Mail-in Voting: Voters whose applications for mail-in ballots were received by Tuesday, October 20 will receive ballots by the method they chose. Ballots must be postmarked or placed in a designated drop box by 8pm on November 3, 2020. Ballots may be dropped off at the Vote Centers, at Drop Box locations, and also at: Baltimore City Board of Elections, Benton Office Building 417 E. Fayette Street

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Early Voting: Voters may vote at any Early Voting Center from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM from Monday, October 26 through Monday, November 2, 2020.

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TOP PRIORITY: Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We’re facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I’ll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we’re never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I’ll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I’ll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to our recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity. If we come together. As President, I’ll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I’ll work as hard for those who don’t support me as for those who do. That’s a president’s job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal.

RACIAL INJUSTICE: America is at an inflection point. It’s past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation’s promise to too many for too long. I’ll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies, and give every child the same start in life by ensuring universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I’ll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I’ll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.

IMMIGRATION: My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It’s past time to reform our broken system, restoring family unification and diversity as its core pillars. As President, I’ll reverse Trump’s assault on our values on Day One, ending his cruel border policies that rip children from their mothers’ arms. I’ll get Dreamers and their families, and invest real political capital in finally delivering legislative immigration reform, with a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong. We have to enforce our laws, but in a way that’s humane, respects due process, honors our values, and sees the big picture.

HEALTHCARE: This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That’s why I’ll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I’ll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I’ll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care, and much more.

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hiring more federal judges to reduce the courts backlog. I’ll work to pass comprehensive immigration reform that provides both sensible border security and a reasonable path to citizenship.

Health Care: We must continue the consumer protections provided by the ACA, but strengthen it by adding a public option that creates competition and lowers prices. We can also allow America to buy into Medicare at a younger age. We also must address soaring prescription drug prices that are generating record profits for the pharmaceutical industry.

Environment: Since the U.S. is one of the world’s leading polluters, the federal government must take the lead in addressing environmental concerns like climate change. We must re-join the Paris Treaty and work toward carbon neutrality and an Appropriate Carbon Price. We must also pass robust “Buy American” provisions as well as workers’ rights to help strengthen the working class. I support investing in infrastructure to create jobs, as well as tax incentives for small business.

Discrimination: People who commit hate crimes should be held accountable for their actions. That’s why I support ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment, as well as passing The Equality Act and the Disability Integration Act once and for all.

Student Loans: I support legislation to lower student loan interest rates and allow students to refinance their student loans when rates decline. I support expanding federal loan forgiveness programs for students who choose certain in-demand careers, like teachers and nurses, and capping the amount students must repay each month. We also need to increase the maximum value and number of Pell Grants.

Economy: The middle class needs to make more money, which is why I support extending tax cuts for the working class, as well as a minimum wage increase. Congress needs to address paid leave and advance robust “Buy American” provisions as well as workers’ rights to help strengthen the working class. I support investing in infrastructure to create jobs, as well as tax incentives for small business.

Gun Safety: I support banning assault weapons and high capacity magazines, background checks for gun and ammo purchases, a no-fly-no-buy and tougher penalties for straw purchases. People convicted of certain hate crimes, as well as domestic abusers, should not be allowed to buy guns. I have introduced legislation to stop the cycle of gun violence by providing hospital-based interventions for recovering victims.

Goals: I believe the ACA is working and should be strengthened. If there is bias in the system, I will work to correct it. I will work to re-instate the ban once it was lifted. I will fight to change that if I earn the honor of serving the People in Congress.

The key to addressing income inequality is fixing our democracy so that economic power does not equal political power. We need to reverse decades of tax cuts for the wealthy and big business and reinvest those revenues in our people – including by reducing the financial burden of health care, housing and education. We must focus on economic justice and building wealth in marginalized communities.

Discrimination: I strongly support important civil rights legislation like the Equality Act, the Paycheck Fairness Act, the End Racial Profiling Act and the NO BAN Act. I also support building on criminal justice reforms like the First Step Act. I authored H.R. 1, which would expand access to the ballot, particularly for racial minorities and persons with disabilities, who face additional barriers to voting.

Student Loans: I authored the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program to provide debt relief to those who work in public service.

I introduced the What You Can Do For Your Country Act, which strengthens PSLF and ensures its proper administration by the Department of Education. I oppose the Trump Administration’s attacks on student borrowers and believe we must better protect them from predatory lenders.

U.S. Representative District 7

Vote for no more than 1.

Party: Republican

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Goals: No response received by deadline.

Gun Safety: I believe we should enact common sense gun safety legislation like passing the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, which would require universal background checks for all gun sales.

Climate change is the existential crisis of our day. The federal government should be the chief architect and the primary enforcer of existing and forward-looking environmental policies. It should implement environmental policies that incentivize responsible personal choices, more 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.

Immigration: Immigration built America and it continues to be the heartbeart 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 ensure that the American government is truthful and authentic in its communication.

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.

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Questions

Background: What in your background and experience qualifies you to be Mayor of Baltimore City?

Crime: What specific plans would you propose to reduce homicides and violent crime in Baltimore?

Education: How would you fund public education in Baltimore, while assuring the quality and ongoing structural maintenance of school buildings?

Health: What strategies do you have to address continued health disparities in the city?

Transportation: What are your plans and priorities for improving public transportation to better serve City residents and employers?

Housing: What strategies do you propose to remove or rehabilitate vacant buildings and provide affordable housing?

Duties Baltimore City has a “strong mayor” form of government. The mayor’s power is derived from several sources:

• The Mayor’s Office, as part of the Executive Branch, is responsible for administering the laws and providing municipal services and functions.

• The mayor makes hundreds of appointments, including the heads of most city agencies.

• The mayor may veto bills passed by the city council and a three-fourths vote of the city council is necessary to override the veto.

• The mayor appoints two of the five members of the Board of Estimates. (The Board of Estimates is responsible for developing and executing the fiscal policy of the city. Each year it submits an annual budget called the Ordinance of Estimates to the City Council).

Annual Salary: $171,635

Term: 4 year term. Limited to two terms.

How Elected: Citywide.

Shannon Wright

Party: Republican

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Background: As the son of a union worker and as a community-based legislator, I know what families need: good jobs and a trustworthy leader with a vision. This election is a choice between the status quo, and someone who knows how to navigate city government while moving our great city forward.

Crime: My top priorities from my comprehensive crime plan are: targeting repeat violent gun offenders, removing illegal guns and ammunition from the streets, and declaring a public health crisis to holistically address the root causes of violent crime while fully implementing the Consent Decree.

Education: I was the first official to fully commit to funding Kirwan. I also called on the Mayor to spend our City’s $34 million FY19 surplus on school infrastructure upgrades. As Mayor, I am committed to fully and responsibly funding Kirwan through smarter spending, re-allocation funds, and strategic public-private partnerships.

Health: All my work is equity-based. That’s why I introduced legislation requiring city agencies to do the same. Baltimore’s race and class-based health disparities are unacceptable and must be addressed. As Mayor, I will ensure the Health Department is better resourced through increased reliance on our state, federal, and institutional partners.

Transportation: As Mayor I will: make transportation infrastructure upgrades through an equity lens, prioritizing dedicated bus lanes, shared mobility lanes, and expanded circulator service to unserved neighborhoods, particularly in the Black Butterfly. I also intend to explore direct transportation options to get people from Baltimore neighborhoods to job centers like BWI.

Climate and Environment: First, I will make the Sustainability Commission a cabinet level position, this will require agencies to adopt sustainable policies, instead of merely making recommendations. I will declare a state of climate emergency, and require DPW to fully implement a zero waste plan.

Housing: As Mayor, I will reverse decades of disinvestment from our Black and historically redlined neighborhoods, while ensuring that underrepresented residents have a seat at the table. My top priorities are: re-allocation resources to the Housing Department’s low-income rehab programs as well as fully funding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
Background: As a Baltimore native who grew up in Cherry Hill, I feel strongly about enacting positive change in our community. I’m a business owner and accomplished entrepreneur, not a career politician. Through economic empowerment and innovative solutions, I will bring real change to Baltimore.

Crime: My plan to reduce the crime and violence in Baltimore involves improving accountability and reliability within the BPD. I will work to create long-lasting solutions by expanding trauma-responsive mental health and drug addiction treatment and the CeaseFire program. Implementing my 100,000 jobs creation plan will provide newfound opportunities to residents in underserved communities.

Education: I will work with elected officials to ensure our public schools get the funding that our youth deserve to set them up for success. I will secure additional support from the state & federal level to create a system that results in higher test scores, attendance and graduation rates for all students. I was disappointed in the Governor’s decision to veto the Kirwan Commission, which I fully support.

Health: Baltimore’s race and class-based disparities in healthcare, which have been amplified by the coronavirus pandemic, need to be addressed immediately. As mayor, I will work with the Health Department to identify priority health care needs, ensure access to healthcare and appropriate resources are available for all residents.

Transportation: Our broken public transportation system is a major factor as to why many Baltimore residents are unemployed or underemployed. My plan is to expand public bus routes to reach historically disinvested neighborhoods to better connect the city. I also plan to increase access to e-scooters, bicycles and ridesharing services.

Climate and Environment: My mission is to make Baltimore clean, green and livable for city residents. My experience in tech and the energy sector will be invaluable in implementing innovative, affordable solutions to transform Baltimore into a city that uses all clean, renewable energy.

Housing: All residents deserve access to safe, clean, family-friendly affordable housing. I will collaborate with the private and public sector to rehabilitate vacant houses to be used as affordable housing. My priority is to increase job opportunities and access to them, which will ensure residents are able to secure safe and stable housing.

What strategies do you have to address continued health disparities in Baltimore? What will you do to make sure that the Health Department has the resources it needs to serve all residents?

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Questions

Background: What in your background and experience qualifies you to be Comptroller of Baltimore?
Information Security: What are your priorities for addressing the security issues and the obsolete hardware and software of the City’s information systems?
Revenues: How would you increase revenues from leases and sales of city-owned property?
Transparency: How would you ensure transparency and accountability of the Department of Real Estate’s reviews and analysis of real estate-related transactions and development proposals?

Bill Henry

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Background: As a three-term councilman, I’ve worked on legislation to hold government accountable, empower neighborhoods and grow the tax base. Before that, I earned an MBA with a concentration in Finance while working at the Patterson Park Community Development Corporation, turning vacant & blighted houses into owner-occupied homes and affordable rentals.
Information Security: We need to invest in 21st Century technology to better serve our residents. In the Comptroller’s office, I will phase out typewriters and move towards a comprehensive and accessible database for the Board of Estimates. I’ll prioritize strong procurement practices that buy us the most secure software for our services.

Revenues: We must create a comprehensive real estate strategy that promotes development without gentrification. We can do this by creating a municipal land bank, selling more of our property to responsible developers, and strengthening our “but for” tests, so our development incentives are only going to projects that really need them.

Transparency: Baltimore City needs an annual review of our tax breaks. There have never been regular reviews of development mechanisms or programs, including TIF Financing and Vacants to Value. I will begin annually auditing City contracting and other spending for economic inclusion, to identify where we are failing short.

Baltimore City Comptroller

Questions

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Education: How would you fund public education in Baltimore, while assuring the quality and ongoing structural maintenance of school buildings?
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City of Baltimore Council Districts

Baltimore City Comptroller

Duties: The position was created by the City Charter which provides that the comptroller:
- Appoints the city auditor and has general supervision over the Department of Audits and the city auditor,
- Heads the Department of Real Estate,
- Serves on the Board of Estimates and the Board of Finance.
Salary: $125,000
Term: 4 years
How Elected: The Comptroller is elected city-wide.

Baltimore City Council

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Background: My work is a manifestation of my love for Baltimore. I am a former educator, co-founder of a youth nonprofit, and a proud parent. During my first term, my office has resolved more than 2,271 constituent requests. I have prioritized attention to youth trauma, increase government transparency, and advance gender equity. I have built coalitions around climate justice and youth employment.

Crime: Police need to be involved members of the community and well-trained in trauma-informed practices. In the short term, I intend to continue my work developing the Public Safety Task Force, which promotes neighborhood-based solutions and micro-community policing. The Trauma Responsive Care Act is a long-term investment in breaking the cycle of violence by addressing and preventing trauma.

Education: I am a former City Schools teacher, Chair of the Education and Youth Committee, and the father of a future City Schools student. As a social sciences teacher, I taught in schools without heat, AC, or drinkable water. The current conditions are unacceptable. I am an outspoken advocate for 21st-century school facilities and the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future to adequately fund our schools.

Health: Funding health programming is a proactive investment in our city. I worked with public health experts, researchers, and community leaders to develop and pass the Trauma Responsive Care Act, which takes a public health approach to treating and preventing trauma. I have also worked with outreach specialists to develop and pass the Trauma Responsive Care Act, which takes a public health approach to treating and preventing trauma. I have also worked with outreach specialists to develop and pass the Trauma Responsive Care Act, which takes a public health approach to treating and preventing trauma.

Transportation: Public transit is essential for increasing economic mobility. My first fight on City Council was a Bake Sale for Buses to restore full hours to student bus passes. We need to fund sustainable transit that connects East and West Baltimore, as the cancelled Red Line train would have done. I will also continue to collaborate with state legislators to improve MTA service delivery.

Climate and Environment: After the president’s disturbing decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement, I worked closely with developers to better understand how affordable housing fits into the implementation. I propose we consider non-residential property taxes in the conversation about equitable school funding.

Housing: To fund public education equitably, I propose taking into consideration the income levels of local taxpayers and setting relative progressive tax rates for public education funds. As a councilman, I will work with Baltimore’s Housing Roundtable to explore affordable home ownership options, including Community Land Trusts.

Climate and Environment: One priority I would like to implement to improve our sustainability would be to pass heavy fines and restrictions on illegal dumping in our city. Most importantly, adding another recycling day would be another method to increase sustainable practices.

Housing: The removal and/or rehabilitation of vacant homes can be used to provide affordable housing to citizens that qualify for incentive programs. The renovation of vacant lots can be transformed into green spaces such as community gardens/farms. This initiative provides opportunities and provides opportunities for our youth.

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Background: I am a product of Baltimore City Public Schools. I attended Morgan State University where I learned my Bachelor of Art in History with a minor in political science. I recently earned my Master’s in Educational Administration from the University of Baltimore, and have been well-versed in real-world and educational, have prepared me to produce timely conducive results.

Crime: As city councilman I will work with the legislature to double the minimum criminal penalty for violent repeat offenders to reduce homicides. I will also push for a term criminal penalty from five years to 10 years, without parole or probation. Through “truth in sentencing” legislation, this would require repeat violent offenders to serve their full sentences without suspension, parole or probation.

Education: To fund public education equitably, I propose taking into consideration the income levels of local taxpayers and setting relative progressive tax rates for public education funds. As a councilman, I would propose we consider non-residential property taxes in the conversation about equitable school funding.

Health: Technical package of evidence–based interventions, performance management, partnerships with local hospitals and universities, effective communication, and political commitment are all strategies I would implement to address health disparities in Baltimore. All programs must include justifiable monitoring systems that provide modest, accurate information on development in program implementation.

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Background: I am a born and bred Baltimorean, and have committed myself to serving my fellow citizens on the community level by volunteering through my church. I have worked for the Maryland State Judiciary. As a member of the Maryland Army National Guard, I carry on the proud tradition of the American soldier committed to the people of Maryland ready to serve at a moments notice.

Crime: First, we as a City must address the contributing factors to the kind of crime that is plaguing our communities, slapping our citizens in the streets and driving others to seek the perceived safety of suburban living. In this area too often we want to sooth the symptoms and not address the cancer which is killing our city. Poverty, unemployment, under-employment and a failing school system.

Education: Greater Также, police and other public safety agencies can only means to solve the issue of our Failing Baltimore School System. All efforts to improve and fund BCPSS must begin with a good hard look at how we spend money especially at the School Headquarters on North Ave. We need to make cuts to nonessential expenses an redirect dollars to the classroom.

Health: When we are seeking a policy solution to the Health disparities in Baltimore we have to address the fact that the other income non white residents suffer disproportionally for lack of access to quality healthcare and things as simple as basic preventative care and an annual physical could greatly curtail this crisis.

Transportation: We need to improve public transportation system which is primarily used by people of color, the poor and the disabled to
ensure that these citizens are getting where they need to go in a safe and timely manner. We need to make all the necessary improvements to have a clean, safe, and sustainable infrastructure to support a robust economy and a 21st Century City.

Climate and Environment: It is our responsibility to be the best stewards of our city and the environment that we can be and as leaders it's our responsibility to educate the public on the importance of keeping our city clean and the role each of us play daily in making Baltimore as Green as possible.

Housing: There are an estimated 17,000 vacant and dilapidated homes in Baltimore and there is no one policy solution which will eliminate this issue, but we can take certain measures to alleviate the plight. The "Dollar House Program" homes are sold by the city for $1 to anyone who agrees to make a residence or a residence for anyone for the next 5 years.

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Background: As a Councilmember, I’ve become a student of how city government works and what makes other cities safe and prosperous, and I’m the Council’s most active and successful legislator. As a lifelong 3rd District resident with a more than a decade of experience in the Baltimore School for the Arts, I bring valuable and unique perspective.

Crime: Expand Safe Streets, and support Ceasefire. These are the only efforts that have an actual track record of effectiveness. Decrease rate of violent crime by reassigning to actual police work the 250+ sworn officers currently performing civilian administrative duties. The State must properly fund parole and probation supervision and augment reentry programming and support.

Education: Policing reforms and budgetary cuts can easily free up tens of millions for schools. Increase all codified City fees to account for inflation since their last updates, and index for future inflation. Negotiate PILOTs with non-profits and repeal inequitable tax credits. Increase our tax base through public infrastructure investment that makes neighborhoods more liveable.

Health: One of Baltimore’s worst health crises is early mortality from cardio-respiratory diseases. Access to clean air and active transportation infrastructure are two solutions to this and to other conditions like asthma. My Complete Streets law does both, and improves Baltimore’s eligibility for public health grants. We also need to add mold to our rental housing inspection checklist.

Transportation: My plan (bit.ly/DorseyTransportationPlan) outlines proposals to speed public transit through dedicated bus lanes and other infrastructure, as part of a Complete Streets overhaul of our roads, while also reducing traffic congestion. We should provide free transit passes for all municipal employees, setting an example that encourages all major employers to offer the same.

Climate and Environment: We can use MS-4 stormwater funds for capital projects that both slow runoff and also make streets safer and more welcoming to walking, biking, and public transit, reducing auto reliance. This would increase resilience and would lower emissions and improve air quality. We should invest in green and white roofs and tree canopy citywide, and allow for increased density in more areas.

Housing: Policies that improve quality of life for existing residents also attract development, so that’s where my focus is. We should be building our own housing, and growing community land trusts and the affordable housing trust fund enables us to do so. I’ll introduce a local voucher program that will increase affordable housing access citywide. Rent control and stabilization must be considered.

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Background: As Deputy Director of the Mayor’s Office of CitiStat I served on the Mayor’s cabinet and was responsible for holding city agencies accountable. Today, as Executive Director of the Baltimore Tree Trust, I work to revitalize underserved neighborhoods by planting thousands of trees and training Baltimoreans for jobs in tree care and landscaping.

Crime: 1) strong schools that prepare our young people for a productive career or college; 2) job training and placement for at-risk teens, adults, and returning citizens; 3) trauma services for our most vulnerable communities; 4) violence interruption programs, such as Safe Streets, that help to defuse potential violence.

Education: I believe we should reopen conversations about the PILOT agreement with our city’s nonprofits in order to close some of the gap, and that we should work with our Department of Finance to identify areas where we can reduce agency budgets to identify the remainder. I would start with the $50 million per year Police overtime budget that exists because of weak oversight and persistent shortages.

Health: We must ensure that low income communities of color have the basic necessities like grocery stores, open space that is safe for recreation, etc. to be active community members. We need to empower Baltimoreans to a healthy lifestyle and work within the community to help residents improve their habits while ensuring all of our residents have equitable access to physical and mental health resources.

Transportation: I work to build a reliable, robust, and affordable multi-modal transit system that integrates rail, bus, bike, and pedestrian infrastructure to move Baltimoreans across the region. Bus rapid transit may serve as a viable alternative to rail, however we must ensure that public transportation is prioritized to reduce our city’s overreliance on cars.

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1. Revitalize nonoperational neighborhood associations 2. Create comprehensive audit of current city expenditures and drastically increase administrative bloat and property tax rates 3. Establish new strategy for curb cuts and trees on public property to increase property values 4. Address the need for stormwater management and make it a requirement for all new development 5. Work with the Housing Commission and City Planning Office to increase citywide task force on health disparities and task the group with designing strategies to reduce health disparities by 2030. 3. Address food deserts by conducting need survey with area grocers. 4. Design new strategies to reduce health disparities by 2030. 3. Address food deserts by conducting need survey with area grocers.

1. Routine hosting of events for community health fairs, healthcare financing fairs, and care for caretaker strategies 2. Form citywide task force on health disparities and task the group with designing strategies to reduce health disparities by 2030. 3. Address food deserts by conducting need survey with area grocers.

1. Address contractor overruns to optimize funding and rebuild streets. 2. Monitor responsiveness to 211 requests for service. 3. Identify ways to incentivize private employers to subsidize use of public transportation for employees.

Baltimore City Council
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Background: I am a 3rd generation Baltimorean, an HBCU graduate, a dedicated community advocate, & devout Catholic. My family has operated a soup kitchen at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church ministering to those in need. I currently work as a defense investigator helping indigent clients/ advocating criminal justice reform. I hope to use my professional analytical skills and my advocacy for a better Baltimore

Crime: 1. Ramp up community-based diversion programs for first time, non-violent offenders. Improve harm reduction strategies for substance use disorders/chronic drug users. 3. Re-examine the role of community liaisons/public meetings in the fed/local consent decree—focus on why police don’t prioritize “quality of life” crimes

Education: 1. Establish private sector-public school partnerships that combine school with technical training & paid work. 2. Audit the Baltimore City Public School System to identify and eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse. Reduce the current 7 administrator per student ratio 3. Explore vouchers and charter school options for students in failing schools.

Health: 1. Routine hosting of events for community health fairs, healthcare financing fairs, and care for caretaker strategies 2. Form citywide task force on health disparities and task the group with designing strategies to reduce health disparities by 2030. 3. Address food deserts by conducting need survey with area grocers.

Transportation: 1. Address contractor overruns to optimize funding and rebuild streets. 2. Monitor responsiveness to 211 requests for service. 3. Identify ways to incentivize private employers to subsidize use of public transportation for employees.

Climate and Environment: 1. Pledge a percentage of my salary if elected towards planting 500 trees in my district by the end of the 1st year. 2. Establish monthly community clean ups at Baltimore’s parks and bodies of water. 3. Encourage Baltimore City Public School System to identify and eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse. Reduce the current 7 administrator per student ratio 3. Explore vouchers and charter school options for students in failing schools.

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Transportation: 1. Address contractor overruns to optimize funding and rebuild streets. 2. Monitor responsiveness to 211 requests for service. 3. Identify ways to incentivize private employers to subsidize use of public transportation for employees.
Baltimore City Council
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Background: I am a proud mother, a third generation Baltimorean, and a financial planner with nearly 15 years of experience of helping young women lead positive, productive lives. I am skilled at working with various stakeholders to arrive at solutions that help society’s most vulnerable. I have vast experience in financial planning and healthcare provision, which affords me deeper insight on key issues.

Crime: 1. Demand public reporting/monitoring of police response rates and arrests/convictions for repeat perpetrators of violent crimes.
2. Eliminate high fines for users who do not have correct change or not enough change; this is a poor person tax.
3. Propose study on costs associated with increased traffic congestion—specifically costs on businesses (inventory costs, logistics costs, reliability costs) to get more buy-in from area businesses and “riders by choice”, i.e. passengers on costs associated with increased traffic congestion.

Housing: 1. Demand public reporting/monitoring of police response rates and arrests/convictions for perpetrators of violent crimes.
2. Baltimore City has an average police response time of 16 minutes—way too long. Second, I would ramp up community-based diversion programs for first time, non-violent offenders.

Education: 1. Expand school choice through school vouchers and charter schools.

Health: 1. Advocate to allow WIC & EBT users online ordering & delivery options linked to local groceries stores/markets; this would help vulnerable folks and help small businesses.

Transportation: 1. Eliminate high fines for users who do not have correct change or not enough change; this is a poor person tax.

Baltimore City Council
District 07

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Background: I am a 3rd generation Baltimorean, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, and a lifelong community advocate. For years, I’ve managed non-profit organizations geared to helping the homeless and vulnerable populations in Baltimore. I’ve learned, first hand, the policy barriers and the financial impediments to making a better Baltimore. I’ve become a fixture in the Baltimore community, and I’ve vowed to serve all Baltimoreans.

Health: 1. Advocate for adequate, fair, and reasonable funding and urge State to provide personal emergency response systems linked to 911.

Housing: 1. Propose study on the number of affordable housing units. We must stay strategic and focused on providing affordable housing for our homeless and low-income populations through creative, for-profit and non-profit developers and place-based efforts.

Transportation: 1. Expand school choice through school vouchers and charter schools.

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Background: I proudly serve as Councilwoman of Baltimore City Council District 5 and Vice President. I am the 2020 President of the Maryland Association of Counties. The first African American person, from Baltimore City to hold that position. I also serve as a Commissioner on the Baltimore City Office of Aging, and Chairwoman of the Taxation, Finance, & Economic Dev. Committee and Use, etc.

Crime: Investments I would make to help achieve Baltimore’s crime reduction goals would start with preparing for community-driven strategies with resources * Revitalizing safe and stable housing and growing small businesses in our neighborhoods* Providing safe and secure housing for our senior citizens * Increasing employment, apprenticeships, education, and economic opportunity especially for youth.

Education: The “Kirwan Blueprint” legislation, is implementing the full fiscal recommendations during the Maryland General Assembly. I will advocate for adequate, fair, and reasonable funding and urge State and local leaders to recognize the level of public education funding without burdening essential local services. I will advocate reviewing formulas to promote the smartest, effective funding for modern Schools.

Health: Substance use disorders and mental illness remain two of the most critical challenges we face in our City. Health Departments are the “first responders” for public health emergencies, but have been forced to do more with much less after significant state Core Funding cuts. I support innovative and gap-filling behavioral health initiatives that improve access and availability of resources.

Transportation: Baltimore residents need better access! I support a system of transportation that supports various modes of transportation, works to ensure the safety of all users, and respects the right of each citizens preferred mode of transportation. To help to establish a transportation system that benefits all people & link to all neighborhoods. Baltimore must embrace an equitable deployment of investment.

Climate and Environment: Its extremely important to have consistent focus on a healthy & green environment. The City must continue delivery of income- eligible families energy efficiency and weatherization services with health improvements such as lead reduction. They offers energy and health upgrades to small businesses & non-profits who serve low-income residents when grants are available. Continue to maximize policies.

Housing: Affordable housing is a basic need. I’m committed to increasing the number of affordable housing units. We must stay strategic and focused on providing affordable housing for our homeless and low-income populations through creative, for-profit and non-profit developers and place-based efforts. We have to redress the long-standing race-based barriers that have devastated neighborhoods.

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Background: I am a policy professional who sought public service opportunities in local, state and federal government. These experiences coupled with my legal education enable me to use collaborative problem-solving approaches that empower communities to address root causes of violent crime such as meaningful employment; recreation; affordable housing, equitably distributed educational resources and more. Likewise, I will ensure that BPD has a data-driven plan for officer
Education: I will fight to ensure the City’s budget funds the Kirwan Commission's recommendations for teaching and learning while maintaining or rebuilding school facilities. This would require examining and reprioritizing the City’s budget to address increasing tax breaks.

Health: I will ensure projects or developments that are possibly environmentally harmful to City residents seek community feedback. I will encourage vulnerable communities to influence their health by participating in health centers (i.e., healthy food stores, mental health clinics, and more). I will work with the Council to make sure the Health Department is fully funded.

Transportation: I strongly support increased transit investments. Our City needs a bus system that supports increased accessibility for pedestrians and reduces our impact on the climate. However, we need a transit system that incorporates diverse modes of transportation but also is equitable, safe and reliable. I strongly support transit-oriented development.

Climate and Environment: I strongly support zero waste principles for the City because it can improve residents’ lives. Reused waste materials can reduce our dependence on landfills. Promoting environmentally-oriented development and jobs is also must through public funding and tax incentives to support this transformation.

Housing: Too often we hear there is not enough funding to remove vacant properties in the City. I believe the City should advocate for federal partners for supports in removing housing that has lead and other hazards. Housing that is usable, the City must convert these properties into multi-unit affordable housing.

Baltimore City Council
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Background: Prior to being elected to serve on the Baltimore City Council in 2016, I worked for over a decade as a community organizer on a variety issues impacting our city. I am now an experienced legislator, I have passed impactful legislation, and I am Chair of both City Council’s Health Committee and the Legislative Investigations Committee, as well as, the Vice-Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Crime: I view gun violence solely as a police issue, not only are we failing to be effective, but we are failing to treat the root symptoms of why gun violence occurs. We must increase the number of violence interrupters and mediators, and encourage more collaboration between community and government. And most importantly, we have to use a lens of public health and equity in policymaking.

Education: I believe that Baltimore City should be contributing more towards education funding. We should look for creative ways to fund this – such as re-visiting the current $6 million PILOT agreement with (15) large not-for-profit institutions in Baltimore City. These institutions should be encouraged to increase the scope and number of training clinics to provide a full range of services (including mental health) within some of these communities. Also, expanded anti-violence programs can be effective at interrupting neighborhood conflicts.

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Background: As a father and former neighborhood association president, I am committed to strengthening our communities. Being a political science professor and city planner includes the education and experience to address local issues. Government and nonprofit work in housing and transportation helps to create effective solutions, and serving as a Council Member provides real perspective.

Crime: A community oriented policing approach with more officers getting out of cars and walking neighborhood streets is necessary. We must also make prevention a priority by directing more money toward recreation, education, and employment opportunities in neglected communities. Also, expanded anti-violence programs can be effective at interrupting neighborhood conflicts.

Education: Baltimore must continue advocating for adequate education funding from the state as highlighted by the Kirwan Commission. Accordingly, we will need to increase the local contribution toward maintaining BCPS facilities. The City must also creatively leverage existing funding through public-private partnerships which would bring additional resources to the school system.

Health: We must make health related funding a priority in the City budget. It is also important to support service provision in areas experiencing disparate impact. This also includes the active recruitment of healthier options in food deserts. Partnerships with local institutions can ensure their reach into the most affected communities and should have a multi-generational approach.

Transportation: As a transportation advocate, it is clear that the cancellation of the Red Line stunted progress in creating a comprehensive system. However, the Council’s Transportation Committee must continue working with MDOT/MTA to push for more funding to increase frequency, as well as infrastructure enhancements including bus shelters, dedicated lanes, and signal prioritization.

Climate and Environment: We must continue moving toward a zero waste framework which includes increasing recycling rates as well as composting. As the green economy will account for future job growth, we must have a prepared workforce to install solar panels and other energy options. Recent policies regarding polystyrene and plastic bags are also important factors in reducing reliance on landfills.

Housing: Baltimore must utilize local and state funds for targeted demolition to clear blight, with the vacant lots being used for murals and community gardens. Some houses could be transferred to neighborhood organizations with the resources for renovation. Money from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund should be dedicated toward community trust funds to ensure permanent affordability.

Baltimore City Council
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Background: * BS in Electrical Engineering and English from Duke * MA in Psychological Science from Wake Forest * Ph.D. from UMBC * Member of the Baltimore City Council since 2011 * As a psychology professor, worked with juvenile delinquents, offenders, emotionally disturbed students, service members, and adults & child patients. My training allows me to assess systems, build coalitions & teams to get the right spirit of Baltimore.

Crime: We must continue moving toward a zero waste framework which includes increasing recycling rates as well as composting. As the green economy will account for future job growth, we must have a prepared workforce to install solar panels and other energy options. Recent policies regarding polystyrene and plastic bags are also important factors in reducing reliance on landfills.

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Health: I shy away from wholly city funded programs as they can tend to mismanage resources. Instead, I suggest that local hospitals be encouraged to increase the scope and number of training clinics to provide a full range of services (including mental health) within some of these communities.
Baltimore's poorest communities. These clinics would be funded by corporate and individual donors in addition to city funds.

**Transportation:** Citizens complain about the unreliability of transit systems in Baltimore. Collaborating with state and federal agencies would allow us to assess the needs of commuters. The Maglev train could create an opportunity for workers in that complement each other. I have introduced bills that create tax credits for police officers to live in the city and a rebate program for private security cameras. This requires strong State & Federal assistance.

**Education:** I am 100% committed to ensuring Kirwan Commission recommendations local funding requirements are fully funded by Baltimore. As Chair of the Council’s Budget Committee. I have led the effort to voluntarily raise the MOE to 150% of Kirwan and find additional funds to support City Schools. I support the Built to Learn Act to for new school construction & agree with using FY2020 surplus to unlock S’s.

**Health:** Much of this work relies on our medical institutions and non-profit partners. One great example is the BmoreHealthyBabies program, which has virtually eliminated infant mortality in Upton / Druid Heights in the 11th District. Support for evidence based programs such as this are critical. The Health Department is nearly 80% funded by grants, so strong management and accountability is a must.

**Transportation:** Public transportation is predominately governed and operated by the State. One area of local control (while still partially State-funded) is the Circulator system. I have been a huge proponent of it, helping to save the Banner Route in 2015 and 2016, expansion of the system, as well as ensuring accountability of DOT in their operations of it, and reducing duplication in our water transit.

**Climate and Environment:** I fully support the Sustainability Plan issued by Baltimore Sustainability Commission. I voted in favor of the Clean Air Act, the ban on styrofoam, and single-use plastic bags. The focus of my work in this area has been on stormwater remediation. I plan to pick this work up next term with a focus on Stormwater Green Infrastructure as well as reducing on intensive use of non-renewable energy.

**Housing:** I supported the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (and funding); Neighborhood Impact Investment Fund; and Community Catalyst Grants to chip away at vacant & affordable housing issues. I’ve successfully passed development funding of > 1,500 affordable units in 11th on nearly two dozen projects and will continue to do this as a priority. This focus has been in CW in partnership with Upton.

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**Baltimore City Council District 11**

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**Background:** My 10-year career as a public health professional & community organizer on the national, state, and local level will allow me to efficiently work with agencies, community members, and my Council colleagues to develop new community-driven approaches to Baltimore’s challenges to public safety, efficient Baltimore City services, better schools, and stronger economic growth.

**Crime:** Public safety comes first, especially for children and seniors. Beyond reducing violence, reducing harm to victims, and ending cycles of criminalization, safer neighborhoods require us to think holistically about factors outside of the traditional public safety sphere. These include factors related to education and economic opportunity, but also environmental factors as well.

**Education:** Funding education is very complex. I will advocate for current Kirwan recommendations for school funding to include operations & maintenance costs. Additionally, education funds will be secured through auditing & reprioritizing of the city’s budget & tax incentives on large scale property developments. Quality education is an investment from local government, business, and community.

**Health:** First, the City’s Health Department should be fully funded to ensure that maximum resources serve neighborhoods. Secondly, community-based organizations should be leveraged to increase the footprint of the Health Department. With limited resources, community connection to combat health disparities is vitally important. Lastly, I would address the socioeconomic component of health disparities.

**Transportation:** I will work with the Mayor, the City Council, community leaders, and our Representatives in Annapolis to re-engage funding mechanisms for projects like the Red Line & other coordinated transportation systems. Additionally, I will continue to explore more options for expanding and optimizing coordination between the Baltimore City bus, subway, light rail systems & pedestrian modes of transit.

**Climate and Environment:** I plan on promoting environmentally-oriented sustainable jobs for young people by facilitating access to public funds for environmentally-focused economies. I will encourage & support the development of ‘green’ industries in Baltimore such as composting, re-useable waste, and recycling programs. Lastly, I support incentives toward Zero Waste, tree planting & commercial ‘green’ canopy structures.

**Housing:** I support providing incentives to community centered developers to revitalize, remove, or rehabilitate properties into habitable spaces through the support of community development corporations, community leaders, and lawmakers. Community ownership will be a partnership that centers on the actual communities served to boost affordable homeownership & preservation.

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**Baltimore City Council District 12**

**Eugene Z Boikai**

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**Background:** I’m the most unconventional candidate this election cycle. I’m a building/construction manager and a proud father of four. My work is devoted to reviewing projects, drafting plans, getting stakeholder input, and ensuring that projects meet strict deadlines. Our current city council is filled with slick politicians that say one thing and do nothing. We need a results-driven person for real change.

**Crime:** Homicides & violent crime are rampant in District 12. Plans for change include: 1. Ramp up community-based diversion programs for first time, non-violent offenders. 2. Monitor and lower police response rates (call-to-arrival) from current average (16 min) 3. Re-examine the role of police don’t prioritize “quality of life” crimes.

**Education:** 1. Establish private sector-public school partnerships that combine college preparatory academics with technical training and work experiences. 2. Support charter school options for students in failing schools.

**Health:** 1. Start community forums where caregivers & persons with chronic illnesses can learn more about programs like Maryland’s Community Personal Assistance Services program and other Medicaid services. 2. Form citywide task force on health disparities and task the group with designing strategies to reduce health disparities by 2030. 3. Address food deserts by conducting need survey with area grocers.

**Transportation:** 1. We need to target buy-in from area employers to subsidize their employees’ use of public transportation; let’s commission a transportation study. 2. Address congestion due to ride-share companies (Uber/Lyft)—single rides in congested downtown districts could be taxed higher while slightly decreasing tax for shared rides in poorer neighborhoods.

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**Baltimore City Council District 11**

**Eric Costello**

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**Background:** I have served on the City Council since October 2014. My primary focus has been on constituent services for residents, businesses, and non-profit partners. My secondary focus has been on both improving government efficiency and effectiveness resulting in cost savings to the taxpayer as well as effecting policies to improve quality of life and outcomes for Baltimore residents.

**Crime:** Public safety is the most significant and complex challenge we face in Baltimore. Reducing homicides and violent crimes requires short, medium, and long-term efforts in collaboration with our police. I have pushed for development / renovation of > 1,500 affordable units in 11th on nearly two dozen projects and will continue to do this as a priority. This focus has been in CW in partnership with Upton.
reduce utility bills. 2. In Baltimore, owner-occupied homes can go to tax sale if they have at least $750 in unpaid bills that are at least nine months late. No other jurisdictions in Maryland threaten to take away properties over water debt—Let’s stop this takeaway ASAP.

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Background: I am an award-winning teacher and community organizer. Since becoming a teacher in 2010, I have been a fierce advocate for students, families, and educators, served as a 3-term elected Baltimore Teachers Union representative and advised several youth-led movements. I will continue to fight to uplift the voice of the community and together create a more equitable Baltimore.

Crime: We continue to struggle with crimes of poverty and desperation. Instead of doubling down on failed strategies, we must address the root causes of crime: systemic racism and a lack of opportunity for many in our city. The Baltimore Police Department must be transformed into a community-led public safety program and redirect funding towards the physical, economic, and well-being of our neighbors.

Education: Baltimore allocates only about 15% of its budget to education; meanwhile, in the rest of Maryland the average is 36%. While we must ensure that the state of Maryland fulfills its constitutional responsibility to provide a quality education to our kids, City Hall must still pay its fair share. I will fight to increase school funding until reaching at least 161M in yearly additional funds by 2030.

Health: Baltimore struggles with the highest asthma mortality and pediatric asthma hospitalization rate in the state, and has among the highest pediatric asthma rates in the USA. We must reduce toxic pollution by banning waste incineration and reducing car congestion. We must also hold the paint industry accountable for the damage they have caused and place greater regulations on properties with lead.

Transportation: Baltimore City needs an equitable, accessible, efficient, multi-modal transit system which allows everyone to get where they need to go in a timely and safe manner, and to spur economic development for Black and Brown communities. Our public transit system must be controlled locally, and Baltimore community members should have a meaningful voice at the decision making table.

Climate and Environment: It is important that as a city we prioritize making our city sustainable. We should not contribute to climate change, instead we should implement plans to make our city a Green city. I will support the implementation of Baltimore’s Fair Development Plan for Zero Waste and work alongside the Baltimore Office of Sustainability and the Commission on Sustainability to support them in their efforts.

Housing: I will fight for greater regulation of mortgage and short-term lenders and combat the systemic practice of predatory higher loan rates for black and brown residents. This can push people into cycles of debt, lower their credit, and make homeownership and even renting close to impossible. We must loosen the Maryland and Baltimore City restrictions on applying Section 8 vouchers towards mortgages.

Baltimore City Council
District 13

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Baltimore City Council
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Background: I have 30 years experience in Baltimore, starting in 1992 organizing college campuses to ensure Maryland stays a pro-choice state, to organizing the Neighborhood Congress, to being a small business owner and Chair of the Baltimore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and more recently leading the Affordable Housing Trust Fund effort and passing legislation to protect homeowners from tax sale.

Crime: As Councilwoman, I will work to help Commissioner Harrison with hiring, and work to address root causes like tackling substance abuse which fuels our drug trade and violence, promote a year round jobs program for young people, and expand our small business to promote job growth.

Education: Baltimore is benefiting from the General Assembly’s work bringing more funds for school construction. I would like to serve on the City Council’s Budget committee to move funding toward education. Voters must pass the charter amendment giving more power to the City Council to impact the budget to fund our schools.

Health: Our hospitals must play a greater role in addressing health disparities. Other cities have engaged their hospitals to invest in housing, healthy food access, and more. I’ll bring ours together with health advocates and professionals to implement those initiatives, making it a condition of their PILOT. I will work to ensure the Health Department is fully funded.

Transportation: We must create a Regional Transit Authority, taking our system out of the MTA and making it our own. We have to work with our county partners to ensure there is access to jobs, that students can get to school on time, and that our system serves all of our residents.

Climate and Environment: I will ask the City Council President to create a Sustainability Committee of the City Council to work to implement Baltimore’s Sustainability Plan. I will introduce legislation to bring back the Bottle deposit bill to help our environment and reduce trash, and I’ll incentivize community solar throughout the city.

Housing: We must institute a Land Bank, which is legislation I passed in the General Assembly. It is a more efficient way of transferring properties to organizations who will create affordable housing and homeownership. We must also use the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to fund more units, and help seniors aging in place, which will help prevent more vacancies.

Questions
QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
COURT NEEDS: What are the greatest challenges facing Maryland’s court system and how can these be addressed?
REPEAT OFFENDERS: What can the courts do to reduce recidivism?
DISCRIMINATION: What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that bias will influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

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

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

Salary: $178,633 annual base.
Term: Ten years, no term limit. Mandatory retirement age of 70 years.

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

COURT NEEDS: What are the greatest challenges facing Maryland’s court system and how can these be addressed?

REPEAT OFFENDERS: What can the courts do to reduce recidivism?

DISCRIMINATION: What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that bias will influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

E. Gregory Wells
Judicial
No response received by print deadline. See VOTE411.org.
wagering in the State. The legislation must include the criteria for eligible applications for a licensee and specify the permissible forms, means of conducting, and locations where sports wagering would take place. The bill that sent this question to the voters also requires a study by the General Assembly to evaluate whether there is reason to assist minorities and women in the sports and event wagering industry and market. This study is to be completed by October 1, 2020 so any recommendations that result can be considered when the General Assembly establishes criteria for licenses (assuming the referendum passes.) Arguments in Favor:

- Allowing sports betting in Maryland would enable the state to compete with the fourteen states that are already raising revenue this way.
- Illegal sports betting already takes place. Maryland should provide a legal way to place such bets to tap into that market and thereby reduce criminal activity.
- Depending on how it is implemented, Maryland could raise as much as $20 million a year that could be invested in education which would yield long term benefits for Maryland residents.

Arguments Against:

- Maryland already has legalized a lottery, slot machines and casinos with various gambling table games. This would add another way to raise money from people who may not be able to afford it and may become addicted to gambling.
- If sports betting is implemented in a similar manner to casino gambling, most of the revenue raised will likely go to the gambling venues with only a small portion going to education.
- Sports betting could have an impact on how fans watch games because they could be more interested in making money than appreciating the sport. It could impact the game for players as well, especially if wagering is allowed on college sports.

A Vote FOR the referred law means the General Assembly will be able to pass legislation and establish a program of sports wagering and event wagering in Maryland with a portion of the revenue going to support public education.

A Vote AGAINST the referred law means that commercial wagering on sporting events will remain illegal in Maryland.

### Baltimore City Question A

**Bond Issue: Affordable Housing Loan**

**Ballot Language:** Ordinance No. 20-375 to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to $12,000,000 to be used for the planning, developing, executing, and making operative the Affordable Housing Program of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or other legal means, of land or property in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of the land or property; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of the land or property, and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; the elimination of unhealthy, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; and for doing all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

**Purpose:** Eligible uses include acquisition, preservation, production of new housing, demolition, rental assistance, housing counseling and project finance comprised of loans (including forgivable or fully amortizing), or grants as well as other related activities.

A Vote FOR allows Baltimore City to issue bonds for these affordable housing purposes.

A Vote AGAINST denies permission to issue bonds for these affordable housing purposes.

### Baltimore City Question B

**Bond Issue: School Loan**

**Ballot Language:** Ordinance No. 20-376 to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to $58,000,000 to be used for the acquisition of land or property to construct and erect new school buildings, athletic and auxiliary facilities; and for additions and improvements to or modernization or reconstruction of existing school buildings or facilities; and to equip all buildings to be constructed, erected, improved, modernized, or reconstructed; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

**Purpose:** This typically funds systemic improvements, such as fire alarms, HVAC systems, roof replacements, and other urgent needs in schools that are not currently funded through the 21st Century Schools Initiative. The funds may also support major renovation or replacement projects for schools not funded through the 21st Century Schools Initiative.

A Vote FOR authorizes the city to issue up to $38,000,000 in bonds for these school construction needs.

A Vote AGAINST denies the city permission to issue bonds for this purpose.

### Baltimore City Question C

**Bond Issue: Community and Economic Development Loan**

**Ballot Language:** Ordinance No. 0-377 to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to $38,000,000 to be used for, or in connection with, planning, developing, executing and making operative the community, commercial, and industrial economic development programs of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; the development or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of any land or property, or any rights or interests therein herebefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore, and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; the elimination of unhealthy, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; the creation of healthy, sanitary, and safe, and green conditions in the City of Baltimore; and authorizing loans and grants therefor; making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to growing businesses in the City; attracting and retaining jobs; providing homeownership incentives and home repair assistance; authorizing loans and grants to various projects and programs related to improving cultural life and promotion of tourism in Baltimore City and the lending or granting of funds to any person or other legal entity to be used for or in connection with the rehabilitation, renovation, redevelopment, improvement or construction of buildings and structures to be used or occupied for residential or commercial purposes; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

**Purpose:** This loan is used to eliminate blight through strategic whole block demolition, provide financing and incentives for private investment; and improve the appearance of commercial and industrial areas. Projects may include acquisition and demolition, incentives for home ownership or home repairs, contributions for new affordable housing development, facade improvements for commercial areas, and more.

A Vote FOR authorizes the city to issue up to $38,000,000 in bonds to finance Community and Economic Development projects.

A Vote AGAINST denies the city authority to issue these bonds.

### Baltimore City Question D

**Bond Issue: Public Infrastructure**

**Ballot Language:** Ordinance No. 20-378 to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to $72,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library acquisition and development of property buildings owned and controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the Enoch Pratt Library and public parks or recreation land, property, buildings, structures or facilities; for the construction, erection, renovation, alteration, reconstruction, installation, improvement and repair of existing or new buildings, structures, or facilities to be or now being used by or in connection with the operations, function and activities of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, public parks and recreational programs; for the construction and development of streets, bridges, courthouses, city office buildings, police stations, fire stations, solid waste facilities, information technology, and public park and recreational and related land property and buildings; for the acquisition and installation of trees, for tree planting programs and for the equipping of any and all existing and new buildings, structures, and facilities authorized to be constructed, renovated, altered or improved by this Ordinance, and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.
Baltimore City Question E
Charter Amendment: Charter Revision Commission

Ballot Language: Resolution No. 20-18 would require that a Charter Revision Commission be appointed at least once every 10 years to review and make recommendations for necessary deletions, additions or revisions to the City Charter. The resolution also provides for the terms of the members, the manner of appointment, the duties of the Commission and for the dissolution of the Commission after the completion of its duties.

Origin of the Ballot Question: This amendment was introduced in City Council as City Council Bill 19-044 in July 2019 for the purpose of providing a comprehensive review of the City Charter by a Charter Revision Commission every 10 years.

Present Practice: There are currently two ways to amend the Charter, both of which require final approval by the voters of Baltimore City. One way originates with a bill of the City Council, the other originates with a petition signed by at least 20% of the qualified voters in the city. Several amendments have been made to the Charter in recent years, but there has been no major revision since 1994.

Proposed Change: This amendment would mandate creating a Charter Review Commission no later than May 1 in the odd-numbered year of each decade (2021, 2031, etc.). The Commission will undertake a comprehensive review of the Charter and make recommendations for change, which will be voted on by the voters of Baltimore City. In addition, Interim Commissions may be established by resolution of the Mayor and City Council if needed. Each Commission will be composed of individuals appointed by the Mayor, the President of City Council, the Comptroller, and each member of the City Council. No person holding elective office may be appointed to a Commission.

Arguments in Favor: Having a periodic review of a governmental charter can help to insure an appropriate, efficient government structure, and it focuses civic attention on the operation of local government. Many jurisdictions in Maryland and other states have had a positive experience with periodic charter revision commissions.

Arguments Against: A comprehensive review of a city charter requires a large investment of civic effort and time. Under existing law, amendments to the Charter can be proposed whenever needed.

A Vote FOR the charter amendment means the City Charter will continue to be proposed as needed appear.

Baltimore City Question F
Charter Amendment: Ordinance of Estimates

Ballot Language: Resolution No. 20-25 is for the purpose of amending the City Charter in order to authorize the City Council, by majority vote, to include amounts for new purposes within the general fund or add new amounts for new purposes, so long as the amounts are not fixed by state or federal law and as long as the amounts added do not exceed the amount the City Council has previously approved of estimates. New spending items added by City Council must be authorized by separate legislation. After the City Council’s reductions and additions are made, the amount of the operating budget and the capital budget cannot exceed the amounts proposed in the proposed Ordinance of Estimates.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The City Council passed Resolution 19-0379 proposing a Charter Amendment authorizing the City Council, by majority vote, to increase spending within the general fund or add new amounts for new purposes.

Present Practice: Baltimore City’s budget process begins with the Mayor’s Office issuing a guidance document identifying City objectives and strategies. City agencies submit responsive budget proposals; the Department of Finance evaluates and ranks agency proposals and makes recommendations to the Mayor and sends the recommended operation budget to the Board of Estimates. The Board of Estimates holds hearings with agency heads, and holds a “Taxpayers’ Night” for resident input. A majority vote of the Board of Estimates approves the total budget (operating and capital) and sends it to the City Council, which holds additional hearings on the budget. Under the “strong mayor” form of government which has existed in Baltimore for many years, before voting on the budget and sending it to the Mayor, the Council may reduce or eliminate budget items (with limited exceptions), but City Council does not have the authority to increase the amounts fixed by the Board or to add any amount for any new purpose in the proposed Ordinance of Estimates.

Proposed Change: If passed, this Charter Amendment would authorize the City Council, during the budget process, to reduce or eliminate items in the Ordinance of Estimates, and to add new budget items or increase budgeted items, as long as the final operating and capital budgets do not exceed the amounts proposed in the Ordinance of Estimates. Additionally, new spending items added by the City Council must be approved by separate legislation.

Arguments in Favor: This amendment gives the City Council increased ability to affect provisions in Baltimore’s proposed annual budget (the Ordinance of Estimates), which originates with the Mayor. This change would thus give members of the public increased ability to influence city funding because city residents generally have more opportunities to influence their elected members of City Council than they have with the Mayor. Greater community input into the City’s budget process could encourage government to be more responsive and accountable to community needs.

Arguments Against: Citizen advocacy might unduly influence City Council members to support programs that do not align with the City’s overall needs and/or its fiscal responsibilities. The City Council currently has the power to reject the Mayor’s proposed budget (the Ordinance of Estimates), and then negotiate with the Mayor to make adjustments. Increasing the City Council’s authority in the budget process and reducing the Mayor’s authority may raise a red flag for bond rating agencies.

A Vote AGAINST the charter amendment means the City Council would have the authority to add items to the City budget, as long as the budget as adjusted by the Council would not be a greater amount than the Ordinance of Estimates presented by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Estimates.

A Vote FOR the charter amendment means the City Council would have the authority to add items to the City budget, as long as the budget as adjusted by the Council would not be a greater amount than the Ordinance of Estimates presented by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Estimates.

Arguments in Favor: Having a periodic review of a governmental charter can help to ensure an appropriate, efficient government structure, and it focuses civic attention on the operation of local government. Many jurisdictions in Maryland and other states have had a positive experience with periodic charter revision commissions.

Arguments Against: A comprehensive review of a city charter requires a large investment of civic effort and time. Under existing law, amendments to the Charter can be proposed whenever needed.

A Vote FOR the charter amendment means the City Charter will continue to be proposed as needed appear.

Baltimore City Question G
Charter Amendment: Vetoes

Note: See corrected language below the actual language.

Ballot Language: Resolution No. 20-20 would for the purpose of reducing the number of votes by City Council members that are needed to override a mayoral veto from three-fourths of the members of the City Council to two-thirds of those members. This second purpose was amended out of the bill during the legislative process and is no longer part of it.

Corrected Ballot Language: Resolution No. 20-20 is for the purpose of reducing the number of votes by City Council members that are needed to override a mayoral veto from three-fourths of the members of the City Council to two-thirds of those members.

Origin of the Ballot Question: Resolution 20-20 was introduced in City Council as City Council Bill 19-380 on April 29, 2019 for the purpose of reducing the number of votes needed to override a mayoral veto, and also to override, in appropriations bills, the mayor’s right to line item vetoes. This second purpose was amended out of the bill during the legislative process and is no longer part of it.

Present Practice: In the current City Council of 15 members, 12 votes are needed to override a mayoral veto.

Proposed Change: The change would provide that 10 votes are sufficient to override a mayoral veto.

Arguments in Favor: Baltimore is generally considered to have a strong mayor/weak City Council government structure. Compared to comparable cities in the U.S., our requirement of a ¾ City Council vote to override a mayoral veto is one of the highest. This proposed amendment would shift the power balance by changing the override requirement to the more common 2/3 vote.

Arguments Against: Opponents of this amendment support the current government structure and do not want to make it easier to override the mayor’s veto.

A Vote FOR the charter amendment means that a vote of 10 members of the City Council will be sufficient to override a mayoral veto. A Vote AGAINST the charter amendment means that a vote of 12 members of the City Council will continue to be needed to override a mayoral veto.
Baltimore City Question H
Charter Amendment: Veto Timing

Ballot Language: Resolution No. 20-21 This resolution amends the City Charter for the purpose of increasing the amount of time in which the City Council can consider overriding a mayoral veto of legislation adopted by the City Council. The City Charter currently allows the City Council to override a mayoral veto no earlier than 5 days, but no more than 20 days, from the date a Mayor's veto is read to the City Council. The amendment would add that if no meeting of the City Council is scheduled during that period, the City Council may override a veto at the next regular meeting of the City Council following the 20-day period. The amendment also provides that a veto cannot be overridden by a City Council that has been newly elected and sworn into office since the passage of the vetoed legislation.

Origin of the Ballot Question: Resolution 20-21 was introduced in the City Council as City Council Bill 19-0467 on November 18, 2019, for the purpose of modifying and clarifying the time within which the Council may consider to override a mayoral veto.

Present Practice: The City Charter currently has no provision for a veto override if more than 20 calendar days have passed since the mayoral veto was read to the City Council.

Proposed Change: The proposed change would allow the City Council to override a mayoral veto at a regular meeting scheduled after the 20-day period, provided there was no regular Council meeting held within the 20-day period, and provided a new City Council has not been elected since the passage of the vetoed resolution.

Arguments in Favor: This Resolution 20-21 would allow additional time for the City Council to override a mayoral veto if no regular City Council meeting was held during the 20-day period.

Arguments Against: Opponents of Resolution 20—21 support the current 20-day time limit for overriding a veto.

A Vote FOR the Charter Amendment means: If no regular meeting of the City Council is held within 20 days after the mayor's veto is read to the City Council, the City Council may still override a veto at a regularly scheduled meeting.

A Vote AGAINST the Charter Amendment Means: The City Council may override a mayoral veto only within the 20-day period after the veto is read to the Council.

Baltimore City Question I
Charter Amendment: Removal of Elected Officials

Ballot Language: Resolution No. 20-24 amends the City Charter to provide for the removal of office from certain City elected officials. The bill provides that if by a three-fourths vote of the City Council a member of the City Council, the Mayor, or the Comptroller vote for incompetency, misconduct in office, willful neglect of duty or felony or misdemeanor in office on charges brought by the Mayor, the City Council Committee on Legislative Investigations or by the Inspector General, a notice and an opportunity to be heard before the City Council are required.

Origin of the Ballot Question: Resolution No. 20-26 was introduced in the City Council as City Council Bill 19-0467 on November 18, 2019, for the purpose of modifying and clarifying the time within which the Council may consider to override a mayoral veto.

Present Practice: The City Charter currently has no provision for a veto override if more than 20 calendar days have passed since the mayoral veto was read to the City Council.

Proposed Change: The proposed change would allow the City Council to override a mayoral veto at a regular meeting scheduled after the 20-day period, provided there was no regular Council meeting held within the 20-day period, and provided a new City Council has not been elected since the passage of the vetoed resolution.

Arguments in Favor: This Resolution 20-21 would allow additional time for the City Council to override a mayoral veto if no regular City Council meeting was held during the 20-day period.

Arguments Against: Opponents of Resolution 20—21 support the current 20-day time limit for overriding a veto.

A Vote FOR the Charter Amendment means: If no regular meeting of the City Council is held within 20 days after the mayor's veto is read to the City Council, the City Council may still override a veto at a regularly scheduled meeting.

A Vote AGAINST the Charter Amendment Means: The City Council may override a mayoral veto only within the 20-day period after the veto is read to the Council.

Baltimore City Question J
Charter Amendment: City Auditor

Ballot Language: Resolution No. 20-22 requires the City Auditor to give copies of agency audits to the agencies that were audited. The amendment also allows the City Auditor, in the furtherance of his or her duties, to issue subpoenas “to any municipal officer, municipal employee, or any other person receiving City funds” to produce documents.

Origin of the Ballot Question: Members of the City Council became aware that some agencies claimed that they did not receive copies of audits performed on them in a timely fashion. Also, previous auditors had claimed that agency personnel were not always responsive when asked for information required for an audit.

Present Practice: In the vast majority of cases, the Auditor provides each agency that is subject to an audit with a copy of their audit. Some agency personnel are not responsive when asked by the Auditor to present documents.

Proposed Change: The Amendment would codify the current practice of giving copies of audits to the agencies soon after their audits. It would allow the Auditor to subpoena documents from City agencies and personnel as well as from entities outside City government (such as banks that may have records of City funds). The ability to issue subpoenas would be a beneficial tool for use in investigations.

Arguments in Favor: Agencies must be given copies of their audits so they can take corrective action if needed. Auditors in other cities have the power to issue subpoenas. The amendment would help develop a culture of compliance within City agencies when requests for documents are made. Entities outside City government will be more responsive when a subpoena is issued.

Arguments Against: Agencies in other cities have not always been responsive when asked for audits. The amendment may be in conflict with Maryland’s Public Information Act. However, the City Council declined to accept the amendment.

A Vote FOR the charter amendment means the City Auditor will be required to issue copies of all audits to the principal agency audited. The Auditor will be able to issue subpoena for documents from municipal officers and employees and from outside entities.

A Vote AGAINST the charter amendment means the City Auditor is not required to issue copies of audits to the principal agencies audited. The Auditor may not issue subpoenas for documents.

Baltimore City Question K
Charter Amendment: City Administrator

Ballot Language: Resolution No. 20-26 would establish the position of City Administrator as the Chief Administrative Officer of Baltimore City. The law would provide for how the City Administrator is appointed and removed and would establish the powers and duties of the City Administrator. The City Administrator would be required to appoint a Deputy City Administrator and certain other staff.

Origin of the Ballot Question: This bill was introduced in April of 2019 with the primary objective of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the City government by establishing a new position of administrative chief to coordinate and oversee the day-to-day operations of mayoral agencies.

Present Practice: The Mayor is currently both the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, responsible for overseeing the functioning of executive agencies, including hiring and firing staff, preparing the annual operating budget, and implementing legislation passed by the City Council. The Mayor sits on the Board of Estimates and can veto legislation. He or she also has frequent ceremonial duties, both planned and unplanned. In times of crisis, citizens look to the Mayor for leadership. Although the Mayor currently has several deputies to assist...
Provisional Ballots

A provisional ballot allows someone who thinks he or she is an eligible voter to vote but who is not in the electronic poll book. Examples include voters who moved and did not update their address, records showing that an absentee ballot was already voted, or primary voters claiming a different party affiliation than what is shown in the electronic poll book, among other reasons. A provisional ballot will “count” if the Board of Elections determines that the voter is registered and eligible. No voter will be denied the opportunity to vote.

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With administrative issues, there is no professionally trained individual to analyze current practices.

Proposed Change: A City Administrator would devote time to assessing the mission, structure, and performance of mayoral agencies with a view to improve their functioning. This will enable the Administrator to make recommendations for improvement and to prepare a rational operating budget for the mayor and city council to review. The Administrator would also coordinate and carry out policy developed by the Mayor.

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Early Voting Centers

REGISTER VOTE CHANGE ADDRESS

If you miss the October 13 registration deadline and are qualified, you can register and vote the same day at any City Early Voting Center.

They are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM from Monday October 26 through Monday November 2, 2020.

To register at early voting, bring a Maryland driver's license, identification card, learner's permit or other proof of residency.

If you are already registered, you may change your address, but not your political affiliation, at early voting.

Baltimore City Early Voting Locations

1 Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) – Gymnasium 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

2 Cross Country at Northwestern School 247
6900 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

3 Edmondson High School
400 501 N Athol Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21229

4 Morgan State University (Hurt Auditorium)
1700 E Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, MD 21251

5 Mount Pleasant Church & Ministries
6000 Radecke Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21206

6 New Era Academy – Gym
2700 Seamon Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21225

7 Oriole Park at Camden Yards – Dempsey Restaurant
333 W Camden Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

8 Southeast Anchor Library
3601 Eastern Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21224

Am I Eligible To Vote?

To register, you must: Be a U.S. citizen • Be a Maryland resident • Be at least 16 years old* • Not have been found by a court to be incapable of voting by reason of mental disability • Not have been convicted of buying or selling votes • Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court ordered sentence of imprisonment. *You may register to vote if you are at least 16 years old, but cannot vote unless you will be at least 18 years old by the next general election.
# Mail-in Ballots

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or placed in a designated drop box by 8pm on November 3, 2020. Please note the dates when each ballot drop box will be ready to accept voted ballots.

Once open, the ballot drop boxes will remain open until 8 pm on November 3.

## Ballot Drop Box Locations in Baltimore City

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WHY VOTE? Your vote makes a difference . . .

It's about money - how your taxes are spent.

It's about education - how to strengthen the quality and performance of the schools.

It's about mobility - how to balance the needs of drivers, transit riders, bikers and walkers.

It's about the environment - how to protect natural resources and ecosystems.

It's about your community - how to decide among many priorities - health, housing, parks.
Dear Voter…

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Mail to:
The League of Women Voters of Baltimore City
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