



League of Women Voters of Calvert County

# Nonpartisan Voters' Guide

## Voter Information Meeting

Constitutional Ballot Question

**Thursday, Oct 13, 7PM**

Harriet Brown  
Community Center  
Prince Fredrick

## Congressional & Board of Education Candidate Forums

**Tuesday, October 18**

6:30-7:00 PM Meet Candidates

7:00-9:00 PM Forum

St John Vianney, Family Life Center  
Prince Frederick, MD

## Chesapeake Beach Mayor and Town Council Candidates Forums

**Thursday November 3**

6:30-7:00 PM Meet Candidates

7:00-9:00 PM Forum

Northeast Community Center,  
Chesapeake Beach, MD

## Voter Registration

**10AM-7PM**

**Tuesday, Sept 27**

**Wednesday, Oct 5**

College of Southern  
Maryland  
Prince Frederick



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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

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### **About this Voters' Guide**

This Voters' Guide is published by the League of Women Voters. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. The League offers this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in their decision making process as they prepare for participation in the general election. **The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.**

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### **Calvert Board of Election**

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### **VOTING INFORMATION**

#### **Registration Deadlines:**

Register to Vote In Person: Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Register to Vote By Mail: Postmarked by Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Overseas or Military: <https://vote411.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm>

**Absentee Voting** <http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html>

**Early Voting** Thursday, October 27, 2016 through Thursday, November 3, 2016. Early voting centers will be open from 8am until 8 pm each day.

**Election Day** Tuesday, November 8, 2016 (General) from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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**In partisan races, these abbreviations are used.**

DEM = Democratic Party

REP = Republican Party

LBT = Libertarian Party

GRN = Green Party

### **Ground Rules for Candidates for President**

- 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; 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; and, 3) The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.
- Responses were limited to 400 characters and were truncated thereafter.
- If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "Candidate has not responded." is printed.

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### **About the Office of President**

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

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

**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.

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**Donald Trump**  
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Personal Statement: The government of the US should be focused on serving the people of this great nation, not special interests. The government now rules rather than governs. The American people want their government back and together we will make America great again.

Top Three Goals: Secure our nation by restoring our leadership in the world; restore economic growth thru tax, trade, immigration, & energy reform; restore Constitutional limits on government.

Questions:

Q: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

A: I have proposed tax, trade, energy and immigration reforms that will bring trillions of dollars and millions of jobs back to the United States. Through immigration reform, we will restore wage growth and reduce the related fiscal burdens on state and local governments. These reforms will help lift wages and will create opportunities for millions of Americans to get back in the workforce.

Q: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?

A: We must re-establish the rule of law in this country. Criminal illegal

immigrants will be deported. No one should be given the gift of U.S. citizenship based on illegal behavior.

Q: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

A: My administration will provide states with incentives to increase school choice options for parents and local school districts. Allowing the entrenched Washington education establishment and federal bureaucrats to leverage federal funds to dictate educational practices, curriculum and outcomes must be stopped. Control of K-12 education must be returned to parents and citizens locally.

Q: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

A: We are the leader of the free world - whether we like it or not - and we must ensure we seek partners willing to make sure our national interests are defended. We only gain this respect from both adversaries and allies by having a strong military, being clear about defeating radical Islam, & stopping rogue nations from attacking/threatening our citizens, economic interests, resources and allies.

Q: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

A: The best way to ensure social & racial justice is to return Constitutional limits on government & appoint Supreme Court Justices who will defend the Constitution, not rewrite it. The President must provide leadership & make sure the government works for the people. We must ensure low income & minority children learn to read

at grade level & not trap them in failing schools based on zip code.

**Hillary Clinton**  
**Party: Democrat**

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**Personal Statement:** I'm running for President to make a difference in the lives of all Americans. I'll build an economy that works for everyone, continue my fight for children and families, and work to keep our country safe. And I'll unite Americans to take on all the challenges we face—because we're stronger together.

**Top Three Goals:** 1. Grow and strengthen our economy. 2. Curb the outsized influence of big money in American politics. 3. Ensure we have the partnerships to keep our country safe.

**Questions:**

Q: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

A: My first priority will be to grow and strengthen our economy. I will invest in good-paying jobs, expand access to higher education, encourage companies to follow policies that put families first, and fight so that everyone pays their fair share. Every American deserves a good job, a successful career, and a

productive life. Together, these efforts will work to make that a reality.

Q: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?

A: In my first 100 days, I will introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship. An estimated nine million lawful permanent residents are eligible to become U.S. citizens. As President, I will work to expand fee waivers and enhance outreach, so that more of the working poor can assume the full rights and responsibilities of becoming U.S. citizens.

Q: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

A: Every child deserves a high-quality education. I will double our investments in Early Head Start programs and ensure every 4-year old has access to high-quality preschool. I will do more to support our teachers, modernize our classrooms, and support STEM programs so that all public school students can learn computer science. We must give children the foundation to succeed, from pre-K to grade 12.

Q: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

A: The U.S. needs to exercise leadership and shape global events rather than be shaped by them. So many of our interests—our security, our economy, and our fight against climate change—require cooperation with our friends and allies, and with countries we may agree with on some things, and disagree with on others. As President, I'll ensure our country remains a source of leadership around the world.

Q: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

A: Too many Americans still face discrimination and mistreatment. I will fight to break down barriers and build ladders of opportunity. We will reform our criminal justice system, protect transgender individuals, defend voting rights, fight environmental injustice, fight for comprehensive immigration reform, end the epidemic of gun violence, and ensure the citizens of Puerto Rico are treated equally.

**Gary Johnson**  
**Party: Libertarian**

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**Personal Statement:** I am Governor Gary Johnson and along with my running mate Governor William Weld we are honored to accept the invitation of the League of Women Voters to participate in their efforts to inform the voting American public of all options available to them during this Presidential election year.

**Top Three Goals:** Provide Congress a balanced budget within the first 100 days of office; Reduce (and in some cases eliminate) our military footprint abroad; Liberalize trade and economic activity.

**Questions:**

Q: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

A: Submit to Congress a balanced budget to provide a template to stop unsustainable growth of the national debt, debt that weighs on employers, entrepreneurs and the economy. Support a simpler, fairer tax code that won't penalize productivity or investment. Fight to provide certainty in spending, taxes, and regulation so employers, entrepreneurs and investors make decisions that put people to work.

Q: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?

A: Ensure a pathway to citizenship for deserving immigrants by first establishing a way for non-criminal undocumented immigrants to achieve documented status. After that crucial first step, the pathway to citizenship will be the same as it is for all immigrants. No cutting the line. No unfair advantages. Just a legal status that allows immigrants to pursue the traditional path to becoming a citizen.

Q: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

A: Education works best when decentralized. Since President Carter created the Dept. of Education, test scores have stagnated despite any new initiatives or spending programs. Parents and teachers make the best decisions for students, not bureaucrats at the DoE. Education is traditionally a state and local responsibility, and should remain so for innovation, best practices and even competition.

Q: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

A: Above all, we must maintain a national defense that is second to none. Government's first responsibility is to protect us from threats abroad. If attacked, we respond. Our greatest assets are economy and culture. Blue jeans and computers did more to win the Cold War than stockpiled warheads. I will pursue vigorous diplomacy based on our economic might, not idle threats and military interventions.

Q: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

A: I would do everything in the Presidency's power to end the militarization of the police. I would end the failed drug war, which unfairly targets communities of color. I would use the powers of the Federal Government to protect the civil liberties of all Americans, aggressively enforcing 14th Amendment protections. I would continue the work to help all Americans to achieve equality of opportunity.

**Jill Stein**  
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**Personal Statement:** After a career in clinical medicine, I am now practicing political medicine, running for President

to help heal our ailing nation. Your vote for me sends a clear signal that you want a new, principled politics that puts people, planet and peace over profit.

**Top Three Goals:** 1. Green job-creation to fight climate change. 2. A fair economy that eliminates unemployment 3. Justice, true democracy, and respect for all human beings.

**Questions:**

Q: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

A: • Eliminate unemployment by creating a job for every American who needs work.

• Repeal NAFTA and other trade agreements that export our jobs overseas and create immigration surges.

• Create 20 million green jobs to stimulate the economy improving our health by cleaning up our land, air, and water.

• Protect consumers and small businesses from big banks and Wall Street predators.

Q: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?

A: First, end the massive deportation schemes that have torn families apart. I would also end the so-called Secure Communities program that has led to abuse of both citizens and non-citizens. End the misguided free trade agreements and regime change wars that have forced people to emigrate for their own survival. Finally, provide a welcoming and legal path to citizenship for current immigrants.

Q: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public

education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

A: 1) Protect our public schools from privatization schemes that will inevitably undermine the American dream of quality public education for all.

2) Increase federal funding of public schools to make sure all school districts have the financial resources they need to provide quality education.

3) Ensure that kids come to school ready to learn: healthy, nourished, and secure.

Q: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

A: Forge a new foreign policy based solidly on diplomacy, international law, respect for human rights, and consistent nonviolent support for democratic movements around the world. End the misguided policies of militarism that have produced terrorist organizations, refugee crises, failed states, and a bloated military that we can no longer afford.

Q: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

A: My plan to end unemployment will transform the economic life of low income communities that are now struggling with unemployment rates two or three times the national average. Coupled with my commitment to quality public schools and community empowerment, we can not just lessen racial disparity, but bring it to an end.

# United States Senate

## 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?

### **Candidates**

*Vote for no more than 1.*

**Kathy Szeliga**

**(REP)**

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**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.

**Chris Van Hollen**  
**(DEM)**

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**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

**Margaret Flowers**  
(GRN)

**Campaign Website:**  
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**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I practiced pediatrics for 15 years and left practice to do advocacy work in 2007. Since then I have worked on a broad range of issues at the state and national levels. I have helped to write legislation, testified before committees, educated legislators and their staff and organized campaigns for social change. I have also written about a broad range of issues, both analyses and about solutions.

**2. ECONOMY:** Through my project "It's Our Economy" I have worked to educate about solutions that give people greater control over the economy and build community wealth. These include

transitioning from corporate subsidies to a guaranteed basic income to end poverty, support for decentralized community-owned solar power, support for cooperatives, doubling social security benefits and improved Medicare for all.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** First is to recognize that the U.S. is the largest empire in the history of the world and that our aggressive foreign policy is creating greater insecurity. The empire economy is hurting our ability to meet our domestic needs. We need to scale back our global military presence, move to greater use of diplomacy and take the profit out of war. We also need to lead a global nuclear disarmament.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** I would stop detention and deportation of immigrants and militarization of our borders. Greater emphasis should be placed on changing policies that drive immigration: trade agreements and other economic practices that create debt and extreme poverty, the failed drug war and military intervention that bring violence and instability. All workers should have safe working conditions and a living wage.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Extreme extraction and use of fossil fuels and uranium for energy are poisoning the water, land and air and worsening climate change. We must move rapidly to a carbon-free, nuclear-free energy economy through a large scale just transition to produce sustainable sources of energy and clean transportation and to regenerative agriculture techniques and wetland restoration. This will create more jobs.

**6. INEQUALITY:** We need to hold Wall Street executives accountable and

create public and postal banks. I support taking the profit out of prisons, ending bail and jail time for nonviolent offenses, a public health approach to drugs and greater community control over police. I support equal access to high quality public education, reinvestment in low income communities and affordable housing, not gentrification.

**7. TAX REFORM:** We need to return to high tax rates on the wealthiest as there were in the middle of the last century to stop the hoarding of wealth and stimulate reinvestment in the economy. In this global era, we need a global tax to end the hiding of wealth in tax havens. We need to lift the cap on the Social Security tax to increase benefits and raise the Medicare tax to expand improved Medicare to everyone.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** A 21st century model of fair trade that improves conditions for all workers and protects the environment. We need to treat access to basic necessities and information as public goods, not commodities. I support municipal internet and net neutrality. We need a national water plan and food labeling laws. We need to end modern slavery and genocide of Indigenous people and promote self-determination.

**Robert T. Robinson (Write-in)**  
(DEM)

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**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My political ambition started in 1976, the Bicentennial with a walking Campaign to All 23 County seats the State of MARYLAND. [ FORTY YEARS IN POLITICS ]. I am continuing my Education in Political

Sciences. I have lived in MARYLAND all my life. I ran for the MD. Senate in 2007. I am 72 Years old and knowledge of the Seniors NEEDS. Pass member and Board of Saint Patrick Roman Catholic Church.

**2. ECONOMY:** Provide Dental Care for ALL Senior Citizens. Safety Deposit BOXES for ALL U. S. Citizens. Free College Education the Ages 55 and Over. People to use all resources and Citizen be informed to the G.N. P..

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** If I am elected your Senator , I will Pass Legislation for SOVERN STATES, COUNTRIES, with MORIAL, MILITARY, and Financial SUPPORT. Pass Legislation to keep Businesses and Industries in the U. S.. No loop-holes or TAX Breaks for these Inties.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Have all Immigrants Stand in line for under going State Policies and for them Learn to Speak the English Language. Pass Legislation for more Immigrants to Acquire more EDUCATION.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** To enforce the THREE Ps , Pollution, Population and Provity. Up grade the Better Water Quality Act of the 1900s. Better FOOD Inspections . Do away with Old DAMS Combind ELECTRIC GRIDS for effanc ELECTRICITY, ETC..

**6. INEQUALITY:** Push for more free education for Blacks. Speake on MORIAL vales and to Curve Racial Viliance, ETC..

**7. TAX REFORM:** Tax collectors were present Back-in Bibicial Times and Should Be Inforced! Ues Checks and Balances ! Have the Wealthy Pay more TAXS , ETC.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** I am a Grue ON the ENVIRNOMENT , limit Water USE, Bioal Chemistry in Popular CROPS, Inprovize for to help in Addition Resources. Put Water- Meaters on all Fire Hydrens , ETC..

**Charles U. Smith (Write-in)**  
(DEM)

**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 .

**Lih Young (Write-in)**  
(DEM)

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**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Reformer/advocate/activist. Promote fairness/freedom/justice/peace; productivity/accountability/cost-effectiveness. Identified "socio-economic-political- election- media-budget- legislation- system problems"; local- global; testify/recommend to

officials, law enforcement, 3 branches. TV programs producer speaker; field/studio. Expertise, commitment: intensive/extensive/diversified civic services

**2. ECONOMY:** Prosecute/eliminate " official misconduct-government gang-MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust/false/misleading practices; private-public; 3 branches, local- global, inc. non-profit, think tanks. Protect people/families/businesses: lives, rights, reputation, assets, vehicles, resources. Promote productivity, public interest, cost-benefits, social needs, budget constraints.

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

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

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

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

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

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Prosecute/eliminate "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS"= "cruel tyranny"= "robbery machine"=

"ROBBER-ISM"= "super classes of crimes, parasites, welfares, disservices"; public-private; 3 branches, local- global. Promote accountability, social needs. objective evaluations. Televised candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records.

## US Congressional Offices

### U.S. Representative District 5

**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?

## Candidates

*Vote for no more than 1.*

### **Mark Arness (REP)**

#### **Campaign Website:**

[arnessforcongress.com](http://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.

**Steny H. Hoyer**  
(DEM)

**Campaign Website:**  
[hoyerforcongress.com](http://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.

**Jason Summers**  
(LBT)

**Campaign Website:**

summersformaryland5th.com

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a parent. I have three children. The laws we pass

today have repercussions for generations to come. I want my children to live a life where they still know freedom. For them, I will not pass any law or add any regulation that will reduce their freedom. I also want them to live in a world that is safe. I will not vote to send our country to war unnecessarily.

**2. ECONOMY:** Reducing the complexity and cost of starting a business will enable low and middle income citizens to become self-employed owners. This will reduce the effects of unemployment and low-income wage slavery. End "Crony Capitalism" fueled government spending, which takes tax dollars away from low and middle income citizens and gives it to the well-connected elite.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The most pressing foreign policy issue we face is the perpetual and aimless war that we are engaged in the Middle East. This war has resulted in the deaths of thousands of US service members as well as an unknown number of innocent civilians abroad. We should immediately exit the Middle East. Afterwards, we should gradually close all other overseas military bases.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of human as well as financial capital across national borders. All individuals that do not pose a credible threat to security, health, or property should be allowed entry into the country. There should be no restrictions on their right to work or start a business. This also should apply to all currently undocumented residents.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife. Where damages can be proven and quantified in a court of law, restitution to the injured parties must be required.

**6. INEQUALITY:** To reduce income inequality, eliminate government spending and regulations that disproportionately favor those with existing wealth. Remove regulations that make it difficult for individuals to go into business for themselves. To combat racial inequality, de-militarize the police, which disproportionately targets minorities. End prison sentences for victimless crimes.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Federal taxes should be the minimum required to maintain the essential functions of government. When practical, Federal income taxes should be replaced with user fees. As an example, the infrastructure needed to engage in financial regulation should be funded by transaction fees.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Education: Restore local control to education. End federally mandated testing and curriculum mandates. Government Transparency: Put the government's checkbook online. Each government transaction must cite as much detail as the IRS demands of citizens. Privacy: End government spying into the lives of US citizens. End Drug Prohibition: For all drugs, not just marijuana.

## Appellate Court

### Judge in Court of Appeals (C5: Southern MD)

**DUTIES:** The Court of Appeals is the highest court in the State (commonly called the Supreme Court in other states and at the federal level). It hears cases almost exclusively by way of certiorari, a process which gives the court discretion to decide which cases to hear. However, the Court of Appeals is mandated by law to hear cases involving the death penalty, legislative redistricting, removal of certain officers, and certifications of questions of law.

**SALARY:** \$176,433 annual base

**TERM:** Ten years, no term limit.

Mandatory retirement age of 70 years.

**HOW ELECTED:** Members of the Court are initially appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Subsequently, they run for office on their records, unopposed. If voters reject a judge's retention in office or there is a tie vote, the office becomes vacant and must be filled by a new appointment. Otherwise, the incumbent judge remains in office for a ten-year term. The Court is composed of seven judges, with one elected from each of seven judicial circuits.

### Questions

1. COURT NEEDS: What are the areas of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?
2. ACCESS TO JUSTICE: What actions would you support to provide individuals with more access to the judicial system and legal assistance?
3. EQUALITY: What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

### Candidates

*Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.*

**Clayton Greene Jr.**

*No response received by deadline.*

## **Judge in Court of Special Appeals (At-Large)**

**DUTIES:** Judges preside in the Court of Special Appeals, the intermediate appellate court in Maryland. The Court reviews the actions and decisions of the Circuit Court and of the Orphans' Court in cases brought before it. The Court, usually sitting in panels of three judges, decides if the trial judge followed the law and legal precedent.

**SALARY:** \$163,633 annual base

**TERM:** Ten years, no term limit.

Mandatory retirement age of 70 years.

**HOW ELECTED:** When there is a vacancy on the Court of Special Appeals, the governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office, with the consent of the State Senate. Once

appointed, the appellate judge holds the office until the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. At that time, the judge runs for an uncontested election for a ten-year term on their record (yes or no for continuance in office). No one is permitted to file against them. If the incumbent judge is approved, the judge faces another "retention election" every ten years to continue in office. If the incumbent judge is rejected by the voters, the post becomes vacant, and the governor makes a new appointment. The Court is composed of 15 judges: eight at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

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**Dan Friedman**

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eight at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

### **Questions**

1. **COURT NEEDS:** What are the areas of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?
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3. **EQUALITY:** What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

### **Candidates**

*Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.*

**Timothy E. Meredith**

*No response received by deadline.*

## **Calvert County Offices**

### **Calvert County Bd. of Education**

**DUTIES:** The Board of Education hires the superintendent and sets the policy framework for the program of studies. Work sessions focus on comprehensive presentations and discussions about instructional and curricular matters, short-range and long-range planning and associated budgetary issues.

**Salary:** \$5,500

**Term:** Four (4) years.

**How Elected:** Every four (4) years by election on a staggered basis. School board candidates are voted county-wide. In 2016, voters will elect one candidate from each of the three election districts.

### **Questions**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. **PRIORITIES:** What are your priorities for this office?
3. **BUDGET:** How would you change spending in the school budget?
4. **COMMON CORE:** What will you do to ensure continuing student readiness for the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards?
5. **COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** How will you better address the needs of students who are not immediately college bound?
6. **ILLEGAL DRUGS:** What will you do to protect students from the substance abuse threat in our county?

### **Candidates for BoE District 1**

*Vote for no more than 1.*

#### **Dawn C Balinski**

##### **Campaign contact:**

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**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I worked for over 15 years in International & Manufacturing Finance, managing budgets, inventory & people. Raising my 2 children in Calvert, I was very active in the community & schools, spending 7 yrs on the Citizens Advisory Committee to the BOE with 2 yrs as Chair. I spent 4 yrs on the BOE (2010-14) studying how the organization works and am uniquely

qualified to make immediate improvements.

**2. PRIORITIES:** My priorities are : 1. Protect class sizes to allow important teacher time with each student 2. Secure salary & step increases to remain competitive 3. Expand digital learning 4. Reduce achievement gap & increase diversity of workforce 5. Strengthen partnerships with local businesses, scientific institutions, Navair and CSM to expand opportunities for our students 6. Reduce amount of testing.

**3. BUDGET:** We should try to restore the negotiated steps for all affected employees but we should also bring on more teachers to reduce class sizes. If we do not have enough money for both, we need to do a lot of belt tightening in other areas, such as health care and transportation. Savings may also be made in looking to purchase energy from alternative sources.

**4. COMMON CORE:** I supported abandoning the former 'mile wide, inch thick' curriculum in favor of delving deeper into content, giving teachers more time on topic to teach critical thinking. The transition has been difficult, due to the short timeframe for implementation of the new curriculum, new assessments & new teacher evaluation models. With more time, more teachers and more training, we will do fine.

**5. COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** My son will soon start as an apprentice in the shipbuilding industry where the company pays for continued education, all the way through undergrad engineering degrees. The apprentice

path has become more and more available in the US and we should work to develop more partnerships with businesses to expand these opportunities for our students. Our Career & Tech Academy is an excellent resource.

**6. ILLEGAL DRUGS:** Continue to partner with the Calvert Health Department, Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, State Attorney's office & Sheriff's Office to do continual outreach/education and to offer help for those who have fallen into abuse. We should institute on-site mental health/addiction counseling and lobby for more mental health services in the county. Heightened awareness is an effective deterrent.

**Stephen C Jones, Jr.**

**Campaign contact:**

JonesforEducation@comcast.net

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** During my service, I conducted and supervised education of new personnel from the most basic level through specific aircraft. Each required development of learning objectives. I coordinated the support for Aviation Training Schools throughout the Navy. This included management of a multi-million dollar budget, updating curriculum, and adapting facilities to changing technology.

**2. PRIORITIES:** Road blocks or impediments stymie improvement. The teachers, administrators and staff deal with the road blocks daily. My goal, help identify impediments common across the schools and work to remove those road blocks. Administration and staff will

feel a greater sense of control and second removing road blocks will make their daily experience more more enjoyable resulting in a better environment.

**3. BUDGET:** The school board has a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Calvert County and Maryland. The budget supports three main legs of the school system, facilities, instructional material and personnel. As discussed previously, identify road blocks slowing or impeding teaching resulting in wasted dollars. After maximizing the use of available dollars, start working towards long term solutions

**4. COMMON CORE:** I support Common/Core. The choices are teach to educate or teach to test. The correct path is teach to educate. If the curriculum is properly designed the students will be prepared for the tests. The solution is ensuring the curriculum and properly designed to prepare a student for the future. If the Standards do not meet those goals, change the standards.

**5. COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** Many students lack maturity or experience to foresee their future. For that reason, their path as freshman maybe completely different from their desires as seniors. A curriculum designed with core classes compatible with both avenues prepares a student to survive in the world. Each path should be equipped with exit ramps from one avenue to another during their high school experience.

**6. ILLEGAL DRUGS:** One of the first things I would do is invite the sheriff to randomly sweep the schools with the K-

9's trained to find drugs. Locating and removing drugs from the school campuses throughout the Calvert County School System facilities should be our first and highest priority. This should be followed with education identifying the dangers and life altering impacts of drug use.

## **Candidates for BoE District 2**

*Vote for no more than 1.*

Nancy Vaeth Highsmith

### **Campaign contact:**

nancy.highsmith.5@facebook.com

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** After 35 years as an educator there are no aspects of the school system that I have not been exposed to and mastered. I have been a teacher, coach, learning specialist, administrator and Interim Superintendent. Everyone of these experiences have prepared me to be a Board Member that is knowledgeable, compassionate and understanding of all needs of students, teachers, parents and community.

**2. PRIORITIES:** My priorities include: children first; collaboration with unions and BOCC; support teachers, staff and administrators; transparency; hire more minorities; closing the opportunity gap; ensuring that the citizens of Calvert County are well represented; maintaining open lines of communication and visibility with both employees and the public; and examine the staff evaluation process.

**3. BUDGET:** I would see that staff, teachers, and administrators make up the steps lost over the past several years. It is important that the budget process be transparent to both the BOCC and the citizens of Calvert. I

support investing in our teachers who make CCPS one of the best in the state. I advocate smaller class sizes along with necessary staffing so all children are given the same opportunities.

**4. COMMON CORE:** I will ensure that CCPS continues staff development and informs the community of the state standards which represent goals for what students should learn. Standards are different from curriculum. Curriculum is what teachers teach and how. Curriculum is a state and local matter. One of the most powerful indicators of improvement is to ensure that every student is held to high academic standards.

### **5. COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:**

Students are diverse in their needs and interests. To assure that all students have the opportunity to reach their potential, every effort must be made to meet these needs and foster individual interests. We need to continue to offer many alternatives to make all our students successful whether it be college preparation, career and technology training, or a combination of both.

**6. ILLEGAL DRUGS:** As a board member, one of the most important obligations is to ensure the safety of all students. This can be achieved through vigilant employees, resource officers, law enforcement, administrators, students, teachers and community. We should not be naive to believe that we do not have drug problems in schools. I support the expansion of school-based substance abuse prevention activities

## **Tracy H McGuire**

### **Campaign contact**

tracyhmcguire@comcast.net

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** BS in Public Administration, GMU; 8 years an active member of school PTAs at HES and NMS, served as President of CCCPTAs. Elected to Calvert BoE 2008 & 2012, Past BoE President, trained by MD Assoc. of BoE, past member of MABE Bd of Dir., co-chair MABE conference, completed MABE Master Board and Leadership I & II. I will leverage all my experiences for higher achievement for all CCPS students.

**2. PRIORITIES:** My main priority is reducing our achievement gaps. Sub group achievement gaps in CCPS are stubbornly consistent and persistent. I know CCPS dedicates resources to closing the gaps but the gaps persist. My goal is to determine why it is so and make changes to fix it for good. I also prioritize educational equity, reducing health care costs, and 24/7 access to digital content for all student.

**3. BUDGET:** My budget priorities are restoring steps to staff who missed steps in 2009-2016, reduce class sizes in K-5, materials of instruction (including digital content & access) & staff development to support student learning of Maryland College and Career Ready Standards, more resources for educational equity, increased Arts and Sciences Education, extra-curricular offerings and facilities maintenance.

**4. COMMON CORE:** I think CCPS will soon crest the top of the steep, uphill work of implementing the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards. I think staff has accomplished most of the hard work of learning how to align

instruction to the standards. Moving forward I will make sure resources are directed to programming to support staff development and activities that increase achievement for all students.

**5. COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** The Calvert Career and Technology Academy provides superior Career Ready preparation. The challenge is familiarizing parents and student with the programming. I will continue to support CTA's community outreach, encouraging parents, students and high school counselors to recommend CTA, and expansion of CTA programs to provide a wider range of career preparation opportunities for more students.

**6. ILLEGAL DRUGS:** Illegal drugs are a community problem that finds its way into our schools; I will partner and collaborate with community organizations and government agencies to protect students from illegal drugs. I support research based substance abuse education. I support extracurricular and community based activities to engage students so they have neither the time nor the inclination to substance abuse

## **Candidates for BoE District 3**

*Vote for no more than 1.*

### **Erin L Knowles**

#### **Campaign contact:**

www.facebook.com/Citizens-for-Erin-Knowles-Board-of-Education-669048393235813/

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a parent of children attending schools in the county, I have a vested interest to make sound and reasonable decisions for our

children's futures. Also, as an active volunteer in schools, I see the needed resources for students and teachers. As an exchange student coordinator, this has given me a great deal of respect and insight into successful academic programs utilized in other countries.

**2. PRIORITIES:** Among my priorities of being in office, less standardized testing, better review on budget allocations, how can we improve moral of the teachers and get our schools to regain top status. Having a better community based support system and building better relationships with community leaders. Review the possibilities to ensure teacher's are getting the support needed to be successful in their jobs.

**3. BUDGET:** I would review our spending compared to similar districts, especially with regard to teacher salary and compensation in remaining competitive with other districts in our state. Find ways we can spend money more effectively that reflects the best options for the students. Examine short and long term debts to assess what projects will be impacted to our operating expenditures over the next 5 years.

**4. COMMON CORE:** The state of Maryland as a whole does a very good job in preparing students for college. I will continue to make sure the State standards are internationally competitive, so that our students remain viable in the college and career markets. Support dual enrollment at community college to allow students to attend at discounted rates and graduating with college credits.

**5. COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** While programs like AP classes and dual enrollment serve to help students get a jump start on college, similar apprentice programs should be incentivized for those not college bound. We have a highly skilled diverse workforce right here in the county, I would push for apprenticeship tax credits for businesses that allow students to gain on the job experience during a part of their school day.

**6. ILLEGAL DRUGS:** We need to have prevention programs that address all forms of drug abuse, and not single out particular demographics. Drug education should be offered not only thru the school system, but partner with family doctors and hospitals to foster community collaboration. This is a community challenge that needs community involvement and reinforcement to foster well informed decisions by our students.

**Kelly McConkey**

**Campaign Website:**

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*No response received by deadline.*

# Maryland Ballot Questions

## Maryland Constitutional Amendment (Question 1)

**Constitutional Amendment:** Process to Fill Vacancy in the Office of Attorney General or Comptroller of Maryland

(Amending Article V, Section 5 and Article VI, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution)

**Ballot Language:** Changes the way the Governor fills a vacancy of the Attorney General or the Comptroller and requires a special election for vacancies that occur on or before a certain date. Under current law, the Governor fills a vacancy by appointing an individual to serve for the remainder of the term. Under the amended law, if the vacating Attorney General or Comptroller was a member of a political party, the Governor must fill the vacancy from a list of three names provided by the political party of the vacating official, and if no names are provided by the political party within a set time period, then the Governor must select a successor from the political party of the vacating official. If the vacating Attorney General or Comptroller was not a member of a political party, then the amended law requires the Governor to appoint any qualified individual. The Governor must make the appointment within a set time

period following the vacancy. The amended law requires a special election to replace the successor if the vacancy occurs early enough in the term to allow for candidates to participate in the regular elections held in the second year of the vacating official's term.

**Origin of the ballot question:** The 2016 session of the General Assembly passed legislation (HB 260) proposing a constitutional amendment to change how vacancies in the offices of Attorney General and Comptroller will be filled. A bill that amends the Maryland Constitution requires a three/fifth vote in each chamber (Maryland Senate and House of Delegates) and approval by the voters at the next general election.

**Present Practice:** Under the Maryland Constitution, when a vacancy occurs in the office of the Attorney General or Comptroller, the Governor appoints a person to serve for the rest of that term. Appointment of the Comptroller also requires the approval of the Maryland Senate. The Governor is not required to choose someone of the same political affiliation as the person being replaced. There also is no provision for the voters to choose someone to fill a vacancy in either office through a special election, no matter how much time is left in the term of office.

**Proposed Change:** The Governor would be required to appoint a replacement Attorney General or Comptroller within 30 days of the vacancy, with someone from a list of three persons submitted by the State Central Committee of the political party

of the previous office holder. (If the person being replaced was not affiliated with a political party, the Governor could appoint any qualified person.) The appointed person would serve for the rest of the original term if the vacancy occurs in the last two years of the term. However, if the vacancy occurs six weeks before a scheduled presidential primary (that is, there are more than two years remaining in the term) a special election would be held as part of the presidential election process.

#### **Arguments FOR the amendment:**

- The person appointed by the Governor must be of the same political affiliation as the person being replaced. This reflects the preferences of the voters when they chose the Attorney General or Comptroller at the last election.
- If there are more than two years left in the term, the voters are able to choose who will fill the office at special elections held at the same time as the next presidential primary and general elections.
- By choosing the new official at the same time as the scheduled elections, there would be no additional costs for conducting separate special elections.
- It is likely that many more voters would participate if the vacancy is filled at a regularly scheduled election, than if the special elections were held at a separate time.

#### **Arguments AGAINST the amendment:**

- Requiring the Governor to appoint someone recommended by a political party central committee gives power to a small group of people elected only by members of that political party.
- Under current rules, the Governor may appoint a qualified person of any political affiliation.
- Holding a special election to choose someone to fill the last two years of a term when the Governor has already appointed a replacement may result in frequent changes in leadership.

**A vote FOR the constitutional amendment means** the Maryland Constitution would be amended to

(1) require the Governor to fill a vacancy for Attorney General or Comptroller with someone from the same political affiliation as the person being replaced; and

(2) require that a replacement be elected at the same time as the presidential election if more than two years are left in the term.

**A vote AGAINST the constitutional amendment means** the Maryland Constitution would not be amended. When a vacancy occurs, the Governor may appoint someone of any political affiliation to fill the rest of the term of Attorney General or Comptroller.