



Garrett County 2016 General Election Voters' Guide

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If a candidate did not respond by the print deadline, September 7, 2016, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

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Verify your registration before going to vote:

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

Choose One of Three Different Ways to Vote:

1. Early Voting

Where:

- Oakland Community Center, 14 N. 8th Street, Oakland, MD **or**
- Northern Outreach Center, 12601 National Pike, Grantsville, MD,

When: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm from Thursday, October 27, 2016 through and including Thursday, November 3, 2016.

New: Qualified citizens with proof of residency **may register and vote** during this early voting period. Check out http://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/early_voting.html

2. Absentee Voting

Complete the Absentee Ballot Application:

[http://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/Absentee Ballot Application English.pdf](http://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/Absentee_Ballot_Application_English.pdf) Also see <http://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

Contact the Garrett County Board of Elections

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3. Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vote only at your assigned local precinct. Don't know your polling place?

Visit <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch>

Need more information? Contact the Maryland State Board of Elections

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Toll Free: 800-222-8683

Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258

Hours: 8 – 5 Monday - Friday.

United States President

Ground Rules for Candidates for President

All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to five specific questions. Candidates qualified if they met the following criteria:

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President;
2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC Website; and,
3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes. Responses were limited to 400 characters and were truncated thereafter.

If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "Candidate has not responded by print deadline." The League of Women Voters is where hands on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Learn more at www.lwv.org and www.VOTE411.org.

About the Office of President

Salary: \$400,000 per year

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

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

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

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Donald Trump **Party:** Republican

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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.

ECONOMY: 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.

IMMIGRATION: 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.

EDUCATION: 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.

WORLD AFFAIRS: 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.

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

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



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

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

ECONOMY: 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.

IMMIGRATION: 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.

EDUCATION: 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.

WORLD AFFAIRS: 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.

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

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



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

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

ECONOMY: 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.

IMMIGRATION: 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.

EDUCATION: 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.

WORLD AFFAIRS: 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.

JUSTICE: 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.



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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.

ECONOMY: 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.

IMMIGRATION: 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.

EDUCATION: 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.

WORLD AFFAIRS: 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.

JUSTICE: 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

About the Office of U.S. Senator

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

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

Term: Six years

Base Salary: \$174,000

Candidates (choose 1):



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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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%.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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



Margaret Flowers

Party: Grn

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

U.S. Representative – District 6

Office of U.S. Representative

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

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

Term: Two years

Base Salary: \$174,000

Candidates (choose 1):



Amie Hoeber **Party: Rep**

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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].”

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).

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.

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.”

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.

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.

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.

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.

Judicial Offices

Garrett County Circuit Court Judge – 4th Circuit

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):



Raymond G. Strubin

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

A: I am the only Circuit Court Judge and Administrative Judge for Garrett County since my appointment by the Governor in 2014. I have presided over all types of cases: criminal, civil and family law. Prior to my appointment as judge, I was the Chief Public Defender for 23 years. As Public Defender, I managed a staff of four and had countless trial experience, including extensive jury trials.

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

A: The Maryland judicial system needs to be more responsive to the demands of the citizens. To that end, litigants need to have more direct access to communicate effectively with his/her attorney and court staff in order to resolve disputes in the most expeditious and fair manner possible. The courts need to reduce backlogs to insure that cases are heard promptly.

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

A: The people must have greater access to attorneys and free legal advice through expanded legal aid and public defender agencies. The courts need to expand the use of standard forms available to the average litigant that are written in plain, understandable language. Help desks and interactive Websites will enhance access to justice for individuals finding themselves involved in litigation.

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

A: Courts need to make a greater effort to fully explain the courtroom process to litigants. Many times people are frustrated by the legal system because no one takes the time to explain the procedures to them. Better communication between the courts, attorneys, and litigants is the best way to reduce the risk of the legal system being perceived as unfair or bias toward one party in a legal matter

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.

Dan Friedman Vote **For** or **Against** Continuance in Office
No response received by deadline

Garrett County Offices

Garrett County Board of Education

DUTIES: The Board of Education is responsible for the supervision of the public schools, including the selection of a Superintendent, approval of the annual budget, and establishing general policies governing the school system.

HOW ELECTED: Members are elected at large, although they must live in the district they represent. The positions are nonpartisan, so party affiliations are not listed.

TERM: 4-year terms.

Candidates (choose 1):

Charlotte Sebold

No response received by print deadline

Tom Woods

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

A: As a 36 year educator I have been involved as a parent, teacher, athletic director, and principal. During my educational career I have been able to see first hand the development of students from a wide spectrum of interests. I have watched successes and unfortunately failures in our school system. My background gives me a unique opportunity to use my vast experience to help insure only success.

PRIORITIES: *What are your priorities for this office?*

A: To insure that all students have the necessary tools to be a vital part of the 21st century. I am a proponent of community involvement throughout the educational process. Parents, students, staff and community members should be a part of setting the vision for each county's school system. I view community schools as the best way to achieve that goal.

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

A: Two areas of county budget are important. Providing the necessary written and technological tools for success are imperative. Learning and teaching must be delivered through whatever means that allows for the most comprehensive environment. Secondly, staff salaries must be competitive with the private sector. In order to attract the most qualified staff -- salaries must reflect that desire.

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: When Maryland adopted Common Core Standards in 2010 a direct message was sent to parents and students that we wanted to insure that Maryland graduates would be job ready any place in America. With the implementation of PARCC we have centered our focus on English Language Arts and Mathematics. With the rigorous standards already in place, Maryland will continue its role of a national leader.

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

A: A vital part of each county's educational offering must be for those students who have a desire to be a part of a vocational training endeavor. The 21st century will provide many highly technical jobs necessitating a college education, but communities will still need "hands on" workers. It is up to our county to provide through whatever means available the opportunity for that training.

Maryland Ballot Questions

Question 1

<p>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)</p>

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

Garrett County Ballot Questions

Question A: Voters in Friendsville, Gransville, Bittinger, and Mountain Lake Park will vote on this question.

Local Referendum from General Assembly (Chapter 226-2016), Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales for Off-Premises Consumption

Do you favor authorizing Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, if applicable, in your election district by holders of alcoholic beverages licenses, in accordance with Title 21 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m. and requiring the payment of additional fees by license holders who wish to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays?

Yes – For the Measure

No – Against the Measure

Question B Voters in Bloomington , Ryans Glade, Red House, Kitzmiller, and Crellin will vote on this question.

Local Referendum from General Assembly (Chapter 226-2016), Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales for On-Off Premises Consumption

Do you favor authorizing Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for on-premises and off-premises consumption, if applicable, in your election district by holders of alcoholic beverage licenses, in accordance with Article 21 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m. and requiring the payment of additional fees by license holders who wish to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays?

Yes – For the Measure

No – Against the Measure