

# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of Maryland

# VOTERS' GUIDE

**SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
7<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

**POLLS OPEN: 7:00AM-8:00PM**

**SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION**



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# About This Voters' Guide

The League of Women Voters offers this Voters' Guide to assist citizens of the 7th Congressional District as they prepare to vote in the Special Primary Election for candidates to complete the unfinished term of the late Congressman Elijah Cummings. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Responses from candidates who will appear on the Special Primary Election ballot are printed as submitted. Thus, some misspelling and typing errors may appear. All responses were limited to 400 characters and were truncated thereafter.

If candidates did not respond by December 20, 2019, "No response received by deadline" is printed. Please check [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) for their answers.

Additional information on the candidates, including links to their social media sites, is available at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).

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## What Is a Provisional Ballot?

A provisional ballot ensures that individuals who believe they are registered and eligible to vote can vote. Voters required to vote by provisional ballot will be asked to complete a provisional ballot application and then issued a paper ballot. It is important that voters complete the entire application.

All provisional ballot applications are reviewed. A provisional ballot will only be counted after the local Board of Elections has reviewed the application and determined that the individual is eligible to vote this ballot. Additional information about provisional voting is available at [www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/provisional\\_voting.html](http://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/provisional_voting.html).

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## Calendars

### Special Primary Election, 7th Congressional District

January 14	Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation
January 14	Deadline for voters to submit a request to their local Board of Elections for reassignment to an accessible polling place
January 28	Deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed or faxed
January 31	Deadline to request an absentee ballot to be delivered via internet
February 4	Deadline to pick up an absentee ballot at local Board of Elections
February 4	<b>Special Primary Election Day 7:00am-8:00pm</b> Same-day voter registration and address changes at the polls
February 14	Certification of election results

### Looking Ahead to the Primary Election

April 16- April 23	Early Voting for the Primary Election & Special General Election (District 7 only), 10:00am-8:00pm
April 28 Primary Election Day	Primary Election & Special General Election (District 7 only), 7:00am-8:00pm

### Looking Ahead to the General Election

October 22 - October 29	Early Voting for the General Election, 8:00am-8:00pm
November 3	General Election, 7:00am-8:00pm

## SPECIAL ELECTION U.S. Representative District 7

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

**TERM:** To complete the term of the late Elijah Cummings.

**BASE SALARY:** \$174,000

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

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

## Questions

**GOALS:** Why are you running for this office?

**IMMIGRATION:** What, if anything, would you change regarding immigration policy?

**HEALTH CARE:** Would you vote to continue the Affordable Care Act as it is, expand it, or eliminate it? Please explain.

**ENVIRONMENT:** What should be the federal government's role in addressing national and global environmental concerns?

**GUN SAFETY:** What policies do you propose to reduce gun violence?

**ECONOMY:** How would you address the growing income gap in our society?

**DISCRIMINATION:** What initiatives would you propose to address bias based on race, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, or disability?

**STUDENT LOANS:** What actions would you support to reduce burdensome student loan debt?

## ®REPUBLICANS

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

### Christopher M. Anderson

<http://ChrisAnderson2020.com>

**GOALS:** I live in 7th district in Baltimore City & see the deprived conditions of the district everyday. The opioid crisis & murder rates that has now spread to Baltimore county, bother me continuously & I know this seat now needs to be fought for by the GOP. I want to reverse the damage done by gerrymandering & move the district into a better future, not ground it in past failed policies. It's time.

**IMMIGRATION:** Dr. Claude Anderson of the Harvest institute states that illegal immigration will negatively impact urban cities first. Maryland is now a sanctuary state as well. This fuels crime and circumvents the legal process of immigration. I would change the sanctuary laws in MD to protect this district & continue to fund the wall. Even Wakanda has walls.

**HEALTH CARE:** The ACA can't continue as is, it will eventually collapse. You can't expand it either, as more people get on it from across the border, it will collapse even faster. For these reasons & more even Democrats are trying to replace it with Medicare for all, it's obvious it needs to be replaced with a better plan. I'm advocating for a bipartisan healthcare plan that will be sustainable.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Management of environment is only possible through concerted efforts of all the components of society such as government & non-government organization, industrialist, agriculturists, voluntary social welfare organizations as well as the general public. Therefore, the government has to apply checks & controls so that the environment can be managed properly. However, we all must take interest in it.

**GUN SAFETY:** I propose a bipartisan agreement on background checks to purchase a gun, enactment of common sense firearm legislation, & encourage safe firearm storage & usage. I oppose legislation to weaken gun laws & no bans, people kill people not guns. Mental health in the community needs to be addressed as well, guns should not be easily accessible by the mentally ill.

**ECONOMY:** The best way to address it is to empower the enterprise zones in this District for the constituents to have their own businesses. In addition I'm for a flat tax so more Americans can keep most of their hard earned money in their pockets. Also, I support any proposal to end women not being paid the same as

men for the same job. I've always thought that was very selfless thing to do in America.

**DISCRIMINATION:** On race I wrote the first petition in support of Police body cameras & continue to push them for all 50 states. I support initiative to end income discrimination on women, women should be paid the same as men for the same job. I support & fight for people of different sexual orientation 2nd amendment rights to protect themselves in a society that's violent towards them.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I would support students refinancing their student loans. Federal loans exacerbate student debt by their lack of transparency. I believe the federal government should no longer issue student loans and should give money to banks to issue private student loans with lower interest rates. Greater private sector participation in loans would drive tuition cost down.

### James C. Arnold

<http://jarnold2020.com>

**GOALS:** There are many problems in many areas in Md. District 7 that require immediate action. We need new leadership, a new direction, and the will to want to solve these problems. We need a problem solver not another politician with faux promises. As an outsider, I bring a new perspective of leadership with the desire and the will to solve these problems. "Seven for the Seventh" is my plan for action.

**IMMIGRATION:** We must enforce the immigration laws that are currently written. I am opposed to sanctuary counties and cities. Federal, State, and Local law enforcement must not be prevented from being able to work together to provide safety and security to the people.

**HEALTH CARE:** Health Care Affordability is one of my top priorities if elected. I believe that the Affordable Care Act is not the solution. Expanding the private health insurance market is one of the solutions. Why can't health insurance be marketed just like the car insurance market? Allowing for plans "that you can pay for what you need" would be awesome!

**ENVIRONMENT:** I do not believe that the federal government should have a leading role in environmental issues.

**GUN SAFETY:** Providing strong support behind our Federal, State, and Local law enforcement is the first step in reducing gun violence. We also need our elected leaders to lead the partnership between the people, our community churches, and law enforcement to help reduce violence. Limiting ammunition sales is also another way to reduce gun violence.

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

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

**STUDENT LOANS:** We need to look at the terms of the existing outstanding student loans for possible renegotiation. Just forgiving the outstanding debt is not the solution and is absolutely unfair to the many students who ultimately paid off their loans. Incentives should be offered to students for better loan terms with students with better grades.

## Ray Bly

<http://raybly.com>

*No response received by deadline.*

## Brian L. Brown

*No response received by deadline.*

## Reba A. Hawkins

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**GOALS:** I want to be an advocate for the Baltimore region by: promoting macro-economic growth development, and promoting legislation that defends middle class values and Constitutional rights, securing federal funds to rebuild and construct new infrastructure, and create a culture of accountability, transparency, and respect for the rule of law.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support the full-enforcement and expansion of all e-verification and I-9 compliance laws that holds employers accountable, the permanent denial of citizenship to criminal illegal aliens, and the denial to undocumented persons social welfare programs and assistance. We have millions of Americans who are jobless, hungry, and homeless—charity starts at home.

**HEALTH CARE:** The ACA has serious fiscal challenges and this must be remedied in a bipartisan effort. Americans need access to safe drinking water and nutritious food as preventative medicine. Debt-swaps, tax-relief, restrictions on PPO/HMO/EPO monopolies, & pro-bono programs need to be introduced to reduce runaway costs and health professionals changing careers.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The government should reverse it's preference for the fossil fuel sector and for corporate polluters. The EPA must be de-politicized and empowered to protect the air, water, and vital environmental standards. We must make our country as green as possible promoting sustainability, recycling, and renewable energy and eco-friendly development.

**GUN SAFETY:** We need a national database wherein all gun purchases are vetted. All persons guilty of using a gun for a crime must be denied the right to buy or own a gun for no less than 10 years. We must make harsh examples of persons who commit violent crimes with firearms.

**ECONOMY:** The income disparity in the USA can be brought to heal by the introduction of economic reparative programs for Blacks and other impoverished Americans. Our poor people deserve the same support that illegal aliens receive from the Office for New Americans and DACA all over America.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We must end all discrimination against women via the effort of a vocal minority to eliminate their Title 9 protections and immunities. Homeland Security must be empowered to fight racial domestic terrorism and other extremists. Last, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 must be fully defended and implemented.

**STUDENT LOANS:** We must end the student debt crisis by allowing Americans to file for bankruptcy, to amortize their debts by performing community services, and/or fully waiving the debt just like our "too big to fail" businesses, trading houses, and banks were allowed to do. America cannot grow if it's young who represent the future are debt slaves!

## Kimberly Klacik

<http://KimKForCongress>

*No response received by deadline.*

## Liz Matory

[www.voteforlizmatory.com](http://www.voteforlizmatory.com)

**GOALS:** We need more God-led representatives who will protect our country from socialism and communism. We all know how corrupt the system is, but the only way to address it is to attack it head on. Last year's historic nomination in CD2 was the first chip at The Corrupt Machine. Winning CD7 for the citizens would send a clear message—we refuse to accept the straps and we are not your pawns.

**IMMIGRATION:** Sanctuary jurisdictions, three of which make up CD7, have made it virtually impossible to enforce immigration policy, protect our sovereignty, and keep citizens safe. The greatest threat to our national security and future as a country is progressive paternalism that presumes that some people are incapable of abiding by our laws and creates a legal caste system with citizens to suffer in silence.

**HEALTH CARE:** Apart from preexisting conditions, the ACA is a perfect example of crony capitalism—laws that are crafted to benefit industry power players who pay (contribute to the campaigns) to keep the politicians they can control in office. But, most voters who are directly impacted from the negative outcomes are too busy struggling to pay for the cost of health care that grew exponentially under ACA.

**ENVIRONMENT:** No international agreement, environmental or otherwise, should threaten our sovereignty as a nation or restrict our constitutional rights as American citizens. The

bureaucracy that has grown around the environment is large enough that it ought to be able to serve adequately. Sadly the rules/regulations from crony capitalism protect big companies from competitors that could compete in the market.

### GUN SAFETY:

- sponsor gun safety training and shooting practice for law bidding citizens;
- concealed carry training and permits for home owners in violence prone areas;
- more investment in mental health and psychological trauma support for all ages;
- decrease the glorification of death culture by rebuilding self-esteem and self-worth in demoralized communities

**ECONOMY:** Continue the policies that have allowed for the domestic economy to grow particularly over in the first Trump Admin; Increase access to capital for first time entrepreneurs; Support teaming agreements of first time govt contractors that help smaller companies compete; Reward and replicate educational programs that create financially sound and sustained alumni; Encourage work + innovation

**DISCRIMINATION:** No more initiatives are necessary. We just need to continue to prove people wrong. We do not need anyone's approval to be our best selves. All we need is God's Grace. If someone is actively discriminating against another individual on the basis of their identification, legal measures are in place to address said matters. Beyond what we have now, we risk permanent dependence on another's permission

**STUDENT LOANS:** Decouple university budgets from federal student loans. Perhaps introduce an official performance rating system for educational institutions based on alumni success and sustainability so perspective students can make better decisions on their investment. Continue to educate young people about life/career options and outcomes to limit/eliminate student loan debt before it's even acquired.

## William Newton

[NEWTON4CONGRESS.COM](http://NEWTON4CONGRESS.COM)

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**IMMIGRATION:** [NEWTON4CONGRESS.COM](http://NEWTON4CONGRESS.COM)

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**ENVIRONMENT:**

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**GUN SAFETY:** [NEWTON4CONGRESS.COM](http://NEWTON4CONGRESS.COM)

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**GET OUT AND  
VOTE!**

## Ⓢ DEMOCRATS

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### T. Dan Baker

[www.VoteTDanBaker.com](http://www.VoteTDanBaker.com)

**GOALS:** I've spent 20 years working in International Public Health from national down to the community level to prevent—or respond to—negative changes befalling countries suffering from poor governance, corruption, and lack of leadership. Together we must fight to prevent this from continuing in MD-D7 and the US! Congressional leaders must stand up for climate and social justice. I am one such leader!

**IMMIGRATION:** Many in the Global South suffer under poor governance, governmental corruption, and a lack of leadership. If MD-D7 supports DACA recipients retaining residency, I will support. I will also support a pathway to residency for refugees with NO criminal record AND moving immigration policy to a new Dept of Domestic Race Relations & Cultural Affairs established thru a new 21st Century Civil Rights Act.

**HEALTH CARE:** I like Biden's plan but first, in seeking to raise awareness re. how ACA is impacting MD-D7, I'd like to discuss details of the issue with MD-D7 voters to fully appreciate two issues: WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT DONE? and WHAT CAN WE DO TOGETHER? I fully support Universal Health Care (Plus Public Option). I believe it's a Human Right! People should have the right to choose the kind of care they want!

**ENVIRONMENT:** A member of Al Gore's CRLCorps, I've believed in US leadership and aggressive response to Climate Change for years. As MD-D7 Rep. I will propose a district-wide "stretch goal" to:

- Establish the first all renewable energy US municipality in Columbia &
- Train BALTIMORE's underemployed in BaltCO based solar and wind turbine manufacturing & HOCO based grid conversion, and systems installation.

**GUN SAFETY:** US gun violence is an epidemic and should be approached as such. Public Health intervention can be designed by the CDC to stop this disease at its origin, while simultaneously eliminating its transmission. I will fight for CDC's funding release which—due to the influence of the gun industry and NRA—has been stalled in the Senate. I support both Biden's & Bloomberg's gun safety proposals.

**ECONOMY:** With MD-D7 support, I will propose that we begin to address the racial wealth gap starting with:

- Universal Basic Income/Reparations—For Native, African, & Japanese Americans

I will propose that we begin to address the gender wealth gap starting with enforcement of:

- Equal Pay: Same salary for same job
- I will fight to repeal the 2017 tax cuts and for a minimum wage that's a living wage.

**DISCRIMINATION:** With MD-D7 backing, I will initiate a fresh, innovative, multi-racial, gender/sexual/religious & disability inclusive, bipartisan dialogue regarding a 21st Century Civil Rights Act addressing, existing—and future potential—priority concerns of discrimination AND the development of a new, dedicated, Department of Domestic Race Relations & Cultural Affairs where these concerns will be addressed.

**STUDENT LOANS:** We need a rationalizing of USG budget expenditure for priority considerations other than defense. With MD-D7 support, I will call for repeal of legislation allowing schools to charge exorbitant costs. Also I will support loan debt (partial/full) forgiveness relative to what the rationalized cost of that education is determined to be. I support tuition free higher education for qualified students.

### Talmadge Branch

<http://Branchforcongress.com>

**GOALS:** I am running for office to fill the void in leadership left by the late Congressman Elijah Cummings. The District needs someone who has the legislative experience and know-how to deliver results starting on day one. I have an uninterrupted 25-year record of service and I am currently serving as the House Majority Whip delivering much-needed resources to the district.

**IMMIGRATION:** I would work restructure the way the immigration process is implemented to end the inhumane separation of children from their families. Beyond that, I would work to explore other ways to improve the Legal Immigration System that we currently have in place.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would work to expand the Affordable Care Act to include the public option and remove the tax penalty for those who choose to not have insurance.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Federal Government should take a proactive role in regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

**GUN SAFETY:** I would propose policies that would provide direct financial support to major cities (and affected municipalities) to assist them with the necessary tools to curtail gun violence—such as funding to explore new solutions, to strengthen the community policing initiatives, and to support community initiatives known to reduce gun violence.

**ECONOMY:** I would support legislation to:

- Raise the federal the minimum wage;

- stimulate job creation through infrastructure investments; and
- protect middle-skilled jobs and unions.

**DISCRIMINATION:** In my 25 years in the legislature, I have always fought against bias based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or disability. I would work to support any initiative presented that would strengthen any, and all, measures that fight against bias in all its forms.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I would support legislation to allow Federal Student loans to be refinanced and/or discharged through bankruptcy, and legislation to expand the maximum allowance for Pell Grant Awards to ensure the awards keep pace with the cost of living increases.

### Alicia D. Brown

*No response received by deadline.*

### Anthony Carter, Sr.

**GOALS:** It's our duty to serve or participate in government to helping others. I served the citizens of Baltimore City for 26 yrs, protecting and saving lives. I am a fighter, and will fight for you..

**IMMIGRATION:** I will enforce current laws on immigration, protecting the DACA immigrants children born in this country. I will have summits with the leaders of Latin America to make their country's economies strong and safe . I will work with their governments , military and law enforcement to get rid of the gangs and drug cartels .This will provide safety and security for their countries and ours.

**HEALTH CARE:** Yes I will vote to keep affordable Care act. It has a lot of good things pre-existing illnesses, coverage to 26yrs of age.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government have a important role in addressing nation and global .Eliminate non-recyclable plastics. To reduce carbon emission into the environment. A monorail system transporting from New York to California. Introduction and fuel consumption. More electric cars and trucks. Funding alternative energy sources. Supporting global efforts not withdrawing like, the Trump administration.

**GUN SAFETY:** I believe in the second amendment right to bear arms but with common sense. I believe in strong background checks, age restrictions, training and education, limit ammunition sales. I will focus on the gun dealers that bring all these guns into cities. I will Target at risks teenagers for mentoring programs, and fund for more youth programs.

**ECONOMY:** Cutting taxes for the working class, not the wealthy. I will help to develop small and minority businesses. I will provide quality education grants for low and middle income families. I will provide free vocational

training. Entrepreneurial training, computer training, app building, web building, youtube channel courses, and leadership.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will address discrimination by strong enforcement of current laws on the books, and leading by example.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Our children are an investment in the future. I will cut student loans by 50%. I will make college cost tax deductible for families.

## Jill P. Carter

<http://jillcarterforcongress.com>

**GOALS:** My goal for this office is to address the shared issues of the 7th Congressional District. We have great diversity in the district, but many of the same problems: Rising healthcare costs, violent crime, troubled schools, lead contamination, a lack of jobs and opportunities, an impending climate crisis, & crumbling infrastructure. We need a proactive Congresswoman, ready to focus on our issues.

**IMMIGRATION:** I would immediately work to end this administration's cruel, inhumane policies at the southern border and investigate & hold accountable anyone involved in the outrageous human rights violations this administration has committed. I would propose to implement a moratorium on deportations for anyone without a history of violent crime, protect the DREAMers, and build a just pathway to citizenship.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would build on the Affordable Care Act, expanding rights and benefits until we have true, universal coverage under Medicare for All. Whether the process takes one piece of legislation or several, we need to move toward a just system in which all Americans can count on their healthcare coverage. Medicare for All will end premiums, co-pays, and deductibles & ensure complete coverage for all.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We need a Green New Deal that can move our society to 100% renewable energy as soon as possible. We need to expand public transit, plant billions of trees, improve water and air quality, and mobilize immediately to address the impending climate crisis head on. The federal government, in coordination with other sovereign nations, international agencies, and NGOs, must take an active role.

**GUN SAFETY:** In the immediate short term, we must as a country adopt universal background checks, a national gun registry and an assault weapons ban at the federal level. We must keep weapons of war off our streets. We must also address poverty and trauma. By lifting Americans out of poverty and addressing the trauma endured by so many of our neighbors, we can end potential gun violence before it begins.

**ECONOMY:** I will support a tax on exorbitant wealth and on massive, unearned inheritances. By improving the tax code to a more progressive model, passing legislation that outlaws the sophisticated accounting techniques that a handful of billionaires and multimillionaires use to avoid paying their fair share, and strengthening the collective bargaining rights of working Americans, we can address inequality.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I would propose expanding the Civil Rights Act to cover gender identification, sexual orientation, and disability so that no American need feel the sting of discrimination for simply being who they are. Additionally, I would work with colleagues and experts to explore making new development in cities and towns across the country more accessible to all Americans.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I support tuition-free higher education, including public college and trade school, as well as expanding Pell Grants to cover year-round living expenses for students. More immediately however, I support abolishing student loan debt to spur massive economic growth, set free a generation bound by debt, and end this avoidable and foreseeable problem once and for all.

## Matko Lee Chullin, III

**GOALS:** As a concerned citizen, father, and grandfather, I am running for this office to improve the lives of the diverse population in the seventh District of Maryland. My focus will be on education, healthcare, environment, and economic development.

**IMMIGRATION:** We have enough immigration laws. These laws need to be enforced.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would vote to improve it for everyone.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The government should reduce fossil fuel use and clean up toxic waste sites.

**GUN SAFETY:** I propose better vetting of foreign nationals and improved mental health screenings.

**ECONOMY:** Provide more vocational training in high school and community college.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Provide more diversity and sensitivity training in school and the workplace.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Make community college free to low income students and provide financial education in high school.



## Jay Fred Cohen

*No response received by deadline.*

## Nathaniel M. Costley, Sr.

[www.costley4mddeldelegate.org](http://www.costley4mddeldelegate.org)

*No response received by deadline.*

## Maya Rockey Moore Cummings

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**GOALS:** I'm running to drive inclusive prosperity in the Baltimore region, state and nation. This district has some of the wealthiest and some of the poorest zip codes in the country. Health care, education, and economic opportunity are the path to the middle class. I am the best person to continue the progress to ensure our economy works for everyone, not just those at the top.

**IMMIGRATION:** I stand for love, respect, diversity and inclusion. These values should drive our immigration policy. I'll work to reunite families separated at the border, lift travel bans, and reverse cuts to the refugee program. I'll support comprehensive immigration reform with a clear pathway to citizenship and a permanent citizenship solution for immigrants who arrived in the United States as children.

**HEALTH CARE:** The ACA achieved great strides expanding health care coverage in the US. To improve, Trump era cuts would have to be reversed and new features added like creating a public option and expanding prevention and wellness opportunities. I support a federal single-payer system that provides every person access to high-quality, affordable health care as the foundation of health coverage in the US.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We need a rapid transition to clean energy sources, technology and infrastructure within the United States and abroad. Scientists have said the world has less than 20 years to address climate change. That is why I stand for the Green New Deal and other aggressive proposals to mitigate the effects of climate change and protect this planet for the next generation and beyond.

**GUN SAFETY:** Gun violence is a dangerous threat. In Congress, I will work to pass common sense gun safety laws, including banning automatic assault rifles, closing gun show loopholes, and passing universal background checks. Gun owners need to insure their firearms and be accountable. I'll take on the NRA and the politicians beholden to them so that we can address traumatic gun violence in our communities.

**ECONOMY:** In Congress, I'll address record income inequality with a suite of policies that are fair to workers. Unions have been under assault for decades, and it's time to reverse that.

We must strengthen equal employment laws to address discrimination. Tax treatment of unearned income should be on par with earned income and unfair loopholes and subsidies in the tax code for the rich should be removed.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The U.S. should strive to live up to its promise of becoming a diverse, inclusive, and fair democracy. I propose we launch a National Preparedness Initiative on Diversity and Inclusion to develop and advance a proactive multi-sector strategy promoting education, policy reform, and culture change focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**STUDENT LOANS:** In Congress, I will fight to increase funding for Pell grants, reduce the cost of higher education, and expand workforce development programs. I support comprehensive public and social service loan forgiveness programs to include contingent or adjunct faculty in higher education and allowing federal student loans to be refinanced when interest rates decline or discharged during bankruptcy.

## Jermyn Davidson

*No response received by deadline.*

## Darryl Gonzalez

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**GOALS:** I hope that someone with a solid knowledge of the legislative process, someone who is trustworthy and honest, someone who has integrity and has common sense and someone with a track record of not politics but advocating for other people—because that is what a representative in the House is supposed to do—can get elected. I want people to know they can vote for a REPRESENTATIVE, not a politician.

**IMMIGRATION:** If someone is here illegally, then generally, they should not be here. Maryland allows them to stay if they meet certain conditions: if they are in school, pay tax and register for Selective Service, which I agree with. There should also be attendance and GPA requirements. I favor adding options to the college enrollment requirement, such as apprenticeship programs, or skilled trades employment.

**HEALTH CARE:** The ACA, or any legislation that gives people access to affordable health care and covers pre-existing health conditions is a good thing. ACA funding came from cuts in spending and fines for not having health insurance. So increase access to health care, but be careful with how it is being paid for. A ten percent tax on indoor tanning that raises \$3 billion to pay for health care? I am all for it.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The more wind and solar energy we have, the better off we will be, so we should give tax credits to clean energy

companies, and give money to create better and more efficient clean energy systems. Stop oil and gas drilling on federally-owned land. The United States has to be not only a player on the international stage in regards to climate change but one of the leaders. The sooner, the better.

**GUN SAFETY:** There has to be a balance between the 2nd Amendment and not having people killed. Federal legislation and incentives given to states to pass legislation in key areas to help reduce gun violence can help. I would raise the age from 18 to 21, outlaw assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. The federal government can give grants to states for implementing programs aimed at reducing gun violence.

**ECONOMY:** There will always be income inequality in a capitalist society but everyone can also make their lives better. Those on the lower end of the continuum should be working hard to improve their situation, and those on the upper end should be helping them get there, while government gives the same opportunities to everyone for better jobs and education so that they can live their own American Dream.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The federal government has a responsibility to lead these initiatives and I support any effort to ban bias. It has no place in American society. I would affirm policies already in place and propose and support any additional legislation that is required to protect people in these and other marginalized groups.

**STUDENT LOANS:** The students who are least able to afford college are the ones who need the loans the most, so I would support having more money available for need-based students. I also would decrease the interest rates on college loans so that the government only breaks even on the program and does not make money. One interesting plan includes having students pay back a percentage of their discretionary income.

## Mark Steven Gosnell

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**GOALS:** I am the director of a medical intensive care unit in Baltimore and although I'm proud of our team, I am appalled by the rate of drug and gun related crime in our district. There is poor access to basic medical care and a lack of jobs or decent housing in our city. I will get results and represent our diverse community with energy and resolve. I'm not a career politician. I feel compelled to act.

**IMMIGRATION:** Our country is better with cultural diversity. There should be an easier process for citizenship without financial hurdles or quotas. Immigrants should be given an opportunity to work legally and pay taxes if they are showing good faith in attaining citizenship. I favor including the dreamers in this

plan while outlining a path for future families that respects their dignity.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would continue the ACA but expand it in specific ways. I suspect universal health coverage will come to the United States but that we will need to do this in stages to allocate the resources and develop the infrastructure. I favor expanding ACA to low income families currently left out and allowing a 'buy in' to others. My plan for a universal health card will save billions annually.

**ENVIRONMENT:** First we need to separate environmental science from political rhetoric. I am in favor of the federal government supporting research into sustainable and clean sources of energy. This could include industrial grants for business and tax credits for citizens. There should be an emphasis on battery technology before we will see cleaner energy replace fossil fuels

**GUN SAFETY:** Guns purchased legally should include licensing with competency testing. There should be national 'red flag' laws and we need to renew a ban on assault weapons. Ammunition regulation should be included and we need to eliminate gun show loop holes. Our local efforts should focus on reducing guns on the street. Confiscated hand guns should never get back into circulation.

**ECONOMY:** We will focus on Equity not just Equality. First we increase the minimum wage to \$15/hour. We won't rely only on an increase in tax of top tier billionaires, but look to improve wages and prospects for employment in our district. I will work on federal investment in infrastructure. Education will be broadened to include trades and be offered to all ages. Our workforce needs to evolve.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We can't legislate public opinion or sentiment but we can make very clear with laws and enforcement that institutional racism and bigotry will not be tolerated. I suggest we start by completing ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. We will call out discrimination when we see it. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 should be made to include protection of sexual orientation and preferences.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I propose reducing the reliance on 4 yr degrees and promote 2 yr 'advanced' degrees from major universities. Federal subsidy for degrees condensed into two year options, concentrating on nursing, computer science and teaching. Current student debt could still be consolidated but consider allowing bundling of student loan and home loan at the lowest rate of the two to foster home ownership.

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## Leslie E. Grant

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**GOALS:** I live in the District, care about the District and am a positive voice for our diverse residents. I will connect our communities around core concerns that impact us all...access to affordable healthcare, quality education/training programs without the burden of insurmountable student loan debt, transportation and broadband internet availability, confidence in our water and infrastructure.

**IMMIGRATION:** I would affirm our commitment to DACA recipients and their pathway to citizenship, support a humane asylum and refugee system where families are not separated and where due process, legal representation and adequate medical treatment are provided. I would work toward reinstating employment authorization for spouses of H-1B visa holders and support pragmatic, effective border security measures.

**HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare is a right, and I support access for everyone. I would expand and improve the ACA to reduce premium payments, limit copayments and deductibles, provide comprehensive coverage including adult dental care, hearing aids, addiction treatment, mental health and vision services. I support efforts to reduce costs of prescription drugs and eliminate the Medicare 'donut hole'.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We must address climate change immediately by following evidence-based science recommendations that urge innovative technologies to reduce our carbon footprint: clean energy, agricultural efficiency, consistent enforcement of violations, recycling programs and increased green spaces. Federal resources should be allocated for clean air and water, and protection of the Chesapeake Bay.

**GUN SAFETY:** A first step in reducing gun violence is closing loopholes that do not require purchasers to have background checks. Assault weapons are unnecessary. The assault weapons ban should be reinstated. Children in many parts of our district and the country are exposed directly to gun violence and its ramifications. Their traumatic experiences and gun storage must be appropriately addressed.

**ECONOMY:** Economic policies need to be centered on expanding the middle class and sustaining job creation and training to aid in lifting families from poverty. Minimum wage has not been raised since 2009, and should be increased to a living wage. To gain and maintain employment, communities require viable and reliable public transportation, and safe, dependable, affordable childcare.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination is intolerable. Enforcement of the Civil Rights

Act, buttressing of Voting Rights, nationwide ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and suppression of hate groups are effective mechanisms for reducing discrimination. I also support legislation that promotes equitable treatment for all, and addresses disparities in criminal justice and pay equity.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I would champion legislation that expands low interest federal student loan and grant programs, eliminates interest accrual for full time students, expands student loan forgiveness programs, reauthorizes Title VII Health Professions Training Programs, provides FAFSA navigation assistance, and substantially penalizes predatory lenders and schools. Affordable workforce development programs needed.

## Dan Hiegel

*No response received by deadline.*

## F. Michael Higginbotham

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**GOALS:** I am sick and tired of the injustices I see in the 7th District, specifically the social norms that allow women to earn .81 cents per every dollar a man earns, and only .67 cents when referring to minority women. I am tired of the justice policies that facilitate the mass incarceration of the desperate and poor throughout our country. It is time to legislate for a more just society.

**IMMIGRATION:** I am ready to put in the hard work needed for comprehensive immigration reform that will offer a clear path to citizenship for undocumented citizens in our nation and restore asylum laws that are more consistent with our historical record and international law.

**HEALTH CARE:** The Affordable Care Act, similar to every other major legislation, has areas that can be improved. I would look to data from the past several years and work to both expand and improve the quality of care available in America for our vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and children, especially in areas of preventive care and reducing out-of-pocket drug cost.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government should establish guidelines for stemming and eventually reducing air, water and soil pollution. I support smart initiatives that offer job growth in alternative energy industries which will allow America to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and smartly transition to relying on renewable energy and power generation.

**GUN SAFETY:** I propose commonsense policies that focus on training gun owners of the proper usage and storage of their guns, federal background checks for those looking to

purchase, and closing loopholes in the system, such as those exploited at gun shows.

**ECONOMY:** Education and employment opportunities are the most effective ways to close the gap. For those that want to pursue their education, finances should not be the primary concern; public college should be free. I also want to improve the availability of skills training in crafts like plumbing, electrical work and masonry. I believe we need more quality jobs near home.

**DISCRIMINATION:** People are people, period. Everyone deserves respect and the chance to live a healthy, happy life. The books I have written revolve around this very premise. Restoring the Voting Rights Act and HR1 are easily the most effective ways to democratize America so that everyone can be heard and a more inclusive society can grow from where we stand today.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I support legislating laws against predatory lending to help those already burdened by student loan debt. As a congressman, I will advance laws that will enable more funding for public colleges to reduce the risk for future students.

## Terri Hill

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**GOALS:** As a practicing physician, scientist and effective legislator I'll bring unique and needed skills to Congress. My experience allows me to speak to the daily challenges faced by regular people, not just with respect to health care and prescription costs, access, and quality, but to education, jobs, housing and the impacts of climate change. Our issues are urgent, and our citizens demand action.

**IMMIGRATION:** To ensure our security and preserve our values, policy must be clear, inclusive, allow rapid response to humanitarian crisis, address current and projected workforce needs, recognize our current reality, and provide protection and a path to legal residency or citizenship to those contributing to our communities and economy. America's success depends on attracting and supporting successful integr

**HEALTH CARE:** I'd vote to reinstate provisions removed from the ACA. I'd vote to preserve quality and lower health care costs through allowing of negotiation of drug pricing; cost review, oversight and fee setting mechanisms; global budget funding of facilities & separate funding for capital projects; and/or establishing a national long-term care option. Gradual transition to single-payer system may be optimal.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I support the Green New Deal. We must immediately reinstitute environmental protection laws that have been eroded

under Trump's administration. We must create data-driven policies based on quality research to reduce our emissions, conserve our resources and create clean new energies. We must treat climate change like the emergency it is.

**GUN SAFETY:** At the federal level, I would support all gun sense legislation including: close background check loopholes, ban assault weapons, implement red flag laws, allow physicians to talk to their patients about gun safety, fund quality research on gun safety and the health and economic impacts of gun violence.

**ECONOMY:** Increase minimum wage, close the achievement gap in schools, provide more career and technical training, invest in universal early childhood education reduce the costs of higher education, relieve student debt, provide affordable healthcare.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Protect the civil rights of students. Implement restorative practices in schools. Update the Voting Rights Act to ensure adequate voter protection, access and awareness. Amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include a ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and sex in the areas of public accommodation, such as education, employment and public spaces.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Would allow student loans to be refinanced generally and discharged in bankruptcy; delay student loan repayment until earnings are 250% above federal poverty levels; institute Pay-it-Forward education finance programs; expand public service loan forgiveness programs to include public school teachers, contingent or adjunct higher ed faculty and other public employees in under-served communities.

## Jay Jalisi

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**GOALS:** I have been a medical doctor for 30 years and have been in elected office for the last 6 years. I am running for Congress because I know the issues Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Howard County have and feel capable to address them in a meaningful way. I had the honor of being a friend and mentee of Congressman Elijah Cummings, and know his vision for the District well.

**IMMIGRATION:** As an immigrant I know that America is a nation of immigrants and also a nation of laws. Our current immigration policy is flawed and must be changed to meet the needs of the 21st century. As a Congressman, I will work for a full & comprehensive overhaul of our immigration policy that protects our country, secures our borders, and also offers a clear path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants

**HEALTH CARE:** We need to make changes to provide healthcare coverage to all Americans

under the AFA, and make suitable changes to it so it remains affordable to everyone.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We need to create millions of good American jobs in clean and renewable energy, and directly confront the racial and economic inequality embedded in the traditional fossil fuel economy. We should invest in sustainable, resilient infrastructure, reduce our carbon footprint in every sector of our economy, stop giving huge tax breaks to the big oil and gas companies, move away from coal.

**GUN SAFETY:** I support a complete ban on automatic assault rifles, large caliber guns, large capacity magazines, and ID check of gun buyers.

**ECONOMY:** I support living wage for every worker, paid family leave, and tuition free college education. I also think we need to cap the large salaries paid to the senior management of our publicly traded companies.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I think there should be stricter laws and sever penalties for discrimination of any type, including race, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, or disability.

**STUDENT LOANS:** The student loans are a big burden on all families with children in college. The students should be able to refinance their student loans, and college education should be free. I passed a bill in the Maryland Assembly which allows for college loans to be waived over 10 years for those who were orphans or in the foster care system; this policy should be implemented for all students.

## Paul V. Konka

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**GOALS:** Climate change: If we do not solve this problem, we might not survive to solve the other problems. Financial responsibility: Government deficits approaching one trillion dollars are irresponsible and must end. We need budget surpluses (as was the case under President Clinton) during good economic times so that temporary deficits can see us through future recessions. BA, MBA, JD.

**IMMIGRATION:** No kids in cages! Keep families together. Increase foreign assistance to encourage immigrants to stay in their home countries, but welcome those who want to come to the greatest country on earth. Increase immigration judges to end backlog. Comprehensive immigration reform that supports the basic rights and dignity of all working people and eliminates the exploitation of immigrant workers.

**HEALTH CARE:** Expand and improve the Affordable Care Act until all who want health care insurance have it at a reasonable price. My twelve years at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services provides an exceptional

background to make a difference from Day One. Codify Roe v. Wade into law to prevent a conservative Supreme Court from taking away a woman's right to choose.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is arguably the greatest threat facing us and it is paramount that the federal government act quickly. Maintain our commitment to the 2015 Paris Climate Accord to hold global warming to "well below" 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels. We need more mass transit instead of expanding current highways. Plant large numbers of shade trees.

**GUN SAFETY:** While respecting the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution, banning assault rifles is a necessary, but insufficient response to reduce gun violence. Additional steps include adequate police numbers and eliminating one of the causes of gun violence (gang wars over drugs) by reasonable policies (decriminalization) on drugs. Increase gun safety training and education for those who do own guns.

**ECONOMY:** First, increase wealth and income for those with insufficient wealth and income. That can be achieved by various measures, including increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Help for small businesses. Create and retain good jobs in the U.S. Second, increase tax rates on excessive wealth and high incomes. Strong economic growth, budget surpluses, and higher taxes as with President Clinton.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Eliminate discrimination in any form. Support the HOME act to end housing discrimination by income. Promote "Ban the Box" legislation for housing, job, and college applications. Enforce current anti-discrimination laws and enact new laws where necessary. Educate against discrimination at every grade level.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Those students who take public service jobs should have their loan payments forgiven. Those students who graduate and then take high-paying jobs in the private sector should continue with their loan payments. Accommodations should be made for those graduates who do not have high-paying private sector jobs. Long-term goal should be a high-quality, debt-free higher education for all who want it.

## Kweisi Mfume

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**GOALS:** I believe the 7th Congressional District and our country face crucial crossroads ahead. I also believe it is important to always replace leadership with leadership. We cannot miss the opportunity to send the strongest representation to Congress now. Having served in this position for 10 years, I am the only candidate who is proven, tested, and ready to go to work on day one with seniority.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration built America and it continues to be the heartbeat of the American economy. I will fight to require humane immigration policies at our borders so that we will not have to relive the tragedies of the last few years, e.g., policies that put people in cages or permanently divided children from their parents. In addition, I will work to create a sensible pathway to citizenship.

**HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare is a right. I will vote to expand the Affordable Care Act (ACA), beginning with restoring the protections stripped from the ACA by this Administration. My healthcare vision includes expanded healthcare access for low-income Americans, a public health insurance model like Medicare, enhanced private and/or employer-sponsored insurance options, and a tax credit to offset premium costs.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government should be the chief architect and chief enforcer of existing and forward-looking environmental policies. It should implement environmental policies that incentivize responsible personal choices, motivate corporations to make better choices (by carrot, by stick or both), steer us towards an increasingly green economy, and establish America as a global environmental leader.

**GUN SAFETY:** Reinstating an assault weapons ban and adopting a national background check system focused on psychological competency are two key gun safety policies I will pursue in Congress. In 1994, I helped pass an assault weapons ban that lasted 10 years. Congress has not had the will to reinstate the ban once it was lifted. I will fight to change that if I earn the honor of serving the People in Congress.

**ECONOMY:** I will work to increase the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour today, with that figure indexed to inflation. I will also work to revisit the most recent tax cuts for the highest earning Americans so that we can invest that money into educating our children and expanding skills training opportunities. The policy focus is investing in opportunities that prepare people to earn more money.

**DISCRIMINATION:** It sometimes appears as if our society faces more biases today than we did just a few years ago. The federal government must ensure existing anti-discrimination laws are fully enforced by the people and institutions created to do so. Next, our nation must acknowledge one form of bigotry is just as harmful as any other form of bigotry so our laws must align to reflect that truth.

**STUDENT LOANS:** The student loan crisis may cripple our future economy. We must act now to ensure a financially stable future workforce. I support allowing students to lower their student loan rates through refinancing, loan

forgiveness programs for graduates working in certain public interest fields with incomes below a certain level, and in the most extreme cases debt forgiveness.

## Adrian Petrus

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**GOALS:** I want to make some changes, it should not be about politics, but it should be about the future of the district. The future of young kids in Baltimore and around the nation. If we give every child a chance to succeed, then one day they will make their own wealth and not depending on the government. We need to end homelessness, there is no reason to have homeless people. Jobs.

**IMMIGRATION:** I would make sure that everyone has a chance to be a US Resident. As an immigrant myself I would support a immigration law that would work for everyone.

**HEALTH CARE:** I lost my brother a few years ago because he did not have health care. None of us knew he was sick. I would support any health care plan that would insure everyone in the nation. We also have to change the entire health care system, that would be a huge challenge. Pharmaceutical companies are to powerful, but we do need strong policies.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We need to move toward green energy, green jobs. I been doing a lot of research on Hemp and I believe that the key to many of our challenges. We need to farm more hemp to help our climate.

**GUN SAFETY:** I have said this back in 2016 and still saying now. We need to put an end to sells if illegal guns and go after those who sell stolen or illegal guns. No matter how many policies we put in place to make it harder for a obeying citizen and we do nothing to prevent the criminals to get their hands on guns.

**ECONOMY:** I know that if we help young kids with the best education, after school programs, trade schools and make sure they understand generational wealth, then instead of keeping poor people depending on the government, we can get them the tools to start a business and to have a better paying job. We need to bring tech companies in district 7th.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I have zero tolerance on discrimination. I'm a victim of work discrimination now. The problem starts with DOL and they have to change. No matter how many complains they get, it seems they always help employers and not employees. I was injured on the job in January, then the employer fired me before I recovered from injury. Even that ADA protected me, the employer does not follow laws.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I think student loans should be part of bankruptcy. We need to make schools available to everyone and free.

## Saafir A. Rabb

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**GOALS:** We are living in a time of a new normal and the irresponsible activities happening at the federal level are jeopardizing our democracy. As a son of MD-07, and one who has devoted to this community my entire life, I recognize the need for a champion of practical legislation for effective redress. I will be the most effective servant for immediate and long-term implementation of the needed changes.

**IMMIGRATION:** We are a country of immigrants. Immigration laws need to protect those individuals and families from undemocratic regimes seeking refuge and asylum in the U.S. We must work with our allies to promote refuge globally for anyone facing oppression in the wake of authoritarian abuse or imminent danger due to war and other violence.

**HEALTH CARE:** The Affordable Care Act is imperfect, but its passage has resulted in easier access to health services for millions of Americans. Crucial components of the ACA—such as prohibiting discrimination based on pre-existing diagnoses and requiring coverage of mental health services and preventive services for women—must continue. The ultimate goal is universal coverage for everyone.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We must institute legislative consideration for climate change and protection of the environment in every aspect of our policies, especially energy, jobs, and new infrastructure. We must build in an environmentally responsible way. The present workforce of the coal, oil, and gas industries need an opportunity to be re-trained as the future workforce of sustainable energy.

**GUN SAFETY:** It is possible to craft legislation that does not restrict ordinary citizens' ability to use guns for hunting or recreation. However, non-military citizens should not have access to military grade weaponry. In addition to gun control, allocations to expand mental health services are needed to reduce mass shootings and suicides, and job growth is needed to curb homicides in urban centers.

**ECONOMY:** All citizens must have access to government-sponsored economic development opportunities that result in living wage jobs and growth of entrepreneurial initiatives. The entire tax system has been reconfigured to favor the wealthy and large corporations. Reform is needed so that everyone pays their fair share.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination permeates all parts of our society and hurts everyone—victims and perpetrators alike. We need leaders who will use their bully pulpits to

promote the positives of our society, the potential for excellence that resides in all of our home communities and throughout our society as a whole.

**STUDENT LOANS:** The cost of higher education has spiraled out of control, making it inaccessible to the working and middle classes. I support legislation to make community college free. We need to explore legislation linking loan forgiveness to civil service, and we should create parity through discharging student debt and providing lower cost education for the economically disadvantaged.

## Charles U. Smith

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**GOALS:** To bring honesty to the 7th congressional district.

**IMMIGRATION:** a massive overhaul of the immigration system .

**HEALTH CARE:** to continue affordable care

**ENVIRONMENT:** enforce the regulations

**GUN SAFETY:** enforce the rules and bring better and new rules to the 21st century to the meaning of the second amendment

**ECONOMY:** America is falling behind in the world market there were bad decision by our former leaders which can be corrected. America should reinvest in itself to bring jobs back to this country and attention should be paid to the workers and not the top 1% PERCENT

**DISCRIMINATION:** enforce the bill of rights for all something the country has not done. it comes down the have and the have not money. If you do not have it then you have no rights that goes for any color .

**STUDENT LOANS:** student loan forgiveness

## Harry Spikes

*No response received by deadline.*

## Charles Stokes

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*No response received by deadline.*



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

- Christopher M. Anderson
- James C. Arnold
- Ray Bly
- Brian L. Brown
- Reba A. Hawkins
- Kimberly Klacik
- Liz Matory
- William Newton

### © DEMOCRATS

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

- T. Dan Baker
- Talmadge Branch
- Alicia D. Brown
- Anthony Carter, Sr.

- Jill P. Carter
- Matko Lee Chullin, III
- Jay Fred Cohen
- Nathaniel M. Costley, Sr.
- Maya Rockey Moore Cummings
- Jermyn Davidson
- Darryl Gonzalez
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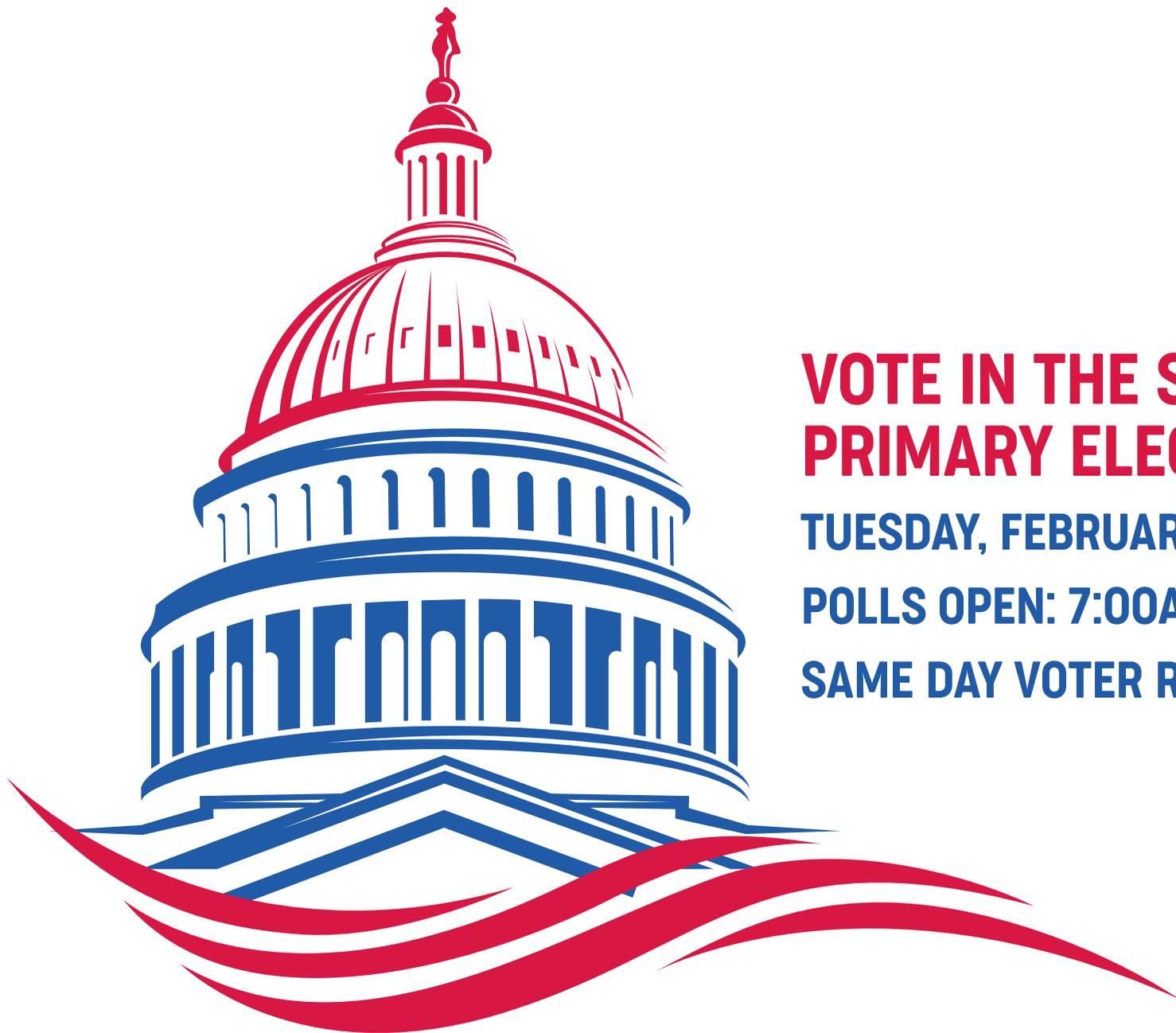
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