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President of the United States

Salary: \$400,000 per year

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

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

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

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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.

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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



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Personal Statement: After a career in clinical medicine, I am now practicing political medicine, running for President to help heal our ailing nation. Your vote for me sends a clear signal that you want a new, principled politics that puts people, planet and peace over profit.

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

Questions:

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

A:

- Eliminate unemployment by creating a job for every American who needs work.
- Repeal NAFTA and other trade agreements that export our jobs overseas and create immigration surges.
- Create 20 million green jobs to stimulate the economy improving our health by cleaning up our land, air, and water.
- Protect consumers and small businesses from big banks and Wall Street predators.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

United States Senator

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

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

Term: Six years

Base Salary: \$174,000

Candidates (choose 1):

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Questions:

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A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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%.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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



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Questions:

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A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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

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Questions:

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A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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A: My political ambition started in 1976, the Bicentennial with a walking Campaign to All 23 County seats the State of MARYLAND. [FORTY YEARS IN POLITICS]. I am continuing my Education in Political Sciences. I have lived in MARYLAND all my life. I ran for the MD. Senate in 2007. I am 72 Years old and knowledge of the Seniors NEEDS. Pass member and Board of Saint Patrick Roman Catholic Church.

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

A: 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..

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

A: If I am elected your Senator, I will Pass Legislation for SOVERN STATES, COUNTRIES, 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.

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

A: 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 Acquire more EDUCATION.

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

A: 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..

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Questions:

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

A: 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.

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

A: a fair wage above minimum for every one .

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

A: it sure will not be like they are addressing foreign now.

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

A: that every one should be here legally

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

A: the Chesapeake bay .

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

A: enforce the laws fairly in the present not like they did in the past.

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

A: tax every one fairly .

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

A: most important is veterans rights to me .

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Questions:

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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 .

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

A: 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 .

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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

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Questions:

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

A: 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

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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".

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

A: 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 .

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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

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

A: 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.

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

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

US Congressional Offices

U.S. Representative District 6

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

Candidates (choose 1):

Amie Hoerber



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Questions:

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

A: I have worked to enhance our country's national security my whole life, including as President Ronald Reagan's Deputy Under Secretary of the U.S. Army. I advise the federal government and private industry on a wide range of defense matters including nuclear, chemical and biological defense, homeland security, defense against terrorism, ballistic missile defense, and weapons security.

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

A: The federal government can best help job and economic growth by getting out of the way and allowing American innovation to lead. I have over 22 years of experience as a small business owner so I know first-hand how government over-regulation and an overly complex tax code hinder job growth and economic opportunity for businesses in Maryland. I will bring a common sense approach to job growth.

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

A: Iran, North Korea, Russia, China, and terrorist organizations have been emboldened to challenge us, and our allies doubt our resolve. I will fight to bolster our defenses and ensure our military has the capabilities it needs to confront and deter or defeat threats from ISIS and other adversaries. I will fight to repeal the ill-conceived Iran agreement and stand by all our allies.

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

A: The United States faces a very real threat of terrorist organizations infiltrating our borders. It is vitally important that we address the weaknesses in our border control and immigration systems and provide the border patrol and National Guard the resources they need to enforce our policies. We need to, first, enforce current laws and, second, carefully vet immigrants of concern.

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

A: I support a practical approach to addressing our environmental challenges. The federal government should work with state and local governments and with industry executing environmental management. The federal government should not impose unduly harsh and unnecessarily burdensome regulations that make environmental protection less likely to be successfully accomplished and stifle job growth.

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

A: It is imperative to our nation's economic security that all Americans have the opportunity to succeed. I support economic and tax policies that promote job growth in all sectors of the economy. I also support providing and improving a wide variety of educational opportunities for all children, as well as job-training for adults, so that they may learn the skills they need to secure good jobs.

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

A: An unnecessarily complex and cumbersome tax code continues to drive American businesses overseas and imposes a disproportionately large burden on

small businesses and the self-employed. We must reduce government interference in businesses and simplify and reduce taxes so that hard-working Americans can keep more of their money to invest in their businesses, their communities, and their families.

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

A: I am a strong proponent for the protection and economic advancement of women. I am a Board Member of the House of Ruth Maryland, which supports women and children impacted by domestic violence. Throughout my career I have also served as a mentor to women in business and the military. This is a priority for me – I will continue to champion the advancement of and equal opportunity for women.

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Questions:

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

A: I was blessed to live the American Dream and want the next generation to have that same chance. I spent two decades as an entrepreneur and business builder in Maryland and have real-world experience creating jobs and helping businesses grow.

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

A: Investing in education is essential. We need to make college more affordable and establish pre-k for all, which is the goal of my Early Learning Act. We also need to raise the minimum wage, make sure that women receive equal pay for equal work and expand family and medical leave. Finally, we need to create more good-paying jobs with a big new infrastructure program.

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

A: First, we need to defeat ISIS. We must take the fight to ISIS with additional air strikes, supporting our allies, strengthening intelligence and cutting off their resources. Second, we have to ensure that Iran does not violate the nuclear agreement and that their conventional weapons program is limited. I authored legislation to increase sanctions on Iran's weapons violations.

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

A: We need comprehensive reform. We need to secure the border, crack down on employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers, expand the Visa program so that the best & brightest can work here and provide a path to citizenship for the millions of undocumented people already here and a part of our communities. The path to citizenship should include paying back taxes and a criminal background check.

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

A: Climate change is a threat to our national security, public health and natural resources. I have been a leader on this issue and have authored legislation to reduce carbon pollution. My bill uses a carbon tax to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and directs the revenues to working families, impacted coal miners and reduces taxes on businesses.

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

A: We must ensure that every kid, no matter their race, economic background or zip code has access to a world-class education, from pre-k to college that is affordable. I also believe that we must combat inequality by ensuring equal pay for equal work, ending discrimination against LGBT Americans and making sure that civil rights and voting rights progress is not undone.

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

A: I believe that high-earners can and should pay a little bit more and support the Buffett Rule, which is designed to make sure that no CEO is paying lower taxes than their secretary. We also need to pass international tax reform to prevent inversions and bring back corporate profits that are trapped overseas. My legislation does this and uses these revenues to rebuild our infrastructure.

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

A: In Congress I have been a strong advocate for supporting veterans and military families and have fought to increase federal support for the Fisher House Foundation every year I've been in office. Fisher House provides free lodging near hospitals for the families of veterans and service-members and I believe that no veteran should spend time in the hospital alone.

David L. Howser

Party: Lib

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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Questions:

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

A: According to the Congressional Research Service, "the duties ... include representation [I live in District 6], legislation [needing analytic ability and attention to detail], constituent service [my staff will include members of several parties or none, empathetic to constituent needs] and education [I will impart my recent economic and political education to my constituents]."

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

A: Let's start with a "living wage," as suggested by President Theodore Roosevelt. Then, increasing expenditures for infrastructure improvements like repair of highways, bridges, and water, electricity (especially from renewable sources) and communications systems. and encouraging the manufacture of more products in the USA (I purchase clothing made here - New Balance running shoes, Red Wing shoes).

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

A: The wars started in 2001 have cost the USA trillions, but more importantly, the lives and futures of thousands of young Americans and also the respect of much of the rest of the world. We need to do a better job of allocating our defense budget to areas that will reverse this trend.

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

A: Being an immigrant, I agree with Rep. Gutierrez: "We need to have a system of legal immigration that employers and immigrants actually use so that we have control over who comes and who is here and... those people already here into the system if they are crime free and play by the rules. And we need enforcement that makes sure that [all] are playing by a clear set of rules that are evenly enforced."

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

A: Our significant environmental challenges can be traced to the use of fossil fuels. We should immediately price carbon to reflect its real cost to society. We should also begin a renewable energy "Manhattan Project," which produced the first atomic bomb in about 5 years. This program would have the added benefit of producing thousands of new jobs and producing a sustainable energy infrastructure.

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

A: End the failed war on drugs. Legalize marijuana/hemp. Treat substance abuse as a health problem, not a criminal offense. Train officers in conflict resolution, demilitarize police, and end mass incarceration, institutional racism within our justice system and for-profit policing. Repair our communities rather than dump resources into the prison-industrial complex.

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

A: According to the GAO, although the maximum corporate tax rate is 35%, large, profitable U. S. corporations paid an average effective federal tax rate of 12.6% in 2010. In 1955 the tax rate as a share of GDP was 6%. In 2009 it was 1%. Legislation is required to lower tax credits and discourage the use of offshore tax havens that thus transfer the burden of tax payment to working citizens.

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

A: Electoral Reform: 1. An end to gerrymandering. 2. A constitutional right to vote for all citizens. 3. A Constitutional amendment that corporations are not "people" and money is not "speech." 4. Verifiable voting with a "paper trail". 5. Automatic registration at age 18. 6. Early voting days and possibly making Election Day a national holiday. 7. Ranked voting to encourage more choices for voters.

Ted Athey (Write-in)

Party: Una

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

Circuit Court

Allegany County Circuit Court Judge

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.

Candidates (choose 1):

Jeffrey S. Getty

Party: Jud

Questions:

Q: 1. QUALIFICATIONS: *How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Judge of the Circuit Court?*

A: For the last 28 years I have represented individuals and businesses in the Maryland State and federal courts. I've handled cases both jury and non-jury trials from medical malpractice to family law. From 1991-93 I was an Asst. U. S. Attorney in Baltimore handling exclusively federal litigation and investigations. I graduated from the University of Baltimore Law School magna cum laude in 1988.

Q: 2. COURT NEEDS: *What are the areas of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?*

A: Allegany County needs to evaluate implementing a drug court to deal with the pervasive drug problem gripping the community. A comprehensive approach that employs the penalties arising from the inevitable criminal acts engaged in to support a drug dependency must be utilized together with drug treatment programs to address the underlying dependency.

Q: 3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE: *What actions would you propose to provide individuals with more access to the judicial system and legal assistance?*

A: A renewed focus on pro bono representations by members of the Bar can significantly address the problem of access to justice. This is particularly pervasive in the area of family law dealing with custody and visitation. Every member of the Bar's continuing obligation to handle at least one such case on a pro bono basis for people of limited means can have a significant impact on access to justice.

Q: 4. EQUALITY: *What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings?*

A: A trial judge must be aware of the potential for invidious discrimination arising in court proceedings masquerading as zealous representation. The Court must protect witnesses and parties from cross examination or argument based upon their status, be it economic or personal status. Each participant must be afforded their dignity while having their legal issues resolved.

Appellate Court

Judge in Court of Special Appeals (At-Large)

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

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.

Candidates (choose 1):

Dan Friedman

Party: Jud

Questions:

Q: 1. *COURT NEEDS:* What are the areas of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?

A: - no response -

Q: 2. *ACCESS TO JUSTICE:* What actions would you support to provide individuals with more access to the judicial system and legal assistance?

A: - no response -

Q: 3. *EQUALITY:* What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

A: - no response -

Allegany County Offices

Allegany County Board of Education

Candidates (choose 1):

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Questions:

Q: 1. QUALIFICATIONS: *How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?*

A: Working as an administrator with all departments of the Allegany County Public School system for the past 17 years has given me experience and a vast understanding of the organizational structure and daily operations of the Allegany County Public Schools. I have a BS degree in Nursing from Univ.of Md. and MS in Education from Frostburg State University.

Q: 2. PRIORITIES: *What are your priorities for this office?*

A: 1. Financial accountability and transparency. 2 .Academic support and improved performance. 3. Improve communication within the organization. 4. Improved working relationships with all community partners. 5. Improve employee moral.

Q: 3. BUDGET: *What areas within the school budget, if any, should be increased or decreased?*

A: A reduction in travel, both in and out of state which is already being done by other school systems in Maryland, would provide a necessary cost savings. Health care benefits for the elected board members would be discontinued.

Q: 4. STANDARDS AND TESTING: *How should the national standards for education ("Common Core" standards) be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?*

A: The national standards for education, common core standards, are currently being taught in Allegany County in Math, Science and English. Teachers in Allegany County work very hard to provide the necessary instruction students need in order to master the course requirements, or standards. The common core raised educational expectations nationally.

Q: 5. COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: *How should county schools address the needs of students who are not planning to attend college?*

A: Allegany County Public Schools provide great opportunities for students who prefer a vocation, as opposed to a college education. The Center for Career and Technical Education programs provide necessary preparation for students to start a career upon graduation. This career path is available to any and all students in the public school system and is supported by local business partnerships.

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Questions:

Q: 1. QUALIFICATIONS: *How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?*

A: I have been involved in the area of business consulting for over 14 years including business systems and cost management. I have worked with large federal agencies across several states providing a structured approach on budgeting as well as problem resolution. This background will allow me to promote cooperation across the members of the school board as well as with local government entities.

Q: 2. PRIORITIES: *What are your priorities for this office?*

A: 1. Increased visibility and involvement of community leaders and public servants throughout all grade levels. 2. Providing avenues for an increased voice for teachers and administrators in the assessment process. 3. Promoting active parental involvement in their student's education by providing guidance and family-oriented activities. 4. Providing a safe and secure environment for all students.

Q: 3. BUDGET: *What areas within the school budget, if any, should be increased or decreased?*

A: The school board should be on providing quality educational opportunities that not only include the classroom instructional time and therefore I would seek increase/sustained funding in the programs such as Chinese Immersion, Agriculture Science, and Outdoor School. Also a focus should be applied to teachers and teaching assistants to ensure they are compensated appropriately.

Q: 4. STANDARDS AND TESTING: *How should the national standards for education ("Common Core" standards) be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?*

A: Education cannot be "one-size-fits-all" – every area of the state and/or nation has distinct factors that necessitate flexibility. The class sizes and mixture of the

student population, delivery methods afforded to the local area and the amount of parental involvement all have a direct impact to the quality of education. Local programs can be baselined against the national standards only.

Q: 5. COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: *How should county schools address the needs of students who are not planning to attend college?*

A: County schools need support by having the board expand capacity of the programs at the Center for Career and Technical Education (CCTE) as an alternative for students not currently planning to attend college. County schools can also encourage possible college attendance by providing college credit for classes taken while in high school for minimal cost and availability to all students interested.

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Questions:

Q: 1. QUALIFICATIONS: *How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?*

A: I am an incumbent candidate running for re-election to the Allegany County School Board. This past year, I served as the President of the Board and also have prior experience at the local government level as a Town Council Member and Mayor of my hometown. Additionally, I currently serve on several non-profit boards that help our community, both young and old.

Q: 2. PRIORITIES: *What are your priorities for this office?*

A: 1st - Our students are my main concern and I want to make sure all College and Career Ready / AP courses are available for all students wanting to further their education. 2nd - We are currently getting ready to break ground on a new high school and I would really like to see all the funding and planning come to fruition. 3rd -I want to make sure our Teachers have a great working environment.

Q: 3. BUDGET: *What areas within the school budget, if any, should be increased or decreased?*

A: Budget is always a tricky subject, however, the main need of increase should be the resources (i.e. textbooks, technology, etc.) for our students. Often times, budgets would push us to try and get by with the essentials, but our students need more.

Q: 4. STANDARDS AND TESTING: *How should the national standards for education ("Common Core" standards) be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?*

A: The Common Core has truly become an area of contention, but if implemented correctly, could be a great learning tool. I believe our experienced staff and teachers have gone above and beyond to get the standards in line for our county. They have really risen to the task. It has not been an easy job, but they have adapted very well and have aligned the standards to our county.

Q: 5. *COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: How should county schools address the needs of students who are not planning to attend college?*

A: One great program that Allegany County has in place is through the Career Center, which provides a skill set for many different trades/occupations (i.e. carpentry, nursing, police, etc.). We need to make sure our classrooms are equipped with the resources to send all of our students out into the world with the knowledge to succeed, based on their life goals, and regardless of any advancement.

Maryland 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.

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

Early Voting Centers

There are locations in each county where you can vote before election day. To vote early, go to a location in your county:

For the 2016 General Election: Thursday, October 27th – Thursday, November 3rd **between 8 am and 8 pm**

If you vote early, you **cannot** vote on election day or by absentee ballot.

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