



# Voters' Guide

## Primary Election 2016

### League of Women Voters of Howard County

#### INTRODUCTION

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The Voters' Guide includes only the names of the candidates on the official ballot certified by state and local officials. Some candidates may have withdrawn since the material was compiled, and not every candidate listed in the the Guide will appear on every ballot.

Thanks to all candidates who replied to the League of Women Voters questionnaire.

#### PARTY PRIMARIES IN MARYLAND

Maryland uses a "closed" primary system. The voter registration rolls must show that the voter is affiliated with the Democratic or Republican party in order to vote in that party's primary election, though all voters may vote for nonpartisan offices such as the Board of Education. You may change your party affiliation up until the close of voter registration on April 5 by completing a voter registration form and submitting it to your Board of Elections. You may also change your party affiliation online if you have a Maryland driver's license or identification card from the Motor Vehicle Administration. If you have not previously registered to vote, **you may register during early voting (April 14-21) at an early voting center** in your county and choose a party at that time. For those already registered, you may correct your address or other information during early voting, but you cannot change your party registration at that time.

In Maryland, only the Republican and Democrat candidates appear on official ballots published by the Board of Elections. This year, however, the Green Party of Maryland will be conducting a primary to select its nominees for offices at the state and local level. All voters who are listed as Green Party members with their Board of Elections may participate.

The **ballots for the Green Party primary** will be published on **April 2**. All candidates seeking the Green Party nomination within a voting district (congressional district, city, or city council district) will be on the ballot in that district, whether the race for an office is contested or not. Voters may also choose "None of the above," but no write-in candidates are allowed.



**Green Party primary ballots will be sent to party members only upon request,** which must be submitted before midnight on **Sunday, April 17**. The request should be sent to [baltimoregreens@gmail.com](mailto:baltimoregreens@gmail.com) or to Baltimore Green Party, P.O. Box 22857, Baltimore, MD 21233. Ballots must be received by the Party no later than **5 PM, Saturday, April 30**. Green Party voters in Baltimore may vote in person from **9 am to 6 pm on Sunday, May 1**. For additional information, visit the Green Party website for Maryland, <http://www.mdgreens.org> or the City of Baltimore, <http://www.baltimoregp.org>, or call the Baltimore Green Party at (410) 402-5083.

#### FACTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION VOTERS

Questions about whether you are registered to vote or your polling place location can be checked online at <https://www.mdelections.umd.edu/> or by calling the Howard County Board of Elections at 410-313-5820.

You may take this Voters' Guide into the polling place with you.

Sample ballots will be posted in all polling places.

All registered voters can vote for Board of Education candidates.

Voters are not obligated to answer questions about how they voted.

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot application from the Howard County Board of Elections, 410-313-5820 or <http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html>.

For the Primary Election, your request must be received (not just mailed) by April 19, 2016, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax, or by April 22, 2016, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website.

An absentee ballot will be mailed to your designated address. Emergency absentee applications are accepted in person until the polls close on Election Day. For more information, call the Board of Elections at 410-313-5820.

**PROVISIONAL BALLOT:** A provisional ballot must be issued if: 1) the voter's name is not on the polling place register; 2) the voter moved from the address listed on the polling place register more than 21 days before the Election; 3) the voter is required to show identification and does not have it; 4) the register indicates that the voter was issued an absentee ballot or has already voted.

For nonpartisan election information, contact the League of Women Voters at 410-730-0142 or [info@howard.lwvmd.org](mailto:info@howard.lwvmd.org).

League Website: [www.howard.lwvmd.org](http://www.howard.lwvmd.org)  
League online voters' guide at <http://vote411.org>

County voter and election information is available at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/BOE>

Download a voter registration application at: [http://elections.state.md.us/voter\\_registration/documents/2011\\_English\\_Internet\\_VRA.pdf](http://elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/documents/2011_English_Internet_VRA.pdf)

#### EARLY VOTING

**April 14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21  
(10:00 am to 8:00 pm)**

#### LOCATIONS:

**Ridgely's Run Community Center**  
8400 Mission Road, Jessup  
410-313-1693

**The Bain Center**  
5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia  
410-313-7213

**Miller Branch Library**  
9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City

#### PRIMARY ELECTION: APRIL 26

**Polls are open from 7am to 8pm**



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• **5430 Vantage Point Road, Suite C, Columbia, MD 21044** •

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• **Howard County Voters!** •

• If you believe as we do, that informed voters are essential to a democracy, please make •

• a contribution to the League of Women Voters of Howard County (LWVHC) or a tax-de- •

• ductible contribution to the League of Howard County Education Fund (LWVHCEF). •

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• Please make your check payable to LWVHC or LWVHCEF, or donate online via Paypal •

• **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!** •

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## FEDERAL OFFICES

### U.S. PRESIDENT

**Duties:** The President is the head of state of the United States of America and is the Chief Executive Officer and the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are described in the Constitution and federal law. Subject to Senate approval, the President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices and federal judges. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

**How Elected:** Every four years, political parties nominate candidates to run for President of the United States in a general election that is held on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November. Although all parties use conventions to nominate their candidates, in most states the Democratic and Republican parties also run state-wide primary elections or caucuses. The results of the primary influence how the delegates to their respective party's convention will cast ballots for candidates for President. The degree to which the result of the primary influences the votes of delegates at conventions varies from state to state.

**Base Salary:** \$400,000 per year

**Term:** Four years. Limit of two terms.

- **Ground Rules:** All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to five specific questions. Candidates qualified if they met the following criteria: 1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President; and, 2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website.

- Responses were limited to 400 characters and were truncated thereafter.

- If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "Candidate has not responded." is printed.

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#### Questions asked of all candidates for U.S. President who met Ground Rules:

- 1) How do you propose to address the most important challenges facing our country?
- 2) In building a vibrant U.S. economy, would you emphasize helping companies expand and earn more or addressing income inequality?
- 3) Please explain why you support or oppose using more U.S. military power to resolve the situation in the Middle East.
- 4) What measures do you support to protect Americans from domestic acts of terrorism?
- 5) Please explain why you do or do not think it is important to reduce the role of money in American elections.

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

**Jeb Bush** (Withdrew)

**Ben Carson** (Withdrew)

**Chris Christie** (Withdrew)

**Ted Cruz**

Biographical Info:  
Campaign Website: <http://www.tedcruz.org>  
Campaign Address: Cruz for President  
PO Box 25376 Houston, TX 77265

Candidate has not yet responded.

**Carly Fiorina** (Withdrew)

**Mike Huckabee** (Withdrew)

**John R. Kasich**

Website: [www.johnk Kasich.com](http://www.johnk Kasich.com)

Candidate has not yet responded.

**Rand Paul** (Withdrew)

**Marco Rubio**

Biographical Info:  
Campaign Website: <http://marcorubio.com>  
Campaign Address: Marco Rubio for President  
PO Box 558701 Miami, FL 33255

Candidate has not yet responded.

**Rick Santorum** (Withdrew)

**Donald Trump**

Biographical Info:  
Occupation: Businessman  
Campaign Website: <http://www.donaldjtrump.com/>  
Campaign Email: [info@donaldtrump.com](mailto:info@donaldtrump.com)  
Campaign Phone: (646) 736-1779  
Campaign Address: Donald J. Trump for President, INC  
725 Fifth Ave New York, NY 10022

#### Questions:

**Q:** How do you propose to address the most important challenges facing our country?

**A:** I think the most important issues facing this country are economic recovery, immigration and national security. I have proposed an excellent pro-growth tax policy, have taken the strongest stance on immigration reform and have addressed how we will recapitalize our military to attain the readiness necessary to achieve and protect our national interests. A strong economy must be first.

**Q:** In building a vibrant U.S. economy, would you emphasize helping companies expand and earn more or addressing income inequality?

**A:** Good economic policy will help both companies grow and invest in America, and improve wages and living standards for all Americans. A smart trade policy, a competitive tax policy, and a national-interest immigration policy, will all boost the quality of life for Americans and make the country stronger and more prosperous.

**Q:** Please explain why you support or oppose using more U.S. military power to resolve the situation in the Middle East.

**A:** The Middle East really presents three sets of issues. The Muslim Brotherhood is making great headway in the African littoral, we have the issues with Syria and Iraq and we have the challenges offered by Iran. Each of these requires different solution sets. Military power should only be used to achieve our national interests, and until such time as we have a better economy, we are limited.

**Q:** What measures do you support to protect Americans from domestic acts of terrorism?

**A:** In a Trump administration, we will keep Americans safe while safeguarding their Constitutional rights. This would mean that I would insist that all federal agencies cooperate with state and local law enforcement to ensure that we have the broadest network possible working on collecting, and acting upon, intelligence that will suppress any attempts at domestic terrorism.

**Q:** Please explain why you do or do not think it is important to reduce the role of money in American elections.

**A:** Politicians have become puppets for their donors. I am the only candidate who is self-funding. The best way for voters to rebel against the influence of money in politics is with their votes: a Trump Presidency will return this government to the people.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

**Hillary Clinton**

Biographical Info:  
Occupation: Former U.S. Secretary of State  
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Campaign Email: [info@hillaryclinton.com](mailto:info@hillaryclinton.com)  
Campaign Phone: (646) 854-1432  
Campaign Address: Hillary for America  
PO Box 5256 New York, NY 10185

#### Questions:

**Q:** How do you propose to address the most important challenges facing our country?

**A:** I have laid out four fights to face our greatest challenges: we must create an economy that raises pay and creates good jobs, ensuring those at the top pay their fair share. We have to support families by expanding access to health care and other vital services. We must maintain our leadership for global peace and security. Finally, we must stop the flow of secret money that corrupts our politics.

**Q:** In building a vibrant U.S. economy, would you emphasize helping companies expand and earn more or addressing income inequality?

**A:** The deck is stacked against ordinary Americans. That is why I have laid out plans to raise the minimum wage and to close unfair tax loopholes that benefit companies that shift jobs overseas. I will make investments that create jobs, including in infrastructure, research, and education. I'll fight for equal pay, paid leave, and lower taxes for working Americans—asking those at the top to pay more.

**Q:** Please explain why you support or oppose using more U.S. military power to resolve the situation in the Middle East.

**A:** Like President Obama, I do not believe we should again have U.S. troops in combat in the Middle East. If we have learned anything from 15 years of war, it is that we cannot substitute for local forces in missions to secure their own communities. Our strategy must be comprehensive—embedding our mission against ISIS within a broader fight against radical jihadism that is bigger than any one group.

**Q:** What measures do you support to protect Americans from domestic acts of terrorism?

**A:** We have to shut down ISIS recruitment in the U.S. and stop foreign terrorists from coming here. We must disrupt plots before they are carried out by ensuring local law enforcement works with national counterterrorism experts. We must build on our successes in securing loose nuclear materials and other WMD. And we need to empower American Muslims, who are key to the fight against radicalization.

**Q:** Please explain why you do or do not think it is important to reduce the role of money in American elections.

**A:** Campaign finance reform is needed to restore a government of, by, and for the people—not just the wealthy and well-connected. On issues from climate change to equal pay, Washington won't work for us unless we address the outsized role of money in politics. As president, I will appoint Supreme Court justices who value our right to vote—and I will work to end secret, unaccountable money in politics.

**Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente**

Candidate does not meet the participation criteria

Website: [www.rocky2016.com](http://www.rocky2016.com)

**Bernie Sanders**

Biographical Info:  
Occupation: United States Senator  
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Campaign Email: [info@bernie](mailto:info@bernie)  
Campaign Phone: (802) 862-1505  
Campaign Address: Bernie 2016  
PO Box 905 Burlington, VT 05402

#### Questions:

**Q:** How do you propose to address the most important challenges facing our country?

**A:** I will address the most important challenges

facing our country by bringing people together to reinvigorate democracy. Middle class and working families and low income people. White, Black, Hispanic, and Native American. Men and women. Straight and gay. Native born and immigrant. This is the only way to address the major economic, political, social, and environmental challenges facing our country.

**Q:** In building a vibrant U.S. economy, would you emphasize helping companies expand and earn more or addressing income inequality?

**A:** To rebuild the middle class and reduce income and wealth inequality, we must unlock the economic potential of all Americans. As President, I will: demand large corporations pay their fair share in taxes; boost wages by increasing the minimum wage to \$15 per hour, fight for pay equity for women, create 13 million new jobs by investing \$1 trillion to modernize our crumbling infrastructure, and more.

**Q:** Please explain why you support or oppose using more U.S. military power to resolve the situation in the Middle East.

**A:** I deeply believe that the test of a great and powerful nation is not how many wars it can engage in, but how it can resolve international conflicts in a peaceful manner. We must move away from using unilateral military action, and toward diplomacy. War must always be the last resort. As Pres., I will defend this nation, its people, and America's strategic interests, but I will do it responsibly.

**Q:** What measures do you support to protect Americans from domestic acts of terrorism?

**A:** We must root out terrorist funding networks, provide logistical support to better coordinate local and federal law enforcement, and disrupt online radicalization. While our intelligence and law enforcement agencies must have the tools they need to protect the American people, there must be legal oversight and they must go about their work in a way that does not sacrifice our basic freedoms.

**Q:** Please explain why you do or do not think it is important to reduce the role of money in American elections.

**A:** There is no issue more important than reforming our broken campaign finance system, which is increasingly controlled by billionaires and special interests. We must give Congress and the states the power to regulate money in elections, and we must require full disclosure of all campaign contributions. Ultimately, we should move toward public funding of federal elections.

## U.S.SENATOR

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

**How Elected:** In 2016, Maryland voters will elect one Senator. Voters elect two Senators from each State who serve six years. About one-third of the 100 members of the Senate is elected every two years. Senators must be at least 30 years old, have been citizens of the United States at least 9 years and be residents of the state they want to represent.

**Term:** Six years

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

## QUESTIONS

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Senator?

**2. ECONOMY:** What economic policies would you support to assist low and middle income citizens?

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** What are the most important foreign policy issues and how would you address them?

**4. IMMIGRATION:** What changes, if any, would you support in immigration policy?

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** What is the most pressing environmental problem and what measures would you support to address it?

**6. INEQUALITY:** What policies would you support to address increasing concern about economic, racial, and social inequality?

**7. TAX REFORM:** What changes, if any, would you support in federal tax policy?

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

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

### Chris Chaffee

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience includes being a son, husband, father, grandfather, Catholic, coach, union worker, state worker, business owner, volunteer and a lifetime Maryland resident. All of these have given me the skills, compassion, understanding, and insight necessary to address the needs of the people I will represent.

**2. ECONOMY:** I would abolish the affordable care act. It is keeping employers from giving workers a forty hour work week. I would oppose the H1B Visa that is using cheap high tech labor to replace American jobs. The student visas should have a defined exit strategy upon their graduating to return home.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Our first step is to have a new commander and chief who would enforce a strong foreign policy. We need to stand united and defend our allies. All foreign policies must have what is best for America as the priority. We must defeat ISIS.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** We have immigration laws in place that are not being enforced. We must identify and verify who is entering our country with a competent screening process. We must control our borders. If you are not here legally you are breaking the law.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** I am a lifetime Maryland resident and have seen the Chesapeake Bay go from being polluted to on its way to recovery. We need common sense regulations to protect our resources. This needs to be done by the states not the EPA in Washington. Let the free market determine the best energy sources. Stop allowing Washington to pick winners and losers.

**6. INEQUALITY:** We need to strengthen family values, support education, treating each other as equals and with respect. There is only one race; the human race.

**7. TAX REFORM:** I would simplify the tax plan and support a 10% flat tax across the board. I would keep the mortgage deduction, increase the education deduction, reduce the size of the IRS and abolish the affordable care act.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** My other priorities are term limits for congress and senate; stop the special interest group's money from going to politicians. Ensure our President, congress and senate are following the constitution and stop using executive orders.

### Sean P. Connor

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.seanconnor.us>

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I meet all the qualifications as provided for by the US Constitution. Maryland has been my residence for all my life, I have always lived and worked in Maryland, and I am raising my family in Maryland. I have never run for office but I am tired of the same people being recycled and elected. I work in IT, customer service and patience have been honed to consider all sides of an issue.

**2. ECONOMY:** It is criminal the amount of debt that is currently being accumulated and passed on to the next 2, possibly 3 generations. I will be part of making the Executive and Legislative branches accountable to a balanced budget, wise spending bills Marylander's are forced to live within their means, why shouldn't the Federal Government? Smarter spending and defeating the fraud.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Terrorism and Trade As a Veteran, Citizen, Father, Husband, Brother, Son, Uncle, Neighbor and Friend, I support the strongest national defense achievable. I do not support any military action without clearly defined goals, and no intent for decisive victory. If we are not going in to win, why are we there in the first place? Trade agreements need to be more equitable to bring back US businesses.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** I support legal Immigration, and I support having better control of our borders. First, we address border security, then those here illegally. We bring them out of hiding, assist and embrace those who want to be Americans while weeding out those nefarious individuals that are destructive and harmful to Maryland and America.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Energy and the battle of what is good or not good. It is everyone's responsibility to always improve our environment. We don't always get it right, but we can always clean it up and do better. It starts with personal responsibility and corporate responsibility, and ends with constantly updating acceptable lawfully passed legislation and regulations. It is a tough balance.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Redistribution of Politicians, and a campaign of Individual Personal Responsibility. Much of this is due to career politicians, and their coziness with special interests. Much is due to people not being thoughtful, respectful, and considerate in everyday interactions. Honest pay for honest work, treat people as you would be treated, don't worry about the "Jones's".

**7. TAX REFORM:** Remove Federal Income Tax, and reduce the IRS and Treasury Department. If that is not achievable, I would support either a flat, fair, or sales tax Stay At Home Parenting Tax credit. Utility Bills and car payments would be tax deductible just like a mortgage

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Promote Volunteerism in current existing non profit organisations Student Debt and the exaggerated cost of Education Engage businesses to have apprenticeships for those not suited to a Liberal Arts Education. Repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, and de-couple Healthcare from businesses, make it open and competitive across all the States. Strengthen our Military...it has been weakened.

### Richard J. Douglas

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I would bring five years of prior U.S. Senate experience to the post. I also have armed forces, diplomatic, intelligence, and law enforcement experience which no other candidate in the race can match. I will use my command of Senate rules, my national security and business experience, and my real-world seasoning to give Maryland something in the U.S. Senate it lacks today: a voice.

**2. ECONOMY:** My primary objective as a U.S. Senator will be to unshackle the U.S. economy. There is no higher national security priority. My approach will be to seek to purge the U.S. Code of statutory obstacles to U.S. success, and revise basic statutory authorities which enable regulatory bloat. To accomplish this, I will work with Annapolis and across the aisle wherever possible.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The most important foreign policy threat to the United States in 2016 is a U.S. Congress which will tolerate an Iranian nuclear program. Such a Congress will tolerate anything, including the destruction of American alliances, the American workforce and American liberties. I am running for the U.S. Senate to put a stop to it, and I will begin on the day after my general election victory.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Above all, Congress must restore U.S. citizen and lawful permanent resident workers to first place on our nation's priority list. I served in Juarez, Mexico, in the Foreign Service. I have more immigration experience than anyone in Congress or the Maryland race. U.S. workers must recapture their rightful place at the top of Congress's priority list. Today they aren't on the list at all

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Maryland's most pressing environmental problem is ineffectiveness of its U.S. congressional delegation. The Bay and the people are hurt by such passivity, as unfinished projects like storm water repairs in Baltimore, the Conowingo Dam cleanout, and Chesapeake/Delaware Canal dredging languish. Meanwhile, EPA runs roughshod over farmers as Maryland's congressional delegation slumbers. No more.

**6. INEQUALITY:** The most effective antidote to economic, racial, and social inequality is upward mobility for all Marylanders and the hope of a dignified job, a home, and a future. The Maryland General Assembly could have taken a step toward that goal at the beginning of its 2016 session, but instead chose marijuana. Not a word was heard about this from Maryland's Capitol Hill delegation. That's unacceptable.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Lower. Easier. More equitable. Now.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** My highest priority in the U.S. Senate will be to bring economic

prosperity to Maryland. Our state has the human capital and the geographic position to accomplish this. But our U.S. congressional delegation lacks the will. I will change that. People losing homes on the courthouse steps in Upper Marlboro aren't thinking about ISIS or Sergey Magnitsky. They need a U.S. Senator who gets that.

## John R. Graziani

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received by deadline.
- 2. ECONOMY:** No response received by deadline.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** No response received by deadline.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** No response received by deadline.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** No response received by deadline.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** No response received by deadline.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** No response received by deadline.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** No response received by deadline.

## Greg Holmes

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received by deadline.
- 2. ECONOMY:** No response received by deadline.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** No response received by deadline.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** No response received by deadline.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** No response received by deadline.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** No response received by deadline.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** No response received by deadline.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** No response received by deadline.

## Joseph David Hooe

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

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a business owner, Johns Hopkins graduate, past volunteer firefighter, political activist, I have advised various organizations on how to maximize transportation efficiency. I have fought for the rights of small businesses. I took on Goodyear over their use of my business's name and phone number, and I won. I've also served as a Political Liaison-Aid for the Finnish Foreign committee delegation.
- 2. ECONOMY:** I believe that we need more apprenticeship programs that allow businesses to hire employees at lower wages and develop them into skilled workers worthy of higher market wages after a specific period of time. Employer-sponsored apprentices would gain access to valuable on-the-job training, "earn while they learn" and avoid costly vocational training schools.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** ISIS and Iran are the most important foreign policy issues. There are four players involved in the Syrian crisis: The United States, Russia, Arab Sunni governments, including Syria, and the Shiite majority governments of Iraq and Iran, who all have a different agenda and ultimate vision of the future for the Middle East region. We need to stop the flow of money to terrorists and protect ourselves.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** I have developed an immigration reform plan that will raise billions of dollars annually, resources that can be used to pay down the debt, make infrastructure improvements and improve border security. I'm proposing an immigrant pay-to-work program, whereby all 11 million illegal immigrant workers in the U.S. would be required to purchase an annual temporary right to work for \$1000.00.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** Protecting our national resources must become a top priority. I also believe that we should reevaluate our focus on the Middle East and instead prioritize securing our borders and protecting our allies. We should also move toward supporting domestic alternative energy programs and by extension supporting our farmers, who are vital to achieving the goal of American energy independence in the future
- 6. INEQUALITY:** In America, truly anyone can succeed. We need senators who can build partnerships with the business community in order to create jobs, which will help end the

culture of violence that is destroying the sense of community needed to provide the best opportunities for the people who need them the most, especially our young people who are currently simply trying to survive everyday life.

- 7. TAX REFORM:** What government can do to help this process is to stop raising taxes on individuals and instead find ways to reward businesses to provide as many incentives as possible to succeed. We need to build partnerships with the business community to put as many people to work as possible, and we need to find ways to reward businesses for creating and implementing fair compensation policies.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Gerrymandering is, in my opinion, one of the most offensive practices in politics and all voters should be incensed at the mere mention of the word. We need a redistricting process that places communities in common sense, fair and symmetric boundaries so that no person, public servant or community leader is unfairly deprived of the opportunity to help make a difference.

## Chrys Kefalas

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

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a business leader and entrepreneur with a long history of success, I know what it takes to build opportunity, create jobs, and give a voice to our middle class. As a high-ranking official with the U.S. Justice Department and as Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., I've led on politically-charged issues, such as criminal justice reform, to forge consensus and get results.
- 2. ECONOMY:** I will fight to restore manufacturing in Maryland--with lower taxes, sane regulations, and America-first trade. Too much of Maryland has been left behind by our flat-lining economy. Since 1990, we've lost 100,000 manufacturing jobs. Like my friend and former colleague, Gov. Larry Hogan, I can fix this because I've helped create jobs in the private sector.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** ISIS, radical Islamist terrorism, nuclear states, and cyber-attacks are America's greatest threats. I will support international coalitions to defeat ISIS and radical Islamist terrorism; ensure that immigrants are screened and vetted so we know who is coming into our country; keep our military and intelligence community strong while protecting civil liberties; and prioritize cyber-security.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** As your Senator, I will: reform the broken system and secure our borders--to reaffirm legalized immigration; enforce immigration laws in the workplace; implement effective visa tracking systems; enhance the H-2B visa program; and end sanctuary cities.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** For Maryland, we need to do better in protecting the Bay. As your Senator, I will ensure that we are not placing barriers on the innovations that will ultimately solve our challenges; convene a monthly task force meeting of industry, agriculture, fishing, environmental leaders to hear their concerns and proposals; and propose a 5-year comprehensive plan to improve the health of the Bay.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** Improving education and expanding economic opportunity will reduce inequality in the Maryland and in the United States. That's why I will lead in Washington to create jobs, renew manufacturing in Maryland, and better our schools. I trust the people of Maryland to get our education system right.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** The 74,000 pages of the tax code are unreadable. Only those who can afford legal teams can discover the myriad of loopholes and write-offs, meaning we have a virtual pay-to-play system that rigs the system against working families. As your Senator, I will fight to lower taxes and overhaul the tax code to simplify personal income and business taxes.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** People in our state can't see the American Dream because they're stuck in a nightmare. That's why criminal justice reform is close to my heart. I had the honor of leading on this issue with Governor Ehrlich--long before it was politically popular to do--and with our nation's last Democratic Attorney General. As your Senator, I will work aggressively to end the epidemic of drugs.

## Mark McNicholas

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.mark4md.com/>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** At some point being a leader may have meant you were the one with the loudest voice or biggest muscle, but today being a leader means building the best relationships. I have built relationships in the business world and look forward to building relationships in Washington to make Maryland a better place to live, work and do business!
- 2. ECONOMY:** I would reduce governmental regulations and taxes. When these are introduced to a free market economy it comes with a cost. The increase is passed on to the consumer in the price of the product or service. In the end the more regulations the government adds the more it increases prices. Increased prices have a much greater effect on the lower and middle class than it does on the wealthy.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The most important foreign policy issue facing our country is our national defense. We have to make sure we are guarded against any attacks on our country. This means increasing our defense spending to better secure our borders, ports and coastlines. Having troops stationed abroad is necessary to our safety at home. Being an isolationist is not a successful foreign policy.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** It certainly does not sit well with me that in many American businesses we have citizens working and paying income taxes while someone doing the same job is not paying income taxes. The best solution is a gradual approach with the first step being to stop the influx of undocumented workers with a wall. We need to document the undocumented workers already in our country and make them tax payers.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** The US should be leading the efforts to research the impacts of climate change and deforestation and we should be recruiting partners in these efforts. These are global issues and they require global solutions. One thing that we can do on a national level is to clarify the labeling of our food. We need to take a close look at the FDA's practices and our use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** Being in the mortgage industry for 14 years I have seen first-hand the impact federal regulation has had on the housing industry. The effects of FHA "redlining" can still be found today in Maryland's housing market. Examples like these are why I believe the Federal Government is rarely the best institution to address social inequalities. Student loans are an instance where we can make changes.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** I believe the system we have today needs to be simplified but we should maintain a progressive tax at its core. I have no interest in further taxing the middle class with a head tax or a flat tax. The consumption taxes we have in place now are already regressive so the last thing we need to do is implement a program that shifts more of the tax burden onto middle class working Americans.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** The citizens of MD care about are the people of Flint, MI. People living in the US without clean drinking water is beyond upsetting. Maryland has some aging infrastructure currently in a state of disrepair. Last year 28 bridges were called "structurally deficient" and I think that is unacceptable. Today it is MI, tomorrow it could be MD. Building relationships will help secure the funds needed.

## Lynn Richardson

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

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience as a reasonable, considerate business owner makes a strong argument for a regular citizen to become senator. Each day, it is my job to define the goals of my client, the scope of the problem and to formulate a practical solution based on needs, budget and timeframe. Our long term representatives easily forget that they are making decisions that wholly affect other people's lives.
- 2. ECONOMY:** Federal government has to get out of the way of small & emerging businesses that will directly create job opportunities that, in turn, create more income. I support vast change in the stifling entitlement programs that need to encourage and SUPPORT individuals by providing a pathway out of

dependency and into independent, successful jobs that can support them.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** We must repair our relationships with strong allies, like Israel, who will be instrumental in fighting our war with Islamic terrorists. We must also stand on the tails of countries that laugh in the face of our policies and treaties-North Korea and Iran, for examples- and be prepared to make them comply, for our safety and the safety of the world.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Before we can deal or ultimately manage the millions of illegal immigrants, we must be able to contain and control our own borders. Once that step is taken, we can then assess what to do next. It is quite complicated with families involved, but we can most certainly begin to weed out and deport those who break even more of our laws right away. It should not take years to become a citizen here.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** In Maryland, the health of the bay is probably the most critical issue. Our biggest problem is what comes to us from neighboring states. We can regulate our farmers, our urban run-off, trash, and septic systems, but if the junk coming out of PA keeps polluting the bay, all of our efforts won't make any difference.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Economic disparity comes from a serious lack of opportunity available for several regions of our state. Some people think the government must provide all their answers, needs and wants. It is not the job of the federal government to do this. Each jurisdiction must define and solve matters as they pertain to their own area, because they are better equipped to know what they need.

**7. TAX REFORM:** While proposed in many ways over the past 20 years (ineffectively,) why would it be so hard to eliminate federal income tax, for the currently shrinking workforce, and just have a 10% national sales tax on all consumer goods? The IRS workers become sales tax collectors and 20 million underground workers and criminals are suddenly contributing to the income. They all eat food.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Health care that makes sense is a very important to solve. National security is vital, but it must be done without crushing our constitutional rights. It is critical. to our survival as a strong nation, that our representatives once again begin to build relationships and consensus. One can't go there to just fight the other guys. It's been too long since important matters are actually solved.

## Anthony Seda

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received by deadline.
- 2. ECONOMY:** No response received by deadline.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** No response received by deadline.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** No response received by deadline.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** No response received by deadline.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** No response received by deadline.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** No response received by deadline.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** No response received by deadline.

## Richard Shawver

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 30 years in the military, 8 years in the US Marine's, 22 years in the US Air Force. I worked at Hecht Co for 38 years as project manager and being in charge of the visual carpenter shop. I studied constitutional law at SAP and at the Institute on the Constitution. Also I ran for US Senate in 2010 against Senator Mikulski.
- 2. ECONOMY:** Our economy is so far out of control it will take time to straighten out. We have more American's out of work with more illegals working that do not belong in our country. We need to deport them and give our citizens those jobs and help improve out economy, low and middle income citizens.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Our foreign policy should be working with the League of Nations. Sanctions and not trading with the nation or nations will some time have them trying to work with others nations to help to keep their economy working.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** The immigration policy has to stop immediately. To many people are allowed into this county and are not kept track of. Immigrants are to enter out country by being under a sponsor or a having a job so they will not be a burden on the taxpayer. All illegals are to be deported.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Our environment is a serious matter. Our country has worked hard on this problem to water and air pollution. We need to work with nations around the world, but many nations have no about this problem. Our big problem is our country itself. Our water lever is going down and we are drilling deeper to find it, using it faster then we can replace it. All states need to work together.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Increasing concern about inequality, I believe is coming from a few who preach hate and they get all the news coverage. I believe people working together can make things peaceful. We need to work together with our state officials, county officials, our neighborhood leaders and church officials to make things better.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Let us have the government and IRS collect the taxes that are owed from the people that owe them. It is not always owed by the American citizens. The Constitution said the American citizen does not owe a direct tax.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** To make certain we have clean water, to return back to a gold and silver standard with coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coins, and fix the standard of weights and measures.

## Kathy Szeliga

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

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received by deadline.
- 2. ECONOMY:** No response received by deadline.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** No response received by deadline.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** No response received by deadline.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** No response received by deadline.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** No response received by deadline.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** No response received by deadline.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** No response received by deadline.

## Dave Wallace

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.davewallace.us>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a successful businessman, I brought prosperity to my employees and quality products to my customers, which also allowed me to give back to our community and nation. I work closely with Congress and national policy makers, supporting effective economic and foreign policy answers to reverse the devastation here and abroad from Obama's policies. You can trust I will fight the establishment for you.
- 2. ECONOMY:** The best way to help the poor is with a paycheck and the reward of having a job--not a welfare check and the accompanying loss of self respect. The best way to bring jobs to everyone is sound economic reforms which will bring back to life our cities and economy. Tax cuts and deregulation will un-strangle business so they can create new jobs.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** President Ronald Reagan brought peace to a troubled world, and ended the bloody Soviet empire. Not by being nice and disarming our country, but by rebuilding our defense. 'Peace through strength' works. Obama's weakness brought terrible civil wars and dictatorships to the Middle East, while encouraging tyrannies like China, Russia, Iran and North Korea to take advantage of our weakness.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** As your Senator, I will introduce legislation to build the full 2,000 mile border fence and end 'magnet' benefits that encourage those who do not want to work. Just as you have a door, a lock and walls on your house or business, and let in only those you trust, we must protect our borders in this era of terrorism and letting foreigners displace American workers and drive down wages.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** The cleanest nations in

the world are the most free. China, Russia and other Socialist 'paradises' are among the most polluted places on earth. The United States invented environmental protection, and nobody protects their own environment better than private owners. The joke in Bernie Sanders' beloved Soviet Union was "when everyone owns it, nobody owns it." Ownership equals care.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Inequality is the result of anti-competitive tax and regulatory laws. Cutting taxes and regulations will allow businesses to hire and prosper, and that is the ticket to restoring the middle class. There is little that can't be cured with a 5% growth rate. The Obama-Bernie Sanders-Chris Van Hollen-Donna Edwards 'tax-spend-and-food stamp' agenda leads straight to national bankruptcy and poverty.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Our economy is terribly burdened by having the highest corporate taxes in the developed world, making any other country more attractive in this global economy. I will lead legislative efforts to cut this tax burden as well as encourage the repatriation of foreign income. That will help bring jobs back to Maryland from China, and make American-made products cheaper.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** You can trust that on the first day, I will introduce legislation to completely repeal Obamacare, and replace it with sound conservative market-based reforms so you CAN keep your policy and your own doctor—and don't have to be afraid Obamacare death panels will deny care for your loved ones. That's the American way.

## Garry Thomas Yarrington

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received by deadline.
- 2. ECONOMY:** No response received by deadline.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** war, we don't need to get in any wars, only if they are declared and support by our congress and all the people of the u.s.a. and supported by the united nations . we need to stop drugs being inport to the united states period. we must keep our budget reasonable.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** we must stop all the law breakers that comein to ouyr country that are not legal period. how can we let than break our laws. period
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** we need to stop all green house warning . period we are during a good job. but we need to do a little better.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** No response received by deadline.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** No response received by deadline.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** we need to have a better mental health issue and programs to stop the killing of our own people. get hold of the se isswues and deal with same . .more jobs here in this country and make sure we require that we make other countrys spend as much from us as we buy from than period. we can 't do the wrlds fighting for than they must do there fair share of fighting, period. don't let our wo

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### Freddie Donald Dickson, Jr.

**Campaign Website:** <http://dickson4ussenate.com>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a outside the beltway business and advisor in Politics for 30 years.My advice has been helping politicians in all parties.This seat has been locked d up for decades!! We need a non mainstream Senator with real life experience, with the education,business background. Working my Mechanical, stone,Kitchen and bath businesses since 1968 I have worked with the poor and billionaires same RESPECT !!
- 2. ECONOMY:** I have a plan for after a 40 hour work week,the employee recieves Time and a half tax free for employee and employer including state,Federal,local tax This will encourage extra work over 40 to compete with illegal and under the table competition Federal intern working system for high school and college

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Foreign Aid needs to be reduced on a country to country evaluation!! The technology we have today can be a global supply of need and excess of commodities. Export taxes and import taxes need to be a sliding rule

**4. IMMIGRATION:** We need immigration/ as a grandson of a immigrant my family came to America the hard and correct way it makes you appreciate this country and its love for immigrants!! Legislation for illegals that have survived more than 5 years and own houses, cars, businesses need a fast track to LEGAL

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** We need a reform protection bill for private Wells and our public water systems!! We need new communities under construction to have 2/4" sewer lines one for water and the other for waste this waste can be held in a storage tank and the methane can be used to generate electricity and pumped back as gas heat and fuel

**6. INEQUALITY:** This starts in the MIND of our children !! Our educational systems and the homes of our kids dictate the actions of our children who then become employees!! We need a tax break for businesses that hire minorities both black corporations Asian and Caucasian

**7. TAX REFORM:** I think we need to down size The IRS not increase stop loop holes and give tax credits to coaching staff of all sports for fuel/equipment/expenses OUR KIDS NEED THIS TIME AWAY FROM SOCIAL MEDIA GAMES TO GET TEAMWORK AND UNITY NOT TAUGHT IN SCHOOL

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** I am deeply Concerned with the homeless/drug inflicted/ And mental illness!! I want to bring federally funded sports facilities to the city more!! Last but foremost the fight of cancer to treat us and our families more humanly then currently DONATE TO CANCER NOT MY OR ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN Nano Cellular - Technology warefare is more important than Nukes !! NANOTECHNOLOGY IS THE FINAL FRONTIER!!

### Donna F. Edwards

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience passing legislation that positively impacts the lives of Maryland's hardworking middle class families is what best prepares me to represent our state in the U.S. Senate. In the House, I've authored legislation that now provides meals to children in need, fines big healthcare companies when they take advantage of consumers, and supports 10,000 Maryland jobs at NASA Goddard.

**2. ECONOMY:** To start, we should raise the minimum wage, ensure equal pay for equal work, make childcare and college more affordable, and make significant investments in STEM education. I've led the fight on these issues in the House, and will do so in the Senate. We should invest in job training and infrastructure to ensure that children graduate high school or college prepared for a job in today's economy.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The United States must engage with multilateral institutions to bring stability to troubled regions of the world, including the fight to combat the plague of international terrorism. We must also focus on implementing the Iran deal, establishing a two-state solution between Israel and Palestine, and bolstering our allies and ideals in Asia to combat a rising China and unpredictable North Korea.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** The Congress must take the lead on passing comprehensive immigration reform. We must place a premium on policies that prioritize families, safety, and our economy, and that includes a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. I am an original co-sponsor of this incredibly important legislation in the House, and was proud to join the fight for the passage of the Maryland DREAM Act.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Maryland is the third most vulnerable state to rising sea levels. I led the fight for critical environmental programs: the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Program and the Harbor Trust Maintenance Fund. I wrote the law to institute green infrastructure techniques for water systems, and have fought for transportation and public transit investments to help reduce emissions and create jobs.

**6. INEQUALITY:** The fight to alleviate economic inequality starts by investing in our nation's urban core. That means targeted investments for neighborhoods in need by census tract in infrastructure, education, and wraparound services necessary to help working families get ahead. Federal disinvestment in our nation's urban core is tantamount to Congress ignoring the problems that beset cities like Baltimore.

**7. TAX REFORM:** We must make affordable childcare available for families. I authored H.R. 1492, the Child CARE Act, to expand the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and ensure more families benefit. We need to use the tax code to incentivize job creation tax credits such as the Research and Development tax credits linked to domestic manufacturing, prioritized towards small and medium businesses and innovators.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** We must stand up to the NRA once and for all and pass commonsense gun legislation. That means passing real gun laws that will actually prevent gun violence in our country, including banning high capacity magazines, military style assault weapons, and getting guns out of the hands of domestic abusers. Washington politicians on both sides of the aisle need to end the empty talk, and take action.

### Ralph Jaffe

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Political science teacher. In Baltimore County, initiated new teaching strategy, STUDENT ACTIVISM IN THE CLASSROOM. Bill born in my classroom, signed into law by Present Nixon. Made national news, documented in Reader's Digest. This strategy is the foundation for governing the people.

**2. ECONOMY:** Get the federal, state, and local government off the backs of people in the business world - be they small or large companies. Let the private sector take its course.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Topic is too complicated to answer in small amount of space. Please call me and I'll be glad to discuss it with you in detail.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Topic is too complicated to answer in small amount of space. Please call me and I'll be glad to discuss it with you in detail.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Topic is too complicated to answer in small amount of space. Please call me and I'll be glad to discuss it with you in detail.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Topic is too complicated to answer in small amount of space. Please call me and I'll be glad to discuss it with you in detail.

**7. TAX REFORM:** In favor of a flat tax system. Against any tax increases, period. I will try to abolish the IRS.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** I'm a teacher, not a politician. Leading the Jaffe Movement whose mission is getting money out of politics and career politicians out of business. They're messing up our country. We need a new standard of behavior for politicians. They need to focus on doing what's right for the people rather than themselves. Check out my website, [fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com](http://www.fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com)

### Theresa C. Scaldaferrri

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** For over 45 years while working for the government, I lived under laws and budgets Congress legislated. That makes me well qualified to proficiently handle the duties of a Senator. With all the education and experience each Senator has had, they still are unable to clear up these inadequacies.

**2. ECONOMY:** Fair wages or, for a better word, living wages, affordable housing and a real universal health care act will help a great deal to lighten the burdens of the lower and middle class citizens.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The Middle East, Afghanistan, Africa, Ukraine, Russia, China, and Korea are matters most important to which the U.S. must deal. Mending fences with Israel and Saudi Arabia and dealing with the ISIS crises are equally important.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** The U.S. loses over \$18,250,000,000 in various taxes a year due to 15+ million illegal immigrants in this

country. This is a growing problem. An amnesty program to start documenting these people into the fabric of the U.S. going back to the time they came here is my proposal.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Global warming happens twice as fast in the Arctic as anywhere else in the world. In order to combat this, a major environmental impact study is needed to examine a plan to redirect flooding waters across the U.S. to those extremely dry areas preventing the huge forest fires as in the past.

**6. INEQUALITY:** I have mixed relatives within my extended family I am reminded that no one side is more innocent or essential than the other. I believe people are aware of this in their hearts. We need a strategy of sensitivity to start, since sensitivity with each other is all we have.

**7. TAX REFORM:** IRS is the only organization that collects money to keep the government working. Each tax report is different. People do not want to invest time in preparing these forms. Turbo Tax and other applications make it easier to fill out these forms. More information is needed to answer the deductions available.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Other priorities are security, jobs, health, safety, women's issues, education and peace. Informing constituents of all current legislation being considered for passage, and initiating a system for constituents to be able to reply back either positively or negatively are the other priorities from this U.S. Senator's office.

### Charles U. Smith

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I served the state of Maryland for thirty five years / advisor to four Governors as Adjutant General Maryland national Guard /aide to Warfield ,Hodges .fretted , before ordered back to active duty regular army. Register with the state medical board.

**2. ECONOMY:** a fair wage above minimum for every one .

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** it sure will not be like they are addressing foreign now.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** that every one should be here legally

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** the Chesapeake bay .

**6. INEQUALITY:** enforce the laws fairly in the present not like they did in the past.

**7. TAX REFORM:** tax every one fairly .

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** most important is veterans rights to me .

### Violet Staley

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a Military Spouse with over forty (40) years of volunteerism and advocacy for children and Military families, I have learned to work with people from all backgrounds and ages. I have volunteered with local government from California to Maryland and South Carolina, continuing my education while working as a Child Development Specialist. I know what works to build strong communities.

**2. ECONOMY:** I support job creation with a "living wage" as opposed to a minimum wage and equal pay for women for equal work. I support affordable, quality early childhood development. I advocate for clean, safe public schools with good teachers who deserve a pay increase, and "state of the art" books and technology. I advocate for job training & internships to begin in 12th grade. I support paid family leave

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** To address the recruitment of Americans by terrorists over the internet, we need strong, secure guidelines that will prohibit access, as a matter of Homeland Security. Military leaders should work with internet providers to establish parameters when free speech threatens U.S. citizens. Accountability is needed and enforcement critical. Trade policies should protect American workers jobs and rights

**4. IMMIGRATION:** I support a legal path to citizenship by lessening the time and cost involved. English classes should be taught, as well as job training and support services provided to families. After the immigrant has a job, he or she can pay taxes and support their families. Many have opened up their own businesses and furthered their education.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Our standards and

regulations on clean air emissions should be enforced. Efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay continued and reviews on the results of "fracking" extended. Applicable divisions of county government should make keeping drains open a priority as well as encouraging neighborhood involvement in the anti-litter campaigns. Clean, attractive neighborhoods should be rewarded.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Restrengthening the Voting Rights Act that the Supreme Court recently weakened is a priority. Once it addresses all concerns, a provision should be included that it doesn't have to be ratified again; it should be law. School staff should be reflective of the communities in which they serve, this should also apply to the Police departments and managers in the restaurants and stores.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Tax breaks should not be given to companies who send their jobs and put their money in banks outside of the U.S. The middle class should get more tax breaks, because they spend more money. The millionaires and billionaires should pay their fair share. An equitable policy will help the lower class move up, and the middle class have more cash to spend in the upper class.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our Veterans should be respected and appreciated for the sacrifices they have made for our country. They should receive the highest level of service for their needs, in a timely manner. The VA should hire more Veterans and Veterans should receive more educational credit towards a degree for the job skills they've acquired. Logistics, computer technology, and personnel mangement are a few.

## Blaine Taylor

**Campaign Website:** <http://none>

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Congressional press secretary on Capitol Hill, 1991-92; successful winning campaign press secretary for MD House of Delegates, 1974; MD State Senate 1978; Baltimore County Executive, 1990; and MD Presidential Primary 1992. In private sector, 1968-92, worked in banking, public relations, advertisihg, retail sales, newspapers and magazines statewide and nationally. At 12, worked in saw sharpening.

**2. ECONOMY:** I would introduce the Credit Card Forgiveness Act of 2017 as its main sponsor whereby debtors would be given a one-time-only clean slate, never to charge again. The lenders would receive tax credits to offset said losses. A Balanced Federal Budget as we had on Jan. 20, 2001, pay off the National Debt, and no more foreign wars without Congressional declaration; Senior Citizen Rent Ceiling Act `17

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** End all foreign aid, repeal current nuclear treaty with Iran, prepare to destroy ISIS/ISIL with all military means, with allies if possible, but without if necessary. Seal off our border with Mexico by all means necessary. Adopt a firmer stance with Red China in the Pacific than we have now. Enact all possible financial sanctions to prevent further Russian aggression. End world pollution.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Deport all 14 million illegal aliens now. Either the US is a Sovereign State or it is not. Right now, it is not. History shows that any state that doesn't control its own frontiers will fall, and thus, so will we. There is still time to correct our current disastrous non-policies.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** That is to work to make China and India do MORE. Failing that, nothing we do here in the US will matter one iota. One thing that we might do jointly with the People's Republic of China is to produce pollution-free cars, trucks, buses, aircraft, and both maritime/ naval vessels. It's far better than World War 3! Tax all domestic offenders until they quit or go out of business.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Equal pay for equal work all across-the-board. As with Parade magazine each year, we can Federally mandate that ALL salaries of everyone be published as both the best and quickest way to end this disparity for good. I'll introduce the National Trade School Bill of 2017. To end student debt, we need first to know its source, by auditing all collegiate institutions re: spending. Start with TU.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Abolish the Federal Income Tax of 1912 in 2017, and replace it with National Sales Taxes on income spent to fund the Federal

Government; convince States to do likewise to fund their governments. As it is now, personal income is taxed TWICE: first in full, and second when it is spent. That is inherently unfair by its very nature. It should be taxed as spent, not as earned en toto.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** We find ourselves like a trio of runaway trains, all running simultaneously down parallel tracks toward the same brick wall upon which all three will collide and be destroyed: Warfare State, Welfare State, and Police State. History shows that Republics fall in all three, resulting in dictatorships and world wars. That is the direction we are embarked upon now, and have been since 1945. Reversal!

## Ed Tinus

**Campaign Website:** <http://united-us.org>

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** In looking for the ideal resume, You may ignore the ideal candidate. The frame work of this country is designed to allow the farmer to come out of the field and hold any office. A candidate would have to be a genius if they were not to follow the frame work our fore fathers established. The voters will govern my leadership. I have served for the public good all my adult life and will continue.

**2. ECONOMY:** First and foremost ask the voters if my intentions are for the public good. Subsidize minimum wage to earn \$15.00 per hour. Return funds to social security Collect tariffs on all imports and exports of goods to support our federal government. Eliminate the temporary income tax. Create jobs through infrastructure maintenance, restore the Chesapeake bay. Enact term limits on property tax.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** First and foremost I would ask the voters what is their most important foreign policy issues. As their representative I would glean the will of the voters. Through transparency inform them as to what the most uniform way is to address those concerns. Any candidate that can address foreign policy issues through their opinion is a National Security risk and should not hold office.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** First and foremost I would ask the voters what changes, if any, they would support in immigration policy. I would disclose to the voters all the issues in place. Such issues as the large fee's collected by the fed to become a citizen, The ability to speak and read English, and listen to what other immigration policy concerns the voters may want me to address. Communicating through the internet .

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Locally restoring the Chesapeake Bay. If it would be the will of the voters, I would reorganize all efforts for a healthy bay. My plan is a sound approach that actually will restore Maryland's National Treasure. I would ask the voters what are their most pressing environmental concerns? I then would seek council from the voters . Through transparency design a sensible plan .

**6. INEQUALITY:** I would only address the concerns of policies that do not conflict with the power that the Constitution grants to the federal government. I would act as a overseer to the State to insure uniform assist to all the citizens needs. I would continually search for the will of the voters to protect them from any legislature that does not give uniform concession to the voters.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Repel the free trade act. Eliminate the federal income tax, and collect a tariff on all imports and exports of goods. This is the Constitutions method for the federal government to support its needs.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** To open a line of communication to the voters that has never been seen before, modernize the voting process ,making voting safe and secure from your own home, protect the Right that all voters can vote in every election even primaries, protecting restoring social security, investing in transportation, creating jobs, strengthening small business, stop terrorism through educating women to have value

## Chris Van Hollen

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Like Senator Barbara Mikulski, I believe in delivering results. In Congress and the General Assembly, I've worked together with grassroots activists and community leaders to make a positive difference. I know when to stand and fight for what we believe in, and when to find common ground to achieve results for Marylanders. I've been endorsed by Maryland groups like SEIU, MD Firefighters, and UAW.

**2. ECONOMY:** I have a plan that cracks down on Wall Street's risky financial dealings and boosts paychecks of working Americans with a Paycheck Bonus Tax Credit, with a savers bonus to help families prepare for retirement. We must also strengthen the safety net, raise the minimum wage, improve access to affordable childcare, provide earned paid sick leave and family leave, and ensure equal pay for equal work.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** I opposed the Iraq War from the start and believe we must work with and support our allies in the Middle East to defeat ISIL. I oppose putting troops on the ground there and risking Iraq 2.0. We need to support our soldiers and returning veterans by providing healthcare, education, and job opportunities, and ending veteran homelessness.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** I support comprehensive immigration reform to strengthen border security, streamline our visa system, and create an earned path to citizenship to bring the undocumented out of the shadows. This strategy will boost job growth, reduce our deficits, increase the Social Security Trust Fund, and strengthen our national security. I'm pleased to be endorsed by CASA de Maryland.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Every community must be safe from toxic pollutants and chemicals like lead. The Sierra Club endorsed me because I fight for environmental justice and have a plan to address climate change by cutting carbon pollution while also putting money back in the pockets of middle class families. I've fought to stop oil drilling in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and for federal support for clean-up efforts.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Our country must meet its promise of equal opportunity and justice for all, but we're not there yet. Our system is rigged for the wealthy and privileged. I want to stop CEOs from writing off big bonuses if they don't give employees raises. We have to open the doors of opportunity to all - with early education, debt-free college, and job training. We must end unjust mass incarceration.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Our tax code is rigged for those who make money off of money instead of working Americans. My plan would eliminate tax breaks that reward corporations that move jobs overseas instead of creating jobs here at home, and close loopholes that benefit hedge fund managers. I also support a Wall Street trading fee to crack down on risky trading.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** 1.Protect and expand Social Security and Medicare to guarantee retirement security 2.Invest in education in every neighborhood so every child gets a fair opportunity 3.Reform the criminal justice system to treat drug addiction as a health issue and improve ex-offender reentry to help people rejoin their communities 4.Reform the campaign finance system to get big and secret money out of politics.

## Lih Young

**Campaign Website:** <http://vote-md.org/intro.aspx?id=mdyounglih>

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Reformer/advocate/ activist. Promote fairness/freedom/justice/ peace; productivity/accountability/cost-effectiveness. Identified "socio- economic-political- election- media- budget- legislation- system problems"; local- global; testify/ recommend to officials, law enforcement, 3 branches. TV programs producer speaker; field/studio. Expertise, commitment: intensive/ extensive/diversified civic services

**2. ECONOMY:** Prosecute/eliminate " official misconduct-government gang-MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust/false/misleading practices; private-public; 3 branches, local- global, inc. non-profit, think tanks. Protect people/ families/businesses: lives, rights, reputation,

assets, vehicles, resources. Promote productivity, public interest, cost-benefits, social needs, budget constraints.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** SUPPORT drawdown of US combat forces overseas; promote diplomacy. No War. No Assassinations; OPPOSE: unfair free trade agreements, genocides, land-grabbing; not for the best interest of general public for usa and foreign countries; not to benefit: warmongers; banking, automobiles, military industrial complex, related "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS".

**4. IMMIGRATION:** SUPPORT: Comprehensive immigration reform. Promote humanity, productivity, justice, peace. Protect people, families, environment. Prosecute "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE networks"; unjust practices, victimization, deprivation, destruction; threat, coercion; unjust arrest, detention, torture. Reduce fees, speedy processing of citizen application/replacement .

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** End: dependence/subsidies for fossil fuels, coal, nuclear energy, offshore oil drilling, spills. Curb carbon pollution, medical costs. Improve regulation/oversight. Promote clean air, water, renewable energy. Protect public health, environment. Promote efficiency, technology, research. Reduce unjust practices, hacking, manipulation, obstruction; false excuses, distortion. Prosecute wrongdoers.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Equal protection, non-discrimination; employment/business/activities; rights/homes/vehicles/resources/reputation/freedoms/ affiliation, environment; document, evidence. Equal pay, sick paid leaves. Prosecute "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation; threat/coercion/victimization; physical/mental/financial/medication/litigations/levies/foreclosures

**7. TAX REFORM:** Prosecute "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER-FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust practices= ROBBER-ISM; false/misleading/abuse/deprivation; inc. civic non- profit, think tanks. Reduce tax burden/increase revenues. Promote productivity, accountability, public interest, social needs; solve socio- economic-political- election-media- budget- legislation-system problems.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Prosecute/eliminate "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS"= "cruel tyranny"= "robbery machine"= "ROBBER-ISM"= "super classes of crimes, parasites, welfares, disservices"; public-private; 3 branches, local-global. Promote accountability, social needs. objective evaluations. Televisive candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records.

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

**Duties:** Representatives make laws along with the members of the Senate, and may conduct investigations on issues of national importance. Laws that impose taxes always begin in the House of Representatives. Representatives determine whether a public official should be tried, if accused of a crime.

**How Elected:** Each of the 435 Representatives is elected to a two-year term, serving a specific district. Each State has at least one Representative, but the total number is based on the population in the most recent census. Representatives must be at least 25 years old, have been citizens of the United States for at least 7 years and be residents of the state they want to represent.

**Term:** Two years

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

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## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

#### Bill Heine

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

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received by deadline.
- 2. ECONOMY:** No response received by deadline.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** No response received by deadline.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** No response received by deadline.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** No response received by deadline.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** No response received by deadline.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** No response received by deadline.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** No response received by deadline.

#### Carl H. Magee Jr.

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

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Well, I am proud to say that I am not a politician. I am a former Baltimore City Police officer who has been in harm's way many times. And over the past few years I have become more "politically aware" and I have become very much disenchanted by what I see. The two political parties put politics over people and are very self serving. I am here to become part of the clean up process.
- 2. ECONOMY:** The answer to that is the age old answer of lowering taxes and creating jobs. We live in a State that has some of the highest taxes in the country, and where almost half of the people living here would rather live somewhere else if they could. In the same breathe companies leave this State in record numbers. We need be more "tax friendly" to attract businesses here as well as new new jobs.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Defeating the ISIS threat would be at the top of the list. We need to go in to win, not to appease. Our allies in the region MUST get heavily involved as this cannot be viewed as just an American War.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** This needs to be a multi prong approach. First and foremost our borders must be secured. Every sovereign nation in the world protects it's borders. Then American companies must be stopped from hiring illegal immigrants through fines and criminal proceedings if need be. The taking of American jobs must stop. Third, all freebies need to stop. Our welfare system is for American citizens PERIOD!
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** If you referring to climate change I don't believe it exists. The world is burning right now. People are being beheaded. People are being burned alive. Kids are being blown up. Sorry, climate change is on the back burner.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** In addressing economic and social inequality in a free market society you are always going to have it. Remember, you are always going to have those that rise above the rest, and those who squander. When it comes to racial inequality we just need to stop worrying about and stop talking about it. We elected a black man for President for goodness sake. So let's stop being so PC and grow up.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** Simple. Go to a flat tax.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** I feel that one of the most pressing issues is immigration. There are many Americans out of work right now because they lost their jobs due to illegal immigration. Our building industry has been crushed. And I don't believe for one second that the illegals are taking jobs that Americans don't want. Tell that to the roofer, or the contractor, or the drywall guy that can't find work now.

#### Pat McDonough

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Eighteen years serving in the Md. General Assembly introducing, reviewing and voting on legislation. Also, representing constituents with their problems and sitting in committee listening to information from the public about legislation.

**2. ECONOMY:** Small business creates 75% of the jobs in America. 300,000 small businesses are started every year, but 400,000 fail. An economic growth stimulus tax program is the most important step. For example, zero corporate taxes on all small business start-ups for 5 years; Zero Corporate Taxes on manufacturing in order to create a manufacturing super-power. Reform or elimination of the Dodd-Frank law.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Global terrorism must be recognized as a war against America and must be prosecuted with the full power of the U.S. military. The growth of China as a military threat must be acknowledged and answered by smart national security and defense programs. Cyber warfare and potential space weapons – the U.S. should promote making our country the number one cyber warfare and defense system in the world.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Total border security including the wall; domestic enforcement including e-verify in order to protect jobs; elimination of sanctuary city policies; removal of Obama's unconstitutional executive orders; and rejection of any amnesty program.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** We must begin Innovative recycling and restoration initiative regarding our water supply. This program should include the recycling of waste water such as the program used in Singapore and other nations. The desalination plants should be located on our east and west coasts, like the programs used in Saudi Arabia. Exploration and Recovery of our underground aquifer systems could be initiated

**6. INEQUALITY:** The spreading schism between the wealthy, the middle class, and the working families is a result of poor economic policies.

Wages have been static, good jobs have been lost which has caused a decrease in the middle class, and loss of jobs and the emerging super-wealthy elitist class. Much of the racial strife has been caused by reckless dividers within our nation.

**7. TAX REFORM:** One reform would be to prohibit large corporations from tax aversion programs where they relocate in foreign countries which is becoming more prevalent and dangerous. I would also place a huge transfer tax on any foreign company that wants to purchase an American company, for example, China now owns Smithfield Meat Products and Sparrow Point was previously owned by the Russians.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Repeal of ObamaCare; "Second Amendment Protection" first class treatment of our veterans. Initiatives to end Alzheimer's and Dementia; legal immigration program that will encourage the best and brightest from around the world to come to America and make our country an intellectual superpower; Tax deduction incentive programs permitting families to invest in their children's IRA-type investments.

#### Yuripzy Morgan

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a 31 year old wife, mother and attorney. My father is from Mexico, and my mother fled the civil war in El Salvador in the early 1980's. They settled in East Texas where I was born, and from their experiences I learned to never take our rights for granted. I will work every day to ensure that my daughter and all Americans have the same rights and freedoms as every American before them.

**2. ECONOMY:** There are over 28 million small businesses in America, and those small businesses account for 54% of our sales and 55% of all jobs. However since the 1980's, the rate at which new business have started has decreased by 28% due largely to federal regulations. I will work to remove those barriers and ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to invest in themselves.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** National security must be at the forefront of our foreign policy. Terrorist groups have become an insidious evil, so we must strengthen our military and



intelligence community, allow them to do their jobs, and must be smart about how we do these things. We must rebuild American confidence of in our government, our law enforcement, and reintroduce our nation to community accountability.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** We must introduce immigration reform that prioritizes securing the border from further illegal immigration. Then we can decide on an approach that acknowledges the humanity of the situation without compromising our laws or our Constitution. the humanity of the situation without compromising our laws or our Constitution.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Our environmental future is precariously balanced on overregulation and poor management by the federal government. The Chesapeake Bay for example is home to a vital ecosystem that is best protected and managed by the people of Maryland who call the area home.

**6. INEQUALITY:** All Americans deserve the opportunity and pride that goes along with being able to earn a decent wage and provide for their families. This requires a strong economy that provides good paying, stable jobs from manufacturing to professional work to vocational work and everything in between.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Our tax code is a bureaucratic mess that threatens Americans and jobs. We are being overtaxed by an irresponsible government. I would support lowering taxes, simplifying the tax code, and creating tax incentives particularly for small business that encourage job creation and growth.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Education is a cornerstone of our nation. We must prepare all generations to be world leaders and it starts in the classroom. Teachers and students must be properly equipped and supported. We must maintain the integrity and heart of the Second Amend. while also ensuring the safety of the American public by enforcing tailored, common sense laws and strengthening public education on mental health.

## Mark Gerard Shell

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.democracy.com/markshell>

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I have experience in the following sectors: military, manufacturing, government, and financial services. My education includes a BS in Business, MBA, MS in Information Systems and a MS in Finance. I am also an entrepreneur with experience with immigrations, language services, IRS ITIN processing, film making, and much more. I am able leverage my knowledge, skills, and abilities to get things done.

**2. ECONOMY:** I support business development and entrepreneurship as well as education and support initiatives to increase economic development in underserved communities. I support lowering of tuition rates to make education more affordable. I support a fair and equitable minimum wage and my plan includes two components: a federal minimum and locality pay (same model the government uses for the GS salaries).

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Since 1990 all I have seen is war, death, and destruction; specifically in the middle east. While I served in the military, I do not support ongoing wars. We must stop ongoing wars and return to peace and prosperity and invest the "war money" into things like education, business development, healthcare, housing, and more. Invest in what's important to the long term success of the country.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** As a business owner that deals with immigration, yes I would make significant changes to the immigration policies to remove bureaucracy. I recognize that there are significant issues and concerns with illegal/ undocumented immigrants and I recognize that you can't simply build a wall or throw people out. I want to create a path to citizenship.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** The most pressing environmental issues are with water (access to water and quality of water). I want to protect our water sources and ensure every American has access to quality water. As for "Global Warming", the human contribution is negligible (less than .00035C/year) and CO2 is not the main issue. However, I do have a plan to increase solar power in homes to reduce consumption of fossil fuels.

**6. INEQUALITY:** There are already policies in place and I do not support additional policies as they really don't change things. What I support is education and business development so that everyone has an opportunity or the chance to be economically stable and have the equality that everyone deserves. Outside of that I do support the 15th amendment - meaning I support everyone's right to vote including felons.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Having worked at the IRS, I understand the complexities of the tax system and recognize that the tax system must change. I support simplification of the tax system and I support the concepts of flat taxes. I would actually start with business taxes and implement a structure for a flat tax based on revenue, not profit.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Sentencing reform, government budgeting reform, and developing cures for Cancer and Diabetes.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

#### C. A. Dutch Ruppensberger

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** An attorney by trade, I began my career as a prosecutor and managed a payroll in private practice. I have served as a Baltimore County Councilman, then as Baltimore County Executive, where I managed a workforce of 20,000 and was required to submit a balanced budget each year. Since, I have served seven terms in Congress and have developed a reputation as a "centrist" for my bipartisanship.

**2. ECONOMY:** I am supporting efforts to gradually raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$12 by 2020. Today, the top 1 percent of the population owns 35 percent of the country's wealth. If we evened out this disparity, the paychecks of the lower-wage earners would get pumped right back into the economy and other local businesses. Consumer demand goes up, there is greater productivity and less turnover.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** ISIS and Iran. We must continue air strikes with our allies and using U.S. Special Ops. But we cannot be the sheriff of the world; we must engage other countries in dealing with ISIS. Regarding Iran, we must focus on implementation of the recently-passed agreement designed to prevent Iran from building a nuclear weapon for at least 10 years. Iran exports terrorism and can't be trusted.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** I support comprehensive immigration reform, not amnesty. We must first work to prevent illegal immigration by securing our borders and deporting immigrants who have committed crimes. But can't deport our way out of the problem. We should establish a rigorous "legal status" process similar to the system established by the bipartisan Senate bill, which included paying back taxes and a penalty.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** In Maryland, the most pressing environmental problem is cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, which contributes \$1 trillion to the economies of its 6-state watershed. I supported one of the most aggressive Bay clean-up bills in decades, which requires states to meet pollution caps and authorizes new funding to reduce run-off.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Raising the minimum wage could go a long way toward leveling economic inequality. We also have to work harder to make sure all children have the opportunity to receive a quality education, which translates to greater economic opportunity down the road. We have seen tremendous racial unrest in Baltimore and across our nation in the past year and it needs to be addressed by every level of government.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Our tax code is too old and too complicated. It needs to be systematically overhauled. We should have

lower individual and corporate tax rates and have fewer tax brackets. We should get rid of unfair loopholes and tax breaks for certain industries such as oil and gas companies. I supported extending the Bush tax cuts for the vast majority of American households.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Cybersecurity is one of the single biggest challenges our country faces today. It also presents a tremendous opportunity for Maryland because we are home to so many federal agencies, contractors and military installations - so any investment in cybersecurity means jobs for our region. I have championed a national strategy since my first days in Congress.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

#### Thomas E. "Pinkston" Harris

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a diverse and varied education. I studied business and economics in a Johns Hopkins MBA program. I owned and operated my own successful financial services firm. I know how to create jobs.

**2. ECONOMY:** We need to cut personal income taxes and corporate taxes. The people will spend more because they have more. The US has the highest corporate tax rates in the world. That's why many of our wealthiest companies opt to stash a lot of their cash over-seas. With less taxes they will bring this money home because they want to bring it home and invest here. Less taxes results in a greater gov .income.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Reassert our selves as the world Number 1 super power. Our enemies must know that we will defend our interest by whatever means necessary. And our allies need to know that we will live up to the terms our treaties and stand by them to the nth degree. We must wipe out ISIS & al-Queda even if it means boots on the ground. We also must restore our Israel friendship and cancel the Iran deal.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** We must get serious about immigration. We don't need new laws. Just enforce the old ones. Ban sanctuary cities and states. Strengthen the border.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Man-made climate change a hoax, It's just a scam so that Obama and his cronies can raid the treasury and to take away our freedoms. The President's climate change conference, they spent 300,000 tons of fossil fuels. Gore has a 10,000 sq ft house. They're hypocrites. The ice in Antarctica is getting thicker. We've had ice ages and another is predicted 15 years. The windmills kill 1000's birds.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Most of the economic, racial, and social inequality is self imposed. We must impress upon our children that it's their personal responsibility to rise above their circumstances. Not make babies out of marriage. Get as much education as they can. And to strive for their highest heights. Most of the racial and social inequality imaginary. Fear and paranoia stirred up by the Democrats to keep power.

**7. TAX REFORM:** I favor a national sales tax. This would mean everybody would have some skin in the game. Even the blackmarketeers, dope dealers and those flourishing in the underground economy would pay a tax.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** We must rebuild our military. Rehire all the warrior Generals Obama fired. Stop using the military for social experimentation. Obama's obsession with genitalia issues is weakening our military. We have huge supplies of fossil fuels. Everybody else is using theirs. We must use ours. Approve the Keystone pipeline. It'll create over 20,000 jobs.

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## Mark Plaster

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

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience is practical, real world rather than inside the bubble of politics. I've had successful careers in the military, medicine, and business. I saw the cost of freedom while I was deployed twice in Iraq. As a physician, I know the importance of working as a team and listening to people's problems. I took a business from my basement to a multimillion dollar publishing company.
- 2. ECONOMY:** Small business is the economic engine that creates jobs and allows upward mobility. Lower taxes overall and a streamlined regulatory environment will help more Americans achieve their dreams of owning their own businesses. More government involvement feels benevolent, but ends up stifling the real potential of economic growth. Access to capital is also essential to growth and opportunity.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** As a twice-deployed Iraq War veteran, I know the human cost of war. Diplomatic and economic measures should always be exhausted before resorting to force. However, if armed conflict is necessary for American security and liberty, then our military and allies must have the resources, direction, and rules of engagement required to bring the fight to our enemies. We should not wait to fight at home.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** Securing our borders and ports of entry is the top priority and first step towards a workable immigration reform plan. The Border States and governors are struggling to pick up the pieces because of Washington's failure to enforce existing laws and work towards reform. We need to take these steps so those who want to come here the right way can do so in a respectable and fair process.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** Protecting our home is the first responsibility of mankind. But we must not do it at the expense of our fellow man. I will support enacting sensible environmental protections while trimming the excesses of the EPA that strangle commerce and manufacturing. We can have a clean bay and clean energy, and we can have it without choking our ability to prosper.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** Equal opportunity is the foundation of what makes America great. But everyone does not start at equal places. Rather than hold someone back, I will support policies that give everyone the opportunity to compete equally to achieve the full measure of their potential and effort. Further, I will support restrictions on policies that favor one group over another.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** Congress needs to streamline regulations and the tax code so the innovative, entrepreneurial potential of the American people can flourish. The tax code needs to be simplified and flatter so that government gets out of the business of picking winners and losers. The corporate tax code should be globally competitive and the death tax should end.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Health care insurance premiums and deductibles continue to spiral upward. I will support policies that open up competition and innovation that lowers the cost of healthcare while improving quality and maintaining universal coverage for everyone.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

#### John Rea

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I have worked on campaigns. I have Interened at the State House. I have run for office. I am a 25 year private sector businessman.
- 2. ECONOMY:** I would help with education vouchers. I would push to increase the minimum wage to 12 to 15 dollars an hour.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** I support our stance against the existing Syrian regime. I support Ben Cardins policy against Iran. I believe in a tough stance against North Korea.

- 4. IMMIGRATION:** I would build a wall along the Mexican border. I would mainstream the Hispanic Population that already lives in the U.S.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** I would continue to support the cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** No Comment.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** I support the Tax Code as is!
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** I would like to see our kids have the educational tools to compete in tomorrows U.S. Economy.

#### John Sarbanes

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

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Prior to entering Congress, I had nearly 20 years of experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. I worked with the MD State Dept of Education, represented non-profit hospitals and senior living providers and championed efforts to protect consumers and ensure fair treatment in the workplace. This prepared me well for the diversity of issues one must manage as a member of Congress.
- 2. ECONOMY:** We must create good jobs and support policies that grow the middle class. This includes ending tax breaks for corporations that ship American jobs overseas, investing in national infrastructure and raising the minimum wage. I also strongly support access to and affordability of health insurance and education as well as paid sick and family leave.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The threat from ISIS is real and the US and international community must address it. I support a strategy that would build a broad and diverse coalition of international partners to protect the US and its allies and to destroy ISIS. While the US military can be used to stem the violence, it is up to the Arab nations to create and ensure a long-term strategy for a safe and secure region.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** I support a policy that considers both national security and economic interests, as well as the need to provide a fair, legal and humane framework for people who want to come to America. I support improved border security and law enforcement, a focus on punishing employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers, and a practical approach to addressing undocumented workers currently in the country.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** The most pressing environmental problem is climate change and the government can do many things to address it: invest in clean energy technologies; cap and reduce greenhouse gases; require utility companies to generate energy from renewable sources; develop capabilities to capture and store carbon emissions; and advance smart grid technologies so electricity is delivered efficiently..
- 6. INEQUALITY:** Inequality is among the most pressing issues facing our nation today. We must lift up every struggling community & provide hope and opportunity to those Americans who feel left out and left behind. This includes policies that would strengthen voter protections, raise the minimum wage, expand the affordability and accessibility of health insurance and improve our K-12 and higher education systems.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** The tax code should reflect our nation's values— encouraging private enterprise and innovation, strengthening communities and ensuring that the shared costs of government are distributed equitably. Changes to the current tax structure must be undertaken with the greatest caution so as not to cause unanticipated consequences for American taxpayers or compromise the Nation's overall fiscal outlook.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** One of my top priorities is to end the reign of big money in our political system that has corroded our institutions of democracy. That's why I introduced the Government By the People Act which would amplify the voices of everyday Americans by empowering grassroots supporters, providing a tax credit for campaign contributions and supporting candidates when they are up against Super PACs.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES REPUBLICANS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

#### Ray Bly

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

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I've had to fight all my life to survive 46 years. Fighting red tape and unconstitutional laws against our government, and I'm still fighting my illegally obtained criminal conviction. See FB Ray Bly videos.
- 2. ECONOMY:** Do away with most of the EPA laws that prevent businesses from opening, expanding or growing.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Cut off aid to everybody but Israel, renegotiate ALL trade agreements and sit back and do nothing when people are dying in the world like the other NATO countries are doing.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** National ID card, no work, no rent, no buy, no school, no health care, no drivers license, without proof that your here illegally, which is what the National ID card will show. Triple quotas so it doesn't take 15 years to bring your spouse, children, or mother and father here.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** Get a more sensible EPA. First there was climate warming, that didn't prove out. Now it's climate change. What, do all of these people own stock in wind and solar? We have one thousand years of coal, we should be supporting coal-burning power plants to help them put in scrubber chimneys instead of wind and solar that doesn't work very well (common sense from a mentally ill person).
- 6. INEQUALITY:** To preach tolerance instead of hatred by all of these groups. Take away their non-profit status if they preach hatred, and that includes churches.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** Flat tax and No deductions, at each level of business or personal.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** -Term limits - Take away 99% of Immunity laws, especially to police, prosecutors, and judges.

#### William T. Newton

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

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** The founder of a non-profit volunteer organization engaged in working within the community on various social and political issues for over 28 years developing many avenues to address local and state problems. including working with members of the state legislature, crafting bills, grass roots coordination and providing researched testimony during hearings and managing politically active campaigns.
- 2. ECONOMY:** Once the manufacturing companies return so will our standard of living rise. Eliminate the corporate tax rate to end the flight of money and jobs overseas. Keep them in America. Support "Fair Trade" and "Free Enterprise". Eliminate all the regulations for small and home-grown entrepreneurial business. Leave people alone who are willing to create business opportunities, income and jobs!
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Our Constitution requires our government to do ONLY a few things and among them is to 'provide for the common defense'. The military is not a dirty word and must be returned to an appropriate level to accommodate that duty; it will also provide jobs and skills. That's a start. We can continue to be "all things to all people" but first we have to be able to negotiate from a position of strength.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** Enforce current immigration law especially regarding illegal aliens. Fine employers who hire them. Direct jobs back to our millions of unemployed. The main cause of unemployment particularly among inner city youth is our country has lost the vast surplus of entry level jobs we have had in our local communities for many decades to those entering our country illegally. Opportunity for Americans First
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** Enable exploration of our own natural resources and require the Government to prove the activity causes

personal harm or an environmental concern and by not forcing the industry to prove it doesn't. Make Government work for us "for a real change" as they should!

**6. INEQUALITY:** With every survey question the answer must begin by a return to a Constitutional Republican form of government expressed by our Framers. Teach civics in our schools again to understand the responsibility of every citizen to defend the Constitution, our laws and a sense of pride will follow. All people should experience that reality and believe in those words found in the Declaration of Independence

**7. TAX REFORM:** Make tax rates permanent, freeze the capital gains rate and lock the government in at a spending level commensurate with and does not exceed it's collected amount. Initiate zero-based budgeting-starting fresh each time - like most families have to do. In the meantime we can work on a simpler and fairer tax system that abolishes the IRS using simple accounting methods (example: money in/money out)

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** TERM LIMITS! One of my biggest hang-ups is the years and years elected representatives spend in the job. The people are best served when their representatives are selected from within the community from fellow neighbors. The population remains enslaved by this elite class of rulers and politicians. World history shows us where that will end. The elected must not be chosen "for us" but "from us"!

## Corrogan R. Vaughn

**Campaign Website:** <http://vaughn4congress.com>

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** • Served in leadership in many businesses and organizations; church, faith-based, non-profit, etc. State Chair, Republican Assemblies. Currently Vice Chair of PNBC Board, (Progressive National Baptist Convention with 2.5 million members). Raised in the strong faith of my parents and family, and inspired by my teachers to give back to my community, I will be a servant-statesman, not a celebrity.

**2. ECONOMY:** See my "Vaughn Plan for Baltimore" [www.vaughn4congress.com](http://www.vaughn4congress.com) The entire 7th District will benefit from my plan. I propose creating an "Inner Harbor" style aggressive modification mission to bring economic and societal revolution to Baltimore through private enterprise, government & non-profit partners utilizing existing facilities and structures for jobs, education, economic, & community growth.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** A) ISIS: ISIS only understands and responds to force. We use whatever force necessary to insure "We Win, they lose." B) Trade: Free trade only works if it's reciprocal. Too many countries cheat with slave-labor wages, child labor, currency manipulation, irresponsible environmental practices, dishonest labeling, etc. They've stolen millions of our jobs & entire industries. We must have Fair Trade.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Immigration is an economic issue! Income inequality in America is tied to the wave of illegal alien immigrants who keep wages depressed and jobs scarce, especially in minority and low and moderate income communities. Americans know our unemployment is high because illegals take our jobs. The real cure for the problem is immigration enforcement and border security.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Everyone wants clean air, water, land, & food. So yes, we need to clean up the Bay, upgrade our local treatment plants, etc. But consider a different environmental problem: unaccountable bureaucrats which abusively create & enforce regulations The responsibilities & rewards of environmental stewardship belong with property owners & the States, which are more knowledgeable than federal bureaucrats

**6. INEQUALITY:** "We hold these truths to self-evident, that all men are created equal." The American Dream is not about success, but rather opportunity. In Congress I will initiate, support & fight for any measure which protects the equality of opportunity. We must do better in guaranteeing opportunity. We can do better when we focus on the input of opportunity and not the output of politically correct equality.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Reagan and Kennedy proved lowering business & citizen taxes GROWS our economy. The tax code is ridiculous to the point almost no one can do their own taxes anymore. I will fight for real tax reform using a simple, flat tax approach. There are several which could be implemented. A Flat Tax will provide low & middle-income greater opportunities through minimal taxes & better, higher paying jobs.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** I have many on my website [vaughn4congress.com](http://vaughn4congress.com). My passion for priorities such as the Economy, Jobs, Proper care for our veterans, Education at all levels, Second Amendment rights, Health care, Social Security, National security, Border security, Cyber-security, Family Values, and the Federal debt will be high on my list of efforts from Day 1 as the Congressman from Maryland's 7th District.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

### Elijah Cummings

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

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

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

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The central issues we confront (armed conflict, terrorism, economic deprivation, environmental degradation & climate change) challenge both our security and our humanity. Multilateral engagement must lead our efforts to manage and resolve these issues, with the hard power of military force being reserved as a last resort.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** I support comprehensive immigration reform to better secure our borders, protect workers against abuse, limit the downward pressure on wages, and unify families - policies that are both realistic and humane toward the millions of undocumented families who currently are within the U.S.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** I support efforts to (1) limit carbon pollution from power plants and other major sources; (2) strengthen federal efforts to clean our air and water; (3) strengthen and implement national and international climate change agreements and (4) protect the Chesapeake Bay and our natural heritage.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Advance "Living Wage" & "Equal Pay" legislation. Expand federal education funding. Defend workers' right to organize. Limit incarceration and support "reentry" initiatives. Expand the fight against racial, gender and other discrimination. See, also, my leadership of our "Middle Class Prosperity" initiative (<http://democrats.oversight.house.gov>).

**7. TAX REFORM:** Reform should make the tax code more progressive, assuring that no American family is taxed into poverty. In addition, we should limit counterproductive "tax expenditures" like the preferential "carried interest" tax treatment afforded hedge fund managers.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Expanding federal funding of public education - including college, defending our voting rights, supporting job creation and home ownership, protecting our environment, advancing criminal justice reform, making further progress toward universal access to healthcare, advancing campaign finance reform.

## Adrian Petrus

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Open mind and understanding of what need to be done.

**2. ECONOMY:** We need to invest 5% of the federal budget on inner cities. • Better education. • After school programs to offer kids other chances. • Creating Jobs. • Equal Pay. • Paid vacations and sick days. • Prescription reform, everyone should afford medication. • Criminal Justice reform. • Stop helping other nations, we need to take care of American people first. • Term limit.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Middle East, we need to work with everyone to sign a peace treaty between Israel and Arab Nations, then we can finish ISIS and other groups. Peace will benefit us more than wars.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** • If a person paid taxes while working illegally here, then they should get a path to citizenship. • If they worked illegally and not paying taxes but did not commit crimes, they should pay a fine and get green card. • If they came illegally in the country and joined gangs, criminal activity, and committed crimes, then those people should be deported.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** We need more clean energy, and we need to take care of our planet.

**6. INEQUALITY:** No matter of color, sex, faith or nationality, we are all Americans and should be treated equal. I'm for any policy that will be equal pay, equal employment ( remove race and sex from applications). We need to stay together as one, no divided by color, nationality and faith.

**7. TAX REFORM:** We need a flat tax rate for everyone.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Taking care of American people first before the rest of the world.

**NOTE:**  
**Under Maryland law, the order of candidates on the ballot is determined first by the party of the governor, then by the principal minority party, then by other minority parties in descending order based on statewide party registration. The order of listing in this Voters' Guide follows that directive.**



# HOWARD COUNTY OFFICES BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ALL VOTERS MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3.

**DUTIES:** The Board of Education of Howard County is responsible for setting local education policy consistent with state and federal laws governing public education. At the direction of the Board, the Superintendent and the school system's administrative staff develop procedures and administrative regulations to support policy decisions. The Board is composed of seven members elected at-large for four-year terms, and a student member elected by students for a one-year term.

**SALARY:** \$15,000 chair, \$12,000 individual

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide

## QUESTIONS

- 1) What qualifications and experience do you that qualify you for a position on the Board of Education?**
- 2) What do you feel are the most important issues the Board will face in the next 2-3 years?**
- 3) What will need to change in Howard County Schools to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) that was signed into law in December 2015 to guarantee all low income and minority students are taught by qualified teachers?**
- 4) As a Board of Education member, how would you ensure that the public has access to accurate data about the number and reasons for suspensions by race, gender, disability, and sexual identity?**
- 5) What policies or procedures would you support to respond to citizens' concerns and complaints?**
- 6) In an increasingly digital world, how do we provide resources for students who may not have access to computers at home?**
- 7) What should be the role of the School Board members when environmental issues on school property could cause health issues for our students and staff? For example, the recent mold problem at Glenwood Middle School.**

## Corey Andrews

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served on HCPSS policy charter committees, participated in various community groups in the Elkridge area, and have been an active advocate for public education in Howard County. I have experience in government contracting and client service as well. I bring a different perspective as a current college student and the most recent graduate of the HCPSS of all of the candidates.

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** The Board needs to work on its relationship with educators and provide them with the support and compensation they deserve. It needs to work on respecting the values of the community as well. We need to focus on working to close the achievement and discipline gaps as the diversity of our school system grows. We will also have to work on building adequate facilities as our county grows.

**3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** We won't see major changes in the classroom with ESSA. ESSA will require HCPSS to put plans in place to help low income and minority students who are falling behind. However, we tend to evaluate student progress using test scores, and that has proven to be ineffective and harmful. The administration of these accountability measures is being moved to the state level, but the testing will remain.

**4. SUSPENSIONS DATA:** In the HCPSS, African-American and Latino students are seven times more likely to be suspended than their white peers. We have a major discipline gap. The HCPSS must closely monitor suspension data based on demographics at each school and make it public. We need to set procedures in place to

investigate instances of discrimination in student discipline. I also favor alternative discipline options.

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** As a Board member, I will be responsive to the community's concerns. I will raise all concerns with HCPSS administration, and follow through until they're resolved. Many on the current Board are failing in this regard. The Board needs to share vital information with the community and provide oversight of the Superintendent's responsibility to deal with the evolving challenges facing the HCPSS.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** While we may not be able to provide computers to every student to keep in their home, we need to improve the current B.Y.O.D. policy to allow students that do not have devices to access computers during and after their day at school. All students deserve the same learning experience, and technology is an important factor. We should consider providing tablets and laptops for all classwork use.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** This is an issue of responsibility to the public. Board members were contacted about this issue and failed to respond to the public's concerns. Each Board member needs to be a point-of-contact for community concerns, and if it relates to the health of students or staff, it needs to be dealt with quickly and competently. The Board needs to provide oversight of the administration's performance.

## Marcelino Michael Bedolla

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Retired Drug Enforcement Administration. Teacher in Baltimore City. Worked with Conexiones in its' early years, I served on the OBRC, Equity Council and various school policy committees. My three children went through the school system, two with IEPs and I have a granddaughter in the 8th grade. I bring common sense, will ask questions, have managerial experience and want the best for all student

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** Cyber bullying is huge & not adequately addressed. School maintenance and security, issues of diversity, lack of verbal communication skills for students are only a few of the important issues the Board will face, hopefully with common sense. These and the lack of transparency, loss of confidence by the community and political leaders are issues Board must face.

**3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** Additional staff in elementary grades to support smaller classes with a teacher and a para-educator in the lower grades, more experienced teachers in schools with high a FARM enrollment. To be fair, placement testing for English Language Learners be done in native language or after English proficiency is attained. Additional resources for English Language Learners where needed.

**4. SUSPENSIONS DATA:** Ask the Superintendent to task the individual schools to timely inform the parent or guardian and to list this data, by the categories' listed above with no names on the schools profile under the heading: MSDE Individual School Performance Report or the individual schools profile and require the school system to aggregate the data by elementary, middle and high schools.

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** There is a breakdown in communications system wide that needs to be repaired. I'd support an open door policy particularly at the school level but also at the main office for community members and stakeholders. I'd encourage the PTA at the school and the principal to hold town hall type meetings with Board members and main office staff on common concerns and complaints and open to the community.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** The school system needs to develop partnerships with the Library to provide a dedicated area and time frame only for students to utilize their computers and with big box stores to donate computers for use by homeless students, of which in FY 2014-15 there were 470 in the system, Partnerships with the business community and County Office's is one way to address this inequity. Or is BYOD too much?

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Hold the Superintendent responsible for insuring

that: every building utilized by students or staff is inspected regularly for environmental hazards; maintenance schedules are kept and documented; updated equipment is compatible with infrastructure already in place; procedures are in place to inform the public and pre-selected locations are available to continue the delivery of instruction.

## Kirsten Coombs

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a volunteer in several capacities at my daughter's schools. I worked on the Citizens' Operating Budget Review Committee (COBRC) in Spring 2015. I have a BS in Accounting and used my financial skills to analyze the budget and present the committee's findings to stakeholders. I also have a BA in History and an MBA in International Business, so I appreciate educating the whole child.

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** My priorities are: Providing oversight of the superintendent; Adequate staffing & resources for a growing student population; Building maintenance & upkeep in a proactive manner to avoid issues such as mold and failing roofs; Addressing decreased morale among educators and staff to make sure we're attracting & retaining high-quality staff; and, Implementing new programs in a thoughtful manner.

**3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** HCPSS needs to continue to ensure that low-income and minority students have high quality educators. I feel my background in accounting will help with ESSA compliance, as the Act addresses the need for transparency in budgeting. School-level financial information should be made available so that taxpayers know what the funding sources are and where they are going.

**4. SUSPENSIONS DATA:** In general, all MPIA requests should be tracked, logged and reviewed by the Board on a periodic basis for responsiveness. In particular, HCPSS should set up a reporting system as soon as possible using Excel or Access to gather this data & have monthly deadlines for administrators to submit. More importantly, though, I would look for solutions – what are we doing to address the disparities?

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** As noted above, all requests should be catalogued and Board members should receive periodic reports on the status, cost and subjects of them. If information is not protected, i.e. student names & health data, the Board could post it to the public website, in addition to providing statistics on requests and their turnaround, to provide complete transparency.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** Obtaining computers for home use should be explored through community and business partnerships. However, the Digital Divide does not just include the physical resource, but the ability to use it at home. HCPSS should work with the County Technology office to provide Internet on the ICBN. High school students could assist with troubleshooting this process and obtain volunteer service hours.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Board members should be made aware when staff/parents/students notify the administration of facility issues. The Board should require updates on the impact on people and the mitigation/solution of the underlying problem. The Board member for that cluster should be invited to meetings and allowed to stay up to date on a first person basis.

## Vicky Cutroneo

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served as parent volunteer for years at my children's schools as well as volunteer youth sports coach and Girls Director of WHC youth basketball. Recent experience advocating for healthy air quality at Glenwood MS inspired me to run for BOE. I learned first hand that the qualities most important for a BOE member are my strengths: ability to communicate, collaborate and advocate.

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** Given the current climate a priority will be building back the trust with stakeholders. Many of the important issues exist because of a lack of transparency and data driven decisions based on collaboration with parents and teachers. In addition, we also need to refocus our energy and budget back into the classroom, doing all we can to support and empower both our educators AND students.

**3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** The new law allows for new state teacher degree granting academies and alternative programs. HCPSS will need to address concerns that these teacher preparation programs are accountable to K-12 student achievement and that all teachers and paraprofessionals working in schools receiving Title I funds meet certification and licensure requirements.

**4. SUSPENSION DATA:** Public should have access to the raw data, not just the school system's interpretation of the data. I believe that all school system documents, studies, reports should be easily available to the public (with respect to student privacy) Suspension rates, bullying reports, even achievement reports need to be presented in a way that is truthful. Image should match the reality.

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** I would support open forums, town halls throughout the county and reinstatement of the ombudsman program. We should look at ways to streamline how the BOE responds to concerns and ensure adequate followup.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** The media center is a necessary resource for many of our students and decreasing availability by reducing para educators has had a profound effect. For many students, this is the place where they get their homework done and we need to reassess to look for ways to make it more available. Expansion of after school homework clubs and computer labs is another way to address this.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** School board members are the students and staff advocate. They should be reaching out to the community to get information, not rely on facts from central office, the superintendent or other board members. The burden of proof should be on the school system, not the community. BOE members work for the community and have the responsibility to do everything possible to assist their constituents

## Ann DeLacy

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As well as having undergraduate and graduate degrees in education, my entire working career has been in the Howard County Public School System. I taught Family and Consumer Science for 30 years in middle schools and 3 years at Mt. Hebron HS. After serving as President of HCEA for 6 years, I retired and was elected to the HCPSS Board Education in 2012. I volunteer weekly in two elementary schools

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** The major challenge facing us will be fiscal. Each student, irrespective of social economic status, ability, or zip code must receive a world class education. These are some initiatives that will be needed: universal PreK, the expansion of World Languages and ESM, greater cultural awareness for our employees, curricula that better reflects our County's ethnic diversity PLUS a comprehensive HS.

**3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** All HCPSS students in Title I schools are taught by highly qualified teachers. The current waivers from the old NCLB law will expire on 8/1/2016. The federal role in public education has been diminished and greater control has given to the state and local Boards. Race to the Top is over but we still have to worry about mandates from the governor appointed state board and the General Assembly

**4. SUSPENSIONS DATA:** HCPSS provides an annual report to the public on suspensions and access to the Maryland State Board report can be easily accessed through our website. Given the testimonies I have heard recently from many of our students and parents about discriminatory practices and injustices, there must be greater oversight by our administrators. The data must be made more

assessable and be constantly analyzed

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** I believe the New Maryland Public Information Act recently passed strengthens requirements to provide the public with information. A response is required within 10 days. The State has now established a State PIA Compliance Board to resolve disputes over fees over \$350; and has created a new Public Access Ombudsman within the Attorney General's Office to mediate disputes.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** HCPSS provides technology to students who lack access during the school day. Our foundation, the Bright Minds Foundation, can and does work with nonprofits, businesses, and other community partners to provide additional resources. One example is the Comcast Internet Essential program, where some families can receive internet access for \$9.95 per month, low cost computers and free online tutorials.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** BOE members can guide the public to the proper reporting procedures for the newly established Indoor Environmental Quality process (IEQ). HCPSS will hire an IEQ Coordinator. Each building will establish a walk-through team with designated tasks and include classroom-based personnel. Finally, clearly defined communication protocols have been established and must be maintained.

## Christina Delmont-Small

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My 2 children are in HCPSS schools. I served as PTA Council of Howard County president for 3 terms & also on the Operating Budget Review Committee. I worked for the U.S. House of Representatives & have experience leading successful collaborations between stakeholders that I'll bring to the BOE. I'll continue to advocate for complete & accurate information to improve accountability & transparency.

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** Collaborating with parents and the community on key decisions. Meeting the challenges of providing an individualized education to each and every child. The rising costs of education. Facility maintenance and construction needs. Overcrowding in our schools.

**3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** Standards set under the ESSA should be viewed as a floor and not a ceiling and we must continue to set higher standards in HCPSS. We should continue to be a leader in education, and hire and retain exceptional teachers to address every student's unique needs and challenges. HCPSS should support our teachers through meaningful professional development.

**4. SUSPENSIONS DATA:** I believe that complete and accurate suspension data should be made available at HCPSS.org in a format that provides information to the public, but protects individual privacy. By providing the information, all stakeholders can engage in meaningful discussions and work together towards reducing these incidents.

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** Policies that promote transparency and accountability are important to a well-run organization. Citizens need an easy way to provide input/feedback so we can better meet the education needs of all students. Every person who contacts the BOE with a concern should receive a timely response. I would recommend the BOE implement a 10-day policy for providing responses to citizen inquiries.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** First, identify how many students do not have access at home and then formulate a plan to meet this challenge. Then we can seek public/private partnerships, grants and other avenues to provide access. The BOE should make library media centers more accessible by allowing students to use them outside of school hours and restoring the media secretary positions they eliminated in the FY16 budget.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** The BOE is responsible for ensuring our schools provide a healthy learning environment. If problems arise that could impact health/safety the HCPSS has an obligation to immediately notify parents/staff. When the BOE was informed about the mold issue it became their responsibility to ensure proper steps were taken to inform

parents and remedy the problem in an open and transparent manner.

## Mavis Ellis

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My 30 years in education includes being a PTA president, high school administrator, and educational evaluator. Currently, as a Pupil Personnel Worker, I daily advocate for students, their families, school staff, and others in the areas of special education, discipline, and education policy. I represent 70,000 Maryland educators on both National and State Board of Directors (NEA/MSEA).

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** Transparency, communication, and collaboration with all stakeholders and elected officials are key issues that must be addressed by the Board. They also face the issues of our student population becoming more diverse ethnically and economically; the fiscal challenges to our increased enrollments; providing equitable technical education to all; and making many new decisions defined in ESSA.

**3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** In working with Congress to pass ESSA, I learned that the inclusion of classroom teachers in decision-making processes for staff training, school improvement and other issues is key. HCPSS will have to work more collaboratively in the future. Teachers need more professional development in the areas of cultural competence and about the whole child's social-emotional growth to be effective.

**4. SUSPENSIONS DATA:** The Maryland State Department of Education requires that data on suspensions be collected by HCPSS for each school. That data may not include sexual identity. However, it should not be a problem to share suspension reports with the public on an annual basis.

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** I believe in transparency, collaboration and oversight for all education stakeholders. I will support policies for citizen participation in the budget process and having independent audits. I will also support creation of a timeline to respond to citizen concerns. Board members should periodically attend community meetings just to listen.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** All students should have access to technology in the classroom on a regular basis. They should also have access to technology after school for doing their homework or projects. Investment in hardware and internet access should be researched for its cost effectiveness. This is a national issue and HCPSS should be able to locate success stories to inform its decision-making on this issue.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** When environmental/health issues are brought to the Board, the Board should go into crisis mode. Some issues will require an immediate/comprehensive response, while others may require a policy-based process. HCPSS staff should be required to investigate, deal with the situation, and update the Board and the community in a timely manner on the status of the problem's resolution.

## Ellen Flynn Giles

**Campaign Website:** <http://efg4boe.com>

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Analyst and editor in the energy and environmental policy & finance sectors. Serving on community boards of directors: Friends of the Library, Arts Council. Volunteer judge for MESA, Battle of the Books, STEM Fair, Middle School Debate, and the 5th Grade - We the People program. 30+ years advocating for education on budget, curriculum & policy as part of PTA and CAC. Mother of four AHS graduates.

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** Secure adequate funding - Diversify and grow our workforce - Develop relevant curriculum to prepare students to build their futures - Close the achievement gap - Repair public trust and increase community engagement - Improve access to public information and increase transparency - Expand student opportunities for experience-based learning - Add classrooms to meet continued enrollment growth

### **3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT**

**(ESSA):** Currently HCPSS meets this ESSA standard. Our responsibility is to ensure that we support teachers with professional development and classroom resources - current and relevant for 21st Century learners - so they remain at the top of their profession. The ultimate objective, however, is to ensure that these students have access to all classes - Honors, GT & AP - in each school and at each level.

**4. SUSPENSIONS DATA:** All Maryland school systems collect and report suspension data annually to the MD Dept of Education or publication on the MSDE website. HCPSS staff also issues a public report to the Board. Unfortunately, the Board cannot authorize individual reporting of data in some of the areas requested, since these categories are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** Redefine Ombudsman position to better connect the community with information and support. Revise Family Involvement Policy 10000 to include procedures to improve system response to concerns. Promote a simplified process for request and delivery of public information. Expand current Coffee & Conversations to provide additional opportunities for communities to speak directly with the Board.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** Student access is supported by loaned technology in school. Outreach by the BOE's Bright Minds Foundation delivers refurbished computers along with basic instruction to families lacking computer access. Software options to convert surplus HCPSS computers to cloud-based systems would make more hardware available for distribution: partnering with the county to provide WiFi completes the package.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** In response to recent environmental concerns, new Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Procedures, developed with the community are now in place. These cover the monitoring, reporting, investigating and remediation of any issues and communicating the action steps to the public. When informed of any such issue, a Board member should refer the matter to the new HCPSS IEQ Coordinator for investigation.

### **Robert Wayne Miller**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.miller4boe.org>

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I recently retired after 34 years of teaching in HCPSS elementary, middle, and high schools. My son and daughter attended HCPSS schools from K-12. I have a BS and M.Ed. in Music Education and a BS in Psychology from UM College Park. My perspective from "inside" and "outside" the school system positions me to prioritize initiatives, anticipate unintended consequences, and enable positive change.

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** Regain community and staff trust; reduce the achievement gap while improving education for all students; comply with ESSA; plan/open new schools & redistrict; increase instructional time by reducing staff time spent on standardized tests and the teacher evaluation protocol; improve compensation; improve special ed. implementation; increase financial efficiency; develop a coherent technology plan.

**3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** HCPSS will need to determine how to identify and address any disparities that result in low-income students and minority students being taught more frequently than other students by ineffective, inexperienced, or out-of-field, teachers. ESSA funds can be used to address the disparities.

**4. SUSPENSIONS DATA:** I would propose adding a provision to Policy 9200 (Student Discipline) that the number and reasons for suspensions be reported annually by race, gender, disability, and sexual identity, as well as for students in the FARMS (free and reduced-price meals) program and special education program. I would propose posting the report in the Research and Data Analysis section of the HCPSS website.

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** Best practice

would dictate returning all calls, emails, and texts within a 24-hour period. If not possible, contact should be made to confirm receipt and by when further communication can be expected. Full communication should be made within a maximum of three days, and should continue in a similar manner until resolution/closure is reached. US mail contact would be similar plus delivery time.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** For appropriate students, options should include home or local internet access, possibly involving a partnership between HCPSS and a telecom/cable company. For those students, HCPSS could supply tablets/laptops, also investigating partnerships. HCPSS should explore pros/cons of loaning devices to all students who would use them for school as opposed to having students bring their own; then decide.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Act as an ongoing liaison between community members and appropriate staff members until problems are solved; maintain open, transparent, and honest communication with stakeholders regarding concerns and actions; visit sites when appropriate; allocate funding to rectify issues when appropriate; accommodate needs of stakeholders during remediation, including individuals with special circumstances.

### **Pravin Ponnuri**

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My global experience and understanding of two distinct school systems, along with my private and public sector experience as an Information Technology Project & Portfolio Manager, and my experience with the Howard County Central Committee in understanding the workings of the local government will help me in effectively setting the vision, mission & policies of the school system & monitor it.

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** Important issues would be restoring Transparency, Accountability & Empathy towards the students, educators and parents. Complying with Every Student Succeeds Act. Brining racial diversity & tolerance at all levels, and addressing the race based disparities in the suspension rates and performance gaps. Reviewing the rigor of our curriculum to ensure our kids are competitive in a global workplace.

**3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** By law we would be required to report achievement levels by sub groups to help identify the underperforming groups, and come up with an evidence based plan to address the disparity. We would need to reallocate resources to ensure that these groups perform on par with the rest of the student population or risk the school being taken over by the state.

**4. SUSPENSIONS DATA:** The main reason for the current lack of data is due to lack of transparency. The Board can collectively direct the Superintendent to release the information subject to privacy laws, and in the event that the information is truly not available with the school system we can start tracking it. Access to information is critical to address any issue.

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** One way to ensure acknowledgement of public concerns is to make it a part of the superintendent's appraisal. We could make this as one of the data points that the school system reports to the BOE and make it public information. Information is power, and highlighting an issue in an objective manner will ensure remedial actions.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** Computers have become very affordable over the past few years. Loaner computers could be made available to the families that do not have access to computers at home. Alternatively computers with minimum essential features could be provided free of cost based on the economic status. The financial impact of this decision would need to be reviewed.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** The community should be notified when it is evident that the basic safety tenets of the school have been violated. The school system should share the information with the parents, failing which the School Board should direct

the Superintendent to share the information on the extent, the root cause and remedial steps. Hiding facts or restricting information is never an solution.

### **Janet Siddiqui**

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Pediatrician, Experienced BOE member since 2007, past Chairman, Vice-Chairman. Over 30 yr resident Howard County. 21 years at Johns Hopkins, Medical Director & Faculty Teaching medical students/physicians. PTA, Volunteer, Demonstrated Leadership in handling BOE responsibilities. Has a Unique perspective, truly understands the "Whole Child". Advocate for Children, their Education, Health and Future.

**2. PRIORITY ISSUES:** Student Achievement and Achievement Gaps continue to be the #1 issue in our society. We must ensure that ALL students achieve their academic potential to be Career and College Ready. This can only be achieved with having Highly Effective teachers and staff in our system who are paid competitive salaries and provided resources to succeed. A Diverse staff should represent our student population.

**3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** HCPSS must continue to maintain our high standards and a work force that is Highly Qualified and Highly Effective. The school system must conduct an assessment of local needs for professional development & hiring, & submit a plan to address those needs and monitor data. Look for grant opportunities for recruitment, hiring and retention practices, class size reduction and professional development.

**4. SUSPENSIONS DATA:** The public should have full access to reported suspension data. As important, is how the data is interpreted and used to make the required changes & necessary improvements. Data must also be used to address the Diversity in our schools & provide training for teachers in helping them make positive changes towards how they approach students in handling challenges in the classroom.

**5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** While Current guidelines are in place for Parental Concerns, awareness seems to be lacking, therefore improvement in responsiveness and accountability is needed. These guidelines should be publicized & streamlined to provide better access through multiple media tools & improve accountability & timely resolution of parental concerns. The Boards Ombudsman can continue to guide and handle disputes.

**6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** Digital equity is a concern and another area to eliminate gaps. Computer access at home is an issue which needs to be addressed. This can be achieved with continued work with county government, non-profits and community groups in eliminating this gap so a student continues to learn at home. Thanks to Bright Minds, the HCPSS education foundation continues to provide computers to families in need.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Develop an Indoor Environmental Quality Policy for all existing schools & new construction. Accountability of schools & administration to the guidelines provided. The policy should include dissemination of information to all stakeholders & parents in a cooperative manner where the school system involves the community & interested parties in all phases including planning & information distribution.



## CONVENTION DELEGATES

**DUTIES:** Convention delegates elected in the primary are the people who officially elect their party's Presidential candidate at the national conventions. Presidential nominees are not elected directly by the voters in the primary. Rather, voters in each state choose delegates to represent them at the national conventions.

**HOW ELECTED:** The **Republican ballot** lists candidates for delegates to the Republican National Convention and the Presidential candidate each one supports. Republican voters in each Maryland congressional district will elect 3 delegates and 3 alternates. The Spring 2016 State Republican Convention will select 11 at-large delegates. Those delegates will go to the Republican National Convention, which will be held July 18 – July 21, 2016 in Cleveland, Ohio.

The **Democratic ballot** lists candidates for delegates to the Democratic National Convention and the Presidential candidate each one supports. Maryland will send 126 delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, PA, July 26 – July 28, 2016. Democratic voters in the Congressional districts will elect 64 delegates. Party rules determine the number of delegates to be elected from each district. The remaining 62 are chosen by the Maryland Democratic Party and consist of 31 appointed party leaders, 23 elected officials, and 8 alternate delegates.

For more information about the Convention Delegates, as well as other election information please visit [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org).

## Republican Convention

### Congressional District 2 Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 3

Ana T. Blair (Carson)  
Joseph C. Boteler III  
Antonio Campbell (Carson)  
J. Michael Collins (Trump)  
Steve Dishon (Cruz)  
John C. Fiastro, Jr. (Cruz)  
Fred Fleischmann (Carson)  
Glen Glass (Cruz)  
Robin Grammer  
Julianne Grim (Bush)  
Christina Louise Harris (Fiorina)  
Thomas A. Harris, Jr. (Fiorina)  
William Hicklen (Bush)  
Dee Hodges  
Charlene Kurland (Christie)  
William F. Martin (Bush)  
Brian J. Noon (Trump)  
Patrick O'Keefe (Rubio)  
Greg Ottensmeyer (Trump)  
Christopher W. Pate (Bush)  
Jerome C. Payne, Jr.  
Tim Robinson (Rubio)  
J.D. Russell (Kasich)  
Louis A. Sarkes, Jr. (Bush)  
Mitch Shank (Bush)  
Kathleen A. Smero (Christie)  
Byron G. Tosi III (Christie)  
Jeanne L. Turnock  
Joshua Wolf (Rubio)

### Congressional District 2 Alternate Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 3

Joseph Arcieri (Rubio)  
D. Shannon Crider (Carson)  
Joe Fleckenstein (Cruz)  
James Kane (Rubio)  
Janice Macgregor (Rubio)  
Patrick L. McGrady (Cruz)  
Michael Steven Mckelvey (Carson)  
Shalina Murrell-Ford (Carson)  
David Serenda (Cruz)  
Lori Serenda  
Danny Stephenson (Trump)

### Congressional District 3 Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 3

J. Lee Jr. Annis (Kasich)  
E. "Chike" Anyanwu  
Diane M. Baker (Christie)  
William H. Campbell (Cruz)  
Joe Collins, Jr. (Trump)  
Mike Collins (Kasich)  
Janet Moyer Cornick  
Julie E. Cram (Bush)  
Leonard Cutler (Carson)  
Jean C. Edwards  
Jamie Falcon (Bush)  
Gail Elizabeth Filerino  
Greg Fox  
David J. Frankel (Fiorina)  
Tom Gardner (Kasich)  
John C. Gordon  
Nathan Hall  
Melanie Harris (Cruz)  
Joseph David Hooe  
Jonah Jarosz  
Henry S. Kim  
Dick Ladd (Carson)  
James David Lashar  
Herb McMillan (Rubio)  
Townsend Lange McNitt  
Christian Miele (Rubio)  
Candice A. Morrison  
Laura Neuman (Rubio)  
Eugenia Korsak Ordynsky  
Tracey Paliath (Christie)  
Christopher Panasuk  
Peter Pollak (Fiorina)  
Lewis Porter  
Mattie Procaccini (Cruz)  
Rick Saffery  
Brian A. Sailer (Bush)  
Susan Carroll Schwab (Bush)  
Scott Shaffer (Bush)  
Duane E. Shelton (Kasich)  
Justin Shuy  
Jonathan Erich Stitzinger  
Nigel James Sutton  
Mary Beth Tung (Christie)  
Shannon Wright (Trump)  
Chris Yates (Trump)  
Sally Marie Yates  
Mark Young (Carson)

### Congressional District 3 Alternate Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 3

Timothy Boston (Trump)  
E. J. Cavanagh (Kasich)  
Dorothy Cawthorne (Carson)  
Michael Eisenberg (Carson)  
Elaine M. Furth (Cruz)  
Mary P. Gassmann  
Ruth E. Goetz  
Rick Hansen (Carson)  
Thomas Kelso (Christie)  
Marcos A. Lora  
Mary O'Keefe  
Richard D. Paugh  
Joyce Pope (Rubio)  
Tony Ristaino (Cruz)  
Lisa Abbe Robin Lederman (Cruz)  
Jeff Robinson (Rubio)  
Timothy Sutton  
Meredith Leigh Thompson (Rubio)  
Tim Walters (Trump)  
Chevy Fleischman Weiss (Kasich)

### Congressional District 7 Delegates

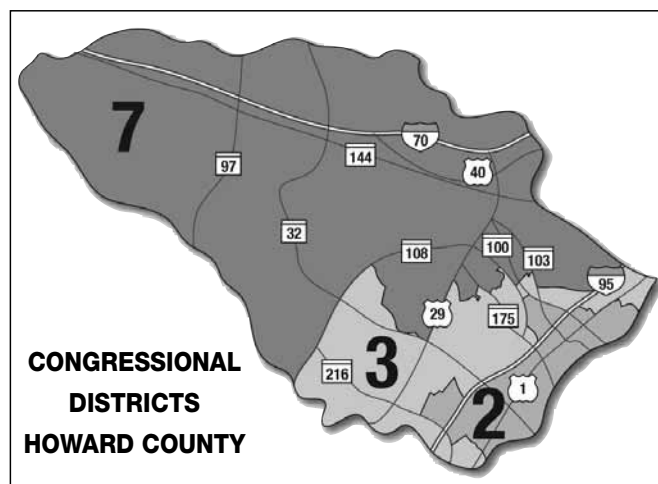
#### Vote for no more than 3

David Glenn Albert  
Katie Albert  
William "Sam" Broaddus III  
Chris Cavey (Christie)  
Victor Clark, Jr.  
Tamu Ifetayo Davenport (Carson)  
Judith A. De Libera  
Dave Dobbs (Cruz)  
Jonathan Edwin Dryja  
Elizabeth Marsh Eaton (Fiorina)  
George C. Eaton III (Fiorina)  
Bob Flanagan (Rubio)  
Susan Forrester (Bush)  
Thomas E. "Pinkston" Harris  
Kathleen Imhoff (Bush)  
Robert Imhoff (Bush)  
Brian E. Jackson (Fiorina)  
Matthew G. Mann, Sr. (Carson)  
Larry Manross  
Warren E. Miller (Cruz)  
Richard A. Mosley (Christie)  
Don Murphy  
Dave Myers (Rubio)  
Maria B. Pycha (Cruz)  
Loretta H. Shields (Kasich)  
Matthew Jacob Smithson (Christie)  
Michael John Spade  
Charlotte Rebecca Symms (Fiorina)  
Nicole Ann Marie Talley  
Ruth F. Taylor (Carson)  
Kasezga Tembo  
Chancellor Torbit (Trump)  
Corrogan R. Vaughn (Trump)  
Laura M. Walsh (Trump)  
Grace Mundie Wickwire  
Jennifer Mundie Wickwire  
Craig Wolf (Rubio)

### Congressional District 7 Alternate Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 3

Michael P. Brady  
Gary Clark  
Gary M. Collins (Trump)  
Thomas Paul Fuller  
Bob Gillette  
R. Bruce Heinz (Carson)  
Suzanne Paige Horn (Carson)  
Tom Kennedy  
Marc M. McFaul (Cruz)  
Gloria B. Murphy  
William T. Newton  
Liliana Pulvirenti  
Scott Allen Selnick (Cruz)  
Brigid L. Skamarakas (Rubio)  
Kelly L. Smith  
Pamela Jill Stocksdale (Carson)  
Brent M. Tracy  
Mary-Jo Wolf



## Democratic Convention

### Congressional District 2 Female Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 4

Vicki L. Almond (Clinton)  
Cathy Bevins (Clinton)  
Linda Dorsey-Walker (Sanders)  
Marietta A. English (Clinton)  
Cheryl D. Glenn (Sanders)  
Megan Ann Mioduszewski (Uncommitted)  
Feyisanmi Oluyemisi Ojo (Sanders)  
Shyrone R. Ridley (Sanders)  
Nichelle Danette Schoultz (Clinton)

### Congressional District 2 Male Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 3

Frank Blatt (Sanders)  
Michael Wayne Brookins (Uncommitted)  
Benjamin Brooks (Clinton)  
Peter N. Dimitriades (Uncommitted)  
Dion F. Guthrie (Clinton)  
Stephen Lafferty (Clinton)  
Jason G. Robertson (Sanders)  
Jim L. Robinson (Sanders)

### Congressional District 3 Female Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 4

Lee Finney (Clinton)  
Barbara Friedland (Sanders)  
Shelly Hettleman (Clinton)  
Mirah D. Ippolito (Sanders)  
Brooke Elizabeth Lierman (Clinton)  
Cheryl Ann Menke (Uncommitted)  
Donna S. Plamondon (Sanders)  
Joan Taylor (Sanders)  
Lynn Morrison Venetoulis (Clinton)

### Congressional District 3 Male Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 4

Guy Guzzone (Clinton)  
Noel Levy (Uncommitted)  
Al Liebeskind (Sanders)  
Michael G. Miller (Clinton)  
Todd Reynolds (Clinton)  
C. A. Cory Ruppberger IV (Clinton)  
Keanuu Smith-Brown (Sanders)  
William Reed White (Sanders)  
Dean K. Yates (Sanders)

### Congressional District 7 Female Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 4

Karenthia A. Barber (Clinton)  
Lisa M. Brown (Clinton)  
Kathleen M. Bustra (Clinton)  
Belinda K. Conaway (Uncommitted)  
Valerie L. Cunningham (Uncommitted)  
Maysa Elsheikh (Sanders)  
Sharon Ann Fackler-Berkowitz (Sanders)  
Laurie Feinberg (Uncommitted)  
Drue Nixon (Sanders)  
Karen D. Queen (Uncommitted)  
Pauline "Kibby" Rada (Sanders)  
Maya Rockey Moore (Uncommitted)  
Courtney Watson (Clinton)



## HOWARD COUNTY POLLING PLACES

Dist-Prec	Cong District	Leg District	Co District		Dist-Prec	Cong District	Leg District	Co District	
01-01	3	12	1	St Augustine Sch	05-04	7	12	4	Wilde Lake HS
01-02	3	13	1	Elkridge Lndg MS	05-05	3	13	4	Pointers Run ES
01-03	2	12	2	Mayfield Woods MS	05-06	3	13	4	Fulton ES
01-04	7	9B	1	Ilchester ES	05-07	7	12	4	Swansfield ES
01-05	7	12	2	Worthington ES	05-08	7	12	4	Bryant Woods ES
01-06	2	13	2	Deep Run ES	05-09	7	12	4	Harper's Choice MS
01-07	3	12	2	Mayfield Woods MS	05-10	3	13	4	Clarksville MS
01-08	3	13	1	Elkridge ES	05-11	7	9A	5	Schooley Mill Park
01-09	2	13	2	Mayfield Woods MS	05-12	7	12	4	Hawthorn Neigh Ctr
01-10	7	12	2	Howard HS	05-13	7	12	4	Altholton HS
01-11	7	12	1	Ilchester ES	05-14	7	12	4	Longfellow ES
01-12	3	12	2	Rockburn ES	05-15	7	12	4	Clemens Crossing ES
01-13	2	12	1	Elkridge ES	05-16	7	12	1	Running Brook ES
01-14	3	13	2	Rockburn ES	05-17	7	12	4	Harmony Hall Ret Ctr
01-15	2	13	2	Deep Run ES	05-18	7	12	4	Wilde Lake HS
01-16	2	13	1	Elkridge Lndg. MS	05-19	7	9A	5	Dayton Oaks ES
01-17	3	12	1	Elkridge ES	05-20	3	9A	5	Reservoir HS
01-18	3	13	2	Elkridge Landing MS	05-21	7	12	4	Swansfield ES
01-19	7	12	1	Ilchester ES	05-22	3	13	4	Clarksville MS
01-20	7	12	2	Ilchester ES	05-23	7	12	4	River Hill HS
01-21	2	13	2	Ducketts Lane ES	05-24	7	13	5	Schooley Mill Park
02-01	7	9B	1	Park View At Ellicott City	06-01	2	13	3	Forest Ridge ES
02-02	7	9B	1	Ellicott Mills MS	06-02	2	13	3	Hope Baptist Church
02-03	7	9B	2	Ellicott Mills MS	06-03	3	13	3	Hammond MS
02-04	7	12	2	Howard HS	06-04	3	13	3	Atholton ES
02-05	7	9B	1	Centennial Lane ES	06-05	3	13	2	Oakland Mills MS
02-06	7	9A	5	St Johns Lane ES	06-06	7	13	2	Thunder Hill ES
02-07	7	9A	5	Mt Hebron HS	06-07	2	13	3	Ridgley's Run Community Ctr
02-08	7	9A	1	Hollifield Station ES					
02-09	7	9B	1	The Heartlands	06-08	3	13	2	Stevens Forest ES
02-10	7	9B	1	Centennial HS	06-09	7	13	2	Talbot Springs ES
02-11	7	9A	5	Waverly ES	06-10	7	13	2	Howard HS
02-12	7	9B	1	Ellicott C. Sr Ctr	06-11	3	13	2	Jeffers Hill ES
02-13	7	9B	1	Dunloggin MS	06-12	3	13	3	Lake Elkhorn MS
02-14	7	9B	1	Dunloggin MS	06-13	3	13	3	Guilford ES
02-15	7	9B	1	Centennial Lane ES	06-14	7	12	2	Phelps Luck ES
02-16	7	9B	1	Worthington ES	06-15	3	13	3	Laurel Woods ES
02-17	7	9B	1	Burleigh Manor MS	06-16	3	12	2	Phelps Luck ES
02-18	7	9A	5	Mt Hebron HS	06-17	3	13	3	Owen Brown Place
02-19	7	9A	5	Waverly ES	06-18	3	13	3	Hammond HS
02-20	7	12	1	Northfield ES	06-19	3	13	3	Guilford ES
02-21	7	12	1	Northfield ES	06-20	3	13	3	Patuxent Valley MS
02-22	7	9B	5	Centennial HS	06-21	3	13	2	Long Reach HS
02-23	7	9B	1	Hollifield Station ES	06-22	3	13	3	Lake Elkhorn MS
02-24	7	9A	5	Patapsco MS	06-23	3	13	3	Hammond HS
02-25	7	9B	1	Bonnie Branch MS	06-24	3	13	3	Murray Hill MS
02-26	7	9A	1	Burleigh Manor MS	06-25	3	13	3	Hammond MSS
03-01	7	9A	5	West Friendship ES	06-26	3	13	3	Hammond HS
03-02	7	9A	5	Mount View MS	06-27	2	13	3	Forest Ridge ES
03-03	7	9A	5	Manor Woods ES	06-28	3	13	4	Lime Kiln MS
03-04	7	9B	1	Burleigh Manor MS	06-29	3	13	2	Long Reach HS
03-05	7	9A	5	Mount View MS	06-30	2	13	3	Ridgley's Run Comm Ctr
03-06	7	9A	5	Folly Quarter MS	06-31	3	13	2	Jeffers Hill ES
04-01	7	9A	5	Lisbon Vo Fire Dept	06-32	3	13	4	Gorman Crossing ES
04-02	7	9A	5	Glenelg HS	06-33	2	13	3	Patuxent Valley MS
04-03	7	9A	5	Lisbon ES	06-34	3	13	3	Laurel Woods ES
04-04	7	9A	5	Lisbon ES	06-35	2	13	3	Murray Hill MS
04-05	7	9A	5	St Michael Cath Church	EV-01				Ridgley's Run Comm Ctr
04-06	7	9A	5	Glenwood MS	EV-02				The Bain Ctr
05-01	7	9A	5	Clarksville ES	EV-03				The Miller Branch Library
05-02	7	12	4	Harper's Choice MS					
05-03	7	12	4	Vantage House Ret Ctr					

### Congressional District 7 Male Delegates

#### Vote for no more than 5

John C.M. Angelos (Uncommitted)  
Calvin Ball (Clinton)  
Gabe Cazares (Sanders)  
Paul Gass (Sanders)  
Dylan Goldberg (Clinton)  
Julian Earl Jones (Sanders)  
Paul V. Konka (Uncommitted)  
Fred D. Mason, Jr. (Clinton)  
Kweisi Mfume (Clinton)  
Merrick Moses Moise (Clinton)  
James Ward Morrow (Uncommitted)  
Wesley H. Queen (Uncommitted)  
Jay Bryan Ring (Sanders)  
Witold Skwierczynski (Sanders)

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*Please remember that Democracy is not a spectator sport!*