator District 44**

**Republican Candidates**
Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

**Mary Washington**
Campaign Website: http://www.marymaryland.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 “lockbox” 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 will 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.

Victor Clark Jr.
Campaign Website: http://www.victorclarkjr.com

**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 includes the Wage Commission, Community Relations Commission, Board of Fire Commissioners and the Planning Commission.

**Redistricting**: I will adopt efforts that would make the process less partisan and more community focused. This could range anywhere from an outside commission to having citizens become 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 affected by discrimination. Equity is a right that should be given to everyone and should be always be my primary concern in the areas of employment, health, 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...
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.

Athelea 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 Kirwan 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 districts.

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: Improving teacher compensation, which includes more transparent 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 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 districts 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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Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Anees Abdul-Rahim
No response received by deadline.

Gabriel Auteri
Campaign Website: http://www.auteorforbaltimore.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 provide accessible and equitable education.

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 support a comprehensive law that enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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safe at work and paid equally to men. We need to ensure the state is a strong advocate 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 B 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 fight for addressing the disparate impacts of pollution on our communities.

DISCRIMINATION: I will fight for addressing the disparate impacts of pollution on our communities.

Frank M. Conaway, Jr.

No response received by deadline.

Blair DuCray

Campaign Website: http://www.votefblair.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 believe any 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 free 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.briancummd.org

No response received by deadline.

Sanjay Thomas

Campaign Website: http://www.sanjayh2018.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 an advocate 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 notcede the authority to our 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 continuing political efforts. 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 possibility 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 shaping 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 efforts 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 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 degree 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 in my administrative-management skills that 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. New 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, 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 address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, and poverty. If elected I will work to enhance 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.

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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 cities 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 reason.

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 came back cultural and financial challenges here lead me to desire equal treatment, particularly in the workplace, and respect as human and individuals. Two County Committee 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.

EDUCA'TION: I support raising the minimum wage to $15.

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 plan for servicio area.

DISCRIMINATION: I support the recently signed Consent Decree which I believe will begin to address some of the discrimination experienced in Baltimore. I believe the overall inability of the Voter Registration, 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 improving teacher recruitment; expanding career and technical education programs and opportunity for more mental health services. I support a non-partisan commission that would ensure fair distribution in a fair and impartial way. This committee could be 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.

DISCRIMINATION: I 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.

RICHARD BRUNO
Campaign Website: http://www.richardbruno4md.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. In my primary campaign for 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 a political background.

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 sponsored the bipartisan 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 (which is the deadliest air in the country). We need funding for lead removal and to replace lead BESCO.

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 to stop predatory 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. GILBERT
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 2001. And have strong 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 overall inability of the Voter Registration, 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 plan for service area.

TESSA HILL-ASTOR
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.delegategeorgetmitchell.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 Al 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 challenge 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 “Sandy” ROSENBERG
Campaign Website: http://www.sandyt.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 more nationally 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.

REDISTRICTING: 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 reform to the Krimchin’s discriminatory 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 Public Service Campaign 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 veterans who live in town Homos.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that it is a good idea to have a bipartisan 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 agencies.

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.

REDIRECTING: I support the process for drawing congressional and legisla
tive 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. This process needs to reflect the representation and demographically balanced as much as possible.

ENVIRONMENT: There are several environmental issues that are most impor
tant 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 support the necessary legislative and/or administrat
tive 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 apportioned throughout the state of Maryland. Going forward the funding formula and proper allocation and resource management and oversight needs to be addressed.

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Democratic Candidates

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

REDIRECTING: Maryland's legislative districts should be drawn in a manner to ensure our state's population is represented.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is an obvious as an important issue around the state and the country. But a safe environment is most important in our communi
ty. 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 protect. That is why I work on the Maryland Police Training Commission.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in any form is unacceptable. Some discrimina
tion 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 throughout 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 and the City of Baltimore. I hold a BS from Towson Univer
sity 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 City.

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

ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental challenges are waste, plastics/disposable items, and pollution of waterways and the air. To address our challenges, we must reduce waste and eliminate items 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 Excel
cence 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 understand
ing in my community prepared me for office.

REDIRECTING: I support the Maryland's Redistricting Reform Commission and its mission. As long as it continues to remain bipartisan and represent the ci
zens 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 begin to communicate 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 on the budget, 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.nileshtm43.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.

REDIRECTING: 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, independ
ent body to draw our legislative and congressional districts. We need to 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 pro
grams 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 keep women and children from losing access to 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 col
lege readiness, vocational training and mentorship with equal access across racial and economic lines.

Maggie McIntosh
Campaign Website: http://www.dealmaggie.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.

REDIRECTING: 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 nation’s most critically endangered ecosystem is one of the cases we have made for the health of the Bay and to improve our resiliency against climate change.

DISCRIMINATION: I think it’s imperative that we use the power of government to protect all citizens that cannot combat discrimination due to the fact that we are living in a time where yes it’s 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 amendments for past discrimination.

EDUCATION: I am a strong advocate for the Kirwan Commission and committed to
implementation recommendations the 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.

Destination Parker
Campaign Website: http://www.healysound.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 Doctor of Medicine and Public Health (MD-Ph.D.), 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 toyper, development, and to lead poisoning 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 1:15. Baltimore students 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.

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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 Deputy 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 Pension, 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 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 education 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.

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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.rucker4.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 public 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 to 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 censuses we lost population ad loss 2 delegates in the city. I would support seeing more of the 7th congressional district back in Baltimore.

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 wom en’s rights and equality, LGBT issues disability...

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

Rita Church
Campaign Website: http://www.ritchurch.com
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a participant in the political process as an advocate the past 25 years. I come from a family of Politics. I have served this community for many years. I also have a Master Degree in Public Policy Administration and BS 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 my 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: I believe 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.

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://linzy.jacksonmasked.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 for advancement on 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, non-partisan 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 should be tackled in 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 guaranteed revenue 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.

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, religion.

REDISTRICTING: Active listener median active listener and establish relationships that partner and resources that provide benefits for those I serve. In these roles, I interact and empathize with people regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity and or demographic.

ENVIRONMENT: No response received by deadline.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

EDUCATION: No response received by deadline.

André Pierre
Campaign Website: http://andyepierre.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 am 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 education as a top priority of a new administration, I will work with 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 inclusion of a non-partisan body to redistrict. These bodies can help spur development and redevelopment of infrastructure and buildings in ways that increase green space, reduce pollution, and improve community ascetics and property value.

DISCRIMINATION: We must strengthen laws and be deliberate about protecting classes who have been historically disenfranchised and disadvantaged. 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 local option revision to ensure casino revenues are dedicated 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.

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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 working class house, and I’m proud to be a Citizen of Baltimore. 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. As a leader in the 46th District, I’m a strong supporter of clean 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 LBGT 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 casino revenues are not depleted or 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 and cultures 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 conclude 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 local climate action plans in my community and 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 benefited 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 any attempt to roll back civil rights for the sake of any group or individual. As Senator, I will work with state legislators to assure young people have the opportunity to extend their education and will continue to do so. I also support the right of teachers to organize and collectively bargain.

Brooke Elizabeth Lieberman
Campaign Website: http://www.brookeleibern.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 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 pre-K, grades K-2, and grades 9 and 10. I actively champion policies that create opportunity & break down barriers, including supporting our schools.

EDUATION: 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 Com & process w/ will push to enact reforms.

Nate Loewenthal
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). 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 traffic 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 working to end inequality through Maryland’s 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 support an independent commission to draw our districts after each national census. I view overtly partisan-gerrymandering to be as much as a threat as regressive state and federal level have expressed an interest in working with me. 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: $235,772.
TERM: 4 year term.
HOW ELECTED: Citywide

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: $235,772.
TERM: 4 year term.
HOW ELECTED: Citywide

Questions

Qualifications: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office? 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 1966 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 are 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’s Attorney’s Office and a number of them have expressed an interest in working with me. The State’s Attorney’s Office will.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

City Offices

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. 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-
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 such a new era and realizing 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 #1s 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 a violent crime epidemic, the City's response to combat the 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 jail nonviolent drug offenders.

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 SAGO 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 such a new era and realizing the trajectory of our City. Building a criminal justice system that the people trust and want to participate in is the key.

Thru Vignarajah
Campaign Website: http://www.thiruforbal.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 Thru!

Shanaid 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 in court-ordered probate, property transfers, 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 staff the job. According to the Clerk’s office, the Clerk does not have an official role 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 access 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 technological 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

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?
**Hassan Giordano**  
Campaign Website: [www.hassangiordano.com](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 campaign.

**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 $200-million the circuit court generates annually.

**Assistance to the Public:** I plan to upgrade the court’s technology so we no longer have a paper-based system and replace 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 reinstituting 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: [www.hoffmanforclerk.com](http://www.hoffmanforclerk.com)  
**Qualifications:** I am a curious, persistent 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 has sufficient resources to support its functions.

**Assistance to the Public:** 1. Offer extended customer services 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 6. Work with the Clerk’s Office to improve the quality of service.

**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 get on one on one back. 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: [www.rodneyleach.com](http://www.rodneyleach.com)  
**Qualifications:** Born and raised in Baltimore, I understand the challenges that our communities face. I brought 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:** The Clerk’s office does not have enough technology to support the variety of functions it performs. Addressing these concerns will take restructuring current systems and integrating processes that will ensure responsibility. I will do 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 also collaborate with nonprofits, local businesses, and government agencies to offer on-site 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: [www.kevinparson.com](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 all 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 issues.

**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 will survey our customers, including lawyers. Sixth, restore public trust and transparency by going into community meetings. Advocate to clean space.

**Danny Smith**  
Campaign Website: [www.dannysmith2018.com](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 developed, designed, and instituted many of the Court’s computer systems 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 stage. Low morale, and the lack of career opportunities for existing staff has created a “Revolution Door” affect. This has crippled many of the Court’s 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 on the citizen. 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 improve record keeping, and improve overall customer service experience. I will make 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 in accordance with the wishes of the deceased, 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**

**Belinda K. Conway**  
Campaign Website: [www.conawayforregister.com](http://www.conawayforregister.com)

**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 with our attorneys. We also have commenced unsolicited public outreach that informs citizens of the importance of having a will. We will continue this.

**Priorities/Goals:** 1. Continue to update and refine the operation of the agency to improve efficiency and vitality. 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](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
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

Repulican Candidate

David Anthony Wiggins

Campaign Facebook: http://David AnthonyWiggins

Qualifications: In 2013 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 Anns. § 2-209(D) § 2-209. Sheriffs— Salaries and expenses; deputies; employees; 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 Official 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

Democratic Candidate

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.

Courts: 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: 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, Summons, Subpoenas, and Writs of Possession • Service of Rent Court Orders and Evictions • Execution of Arrest Warrants • Execution of Sheriff’s Sale • Collection of Fines and Court Costs • Transportation of prisoners to place of incarceration • Maintaining order in the Circuit Court courtroom • 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

Republican Candidate

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.

Democratic Candidates

Democratic Candidate

Stanley Brandford

Campaign Website: http://stanleybrandford.com

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### 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.*

### Candidates

**Members of this party may vote for no more than two:**

- **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
  - Shannor Wright

- **District 004**
  - Glenn E. Bushel
  - Armand F. Girard

- **District 005**
  - William L. Plant

- **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**
  - Jacqueyn 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 the election 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.*

### Candidates

**Members of this party may vote for no more than seven:**

- **District 40**
  - Natasza Bock-Singleton
  - John T. Bullock
  - Monica Cooper
  - Arlene B. Fisher
  - Keenen Geter
  - Aaron Graham
  - Steven Tyrone Johnson
  - Angela Salvatore Lewis
  - Bill Marker
  - Michael May
  - Crystal Jackson Parker
  - Phyllicia Porter
  - Jericka A. Robinson
  - Ben Smith
  - Theresa Stgeman
  - Braxton C. Street
  - Sherelle R. Witherspoon

- **District 41**
  - Bilal Ali
  - Perrice U. Austin
  - Chezia Cager
  - Joshua Crockett
  - Christopher Ervin
  - Tehilah 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 42**
  - Sharif Small
  - Tammy Stinnett
  - Ryan Turner
  - Sean “Shimp” Weisbord

- **District 43**
  - Karethia 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
  - Darrell Strange
  - Terrence Threweatt, Jr.
  - Sylvia Williams
  - Angie Winder

- **District 44A**
  - Hakil Shukar Ammi
  - Kyle Samuel Berkley
  - Timothy J. Bridges
  - Roscoe Damon Brunson III
  - Leela Campbell
  - Keith E. Haynes
  - Roxane Pretymann
  - Eric Stephenson

- **District 45**
  - Jackie Addison
  - Kirsten Allen
  - Dwayne Benbow
  - Eric Booker
  - Chaneil A. Branch
  - Margie Flemming Brinkley
  - Donoven Brooks
  - Jasmine A. Collins
  - Darius Craig
  - Martin Edward Davis
  - Kashawna Duncan
  - Jesse Fields
  - Antonio Glover
  - Nicole Hanson
  - Linzy Jackson
  - Kurt Kennedy
  - Darryl Perry
  - Denise C. Richards
  - Joe Richards
  - Robert Stokes, Sr.
  - Calvin Allen Young III

### Baltimore City Early Voting Locations

- **Public Safety Training Center**
  - 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

### League of Women Voters of Baltimore City

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*We encourage men and women to join us in the League.*