

★ 2016 ★ VOTERS' GUIDE



Primary Election

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016 .
Polls open at 7AM and close at 8PM**

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Voting Information

Primary Election Early Voting

Thursday, April 14 to Thursday, April 21;
Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- A voter can go to their assigned polling location and cast their ballot on Election Day or
- A voter can request an absentee ballot sent to them by mail.
- A voter can vote at an Early Voting location and cast their ballot April 14 -21.

Early Voting Locations:

- Baden Community Center, 13601 Baden-Westwood Road, Brandywine, MD 20613
- Bowie Gymnasium, 4100 Northview Drive, Bowie, MD 20716



- College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park, MD 20740
- Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707
- Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex, 7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744
- Suitland Community Park School Center, 5600 Regency Lane, Forestville, MD 20747
- Upper Marlboro Community Center, 5400 Marlboro Race Track Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
- Wayne K. Curry Sports & Learning Center, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785

If you vote by Early Voting, you cannot vote by absentee ballot or on Election Day.

Visit the online interactive Voters' Guide at www.vote411.org.

VOTE411.ORG

ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

- Polling Places . Election Dates
- Absentee Ballot Info
- The candidates' views on the issues in their own words
- **To build your personal Voters' Guide:**

- Go to VOTE 411 .org • Enter your address
- Pick "Get personalized information on candidates and issues"
- Then pick "Show My Races"

The League of Women Voters offers this free Voters' Guide to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare for the 2016 presidential primary season. **The League is a nonpartisan organization that does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.** The League works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in public policy debate and governmental decision-making.

The League has a long tradition of publishing verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. All answers appear exactly as submitted; no corrections or



editing has been done. If a candidate exceeded the length limit for their response, their answers were truncated. If a candidate failed to reply to our request to participate by the deadline, their name is listed with the statement “No response received by deadline.”

This Voters' Guide contains responses only from candidates whose races will be on the Primary Ballot. Candidates from other recognized parties in Maryland (Green), unaffiliated candidates, and write-in candidates have been invited to submit responses that will be published in our General Election Voters' Guides. A PDF version of the complete guide with all responses received will be found on the League of Women Voters of Maryland website www.lwvmd.org.

The League thanks all candidates who submitted answers to our questionnaires.

Maryland State Board of Elections

www.elections.state.md.us

To

- See the status of your absentee or provisional ballot.
- View your sample ballot.
- Review your voter registration record.
- Request a duplicate voter registration card.
- Find out where to vote.
- Find out your voting districts. Go to

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>

Prince George's County Board of Elections
1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A
Largo MD 20774

(301) 341-7300, Fax No.: (301) 341-7391

Website: <http://elections.mypgc.us>

Elections Administrator: Alisha L. Alexander

Email Address: election@co.pg.md.us

New Voting System:

http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Elections/Documents/123Vote_021016.pdf

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M

ELECTION CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 5: Deadline to register or change party affiliation, 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 16 to Thursday, April 26: Early Voting, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19: Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot by mail: (8 pm, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo MD 20776) or fax/email (11:59 pm, 301-341-7399;/boeabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us)

Friday, April 22: Deadline to request an electronic absentee ballot to be delivered via Internet: 5 pm (mail request, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo MD 20776) or 11:59 pm (email/fax request, 301-341-7399;/boeabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us).

Tuesday, April 26: Primary Election. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot.

HOW TO GET AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

- There are three ways you can request an absentee ballot.
- From the Maryland State Board of Elections web-site <http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html>, you may request an absentee ballot online if you have a Maryland's driver's license or MVA-issued ID card.
- Or from the same link you may download a form, read the instructions, enter the required information, print the form, sign it, and return it to your local board of elections. You can return it by mail, fax, or email (scanned as an attachment).
- Or you may go to your local board of elections and fill out and turn in the form.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- If returned **in person**, the County Elections Board must receive an absentee ballot no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day. Absentee ballots must be returned **by mail or in person** directly to the Board of Elections; they cannot be accepted at the polls on Election Day or returned on-line.
- If you **mail your ballot**, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and it must be received by your local board of elections by 10 a.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016 for the primary election. Voters are cautioned that if an absentee ballot has been issued to them, they will not be permitted to cast their vote at their polls on Election Day.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS ARE REAL BALLOTS.

You may be asked to vote by provisional ballot rather than on the voting machine if

- Your name does not appear on the E-Poll Books when you check in
- You live at a different address than is shown on the E-Poll Books when you check in
- You had been assigned to vote at a different polling place
- You have been asked to show identification but are unable to do so

Provisional ballots are checked after the election and, if everything is in order, the votes are cast.

Identification in Maryland: *Not required* except under some circumstances. For example, if the voter has registered by mail and has failed to include identification as requested for mail-in registration.

Felon voting in Maryland: Those convicted of



felonies are welcome to vote in Maryland after they have been released from incarceration.

Age to register in Maryland: 16.

Age to vote: 18 on or before General Election Day (Nov. 8, 2016)

PARTY PRIMARIES IN MARYLAND

Party primaries in Maryland are “closed” primaries. You must be a member of a political party to participate in that party’s primary, 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 or to Baltimore Green

GROUND RULES FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

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.

Party, P.O. Box 22857, Baltimore, MD 21233. Montgomery County residents may also submit their requests to mocogreens@gmail.com or Montgomery County Green Party at P.O. Box 217, Kensington, MD 20895. 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.

Join the League!

Be a part of making our communities FAIR, VIBRANT, and STRONG! Join the League and be directly involved in shaping the important issues in our state. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. With more than 90 years of experience 850 local and state affiliates in all 50 states, the League is one of America’s most trusted grassroots organizations.

League of Women Voters of Prince George’s County
Phone: 301-776-5915
Mail: P.O. Box 266, Oxon Hill, MD 20750

DONATE TO THE LEAGUE!

The League of Women Voters **works to keep** government power in the hands of the people by helping residents to become educated, active, and engaged in public policy. If you believe that this is important and want us to continue to provide forums and debates, Voters’ Guides like this one, and other publications, please make a **tax-deductible contribution to the League of Women Voters of Maryland – Citizen Education Fund.**

\$150__ \$100__ \$75__ \$50__ \$25__ other __

Send a check to League of Women Voters of Prince George’s County Education Fund,
P. O. Box 266, Oxon Hill MD 20750, or donate online at www.lwvmd.org.

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§ If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, “Candidate has not responded.” is printed.

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President of the United States

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.

SALARY: \$400,000.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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.

SALARY: \$400,000.

WEBSITE: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/>

QUESTIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Hillary Clinton

Occupation: Former U.S. Secretary of State

Campaign Website: <http://www.hillaryclinton.com>

Campaign Email: info@hillaryclinton.com

Campaign Phone: (646) 854-1432

Campaign Address: Hillary for America
PO Box 5256 New York, NY 10185

Questions

Challenges: 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.

Economy: 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.

Military: 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.

Terrorism: 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.

Campaign Funding: 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

Bernie Sanders

Occupation: United States Senator

Campaign Website: <http://berniesanders.com>

Campaign Email: info@bernie

Campaign Phone: (802) 862-1505

Campaign Address: Bernie 2016
PO Box 905 Burlington, VT 05402

Questions

1. Challenges: 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.

2. Economy: 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.

3. Military: 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.

4. Terrorism: 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.

5. Campaign Funding: 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.



Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Jeb Bush (Withdraw)

Ben Carson

Occupation: Retired Neurosurgeon
Campaign Website: <http://www.bencarson.com>
Campaign Email: info@carsonhq.com
Campaign Address: Carson America
1800 Diagonal Road, Ste. 140 Alexandria, VA 22314

Questions

- 1. Challenges:** I will address the challenges facing the U.S. with strength, resolve and most importantly my faith in God. Already, I've put forth my policy proposals for taxes, education, health care, national security and other issues that we know the next president will face. But we know we'll face challenges we can't foresee. My experience as a surgeon gives me the strength and judgement necessary to lead.
- 2. Economy:** This is a false dichotomy. Pursuing economic policies that promote the free market, reduce red tape and increase common sense will help grow America's businesses AND new and higher paying jobs. As president, I will drive companies to reinvest in America, creating policies that reward them for entrepreneurship and creativity, not punish them for success. When hiring increases, so will salaries.
- 3. Military:** We cannot defeat ISIS by tying our military's hands. I will deploy U.S. military resources to work with regional partners like Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and Saudi Arabia to destroy ISIS by disrupting its funding and supplies and retaking its territory. As president, I will consult with senior leaders of the military. If they advise that ground troops are necessary, I won't hesitate to deploy them.
- 4. Terrorism:** First I will fix our broken immigration system. Second, we must work with community leaders to combat radicalization. Third, we must better equip local and federal law enforcement to investigate plots. Finally, we can't let political correctness stop us from being vigilant.
- 5. Campaign Funding:** I firmly believe that special interests should not dictate American elections. America was designed to serve "We the People," not "They the Powerful". Unlike most candidates, my campaign hasn't been bought by big donors. Big industries just use our broken system to keep the same D.C. insiders in office. We must break that cycle by electing new leaders and reform our campaign finance system.

Chris Christie (Withdraw)

Ted Cruz

Campaign Website: <http://www.tedcruz.org>
Campaign Address: Cruz for President
PO Box 25376 Houston, TX 77265
(No candidate response to questions)

Carly Fiorina (Withdraw)

Mike Huckabee (Withdraw)

John R. Kasich

Candidate does not meet the participation criteria
Website: www.johnk Kasich.com

Rand Paul (Withdraw)

Marco Rubio

Campaign Website: <http://marcorubio.com>

Campaign Address: Marco Rubio for President
PO Box 558701 Miami, FL 33255
(No candidate response to questions)

Rick Santorum (Withdraw)

Donald Trump

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

Questions

- 1. Challenges:** 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.
- 2. Economy:** 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.
- 3. Military:** 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.
- 4. Terrorism:** 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.
- 5. Campaign Funding:** 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.

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?

Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Freddie Donald Jr. Dickson

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 receives 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

Theresa C. Scaldaferrri

Campaign Website: [http:// in the process of creating](http://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://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 management 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, advertising, 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: Repeal 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 use 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. Televised candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records.

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 Marylanders 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

Q's 1 – 8. *No responses received by deadline.*

Greg Holmes

Campaign Website: <http://gregformaryland.com/>

Q's 1 – 8. *No responses 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

Campaign Website: <http://sedaforussenate.com/>
Q's 1 – 8. No responses 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 country 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:** As a Maryland small business owner, I understand the tools business leaders and job creators need to get the people of Maryland back to work. After working to elect Governor Larry Hogan in 2014, I was selected to serve as the minority leader in the State House. Maryland is starting to change for the better; now we need to bring real change to Washington.
- 2. ECONOMY:** We need to empower more Marylanders with opportunities to achieve the American dream. By improving our education system, we can help more people improve their lives and increase their incomes. Our students should be presented with as many options as possible so they are fully prepared for the current job market, including charter schools or vocational programs.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** One of the most serious threats facing our country is radical Islamic terrorism. Due to broken promises to our allies and unfulfilled threats to our enemies, America's word is no longer taken seriously on the global stage making us an ineffective leader against terrorism. One solution is to work with our allies around the globe who are fighting against radical Islamic terrorist groups.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** Career politicians have failed people on both sides of this discussion for decades to the point that no one trusts the government when it comes to fixing both our legal and illegal immigration problems. Until we are able to secure our borders, the American people will not trust Congress to do anything else. That is why it must be our top priority.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay is Maryland's priority. The Bay watershed goes from New York to Virginia. We need equitable, fair and common sense solutions to cleaning up our Bay from a multi-state compact. The Rain Tax is an example of a ridiculous policy that required 9% of the watershed land users to bear responsibility for environmental cleanup while excusing the other 91%.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** Education and jobs. The fact that we are not preparing our students for the true job market they are facing. We need plumbers, military personnel, and people in law enforcements just as much as we need doctors, lawyers, and accountants. That is why it is extremely important that we reform our education system so that our children are given every opportunity.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** Our tax code is yet another example that the federal government has become too complex for the average person to navigate. The tax code is more than 73,000 pages long. There is no way Maryland families and small businesses could begin to understand it. We must simplify our tax code and eliminate loopholes.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** As the daughter of an Army officer, I strongly believe we must honor the promises we have made to our men and women in uniform. But right now, we are failing them. The VA is a bureaucratic nightmare and needs immediate reform. These brave men and women have sacrificed so much to keep our country safe – it is the least we can do.

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 bubget reasonable.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** we must stop all the law breakers that comein to our 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

US Congressional Offices



Representative in Congress District 4

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

Questions

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Representative?
- 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 would measure 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?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Anthony G. Brown

Campaign Website: <http://www.anthonypbrown.com>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience as a retired U.S. Army Colonel with a tour of duty in Iraq, practicing attorney representing businesses and individual clients, former member of the House of Delegates and Lt. Governor have prepared me to lead people, build coalitions and forge consensus on many issues ranging from domestic violence prevention to Veterans services, expanding pre-K and access to affordable healthcare.
- 2. ECONOMY:** To assist low and middle income citizens, we must grow the economy with good-paying jobs, train and educate the most competitive workforce, and support families with greater Infrastructure investments, better foreign trade agreements, stronger collective bargaining, expanded career technology education, paid sick leave, higher minimum wage, tax credits for caregivers, and equal-pay-for-equal-work.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** ISIS is the fastest growing national security threat. America must lead the fight to defeat ISIS with regional allies, particularly Arab nations, involving air campaigns, Syrian no-fly zone, more intelligence assets, and non-US forces to regain ISIS held territory; disrupting and dismantling the growing global terrorist infrastructure; and hardening defenses against external and homegrown threats.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** America's immigration system is broken. I support comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a pathway to citizenship that requires an undocumented immigrant to pass a

criminal background check and pay their fair share of taxes, streamlines our legal immigration system to support our economy where needed, cracks down on employers who hire undocumented workers, and strengthens our borders.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Climate disruption is our greatest environmental challenge. Science demands that we take bold action to reduce carbon pollution by at least 50% by 2030. I will support initiatives, legislation and specific actions to reduce carbon pollution from power plants, expand the clean energy economy, build a clean energy infrastructure, and cut energy waste in homes, businesses, and factories.

6. INEQUALITY: The greatest challenge we face as a nation is the growing inequalities, disparities, inequities and gaps that exist in our classrooms, prisons, job markets and neighborhoods. To address these concerns, I support greater investments in pre-K education, criminal justice reforms and police accountability, more career technology education and affordable housing options, and expanding voting rights.

7. TAX REFORM: Federal tax policy should promote economic growth and investments, as well as opportunities for more Americans. I support a more progressive income tax where the wealthiest individuals and largest corporations pay their fair share of taxes, and tax credits for working families in need of greater relief, such as expanding the earned income tax credit and tax credits for child care and caregivers

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: Preventing Iran from building a nuclear weapon must be among our most important foreign policy priorities, and compliance with the recent agreement will necessarily require close Congressional oversight. Campaign finance reform is essential to reduce the influence Wall Street has on government and the economy. And Congressional redistricting must be transparent and not favor one political party.

Warren Christopher

Campaign Website: <http://warrenchristopherforcongress.com>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a Veteran, a single dad of two daughters and being raised by my grandmother, I have been afforded the opportunity to understand the needs of our communities across the board. This was the foundation for my experience with the Department of the Interior. As the Chief of Staff, I managed over 50 billion dollars and supported small business via contract opportunities.
- 2. ECONOMY:** We must raise wages because the more money you have flowing through the economic system, the better we all do. We must invest in career and technical education to meet the needs of industry and ensure our residents can find jobs in growing fields. We must invest innovation in green energy as well as fight for gender pay parity, universal paid sick leave and paid maternity/paternity leave.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** I think addressing the Islamic state and ensuring we sustain our part of the Iran agreement are vital to our success and the success of our regional partners. We must use the 5 elements of national power (diplomacy, information, military, economics and security) to achieve national security. With regard to peace in the Middle East, we need American leadership to help guide a regional solution.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** I support comprehensive immigration reform. Although we must ensure our security, once immigrants pass national security and criminal background checks, and pay all necessary taxes, individuals should have the opportunity to earn a pathway to citizenship.
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** We must address climate change, invest in green energy solutions to include wind and solar technologies, eliminate subsidies to oil companies and make our buildings more efficient. I support a cap and dividend system which would force companies which emit fossil fuels to reduce their emissions or pay residents like stakeholders; thereby reducing the cost of heating or cooling their



homes, etc.

6. INEQUALITY: Raising wages--to include the federal minimum wage--we can begin to address income inequality, set the conditions for women and minorities to gain access to prime government contracts, federal grants and access to capital. Finally, we must also reform our justice system and expunge the records of non-violent offenders in order to give our residents a true second chance.

7. TAX REFORM: We must eliminate loopholes for special interest groups--to include fossil fuel companies. I support the Buffet rule to ensure all of our citizens are paying their fair share. Finally, we must modify or eliminate the so called 'Cadillac tax'.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: As Congressman, I will work to achieve the following. I will work to achieve a Senior Protection Act to ensure our seniors are protected against rising rents and medication. I will work to expunge the records of non-violent offenders and reform our justice system. Finally, I will work to change the definition of a small business so that true small businesses can better compete globally.

Matthew Fogg

Campaign Website: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/usmarshal>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I served 32 years of public service. I supervised joint multi-government Federal, State and Municipal drug & gun interdiction task forces that captured 300 of America's most wanted fugitives in the U.S. & abroad charged with murder, rape, child molestation, organized crime and more. I won a 1998 Title VII (\$4 million) judgment for blowing the whistle on discrimination & racism in the US Marshals.

2. ECONOMY: I support the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for low and moderate-income workers. It encourages & rewards work, offsets federal payroll and income taxes, and helps meet basic needs. I support the Child Tax Credit (CTC) which also helps working families offset part of the cost of child rearing. Together, the EITC and low-income CTC promote work and help workers with children escape poverty.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: It is my belief the U.S. should continue to support Israel. I support the United States ending its trade embargo and travel ban on Cuba. I believe the U.S. should also remain in the United Nations.

4. IMMIGRATION: I supported The Maryland Dream Act back in 2012 and I also support President Obama's reprieve from deportation for millions of adult immigrants living in the country illegally; but whom work and are law abiding citizens.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Our nation's waters are in jeopardy because of loopholes in the Clean Water Act. This has negatively impacted 10,000 miles of Maryland's streams and leaves them open to pollution. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) enforces federal water pollution standards in the state. I would increase funding to insure the water supply remains safe.

6. INEQUALITY: Income inequality has been growing over the past few years. Some of this is related to the relationship between education and income earning potential but discrimination in hiring, by far, continues to be a major issue. After decades of widening inequality, Maryland's richest households have dramatically bigger incomes than its poorest households.

7. TAX REFORM: Strategic use of Earned Income Tax Credits, property tax circuit breakers, targeted low-income tax credits and child-related tax credits can have a meaningful impact on poverty, tax fairness and income inequality. The state and local tax system requires low to middle-income families to pay a greater share of their incomes in taxes than the rich. A federal tax plan to make the rich pay more is fair

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: I vow to fight to improve the education and graduation rate of students in our schools. PG's County Public Schools

had a 69.5% graduation rate; and ranked second to last. I am also involved with helping to legislate Police Reform. It is vital that longstanding discriminatory policing practices, policies, and customs of black communities cease.

Glenn F. Ivey

Campaign Website: <http://www.iveyforcongress.com>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: As State's Attorney and as an aide on Capitol Hill, I built a proven record of leadership. I took on tough fights and achieved meaningful change for families: fighting domestic violence, pioneering reentry programs for ex-offenders, mentoring our youth, and protecting seniors, all without costing taxpayer dollars. I worked on Motor Voter legislation and McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform.

2. ECONOMY: I will fight to restore fairness and build opportunities for everyday families. We need to raise the minimum wage, expand middle class tax cuts, invest in public school and transportation infrastructure, pass equal pay for women and develop incentives for small businesses to grow. I will stand against Republican extremism that threatens vital programs like Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: The US must work with regional allies to stop nuclear proliferation, confront violent extremism, and defeat ISIS. We should work to strengthen NATO, contain Russian aggression, protect human rights, and extend the rule of law. Military action should be a last resort. Instead, we should address the root causes of disorder: poverty, illiteracy, and hopelessness.

4. IMMIGRATION: Donald Trump and Ted Cruz are dead wrong. The US is a nation of immigrants and we are stronger when we work together. We need comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship. Reform should support family unity and the DREAMers. I support the President's executive actions to halt deportations of children and families. Deportation should be reserved for violent felons.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the biggest long-term threat to world economic and political stability, and is a moral challenge. Multiple solutions are needed; I support the President's Paris agreement, the new carbon emissions standards, cap and trade, methane reduction, and empowering the EPA. We need to invest in renewables and efficiency; tax subsidies to fossil fuels should be reallocated to renewables.

6. INEQUALITY: The long-term solution to inequality is providing excellent education for all. A top spending priority should be teachers and schools. To make sure our economy works for everybody, I support raising the minimum wage, equal pay for women, paid sick and maternity leave, permanent middle class tax relief as well as criminal justice reform and protections against discrimination in housing and lending.

7. TAX REFORM: The vast majority of recent economic gains have gone to the wealthy. To restore economic fairness we need to close corporate tax loopholes, institute a tax on Wall Street speculation, raise capital gains taxes on those earning over \$500,000 and lift the payroll tax cap on those earning over \$250,000. This will strengthen Social Security and can fund transportation and public school infrastructure.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: Today, Congress just isn't working for everyday people. I will fight to preserve the accomplishments of President Obama and stop Republicans as they attempt to cut vital programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Obamacare. I will fight for the 4th District's fair share to improve schools and create jobs to strengthen families.



Joseline Peña-Melnyk

Campaign Website: <http://joselinepenamelnyk.com>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I am the toughest progressive in this race, with nine years' experience representing Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties. I have fought the NRA to pass historic gun control legislation, have increased the minimum wage and protected families from home foreclosure, and I've fought for better healthcare for women and families. I'll protect our rights from extremist attacks.

2. ECONOMY: I have long been a fighter for working families. It is not just a campaign slogan; I've experienced poverty and I'm committed to lifting people up and stopping the erosion of our middle class. I believe in strong unions, living wages, and educating and training our children so they can succeed, compete in our new economy, and earn enough to raise a family as part of America's middle class.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: Terrorism and nuclear weapons proliferation are the most serious threats. Our foreign policy should make America more secure, support our interests through fair trade, and promote democratic governments as the key to advancing human dignity, security and prosperity. We should engage with our allies to assist and build up stable local governments. Military intervention should be a last resort.

4. IMMIGRATION: We need secure borders. But we also need a humane solution for the 11 million undocumented immigrants already in the US. Left in the shadows these immigrants would form a permanent underclass that never becomes "American" and feels alienated from our society. For that reason, I support President Obama's plan for a path for undocumented immigrants to earn a green card and eventually citizenship.

5. ENVIRONMENT: I have a strong record of voting for environmental stewardship. I received a 100% rating from the League of Conservation Voters and the endorsement of the Sierra Club for my campaign. Climate change is a global problem that we need to address with decisive action. I support President Obama's Clean Power Plan which would substantially reduce CO2 emissions from the electricity generating sector.

6. INEQUALITY: This is the most important issue facing our nation. I have working class roots and was first in my family to earn a college degree. I believe in creating opportunities and giving people the tools to lift themselves up. That's why I support apprenticeship and workforce development programs in Maryland's secondary schools and community colleges and will keep fighting for opportunities for all.

7. TAX REFORM: We need a fair tax system to pay for our government. Corporations and others with fancy tax strategies should not escape paying their fair share of the costs of government. I am for progressive taxation and closing corporate tax loopholes with combined reporting. Fairer taxation would help us pay for needed investments to rebuild our infrastructure, strengthen the economy and add good jobs.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: I am committed to fairness, justice and civil rights. You deserve a safe community, free of fear of violent crime and police abuses alike. I have improved police procedures for suspect lineups which are inaccurate and lead to many erroneous convictions. I also "banned the box" on state employment forms to help ex-offenders find work and escape the cycle of incarceration. I will fight for you.

Terence Strait

Campaign Website: <http://www.straitforcongress.com>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: My experience puts me in the position to see past the propaganda that attempts to drive policy. Whether it is going to war based on lies, or the claim that deregulation is good for the economy, or the cycle of lowering taxes leading to deficits leading to lowering government services, we need somebody who can see the false narrative for what it is and will call it out. I can do that.

2. ECONOMY: I believe that as a short term measure, we need to increase the minimum wage to \$15/hr and invest in a comprehensive infrastructure revitalization program. This will provide hundreds of thousands of jobs while we make more permanent, structural economic changes. Long term, to address automation driven unemployment, I support implementing a universal basic income.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: I believe our most important foreign policy issue is our tendency to use military force to solve every problem. Diplomacy is seen as a nice option when it's possible, but not a priority. Even the reaction to the Iran nuclear deal was saber rattling and threats. I don't know how to address this problem, but we need a voice that sees it as a problem in Congress.

4. IMMIGRATION: The United States is a nation of immigrants, made of people who were searching for a better life or fleeing the threat of violence, and our immigration policy needs to reflect that. This is especially true for children fleeing violence in their home countries. Rather than locking them up and sending them back, we should be taking care of them and reuniting them with their families when possible.

5. ENVIRONMENT: I believe our greatest environmental problem is global warming, and it will be an even bigger issue if we fail to stop it before we pass the tipping point where the permafrost begins melting and releasing methane into the atmosphere. We need to transition to a green energy grid as quickly as possible and electrify our transportation system soon afterwards.

6. INEQUALITY: Addressing all the sources and types of inequality would take far more space than is available here. I would support any policy that was brought to my attention that would help make this country a more equal place. Opportunities and legal treatment should not depend on who you are or how much money you have, and we have a lot of work to do before that is the case.

7. TAX REFORM: I support taxing capital gains the same as earned income. There is no legitimate reason to privilege wealth over labor, and doing so results in tax avoidance schemes like the carried interest loophole. Additionally, corporate tax policy needs to be changed to prevent the movement of profits to foreign countries to avoid paying taxes. Companies that make billions in profits should pay their taxes.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: My biggest priority is ensuring that in all our actions, we consider the long term consequences of our actions. We cannot continue the partisan gridlock and crisis to crisis governance. Our foreign policy, economic policy, and environmental policy have all been characterized by a blindness to anything more than an election cycle out. We are facing problems that can't be solved at the last minute.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Robert "BRO" Broadus

Campaign Website: <http://www.justiceandliberty.us>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a citizen activist and advocate for the rights of the People in Annapolis and Washington, D.C. for more than 8 years. I have read and respect the Maryland and U.S. Constitutions. We need people in elected office who understand and care about the concerns of the People, not professional politicians who send us form letters and force the will of the rich elites upon us.

2. ECONOMY: I support taxing the rich and wealth redistribution (just kidding.) The best thing the government can do to help private citizens is return as much tax money as possible to their pockets. I would increase job opportunities by supporting policies that are friendly to business. The government should only spend money on those things assigned to it.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: We have made a mess of the Middle East and



Africa. Because of this, jihadists control large swaths of these regions where the United States have attempted regime change and nation building. We should bring our troops home from unconstitutional foreign adventures and defend our borders, instead. Our trade deficit and economic policies with foreign nations also disadvantage American businesses.

4. IMMIGRATION: Immigration is mentioned nowhere in the Constitution, and is an issue that should be left to the States. "Dred Scott" was wrongly decided on the false notion that the national government could determine who a States' citizens were. The 14th Amendment perpetuates this flawed view. I would repeal the 14th Amendment and make it clear that it is the States who can decide immigration policy.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Urban sprawl is eating away at our farmlands and forests. Too few people are able to afford a home with (land) acreage--the chief component of private property. Ownership of private property is a critical component of a free-market economy. When people don't own property, they have less to protect, and so are much more likely to surrender their rights to the governing powers.

6. INEQUALITY: Super-rich elites have taken over every public institution: Hollywood, the Media, Education and many Churches. They've made all-out war on people with traditional values, and have denied many the right to even earn a living. Gender confusion has replaced standards of modesty. I would protect religious liberty as inviolable and ensure that none are coerced to betray their conscience or their God

7. TAX REFORM: The Constitution provides for a way to raise large sums of money by taxing the entire nation, and it is called "Apportionment" of Direct Taxes. Congress may also collect "duties, imposts, and excises." A progressive income tax violates the spirit of these provisions. I would repeal the 16th Amendment, reduce government spending, pay off our debts, and return to Constitutional taxation only.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: The 17th amendment should also be repealed, and the 10th should be strengthened to reflect the language requested by several States in ratifying the Constitution: "That each State retains its sovereignty, freedom & independence respectively, and every power, jurisdiction and right, which is not EXPRESSLY delegated by this constitution to the Congress or the departments of the federal government."

Rob Buck

Q's 1 - 8. *No responses received by deadline.*

George E. McDermott

Campaign Website: <http://www.secretjustice.com>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I have unique qualities after 50 years of building experience., 20 + of those years was spent fighting corruption in Maryland courts, taking on corruption in the Maryland Bar Association, and providing community service for victims of our corrupt judicial system. See secretjustice.com 1100 programs chronicling my successes and fighting for justice and our Constitution. which is the Rule of Law.

2. ECONOMY: Number 1 Use the office of as a Congressman to put together a panel and coalition. Of citizens groups to both in the district and throughout the nation. To investigate the financial clout of the housing and foreclosure crisis which bankrupted the United States and made MegaBanks out of three of the largest predatory lenders in the nation. turning our citizens into debt slaves while rewarding Crims

3. FOREIGN POLICY: Foreign policy must start at home, when inhabitants of the nation season we do not respect the rule of law, are judges are attorneys in our legislative members disrespect the citizens

constitutional rights, disrespect the same laws they hold citizens accountable for. Public servants who do not show respect for their own oath of office. Makes it impossible for foreign nations to trust us as Honest.

4. IMMIGRATION: I would support me for immigration reform with other like-minded members of the house and Senate. we cannot forget our history approximately 93% of our population are descendants of immigrants who were brought to corporate America as indentured servants slaves and forced labor who built this nation. we need to get past the rhetoric and scare tactics and pass meaningful immigrant legislation.

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

6. INEQUALITY: As victims rights advocate I have witnessed and continue to witness economic social and physical judicial terrorism against my fellow citizens. We have to return to the principles of equal justice under the law and equal protection under the law. So that politicians, public servants in state and federal governments, and our judicial branch of government adhere to our Constitution/rule of law.

7. TAX REFORM: Tax reform is needed, right now corporate America and its lawyers in the A.B.A. and accountants. especially through banking frauds and foreclosure frauds are not being prosecuted by our US Justice Department. As recently demonstrated when Eric Holder retired from office and got a \$75 million bonus from J.P. Morgan Chase for not prosecuting banking fraud or sending one bank executive to jail.???

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: 1. Stop the looting of our Social Security trust fund by Congress make it repaid the trillions it has taken out of the fund in the last 20 years, 2. Support Sen. Graham Grassley's bill. for creation of an independent office of Inspector General not connected with the Justice Department or the courts. To investigate and bring charges against court agents. Violating citizens legal rights /liberties

David Therrien

Campaign Website: <http://therrienforcongress.com>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: Cryptologic Naval Officer excelled in Fiscal management of 50 million dollar procurement of technology based system, participated in immigration, anti-drug trafficking and high value communications intelligence targets. Chief Technology Officer of Keller Williams, 3 college degrees including Law, Operating Partner of 2 large companies. Employed by USMS. Disabled Vet 80%, knows VA support systems.

2. ECONOMY: Move education funding to State level management. Provide opportunities for adult education and retraining. Invest and Incentivize small business start-ups. Remove overseas benefits for corporations to relocate outside, bringing jobs back. Incentivize corporations to train unskilled workforce. Initiate Federal programs to rebuild highway/bridge infrastructure creating jobs.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: Middle East organization to be lead by Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, and other countries to steady region. Focus on terrorist cessation and foster peace and religious tolerance. Get U.S. forces out ASAP. Strengthen relationship with Israel. NAFTA voided and negotiate replacement trade agreements. Trade imbalances are costing U.S. billions annually and we cannot continue to bleed.

4. IMMIGRATION: Vetting process instituted to stop ISIS infiltration w/in Syrian refugees. Mexico border and Caribbean shores to be closed off to illegal immigration and drug trafficking. Establish clear process to citizenship. Increase numbers of legal immigrants admitted to U.S. with understanding they are adopting our customs. We are not changing our laws to accommodate them. Deport criminals and terrorists.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Eliminating carbon pollution continues as first priority. Incentivize tech development of bio diesel fuels/engines, combo electric battery/gas engines. Safely process oil/gas resources in



U.S. Continue incentivizing and developing wind/solar/water power alternatives. Incentivize develop alternative fuels, i.e. hydrogen, H2O breakdown, garbage consumption, etc.

6. INEQUALITY: Equal pay for equal work across all categories. A persons sex, race, religion, height, weight, etc. should have no bearing on pay. If someone produces the acceptable amount/level of work, then pay should be same. Increases or decreases are warranted for exceptional/bonus work, substandard, overtime, longevity, or other criteria that is applicable regardless of who the individual may be.

7. TAX REFORM: Tax structure must be reformed/restructured. Corporate taxes must be lowered and tax any import from U.S. company that moves out of U.S. to avoid paying taxes. Simplify tax system. Current structure heavily taxes average worker while tax holes exist that allow some to pay zero taxes. No one should be paying zero taxes. If seen, then there is a problem with the system. Fix it.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: 2nd Amendment. MOST states are NOT reporting ALL of their felony convictions into NICS. Require 100% reporting. Felons that apply to purchase firearms are committing another felon upon applying but are not prosecuted. Should be automatic fine and prosecute all. Mental health issue must be addressed through due process and declared ineligible to purchase a firearms. If cured, then allow purchase.

Representative in Congress District 5

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Kristin Beck

Campaign Website: <http://www.beck4congress.us>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I am a retired Navy SEAL with experience in foreign affairs that cover the Balkans, Middle East, Africa and Asia. I have combat experience in three wars and 13 deployments. I am a public speaker, fighting for human rights on a national level. I work as a volunteer helping veterans and a board member of a suicide prevention organization known as 41 percent.

2. ECONOMY: I have been a long standing advocate for setting the federal minimum wage at \$15 per hour. Everyone should be able to earn a living wage. I am also a proponent of the Earned Income Tax Credit for low income workers with families.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: The rise of global terrorism is the most immediate threat to the interests of the US. ISIS and other groups are determined to kill or maim as many Americans and our allies as possible. We cannot negotiate with them. We must eliminate this terrorist organization and the networks that support them.

4. IMMIGRATION: We are a compassionate nation. We are a nation of immigrants. We will find compassionate solutions to the issues while encouraging legal immigration into our country. We will enforce E-Verify and implement new systems to record and monitor the locations of foreign visitors to make sure they do not overstay their visas.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Rising sea levels are threatening low-lying areas from Maine to Florida. Once we loose a major subway system to encroaching tidal waters we will see a national outcry to reduce greenhouse gasses. I intend to place solar panels on all schools as one step in cutting the production of CO2.

6. INEQUALITY: I have been fighting to end inequality on a number of fronts for years. There should be no difference between women's pay and men's. The income inequality gap must be reduced by starting with an increase in the minimum wage and the creation of new and high paying jobs.

7. TAX REFORM: I will propose a new transaction tax on stock sales.

I will support the export of oil, natural gas and manufactured exports to generate new tax revenue. I will support a simplified personal income tax as well as the elimination of all business tax loopholes.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: I will focus on creating public private partnerships to manufacture solar panels, wind turbines, advanced batteries, fuel cells and other products that traditional American industry is not concerned with. I will work to create a high end home appliance industry here in Maryland.

Steny H. Hoyer

Campaign Website: <http://www.hoyerforcongress.com>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: For over 30 years in Congress, I have been an effective leader who works in a bipartisan way to deliver results for my constituents. I continue to fight tirelessly for economic development, have helped create and save nearly 23,000 jobs, and am dedicated to ensuring all Marylanders have access to middle class opportunities.

2. ECONOMY: I'm leading a jobs plan in Congress called Make It In America, which aims to spur the creation of well-paying jobs across the country and ensure that all Americans have the tools they need to get ahead in today's new economy. I support an increase in the minimum wage, access to affordable child care, and ensuring equal pay in the workplace - all of which would help American families.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: Two of the most important issues are the Iran nuclear deal and destroying ISIL. I've been a leader in calling for the most vigorous monitoring and enforcement regime possible - and for America to play a leading role in ensuring Iran abides by its commitments. In the effort to destroy ISIL, I am encouraging the Obama Administration to increase its efforts to demolish ISIL's energy resources.

4. IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a timely pathway to citizenship. Fixing our broken immigration system is not only good for our economy, but it's the right thing to do and is supported by the majority of Americans.

5. ENVIRONMENT: We must take steps to address climate change. Climate change is a threat to our environment - including the Chesapeake Bay - public health, the economy, and national security. I will continue to support legislation to advance renewable energy technologies and improve energy efficiency, which will save families and businesses money, spur innovation and create well-paying jobs.

6. INEQUALITY: I have cosponsored legislation to raise the federal minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2020. I am also a cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act which would end wage discrimination against women and promote higher wages to help more Americans secure a place in the middle class. I also support bipartisan efforts that will help fix our country's broken criminal justice system.

7. TAX REFORM: I support comprehensive tax reform that simplifies the tax code, creates an environment for companies to bring jobs back to the U.S., and strengthens American competitiveness.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: I remain focused on protecting our military installations and federal facilities, as well as bringing the new, consolidated FBI headquarters to Prince George's County. I am dedicated to improving Maryland schools and keeping them among the best in the nation, as well as investing in our infrastructure and protecting our natural resources.

Debbie F. Wilson

Q's 1 - 8. *No responses received by deadline.*



Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Mark Arness

Campaign Website: <http://www.arnessforcongress.com>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: Mark's career in aviation medicine and experience as a licensed pilot with over 1500 flight hours and 150 hours flown in 25 combat missions under enemy fire in the skies over war-torn Bosnia, Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan qualifies him for the most challenging service to constituents. Mark is a decorated veteran and caring physician, awarded the Air Medal for service under fire in aerial combat.

2. ECONOMY: "Whatever you tax, you get less of!" Mark will vote FOR House Resolution 25, to revoke the 16th Amendment and defund the IRS to stop abusive collections and end taxpayer harassment! Mark will vote to revoke Obamacare, which is just a failed insurance scheme, and craft a healthcare plan that really works for Marylanders. Folks are now working two 30-hour jobs after cutbacks to evade tax penalties!

3. FOREIGN POLICY: Mark will vote for viable military readiness of our Nation and to protect our interests abroad. This administration has emboldened our adversaries by pusillanimously allowing the former Soviets, led by former KGB chief and self-styled "New Tsar" Vlad Putin to roll unchallenged into the Crimea and now Eastern Ukraine. Our NATO borders, Alaska are next- the Russians have so stated on public record!

4. IMMIGRATION: Mark will not support "Blanket amnesty" for all illegals! Mark does support a case-by-case legal pathway to naturalization for tax-paying immigrant workers who make valuable contributions to our communities! Mark will vote to stop 'free rides' and enforce our border laws in the interests of national security! Mark does support legal paths to naturalization, including the military service pathway.

5. ENVIRONMENT: We must preserve our natural resources for our own use and enjoyment and for future generations. Mark supports initiatives to clean up the Bay and insure wildlife preservation for posterity, but taxing rain and chickens is not the way to pay for it! Mark will fight for Federal funding for the Chesapeake bay watershed program to support our fishing and farming industries.

6. INEQUALITY: Preserve, protect and defend our Constitutional rights to liberty and the right of every citizen, no matter how small, to life! Mark will vote for legislation that recognizes that life begins at conception by divine inspiration to protect our children of all ages, and to preserve our God-given, fundamental second Amendment right to defend our persons and property, guaranteed by the Constitution!

7. TAX REFORM: We must reform the IRS, or defund it and revoke the 16th Amendment! The IRS routinely violates citizens' Constitutional rights to due process; it levies penalties, garnishes wages and imposes harsh fees without any court order or legal review, as an 'administrative' process; taxpayers have no legal rights in defending themselves against this agency! We can raise revenue with a national sales tax.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: ISIS is a clear and present danger which the current administration has failed to address. We need to pursue United States' interests overseas and aggressively confront and neutralize ISIS assets, materials, funding and curtail weapons. We must mount a multi-targeted campaign to destroy ISIL physical infrastructure, restrict weapons access, cut off banking assets and destroy ISIL logistics train.

Charles Sam Faddis

Campaign Website: <http://samfaddis.com/>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an Army officer and CIA operative. I spent twenty years abroad working against the enemies of this nation. Since my retirement I have taught college and graduate school, written six books and commented on national security and terrorism. I have run large organizations and worked under intense pressure in unforgiving environments.

2. ECONOMY: If we are serious about helping low and middle income citizens, we need to get the economy moving and start creating jobs that pay a living wage. We don't need to be looking for ways to make people more comfortable in poverty. We need to be empowering them to get themselves out of poverty.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: We are confronted abroad by a host of enemies, a resurgent Russia, an increasingly aggressive China and a host of radical Islamic groups and nations. We should not be the world's policeman, but we do need to remain vigilant and to stand up for American national interests when confronted.

4. IMMIGRATION: Ultimately, we are going to have to find a way forward and resolve the status of the millions of illegal immigrants already here. Before we can do that, however, we have to regain control over our southern border and immigration. The first step in doing so is to enforce existing immigration laws.

5. ENVIRONMENT: The most immediate environmental issue for Marylanders is the cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay. We have talked about it for decades. It is time to make it reality. We need to find practical, common sense ways to address the needs of the watershed while sustaining economic growth. Efforts to promote oyster aquaculture are a prime example of the kind of efforts that are possible if we work together.

6. INEQUALITY: We need to address the problem of the millions of American trapped in deep poverty. In order to do so we have to fix our educational system and stimulate economic growth. We don't need programs to make poor people a little more comfortable. We need to create the conditions that will allow people to pull themselves out of poverty.

7. TAX REFORM: Changes to tax policy should be geared toward stimulating the economy and creating jobs. We need to cut taxes on the middle class and made the tax code fairer and simpler. We need to cut corporate taxes, do away with double taxation of income owned abroad and make other changes to encourage investment. Government cannot create jobs. It can create the conditions, which will encourage job growth.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: We are \$19 trillion in debt. If we do not balance the budget and get spending under control nothing else matters. We will be bankrupt as a nation. The way ahead in this regard will be painful, but the longer we wait to confront this issue the harder it will get.

Circuit Court
Judge of the Circuit Court--Circuit 7

DUTIES: Judges preside in the Circuit Court, which is a trial court of general jurisdiction covering major civil cases and more serious criminal matters. Circuit Courts also may decide appeals from the District Court and certain administrative agencies.

SALARY: \$154,433

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

HOW ELECTED: The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. The General Assembly determines the number of judges in each circuit and county. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office. Each newly appointed Circuit Court judge then



must stand for office at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. One or more other qualified members of the bar may also run to fill the vacancy. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots. The winners of each primary (equal to the number of seats to be filled) advance to the general election ballot, but without party designation.

Questions

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Judge of the Circuit Court?
- 2. COURT NEEDS:** What are the areas of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?
- 3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** What actions would you propose to provide individuals with more access to the judicial system and legal assistance?
- 4. EQUALITY:** What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

Candidates

Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 4.

April T. Ademiluyi

Campaign Website: <http://www.electaprilademiluyi.com>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My personal and professional life has taught me to resolve disputes with patience, courage, fidelity, and integrity. Just as Judges are required to do, my law practice also entails: learning law; in depth legal research; legal writing; developing legal expertise; weighing facts; efficiently handling a huge work load; and being patient, fair, and courteous.
- 2. COURT NEEDS:** The greatest need of the judicial system is a more rigorous approach to addressing judicial misconduct. On a smaller scale, efficiency in docketing is huge problem in PG County Circuit Court. Electronic filing is a great need for Maryland judicial system and it is not being implemented fast enough.
- 3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Maryland is one of the leading states in foreclosures. I would propose that the foreclosure legal documents served upon residents contain instructions on which organizations offer pro bono or reduced fee legal representation for foreclosure matters. I would also suggest that there be a full-time attorney that works on site at the Courthouse in areas of high foreclosure rates.
- 4. EQUALITY:** There should be more accountability for judicial misconduct and better training for Judges on sensitive legal issues. Even when a pattern of misconduct does not exist but nonetheless the disciplinary body does recognize an ethical breach, there should be harsher consequences to deter future misconduct. There also needs to be more lay people or non-lawyers involved in the disciplinary process.

Herman C. Dawson

Campaign Website: <http://www.pgcjudges.com>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a Circuit Court judge, I have focused on providing opportunities for youthful offenders to avoid the cycle of criminal activity. I am currently the Juvenile Coordinating Judge and Juvenile Drug Court Judge. In this capacity, I take a strong personal interest in each young person that comes before me by following up with them on their progress in school, their jobs, and family life.
- 2. COURT NEEDS:** The courts of the Maryland judiciary need judges who have a comprehensive and diverse legal background, who have endured an extensive judicial selection process, and have a proven record of impartiality and integrity. Every litigant who appears before the court must have confidence that their disputes will be decided in a fair and efficient manner, by judges who have the proper experience.
- 3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** I will expand on the work that I have been

doing for more than 17 years as a sitting judge such as attending community events and speaking at public forums about the judicial process and access to justice. I will continue to host and organize "Ask a Lawyer a Question" forums, where the community is provided free legal advice by competent attorneys throughout the county.

- 4. EQUALITY:** The thorough vetting process for circuit court judges ensures that only those who meet the high standards will receive the endorsement of the Judicial Nominating Commission. Additionally, mandatory sensitivity training for all judges should be required to ensure that the courts do not allow any prejudices to influence any decision or judicial proceeding.

Dorothy Michelle Engel

Campaign Website: <http://www.pgcjudges.com>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a long term County prosecutor, I have a strong background with our trial process and how this community relies upon fair and impartial judges. For over 12 years I prosecuted complex homicides and gang crimes giving me in-depth understanding of the challenges facing victims and our community. Also my service as an Army officer taught me the importance of being disciplined and prepared.
- 2. COURT NEEDS:** Circuit Court Judges must have extensive trial experience and participated in the judicial commission vetting process to ensure fairness, integrity and impartiality. Every person who appears in Court must have confidence that disputes will be resolved in a fair and efficient manner by judges who have the experience, training, and knowledge of the Circuit Court's precedents, rules and procedures
- 3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Maryland's Judiciary is a leader in improving citizens' access to our courts. Continued improvement should be pursued in streamlining forms and procedures so all parties can easily access our legal system. We should continue to improve citizens self-help centers and pro-bono and mediation services. I am committed to ensuring our judiciary continues to treat our citizens with respect and patience.
- 4. EQUALITY:** Courts play a crucial role in ensuring that prejudices do not influence the outcome of cases or disputes by having judges with extensive legal experience and a record of fighting for fairness and impartiality. The comprehensive vetting process for Circuit Court Judges plays an important role in recommending for the bench only those individuals who have shown respect for the rights of all citizens

Karen Holliday Mason

Campaign Website: <http://www.pgcjudges.com>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My vast and varied experience has shaped me into a patient, fair and knowledgeable jurist. In my 20 years of practice in Prince George's County, I represented personal injury clients, prosecuted homicides, and was appointed Family Division Master. That experience led to my appointment to the District Court where I presided over a variety of court matters and now my Circuit Court appointment.
- 2. COURT NEEDS:** Maryland's Courts need judges with broad and diverse legal experience, who have been through an extensive judicial vetting process. Further, judges should be fair and efficient, and should possess the requisite judicial temper.
- 3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** The Maryland Judiciary has been at the forefront of expanding access to our courts for our citizens. We should continue to streamline forms and procedures so all litigants can better understand and effectively use the legal system. We should expand our self-help centers, pro bono services and mediation. Our judiciary will continue to treat our self-represented citizens with patience and respect.
- 4. EQUALITY:** Courts reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings by having judges who have broad and diverse legal experience and a demonstrated track record of fairness and



impartiality. The thorough vetting process for circuit court judges ensures that only those who meet these high standards will receive the endorsement of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Erik H. Nyce

Campaign Website: <http://www.pgcjudges.com/>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I practiced law for over 25 years in Prince George's representing citizens and companies. I handled criminal, civil, and family law cases in simple and complex litigation. My experience and community service lead to my appointment to the District Court. As a judge in District and now Circuit Court, I have listened carefully to the evidence and decided hundreds of cases fairly and with compassion.
- 2. COURT NEEDS:** Maryland's courts need judges who have broad and diverse legal experience, who have been through an extensive judicial vetting process, and who have a demonstrated record for fairness and integrity. Everyone who appears in court must have confidence that their disputes will be resolved in a fair and efficient manner, by judges who have the requisite experience, training and knowledge to do so.
- 3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** The Maryland Judiciary has been at the forefront of expanding access to our courts for our citizens. We should continue to streamline forms and procedures so all litigants can better understand and effectively use the legal system. We should expand our self-help centers, pro-bono services and mediation. Our judiciary will continue to treat our self-represented citizens with patience and respect.
- 4. EQUALITY:** Courts reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings by having judges who have broad and diverse legal experience, and a demonstrated track record of fairness and impartiality. The thorough vetting process for circuit court judges ensures that only those who meet these high standards will receive the endorsement of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Ingrid Turner

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a retired JAG Commander who served as a prosecutor; did defense work, healthcare & administrative law. I have handled a variety of civil matters ranging from federal tort claims to estate planning. My broad legal experience & service as a legislator in Prince George's County for the past eight years has given me the right experience, knowledge & temperament to effectively serve as a Judge.
- 2. COURT NEEDS:** There is a need to coordinate services and programs provided by the county and state to adult and juvenile offenders and victims of domestic violence and trafficking, etc. who cycle through the justice system. Additionally there is a need for additional resources to provide a docket that can most effectively help the underserved in our community.
- 3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** An expansion of the docket that can help the underserved in our community. The Veterans Court & Drug Court models demonstrate how the judicial system can provide resources to members of the community who need effective interventions that reduce crime & recidivism. As a veteran & the former Council Chairman this knowledge & experience will help bring important key stakeholders to the table.
- 4. EQUALITY:** I believe in restorative justice where victims, offenders, and the affected communities are treated as key stakeholders in the application of the process. Fair outcomes are ensured when the courts take steps to adopt unbiased, universally applied procedures that are at the foundation of restorative justice.

Prince George's County Offices Board of Education

DUTIES: The BOE shares its responsibilities with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish and oversee educational policies; to make decisions on educational, facility, and financial matters; and to appraise the educational and administrative management of the public school system. The CEO implements public school policies and programs. The BOE may not contradict management and oversight of fiscal affairs except by a 2/3 vote of the BOE. The purpose of the Board is two-fold: to raise the academic achievement of students and the level of engagement of parents, students, and community.

The BOE consists of 9 members elected by District whose terms begin on the first Monday in December after the election; 3 at-large members appointed by the County Executive (one of whom is designated as Chair of the Board); 1 at-large member by the County Council, and 1 student member (an eleventh or twelfth grade student) elected for a one-year term each year by student representatives to the Prince George's County Regional Association of Student Governments.

Applicants for consideration as appointed members must demonstrate a high level of knowledge and expertise concerning the successful management of a large business, nonprofit organization, or governmental entity; an ability to work as consensus-building team member; an ability to communicate with constituents from various economic, social, and professional backgrounds; as well represent the demographic and cultural diversity of county residents.

SALARY: \$18,000 + \$7,000 reimbursement

TERM: 4 years; no term limits

HOW ELECTED: By popular vote within one of nine districts. Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are elected during Presidential elections; Districts 2, 3, 6, and 9, during Gubernatorial elections. BOE races are non-partisan and all registered voters may vote in both Primary and General elections. The top two vote getters in each race advance to the General election; uncontested races (only one or two candidates) do not appear on the primary election ballot.

Questions

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** What makes you qualified (in education, community involvement, budget matters, etc.) to serve on the Board of Education?
- 2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES:** PGCPSS high school students were asked for suggestions for the questions for the School Board candidates. Their responses (based on their experiences) indicated a concern for a number of perceived disparities in the delivery of services, programs, use of ineffective teachers, and adequate facilities within the system. How would you address these disparities so that students and parents do not feel they are receiving an unequal education?
- 3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:** Given that the stated purpose of the Board of Education is to raise the academic achievement of students, where would you begin in your efforts to improve the academic performance in all PGC schools, in order to reduce the drop out rate, and raise PGCPSS from near the bottom of all public schools in Maryland?
- 4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY:** How can the Board of Education foster better collaboration among parents, school staff and the community?
- 5. BUDGET FACTORS:** Prioritize the factors you will weigh when making budget decisions.
- 6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP:** Which programs that PGC schools put in place have addressed the achievement gap of our minority students? Have they have been effective? Why or why not?



- 7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES:** What successful practices in other Maryland school systems and/or in other states should be put in place PGC Schools?
- 8. PREPARATION FOR OFFICE:** How will you prepare yourself for action before the day you take office in December?

Board of Education District 5
Candidates
Voters may vote for no more than 1.

Raaheela Ahmed

Campaign Website: <http://www.raaheela.com>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Having served on the Board of Regents for the University System of Maryland with a constituency of over 150,000, I know how to be an effective education board representative. I have experience passing education policy, creating academic programs, and making budgetary decisions. I currently consult for a federal government agency's financial management division to manage a \$1 billion+ budget.
- 2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES:** Educational opportunities need to be offered to ALL students. Academic programs such as Advanced Placement (AP) must improve and expand to meet the offerings of top-performing schools. Great teachers must feel supported in providing high-quality education to be retained and so good academic programs can be sustained. Renovating distressed facilities should be a top priority in the capital budget.
- 3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:** PGCPSS has many programs geared towards academic excellence, but there is no consolidated effort to determine their effectiveness. I support having a thorough evaluation of our academic programs. Understanding what works and what doesn't will allow PGCPSS to align resources and funding efficiently and increase academic excellence.
- 4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY:** The Board of Education can foster better collaboration by being more transparent, honest, engaged and accountable: Transparency with current metrics and actions of the system. Honesty in explaining intentions for certain board actions. Engagement by actively reaching out to the constituency base. Accountability in making material easily accessible and openly available online.
- 5. BUDGET FACTORS:** I will prioritize student success when making budgetary decisions. My vote will be based on what is effective for our students and efficient for our system. The needs of our schools (academic programs, teachers, paraprofessionals, and infrastructure) will precede the desires for executive comfort.
- 6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP:** I have experience working as a literacy mentor with America Reads*America Counts in over a dozen of our Title 1 elementary schools in PGCPSS. I've found the work impactful and rewarding. Boosting literacy rates in our young students is necessary in decreasing the achievement gap, increasing graduation rates and improving college and career readiness for our students.
- 7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES:** We need fully equipped special needs departments at our schools. It shouldn't be hard to secure Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for our students in need, especially those from low-income families that cannot refute unfavorable findings. In Annapolis, I worked on a bill to shift the burden of proof for contesting IEPs from parents to schools. We need better PGCPSS practices for special needs.
- 8. PREPARATION FOR OFFICE:** I am an activist that loves to engage. I have already reached out to thousands of constituents for input on school-related issues. I intend to continue outreach to stakeholders

for information and consultancy. I will speak to students in the system; I've engaged several through mentorship. I will work to visit every school in District 5 and meet with administrators as soon as I am elected.

Jeana Jacobs

Campaign Website: <http://jeanajacobs.org>

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a strong education advocate on the school board for nearly 10 years. As a board member and as a parent, I understand the importance of continuing to fight for equity in education for ALL students. I have extensive knowledge of the school system and its operations including oversight of its nearly \$2 Billion budget. I have a distinctive and effective public service career in education, public safety, and the law bringing strategic focus, competent legal skill, and strong work ethic.
- 2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES:** I will continue to fight for equitable funding locally and at the state level but it is equally important to ensure that internal practices demonstrate equitable access. I will continue to fight against practices that divide communities. Student voice is important in this process. I will not support retaining ineffective staff. Our capital improvement budget is woefully underfunded, I will continue to advocate for alternative funding options for school buildings -maintenance/new construction
- 3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:** Funding must be specifically aligned to direct resources in the classroom focusing on literacy. Children must be able to read! I will continue to fight for expanded early childhood education options and universal Pre-K. Reading, math and media specialists must be mandated positions in the lowest performing schools and increased rigor opportunities must be provided for high performing students. I will continue to fight against waste, ineffective, unproven programs and review of budget process
- 4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY:** Treat parents, students and community as true partners, not paying lip service. I regularly host community-based events to create dialogue and develop problem solving strategies. The engagement of our parents and the community at large has the greatest impact on student success. The creation of the Ombudsman office as well as the Family and Parent Engagement Department is specifically to provide parents/community voice and a seat at the table to address the needs of the school district.
- 5. BUDGET FACTORS:** My vote on the budget will continue to be based on distribution of funds that maximize victory in the classroom. I will not support a budget that does not address the causes of low performance. I will support expansion of early childhood options for ALL students and increased programming to address literacy. I will not support ambiguous staffing/programming increases that do not impact learning
- 6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP:** Dr. Maxwell created 2 Interntl HS to address the achievement gap for ELL students. It is not yet clear if this will impact student achievement overall but some districts like New York have similar options. The Board has focused budget decisions on literacy programs and early childhood options as these programs are shown to improve achievement and narrow gaps. HS interventions for low performing HS has demonstrated growth in graduation rates.
- 7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES:** Additional (meaningful) alternative education options for students who need and desire certification options. Increased after school programming Create more effective "choice" in the district, making more efficient use of school buildings and more successful programming
- 8. PREPARATION FOR OFFICE:** I will continue to listen to constituents and build community partnerships. Remain engaged, and continue to develop greater understanding of educational policy that



specifically impacts or could impact our school district. I am remain ready to serve my community; this has been my life's work. Empowering parents to be the best advocate for their children will enhance my ability to be effective.

Robert Johnson

Campaign Website: <http://robertjohnson4schools.org>
Q's 1 – 8. *No responses received by deadline.*

Cheryl Landis

Campaign Website: <http://www.landisforschoolboard.com>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: 37 years (1979-present) PGC volunteer, community organizer, activists 27 years (1989-present) PGCPS Employee 17 years (1989-2006) Executive Admin Officer, Board of Education 10 years (2006-present) PGCPS Strategic Business Partnerships Specialist 10 years (2006-present) PGC Democratic Central Committee – Chair (2014-present) 6 years (2010-present) Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, Inc 2 years (2014-present) Chair, Education/Workforce Dev Committee, PG Chamber of Commerce

2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES: As an elected member of the BOE, I will bring student-focused leadership and work collaboratively with the Administration and my fellow colleagues to ensure that all plans, resources, processes, programs, technology, and support services are strategically aligned and school-student focused. My commitment is complete and I will work to ensure that our students, teachers, and school administrators are provided with safe and supportive environments that are conducive to teaching and learning.

3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Data released by MSDE on 02-12-2016 shows a grad rate of 79%, a 2.16 percentage point increase in the overall 4-year grad rate for PGCPS. Moving forward, I will work to ensure an increased focus on teaching & learning (e.g., targeted PD for teachers, enhanced data practices that help identify individual student needs, expansion of online credit recovery programs, and changes to disciplinary actions in the Code of Student Conduct that focus on alternatives to out-of-school suspensions).

4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY: Family and community engagement are important components to the academic success of a student. My commitment is to work on a grassroots level with each school to either maintain or establish a highly functioning, fully-engaged PTA/PTO. I will create parent, family and community engagement opportunities through town hall meetings, workshops, and listening sessions; thus opening the door to collaborative dialogue and beginning the process of educating and empowering the very people I seek to serve

5. BUDGET FACTORS: For the past 10 years, the scope and purpose of my work as the PGCPS Strategic Business Partnerships Specialist, as well as the Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, Inc., has been in support of academic excellence, a high performing workforce, safe and supportive environments, and family and community engagement. Thus, are the factors I will weigh when making budget decisions.

6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Of major concern is the persistent underperformance of Special Education / Limited English Proficient students. Efforts have been made to close the achievement gap and reverse the trend through differentiated, disciplined, and comprehensive approaches; however, progress has been slow. For SY-2016, two Int'l schools will welcome 200 ELL students. The Int'l HS at Langley Park and the Int'l HS @ Largo HS will provide a supportive learning environment to meet the needs of EEL

7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools has a well established and highly functioning Parent

University. Through a 2015 site visit to Charlotte Mecklenburg, PGCPS identified best practices that could be used to establish its very own Parent University. The purpose of the PGCPS Parent University is to help families support their children's academic success and social, emotional well-being. Studies identify that the most successful students are those whose parents are involved.

8. PREPARATION FOR OFFICE: I have been preparing myself throughout my 27-year tenure as an employee of Prince George's County Public Schools; 17-years as the Executive Administrative Officer to the Board of Education; and 10-years as the PGCPS Strategic Business Partnerships Specialist. Once elected, I will hit the ground running with a very strategic and thoughtful approach to serving PGCPS students and families.

Board of Education District 8

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

Edward III Burroughs

Campaign Website: <http://www.edwardburroughs.com>
Q's 1 – 8. *No responses received by deadline.*

Carlton C Carter

Campaign Website: <http://carlton-ccarter.com>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: More than 20 years of comprehensive experience in directing all aspects of middle and high school operations, including oversight of educational strategies and initiatives, policy and program developments, and educational services. Successful Turnaround Experience. CORE COMPETENCIES Leadership Coaching • Strategic Educational Planning • Middle & High School Administration • Policy Development • Cost Reduction • Scholarship Program Development • Teacher Recruiting, Hiring & Training

2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES: Each school in Prince Georges County is allocated the same amount of money per student unless Priority or Focus. The responsibility rests solely on the Principal on how it is spent. Finance training must occur for school principals on how to use lagging and leading data to make smart spending choices to ensure equal access to all students. The Principal must be transparent and involve parents/business community regarding the needs of the school for advocacy and additional resources.

3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Academic achievement with all students rest mainly on increasing the level of rigor in classroom instruction. Most educators have a lack of self-awareness that they are not meeting the level of rigor that is displayed on the PARCC Exam. Intensive retraining is needed for all stakeholders. As Senior Turnaround Consultant, I provide training educators across the country on how to transform a failing organization into highly effective culture of learning. As a former Principal in Prince Georges Co

4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY: As School Board Member, communication and transparency is critical, thus I will arrange two meeting a year with each PSTA President and members in all 33 schools in district 08. This open dialogue will produce a spirit of collaboration and building trusting relationships.

5. BUDGET FACTORS: Budget decisions will be based on the following factors: 1). Academic Standing of the School 2). Equal access of student services that include after-school programs for enrichment and remediation programs. 3). School Construction 4). Safety and Security of Schools. 5) Professional Development need to Build Employee Capacity.

6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Most programs in Prince Georges County



mirror Montgomery County public schools; such as Read 180, Achieve 3000, AVID or Gear up etc. However the reason why Montgomery County is successful and Prince Georges County is struggling is due to the lack implementation and weak Tier I instruction. Effective Tier I instruction is having a high level of rigor in classroom instruction; where the teacher at the conclusion of each lesson is checking for understanding. This is a strategy that teaches for ma

7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES: PGCPS has difficulty building effective teams at all levels. Effective teams are based on collaboration through the School Leadership Team and Professional Learning Communities. These teams are designed to discuss instruction within all levels that builds the capacity of others and creates a culture of ownership. PGCPS is familiar with this concept however where they fall short is the lack implementation and competence to be successful. Intensive personalized coaching is need to turn the situa

8. PREPARATION FOR OFFICE: The first step is communication, where I will go into every school in district 08 and begin building trusting relationships with each principal to understand from their perspective the needs of their schools. Along with my expertise and proven leadership, I will be able to guide the appropriate funding, support and policy to support each school's academic success.

Stephanie Hinton

Q's 1 – 8. *No responses received by deadline.*

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.

Candidates for delegate were asked to respond to two questions:

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications to serve as a convention delegate?

ISSUES: Why have you decided to pledge your support to your candidate?

www.VOTE411.org: Because of the very large number of candidates for convention delegates, it is not possible to include them in printed Voters' Guides. Information on all candidates for convention delegate is available at VOTE411.org. Their names are listed on the Sample Ballots at the end of this guide.





YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT for April 26, 2016 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

This check list, prepared for you by the League of Women Voters, may be marked with your choices and taken with you conveniently into the voting booth.

President of United States
Vote for 1

Hillary Clinton
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente
Bernie Sanders
Uncommitted to Any Presidential Candidate

U. S. Senator
Vote for 1

Freddie Donald Dickson
Donna F. Edwards
Ralph Jaffe
Theresa C. Scaldaferrri
Charles U. Smith
Violet Staley
Blaine Taylor
Ed Tinus
Chris Van Hollen
Lih Young

Representative in Congress
District 4
Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown
Warren Christopher
Matthew Fogg
Glenn F. Ivey
Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Terence Strait

Representative in Congress
District 5
Vote for 1

Kristin Beck
Steny H. Hoyer
Debbie F. Wilson

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 7
Vote for up to 4

April T. Ademiluyi
Herman C. Dawson
Dorothy Michelle Engel
Karen Holliday Mason
Erik H. Nyce

Ingrid Turner

Board of Education
District 5
Vote for 1

Raaheela Ahmed
Jeana Jacobs
Robert Johnson
Cheryl Landis

Board of Education
District 8
Vote for 1

Edward Burroughs, III
Carlton C. Carter
Stephanie Hinton

Female Delegates to the Democratic
National Convention
District 4
Vote for up to 5

Angela Alsobrooks (Clinton)
Angela Angel (Uncommitted)
Yvonne N. Baicich (Sanders)
Wala Blegay (Sanders)
Aisha Braveboy (Clinton)
Cynthia Collins (Clinton)
Carolyn J.B. Howard (Clinton)
Melody Jones (Sanders)
Virginia Kase (Sanders)
Jameelah Malik (Sanders)
Mary Rocca (Uncommitted)
Linda Greer Spooner (Uncommitted)
Karen Toles (Clinton)

Male Delegates to the Democratic
National Convention
District 4
Vote for up to 5

Erek L. Barron (Clinton)
Julian Ivey (Sanders)
Touka B. Leuga (Sanders)
Brian L. Morris (Uncommitted)
Carlo Alberto Sanchez (Clinton)
Maureen Simpson, Jr. (Clinton)

Charles W. Sims, Sr. (Clinton)
Jimmy Tarlau (Sanders)
Edward Terry (Sanders)
Nathaniel L. Wallace (Sanders)
Ron Watson (Uncommitted)
Anthony Christopher Woods (Clinton)

Female Delegates to the Democratic
National Convention
District 5
Vote for up to 4

Suchitra Balachandran (Sanders)
Amanda Cross (Clinton)
Marie L. Duffield (Clinton)
Sandra Falwall (Sanders)
Edith J. Patterson (Clinton)
Jocelyn B. Price (Sanders)
Monica Lee Silbas (Clinton)
Jacqueline Steele McCall (Uncommitted)
Amanda Stussman (Sanders)

Male Delegates to the Democratic
National Convention
District 5
Vote for up to 5

Timothy J. Adams (Clinton)
Babatunde Alegbeleye (Sanders)
Darius Baxter (Sanders)
Brendan J. Bengel (Uncommitted)
Colin Byrd (Sanders)
J. Darrell Carrington (Sanders)
John Collier (Uncommitted)
Jaime Contreras (Clinton)
Mel Franklin (Clinton)
Paul G. Pinsky (Sanders)
Jay Walker (Clinton)
Alonzo T. Washington (Uncommitted)
Russell Yates (Clinton)



YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT for April 26, 2016 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

This check list, prepared for you by the League of Women Voters, may be marked with your choices and taken with you conveniently into the voting booth.

President of United States Vote for 1

Jeb Bush (withdrew)
Ben Carson (withdrew)
Chris Christie (withdrew)
Ted Cruz
Carly Fiorina (withdrew)
Mike Huckabee (withdrew)
John R. Kasich
Rand Paul (withdrew)
Marco Rubio
Rick Santorum (withdrew)
Donald Trump

U. S. Senator Vote for 1

Chris Chaffee
Sean P. Connor
Richard J. Douglas
John R. Graziani
Greg Holmes
Joseph David Hooe
Chrys Kefalas
Mark McNicholas
Lynn Richardson
Anthony Seda
Richard Shawver
Kathy Szeliga
Dave Wallace
Garry Thomas Yarrington

Representative in Congress District 4 Vote for 1

Robert "Bro" Broadus
Rob Buck
George E. McDermott
David Therrien

Representative in Congress District 5 Vote for 1

Mark Arness
Charles Sam Faddis

Judge of the Circuit Court Circuit 7 Vote for up to 4

April T. Ademiluyi
Herman C. Dawson
Dorothy Michelle Engel
Karen Holliday Mason
Erik H. Nyce
Ingrid Turner

Board of Education District 5 Vote for 1

Raaheela Ahmed
Jeana Jacobs
Robert Johnson
Cheryl Landis

Board of Education District 8 Vote for 1

Edward Burroughs, III
Carlton C. Carter
Stephanie Hinton

Delegates to the Republican National Convention District 4 Vote for up to 3

Jeff Andrade
Dana Bailey (Bush)
Shannon Chatlos (Christie)
Brandon F. Cooper
JoAnn Y. Fisher (Trump)
Chuck Gast (Rubio)
Terry R. Gilleland, Jr.
Eric Grannon
Keturah Denise Harley (Christie)
Julie S. Heller
Robert Henry Heller, Jr.
Frederick S. Hill, Jr.
Greg Holmes
Branch R. Jones, Sr. (Trump)
Karen M. Kirksey (Bush)
Glen C. Knecht (Carson)
Faith Loudon (Cruz)
Michael Edward Malone (Kasich)
Anthony W. Marsh (Carson)
Tony McConkey (Cruz)
Bryan McVae (Bush)
Stephen Jeffery Michelsen (Christie)
Heather Lynn Olsen (Rubio)
Randall W. Pack (Bush)
Sandra Misao Pennoyer (Carson)
Fred Price, Jr. (Kasich)
Anne Elizabeth Rutherford
Sid Saab (Cruz)
Adam J. Schmidt (Rubio)
Kathy Worthington (Trump)

Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention District 4 Vote for up to 3

Angelette Aviles (Rubio)
Kory Boone (Cruz)
Jenny DuMont
Joan Harris (Trump)
Gregory M. Kline (Cruz)
Spear Lancaster (Trump)
Kristine L. Mase (Carson)
Mike McKinnon (Carson)
James Reeder (Cruz)
Jim Wass (Trump)
Melissa Anne Wittke (Rubio)
Alex Yarema (Rubio)

Delegates to the Republican National Convention District 5 Vote for up to 3

Caleb Bailey (Trump)
Collins A. Bailey (Trump)
Janet Beck (Fiorina)

Philip L. Bikle
Carl Lee Brady (Bush)
Carol M. Brady (Bush)
Mary Burke-Russell (Kasich)
Charles W. "Wick" Caldwell
Chris Cherest
Kevin Cioppa (Kasich)
Marc A. B. Conley (Carson)
Jim Crawford (Trump)
Joe Crawford (Cruz)
Mark Crawford
Hoyt A. Cruze
Tom Desabla
William John Dotson
Michael Esteve (Rubio)
Deena B. Fisher
Terry Green
George Grieninger
Millie Havrilla
Kevin Igoe (Christie)
Cindy Jones
Benjamin Krause
Robert Richard Ray Marston (Rubio)
James R. McDonough
Fiona Alexandra Moodie
Margaret I. Moodie
Todd B. Morgan
Mark Polansky, Sr. (Carson)
Katherine Kelley Poole (Bush)
Edward R. Reilly (Carson)
Deb Rey (Cruz)
R. Chris Rosenthal (Christie)
Susan Ellsworth Shaw
Marcus W. Skelton
Della R. Stull (Christie)
Mike Turner
Jerry Walker (Rubio)
Steve Waugh (Cruz)

Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention District 5 Vote for up to 3

James Appel (Rubio)
Douglas Arnold (Rubio)
Jacinta Bottoms-Spencer
Jennifer Hayden Boyd (Carson)
J. T. Crawford (Cruz)
Dennis Di Bello (Trump)
Ray Emmanuel
Roussan Etienne, Jr. (Carson)
Vanessa Jones (Trump)
Donna Wiesner Keene (Cruz)
Steve Krukar
Daniel Lathrop (Cruz)
Fulton Jude Letourneau (Carson)
Tony Medoro (Trump)
Kelly T. Schneider
Joseph Lee Swartz, Jr. (Rubio)