



VOTERS' GUIDE

General Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2016
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In partisan races, these abbreviations are used.

- DEM = Democratic Party
- REP = Republican Party
- LBT = Libertarian Party
- GRN = Green Party

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General Election Early Voting

Thursday, October 27, 2016 to

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Hours: 8 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 or
- A voter can vote at an Early Voting location and cast their ballot October 27th through November 3rd.



Early Voting Locations:

- Accokeek VFD Training & Activity Center
1611 Livingston Road
Accokeek, MD 20607
- 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.



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

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

Prince George's County Board of Elections
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Elections Administrator: Alisha L. Alexander

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

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

ELECTION CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 18, 2016: Deadline to register to vote, 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 27, 2016 to Thursday, November 3, 2016: Early Voting, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016: 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, November 4, 2016: 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, November 8, 2016: General Election. Polls open 7 a.m. and close 8 p.m.

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, November 8, 2016

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, November 18, 2016 for the general 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.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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; 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 THE PRESIDENT

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

SALARY: \$400,000.

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.

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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES **Vote for 1**

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: Dem



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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.

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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

Party: Grn

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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.

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U.S. SENATOR

Vote for 1

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?

Kathy Szeliga (Rep)

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.

Chris Van Hollen (Dem)

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

Margaret Flowers (Grn)

Campaign Website <http://flowersforsenate.org>

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.

Greg Dorsey (Write-in) (Una)

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I have always been a staunch independent – I believe there is no single solution to any given issue. My life-long distaste with partisan politics propelled me first into activism and now into candidacy. My strongest “qualification” would be the ability to approach any issue, and the ensuing discussions and debates, with absolute objectivity, and without questionable or devious influence.

2. ECONOMY: My broader economic mindset would be to concentrate far more on local and regional business growth and expansion vs. globalized trade pacts. Inspiring local job creation with PPP’s, grants, low interest loans, philanthropic incentives and corporate tax incentives – creating new wages and consistent wage growth. Also: Yes to EITC. Yes to affordable higher education. Yes on taxing Wall Street.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: Containing the international financial slowdown - can our modern financial markets outlast the Chinese bubble, the Euro stagnation, failing countries and the international crude oil glut? When one market falls, all markets respond. To quote Richard Haass, “foreign policy begins at home” - education, US debt, immigration, infrastructure - a strong US will be able to endure these precarious times.

4. IMMIGRATION: I would have considered supporting 2013 SB 744 - The “Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act”. This bill addressed both sides of the immigration debate. Penalties, back taxes, strengthening our borders, solidifying E-Verify, permanent “W” visas, restructuring court processes, expanding permanent visas for the highly skilled, welcoming investors and entrepreneurs.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is now fact. Without fresh air to breathe, clean water to drink and uncontaminated food to eat farmed from fertile and hydrated soil, we as HUMANS are nothing. I fully support the application of wind and solar energy. I would support incentives for companies involved in the R&D of new “green” technologies - in turn creating future US business and manufacturing growth and expansion.

6. INEQUALITY: Economic, racial and social inequality - poverty. How do we lift individuals, families and communities out of poverty? Job opportunity, wage growth and education. Incentives, grants, PPP’s and financing for urban job creators. An urban education revival – trade schools, charter schools for the G&T, incentives for high school graduation, affordable higher education.

7. TAX REFORM: Create a more competitive international corporate tax rate while closing deduction loopholes. Oppose corporate “inversion” schemes. Incentives for job creators. Personal and corporate “off shore account” reporting. Tax Wall Street. Create the jobs and wage growth necessary to procure a wide-spread and abundant tax base - the larger the tax base, the smaller the individual tax burden.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: Other priorities: Government reform - US Congressional term limitations, major campaign finance reform, eliminating gerrymandering, advocating for “non-partisan top 4 blanket open primaries”, dismantling of

professional lobbying, Supreme Court term limitations, eliminate or reconstruct the Electoral College.

Robert T. Robinson (Write-in) (Dem)

Campaign Website <http://premroserobinson>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: My political ambition started in 1976, the Bicentennial with a walking Campaign to All 23 County seats the State of MARYLAND. [FOURTY YEARS IN POLITICS]. I am continuing my Education in Political Sociences. 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, COUNTRYS, with MORIAL, MILITARY, and Fianicial SUPPORT. Pass Legislation to keep Businesses and Industrys 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 Immigants to Aquire more EDUCATION.

5. ENVIRONMENT: To inforce 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 Bibical 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 Chemestry 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 .

Ed Tinus (Write-in) (Una)

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

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

2. ECONOMY: First and foremost ask the voters if my intentions are for the public good. Subsidize minimum wage to



earn \$15.00 per hour. Return funds to social security Collect tariffs on all imports and exports of goods to support our federal government. Eliminate the temporary income tax. Create jobs through infrastructure maintenance, restore the Chesapeake bay. Enact term limits on property tax.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lih Young (Write-in) (Dem)

Campaign Website <http://vote-d.org/intro.aspx?id=mdyoungli>

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. Televis candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records.

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

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?

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT 4
Vote for 1

George E. McDermott (Rep)

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 descendents 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

Anthony G. Brown (Dem)

Campaign Website <http://www.anthonybrown.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.

Benjamin Lee Krause (Lbt)

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



Kamesha T. Clark (Grn)

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

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

Adrian Petrus (Write-in) (Dem)

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

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT 5
Vote for 1**

Mark Arness (Rep)

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.

Steny H. Hoyer (Dem)

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.

Jason Summers (Lbt)

Campaign Website <http://www.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.

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT – CIRCUIT 7
Vote for up to 4

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?

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.pgjudges.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.pgjudges.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.pgjudges.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.

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.

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS – CIRCUIT 4
Vote Yes or No for Continuance in Office

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?

Michele D. Hotten (Jud)

Q's 1-3. *No responses received by deadline.*

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS – AT LARGE
Vote Yes or No for Continuance in Office

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.

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?

Dan Friedman (Jud)

Q's 1-3. *No responses received by deadline.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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 elected members, 3 members appointed by the County Executive, 1 member by the County Council, and 1 student member.

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 1 CANDIDATES

Vote for 1

Raul Jurado

Campaign Website: <http://www.jurado4boe.com/>

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

David H Murray

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS: My experience includes being appointed by Governor O'Malley and serving on the Maryland State Board of Education. I also served as an Educational Liaison for County Councilman Tom Dernoga and State Senator C. Anthony Muse. I have previously served on the Board of Directors for an educational non-profit that serves elementary schools in Laurel. Additionally I have professional experience as a staff auditor at a public accounting firm, where I helped audit state and local governments.

2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES: It is my goal to bring more resources into schools that are lacking them. It is critical that we have programs in all schools that excite students about learning. As a graduate of the science and technology program I understand the importance of smaller learning communities. As it relates to infrastructure I will be a tireless advocate for renovation and construction in my district including building a new High Point High School.

3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: I will begin by meeting with each principal in my district to figure out how I can best support them in their schools. It is my job to give our teachers and principals the resources they need to be effective in their positions. I will also make a concerted effort to engage parents because parental involvement is one of the biggest parts of academic success. Additionally I will partner with businesses to provide internships for students and sponsorship opportunities to raise money for schools.

4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY: I am committed to expanding and encouraging parental involvement in PGCPSS. Countless research supports the notion that academic success is related to parental involvement. As your school board member I will make every attempt to grow parental engagement in our school system. I



will attend PTA meetings of every school within my first year in office and support their efforts to engage more parents. I have already visited many PTA groups across my district and discussed ways I can help support them

5. BUDGET FACTORS: The number one factor I will weigh is the success of our students. It is critical that every dollar we spend is an investment in our students. We must do a full review of the programs we are already funding to determine if there are better uses for some of our dollars. The vast majority of our budget is taken up by salaries and I will work hard to ensure that we are supporting all of our employees.

6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: There is always more that we can be doing to end the achievement gap. I believe a critical part of that is recruiting and retaining great teachers that are reflective of our community. Efforts to provide wraparound services that extend above and beyond the normal school calendar or school day are important components as well. I believe PGCPs is well aware of the issue but that we have to be more strategic in attacking it.

7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES: I think the Peer Assistance and Review Program (PAR), which helps pair highly effective and experienced teachers with those who are earlier in their teaching journey by providing coaching and support would be beneficial. This program is being used in surrounding jurisdictions with much success. We have to work to provide more funding to expand access to more teachers in need.

8. PREPARATION FOR OFFICE: Everything I have done has helped prepare me to be effective from my first day in office. I have already built working relationships with parents, community members, elected leaders, teachers, and students, which allow me to continue to keep in touch with those I will be serving. These relationships allow me to stay current on the issues facing our community and make me uniquely ready to lead.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES
Vote for 1

Patricia Eubanks

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

Abel Olivo

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I am proud dad of two PGCPs students, 1st and 5th grade. For 8 years, when my oldest was just 2 years old, I have volunteered in schools, in classrooms to help out and chaperone trips. I have helped raise over \$40,000 through community groups that help support our neighborhood schools and church to help address unmet needs. I previously worked in advocacy and policy in housing finance and have experience in analyzing large budgets. I am also a proud graduate of The Ohio State University

2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES: All students of PGCPs deserve to have equal delivery of the highest quality instruction and access to quality facilities. It should not be just the lucky few who "hit" the lottery for specialty schools or programs that benefit. I will work closely with parents to demand better services, better facilities, and better programs for our students.

3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Parent involvement is critical to academic success. We need parents to support their students and encourage them to be challenged. That said, we also need to reduce the amount of testing and focus on actual instruction time. We also need to make sure that the students come prepared to learn. That means well rested, fed, appropriately dressed, with supplies in hand. If parents need

help in providing those things for their student, then let's figure out a way to make that happen.

4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY: As a member of the Board of Education you have to be actively engaged and responsive to your constituents, we currently don't have that, you have to know what is going on in your schools. I pledge that I will be active and engaged, so that I know exactly what is going on in the schools in my district so that I know what the parents' concerns are, I know what the students are going through, and I know what needs are not being met so I can then engage the community to help fill that unmet need.

5. BUDGET FACTORS: In considering the budget - the number one factor is: does this budget item keep the children's interests first. Always, always I will keep that in mind, does this put the students' interests and needs first. I'm talking about ALL the students, let's not play favorites. All the children deserve equal access to quality education. Let's put politics aside for once.

6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: The achievement gap - we need less testing and more instruction time in the class. I am amazed that months of time are literally devoted to test prep. That is valuable instruction time that is lost. More time teaching = closing the achievement gap.

7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES: We need to encourage more of our county residence to support their neighborhood schools by volunteering their time and their resources to support our students. More importantly, we need to encourage ALL of our residence to send their students to their neighborhood schools. There are so many great and wonderful schools in Prince George's County that get overlooked because of preconceived notions of what a school is about. After all, we all benefit from great schools.

8. PREPARATION FOR OFFICE: When my 10 year old son was 2 years old, I started volunteering with and for our neighborhood school, that was 8 years ago. For 8 years I have been working hard to make our schools better. Believe me, I'll be prepared on day one.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES
Vote for 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: PGCPs 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 PGCPs 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 PGCPs. 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 PGCPs 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.

Cheryl Landis

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS: 37 years: Prince George's County volunteer, community organizer, activists; 27 years: Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPs) employee-17 years: Executive Administrative Officer, Board of Education and 10 years: PGCPs Strategic Business Partnerships Specialist; 10 years: PGC Democratic Central Committee – Chair (2014-present); 6 years: Administrator, Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPs, Inc; and 2 years: Chair, Education/Workforce Dev Committee, Prince George's 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: 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, the priorities noted herein will be factors I will consider when making

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: Through a 2015 site visit to Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Schools, PGCPs identified best practices that were used to establish its very own Family Institute. The purpose is to help families support their children's academic success and social, emotional well-being. PGCPs will host on 09.10.2016, its Family Institute Inaugural Conference. Keynote speakers: Actor Hill Harper & Dr. Marian Wright Edelman, Founder, Children's Defense Fund. Workshops: Literacy, PARCC Assessments, Social Services, etc

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 7 CANDIDATES **Vote for 1**

John E. Richardson

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

K. Alexander Wallace

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS: Since its restructuring in 2013, the PCGPS Board of Education has focused squarely on education policy and funding, as well as community engagement. I have the unique qualifications through both my academic and workplace experiences to represent District 7 in these areas. I have worked for The Education Trust, the University System of MD, the MD Higher Education Commission, MD Sen. Ulysses Currie, and MD Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown, as well as both undergrad and graduate studies in education policy.

2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES: I have always been a critique of the notion that there are disparities between the northern and southern portions of the county. The disparities are more prevalent when comparing schools and communities inside and outside of the 495 beltway. District 7 is cut in half by 495, so I am extremely aware of the needs these two communities require. The most important, in my opinion,



are our facilities - that is why I am fighting to bring resources to build a brand new, state of the art Suitland H.S.

3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Over the past few years, the MD grad rate has risen incrementally. However, due to the great work of Dr. Maxwell, his team, and our dedicated educators, PGCPs' grad rates have increased well above the MD average increase. Just recently, PGCPs 2015 cohort grad rates increased 2.16%, with Suitland H.S. increasing 6.91%, Dr. Henry Wise H.S. increasing 3.38%, and Forestville H.S. only decreasing by less than %. We must, however, work to decrease the 15.03% dropout rate through 9th grade detection.

4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY: As the incumbent member on the Board of Education for District 7, I serve on the Parent, Family, and Community Engagement committee where it is my role to increase the board's presence and perception throughout the county. One of the three main areas that I am spearheading is strengthening the engagement of our PGCPs alumni. As an alum of the school system, I encourage my fellow alums to give back your time and talents to your alma mater through mentorship, guidance, as well as pride and passion

5. BUDGET FACTORS: As I travel throughout District 7, whether it as PTA meetings or civic association events, I hear three main concerns when it comes to the budget: 1. efficiency in spending; 2. school construction; 3. raising wages for teachers. These three priorities are on the top of my list, but I am also mindful of the overwhelming need for universal pre-k sections, especially for our low-income communities.

6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: If you examine the graduation rates for our school system, the demographic that decreases that percentage are those students who are not english proficient. It's simple: if you cannot speak english well, you are less likely to pass english class and since english is required for four years, if you fail once, you're off track for on-time graduation. The Board and the Administration have worked and will continue to work to increase services to ESOL students and students of low english proficiency

7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES: Our school system is often times compared to neighboring jurisdictions in both Maryland and Virginia - which is fair, given our proximity. However, if there is one successful practice that our neighbors do well - it is the availability of SAT/ACT prep courses. Whether it is an after school program or a course students take during school hours, PGCPs must do better by preparing our college-bound students for the SAT and ACT. I believe, if done well, our scores will certainly increase over time.

8. PREPARATION FOR OFFICE: I'm currently a Member of the Board of Education, representing District 7. In fact, I announced my candidacy well before I was appointed by County Exec. Baker and confirmed in a 9-0 vote by the County Council in November 2015. I am truly prepared to continue the work and relationships I have so that I can successfully advocate for the students, families, educators, and communities of District 7.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 8 CANDIDATES
Vote for 1

Edward III Burroughs

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

Stephanie Hinton

Campaign Website: <http://www.hinton4pgboe.wordpress.com>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked in education in Prince George's County for 20 years. I spent the last seven as an elementary school teacher, and have also worked as a

resource teacher, tutor and advocate for students. Additionally, I have been extremely active in the community since I moved here 25 years ago, working on civic associations, volunteering with local youth organizations and partnering with businesses.

2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES: These disparities are the reason for my slogan "Equality for District 8." I have seen them firsthand and heard the concerns from colleagues and students. My 8 Point Plan focuses on reducing class sizes, ensuring student resources, retaining quality teachers, and holding town hall meetings where students and community members share concerns like these. I have an inside view of these pressing issues.

3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Begin by focusing on individual schools to determine what is needed to enhance the performance within their building, offering alternative choices to high schoolers that peak their interest, and weeding out ineffective teachers, so quality teachers can flourish. These along with my 8 Point Plan will provide solutions to cement student's' academic foundation.

4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY: Communication is the best way to foster better collaboration. PGCPs has to include parents in all aspects of the learning process from the start. Parental participation should never be an afterthought. As a part of my 8 point plan, I have already started, and will continue, to host town hall meetings so that all members of the community can work together in the best interest of our students.

5. BUDGET FACTORS: My priority will always be the students and teachers. This includes providing classrooms with adequate resources, retaining qualified teachers with competitive pay, building conducive learning environments, and ensuring that students are getting 2/3 of their nutritional value in the two meals they eat at school. All of these tie back to my 8 Point Plan.

6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: I believe there are things that were put in place for the positive, as well as to the deterrent to address the achievement gap. Higher pay was put in place for teachers, but for it to be as effective as possible, it needs to be comparable to other areas. In addition, the grading policy that ensures all students receive 50% is not preparing students to be college and career ready.

7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES: The culture of "equality," "respect," etc. that is put into place in Howard and Montgomery Counties, respectively. For their counties it is not just words, but actions. Teachers and students must have a sense of security, which is currently lacking in PGCPs. Everyone is walking on eggshells in this climate of fear. PGCPs has to become proactive instead of reactive. The anonymous tip line will assist in this feat. Also, allowing creativity back into the classroom. As in New York's C.A.S.A.

8. PREPARATION FOR OFFICE: From the start of my campaign, I have focused on engaging the citizens of District 8. This has included holding Town Hall meetings, speaking to PTAs and Civic Association, and attending community events. I have also been to Board of Education meetings in order to understand the way the Board functions and create a plan that will work for the community on my first day in office.



STATE BALLOT QUESTIONS

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.

COUNTY BALLOT QUESTIONS

Questions A, B, C, E, and F are referenda required by the County Charter. They allow the County to fund the projects listed in the enabling bills and detailed in the approved Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program by borrowing money and issuing bonds. The projects are found throughout the county.

Questions D and G are proposed Amendments to the County Charter and as such require approval by the Voters. They originate from the listed County Council Bill.

Question A

Charter Required Referendum (CB-45-2016) Library Facilities Bonds

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$60,765,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Library Facilities, as defined therein.

A vote **FOR** the Charter Referendum means: the projects will be funded using county bonds.

A vote **AGAINST** the Charter Referendum means: another means for funding the projects must be found.



Question B

Charter Required Referendum (CB-44-2016) Public Safety Facilities Bonds

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$66,591,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Safety Facilities (including Fire/EMS Department Facilities), as defined therein.

A vote **FOR** the Charter Referendum means: the projects will be funded using county bonds.

A vote **AGAINST** the Charter Referendum means: another means for funding the projects must be found.

Question C

Charter Required Referendum (CB-46-2016) Community College Facilities Bonds

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$48,363,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, as defined therein.

A vote **FOR** the Charter Referendum means: the projects will be funded using county bonds.

A vote **AGAINST** the Charter Referendum means: another means for funding the projects must be found.

Question D

Charter Required Referendum (CB-40-2016)(DR-2)

Ballot Language: To provide for the election of council members by district and at large, to change the composition of the County Council to a system of nine district members and two at large members, and to provide that a Council member who has been elected to two consecutive terms of office as a district member shall not serve more than two consecutive terms as an at-large member.

Origin of the ballot question: The County Council passed legislation (CB-040-2016) proposing to the voters of Prince George's County, an amendment to Sections 301, 303, and 307A of the Charter of Prince George's County to change the composition of the County Council to include nine Council District Members and two At-Large Members and to provide the eligibility of the At-Large Members to the County Council.

Present Practice: The County Council is composed of members from nine Council Districts within Prince George's County with each District having its own County Council Member. At the time of a County Council Member election which coincides with the election of State Officers, a County Council Member shall reside in one of the nine Council Districts within Prince George's County and the member shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Council District of which they reside. County Council members are limited to serving two consecutive terms.

Proposed Change: The proposed amendment changes the composition of the County Council by maintaining the system of nine Council District Members while adding two At-Large Members for a total of eleven members to the County Council. The two At-Large Members will be elected by the qualified voters of the entire County. The amendment would allow an opportunity of a term limited Council Member, from one of the nine County Council Districts, to be nominated and elected to an at-large seat thereby potentially doubling the time a Council Member could serve from two to four terms. At-Large members will be term limited to no more than two consecutive terms as an At-Large Member.

Arguments in Favor:

- Current County Council members of the nine districts who become At-Large members will have improved opportunity to gain chairmanship or seniority to seats of regional boards thereby increasing the County's influence in State and Regional affairs and advancing economic and social benefits for County residents.
- At-Large Members will not be parochial to a specific area or district of the County and will assess legislation as it impacts the entire county.
- Council Members who may gain four terms total as Council Members from a District and At-Large will have time to influence and rework legislation.

Arguments Against:

- At-Large County Council candidates will face a higher election cost to campaign county-wide and will be beholden to donors who contribute significant amounts to their campaigns.
- The measure circumvents term limits. In 1992, Prince George's County voters approved a citizen-driven initiative to limit the County Executive and County Council to two terms (four years to a term or total of eight years). In 2014, the County Council through ballot referendum (Question J) sought to extend term limits to three terms and the referendum was not approved by voters.
- There is a significant fiscal impact to adding two At-Large members while the County is facing budgetary constraints and many programs are in need of funding. Per the Legislative Audit from the Prince George's County Office of Audits and Investigations, the enactment will have an impact on the County in the amount of \$1,144,112 per fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2020.

A vote FOR the charter amendment means the County Council will be changed to a composition of nine council members elected by District and two At-Large members elected county wide with eligibility of county council members of a district to run and be elected At-Large.

A vote AGAINST the constitutional amendment means the County Charter would not be amended and the County Council remains composed of nine County Council members from separate districts.

Question E

Charter Required Referendum (CB-43-2016) Public Works and Transportation Facilities Bonds

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$199,263,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,



improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including roads and bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities), as defined therein.

A vote **FOR** the Charter Referendum means: the projects will be funded using county bonds.

A vote **AGAINST** the Charter Referendum means: another means for funding the projects must be found.

Question F

Charter Required Referendum (CB-47-2016) County Buildings Bonds

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$120,494,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of County Buildings, as defined therein.

A vote **FOR** the Charter Referendum means: the projects will be funded using county bonds.

A vote **AGAINST** the Charter Referendum means: another means for funding the projects must be found.

Question G

Charter Required Referendum (CB-41-2016)(DR-2)

Ballot Language: To provide that in the event the County Attorney determines there is a conflict of interest between the executive and legislative branches on matters requiring legal services and advice, both branches shall engage outside council.

Origin of the ballot question: The County Council passed legislation (CB-041-2016) proposing to the voters of Prince George's County, an amendment to Section 508 of the Charter of Prince George's County to provide for outside counsel in the event of a conflict between the executive and legislative branches on matters regarding legal services and advice.

Present Practice: The County Attorney provides legal counsel to both the legislative and executive branches of the Prince George's County Government. If one branch seeks guidance that would inversely impact the other branch, a conflict of interest is created, thereby restricting adequate legal advice to both branches of government.

Proposed Change: The proposed amendment allows for legal counsel outside of government to be hired and retained for legal advice in situations where there is a conflict of interest between the branches of government.

Arguments in Favor:

- The Charter Amendment provides clear procedural instruction that when the County Attorney determines a conflict of interest in representing both the executive and legislative branches both branches are to seek outside counsel.

Arguments Against:

- There are no limitations on costs incurred from outside legal counsel when representing the legislative or executive branch. The amount of adverse fiscal impact

cannot be estimated as proposed billing rates are determined by the outside counsel chosen and the nature and complexity of a matter to be resolved.

- County Council currently has the authority to seek outside counsel when the body determines outside counsel is needed.

A vote FOR the charter amendment means the County Executive Branch and the County Legislative Branch will need to seek outside counsel when the County Attorney determines there is a conflict of interest in representing both branches of County Government.

A vote AGAINST the constitutional amendment means the County Charter would not be amended.





YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT for November 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL 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.

<p>President and Vice President of the United States <i>Vote for 1</i></p>	<p>Board of Education District 1 <i>Vote for 1</i></p>	<p>BALLOT ISSUES QUESTION 1 Constitutional Amendment</p>
<p>Donald J. Trump /Michael Pence (Rep.) Hillary Clinton /Tim Kaine (Dem.) Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Lbt.) Jill Stein/Ajamu Baraka (Grn.) Write In: _____</p>	<p>Raul Jurado (N) David H. Murray (N) Write In: _____</p>	<p>Vote For or Against the Constitutional Amendment</p>
<p>U. S. Senator <i>Vote for 1</i></p>	<p>Board of Education District 4 <i>Vote for 1</i></p>	<p>QUESTION A Charter Required Referendum</p>
<p>Kathy Szeliga (Rep.) Chris Van Hollen (Dem.) Margaret Flowers (Grn.) Greg Dorsey (Write-in) (Una.) Robert T. Robinson (Write-in) (Dem.) Charles U. Smith (Write-in)(Dem.) Ed Tinus (Write-in)(Una.) Lih Young (Write-in)(Dem.) Write In: _____</p>	<p>Patricia Eubanks (N) Abel Olivo (N) Write In: _____</p>	<p>Vote For or Against the Charter Referendum</p>
<p>Representative in Congress District 4 <i>Vote for 1</i></p>	<p>Board of Education District 5 <i>Vote for 1</i></p>	<p>QUESTION B Charter Required Referendum</p>
<p>George E. McDermott (Rep.) Anthony G. Brown (Dem.) Benjamin Lee Krause (Lbt.) Kamesha T. Clark (Grn.) Adrian Petrus (Write-in)(Dem) Write In: _____</p>	<p>Raaheela Ahmed (N) Cheryl Landis (N) Write In: _____</p>	<p>Vote For or Against the Charter Referendum</p>
<p>Representative in Congress District 5 <i>Vote for 1</i></p>	<p>Board of Education District 7 <i>Vote for 1</i></p>	<p>QUESTION C Charter Required Referendum</p>
<p>Mark Arness (Rep.) Steny H. Hoyer (Dem.) Jason Summers (Lbt.) Write In: _____</p>	<p>John E. Richardson (N) K. Alexander Wallace (N) Write In: _____</p>	<p>Vote For or Against the Charter Referendum</p>
<p>Judge of the Circuit Court Circuit 7 <i>Vote for up to 4</i></p>	<p>Board of Education District 8 <i>Vote for 1</i></p>	<p>QUESTION D Charter Required Referendum Proposed Charter Amendment</p>
<p>April T. Ademiluyi Herman C. Dawson Dorothy Michelle Engel Karen Holliday Mason Ingrid Turner Write In: _____ Write In: _____ Write In: _____ Write In: _____</p>	<p>Edward Burroughs, III (N) Stephanie Hinton (N) Write In: _____</p>	<p>Vote For or Against the Charter Referendum</p>
<p>Judge, Court of Appeals Circuit 4 <i>Vote Yes or No</i> <i>For Continuance in Office</i></p>		<p>QUESTION E Charter Required Referendum</p>
<p>Michele D. Hotten</p>		<p>Vote For or Against the Charter Referendum</p>
<p>Judge, Court of Special Appeals At Large <i>Vote Yes or No</i> <i>For Continuance in Office</i></p>		<p>QUESTION F Charter Required Referendum</p>
<p>Dan Friedman</p>		<p>Vote For or Against the Charter Referendum</p>
		<p>QUESTION G Charter Required Referendum Proposed Charter Amendment</p>
		<p>Vote For or Against the Charter Referendum</p>

