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2018 Gubernatorial Primary Voters' Guide

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Statewide Offices

Governor / Lt Governor

GOVERNOR DUTIES: The Governor is the chief executive officer of Maryland and appoints judges to the state courts and the heads of statewide departments. The Governor also makes other appointments as provided by the Maryland Constitution or by law and proposes the annual operating and capital budgets to the legislature. The Governor may veto legislation passed by the legislature.

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team with the Lt. Gov.

LT. GOVERNOR DUTIES: The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor and is elected jointly on a ballot with the gubernatorial candidate. The Lieutenant Governor fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability and carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor.

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of Governor?

BUDGET: What are your priorities for the state budget, particularly regarding education and transportation?

REDISTRICTING: What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

HEALTH CARE: What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What are your priorities on issues not covered by the other questions?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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BUDGET: No response received by deadline.

REDISTRICTING: No response received by deadline.

ENVIRONMENT: No response received by deadline.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

HEALTH CARE: No response received by deadline.

OTHER PRIORITIES: No response received by deadline.

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Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate who has served as County Executive of Prince George's County, leading one of Maryland's largest jurisdictions and in the Maryland House of Delegates. I have also served as the executive director of a non profit organizations that recruited and trained teachers to work in schools with diverse populations and urban problems.

BUDGET: Education and transportation funding will be my top two spending priorities as governor. Our public schools are the heart of our communities and must be fully funded. As one of the most densely populated states, we need a governor who makes strategic investments in mass transit infrastructure to create jobs, provide equity and reduce congestion.

REDISTRICTING: I would support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census. Non-partisan redistricting ensures that no political party can rig the system. "Safe districts" can lead to a decrease in voter participation, limit voter choice and reduce the incentive to have meaningful debate and conversations.

ENVIRONMENT: I have brought a world class environmental program to the county, which now leads the state in waste diversion and recycling. As governor, I prioritize innovative environmental policies to make Maryland a leader in clean energy, and create jobs across the state. I will announce my comprehensive "Baker Green Print for Maryland" soon to address climate change, sea level rise, and Bay restoration.

DISCRIMINATION: I will work to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the community and provide resources to forgotten communities through my Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative to increase racial and income equality across the state. My Equity for Women Initiative is a comprehensive plan to make MD a national leader in gender equality by championing economic empowerment and security for women.

HEALTH CARE: In the county, we reduced uninsured and underinsured residents by over 50%. However too many Marylanders are still facing exorbitant healthcare prices and are uninsured. We need to ensure the broadest possible access to affordable health care by improving access, reliability and affordability. We need to stabilize health insurance market against the attempts made by Trump to undermine the ACA.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Marylanders are sick and tired of Big Money in politics. I've introduced a campaign finance reform proposal that will 1) prohibit direct campaign contributions from corporations and PACs 2) establish a statewide public financing system for Maryland state candidates; 3) require

Maryland Super PACs to contribute a portion of their total expenditures to fund the public financing system.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Political science teacher since 1964. Taught in public and private sectors. Leading a movement which started in 2002 and is an evolving process to get rid of corruption in MD govt. and replace it with true ETHICAL reform. My website, [fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com](http://www.fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com) documents everything

BUDGET: Stop wasting taxpayer money on public education and transportation programs that don't work. Invest the saved money in public police departments and public schools.

REDISTRICTING: Because of unscrupulous, unethical practices of politicians in power for last 50 years, it's an impossible task. Until we get ethical politicians who care about their constituents rather than themselves district lines will be unfair.

ENVIRONMENT: We need ethical politicians who will work together on the complicated environmental issues. They need to arrive at compromises that will be fair to both sides.

DISCRIMINATION: I would convene assembly of religious leaders from churches, synagogues, and mosques throughout MD - mission to generate specific set of recommendations for improving race relations - recommendations which would be put into operation immediately. Also implementation of my TUTOR-MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM.

HEALTH CARE: A program is needed that ensures every patient has choice of doctors and at same time gives the poor and elderly good medical insurance without exorbitant premiums. A panel of distinguished private citizens should assemble and formulate recommendations that will be fair to all and implemented immediately.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Crime problem - More police officers needed in metropolitan areas of MD, especially in Balto. City (1000 police officers short) Treatment of elderly in nursing homes - Law requiring 6 to 1 ratio of patients to nurses' aides needed. Public education - Implementation of my TUTOR-MENTOR PROGRAM

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QUALIFICATIONS: At 35, I was named the youngest-ever President & CEO of the NAACP. In my role there I advanced a strong, progressive agenda across the board. In Maryland these achievements were recognized in 2013 when I was named Marylander of the Year for my pivotal roles in abolishing the death penalty, passing the Maryland DREAM Act, helping pass marriage equality, and expanding voting rights.

BUDGET: We don't have a money problem when it comes to education, we have a priority problem and we need a governor who is willing to make education a number one priority. We will fully fund our schools and make sure lottery and casino revenues finally supplement education funding. We need a plan for transportation that will revive the Red Line and provide dedicated funding for the DC Metro.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that Maryland should lead the fight on redistricting reform in a fair and

non-partisan manner that does not indefinitely hand control of the House of Representatives to Republicans. Redistricting compacts such as the one passed by the Maryland legislature and vetoed by Hogan are a fair solution to increase the accountability of Congress to the voters and reduce gerrymandering.

ENVIRONMENT: My vision in regards to the environment brings together the economy, civil rights, and public health. I will build on the surge of clean energy jobs and put our state on a path to 100% clean energy well before 2050 and reverse Trump's attempts to kill the progress we've made on cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay. Bill McKibben, Friends of the Earth Action, and 350.org have all endorsed my campaign.

DISCRIMINATION: I've dedicated my life to service and I have a long track record of securing progressive victories in our state. Growing up as the child of a biracial Maryland couple who were forced to leave the state in order to legally marry, Marylanders know I'll stand up to Trump's hateful attacks on our environment which disproportionately harms marginalized communities and his attacks on our public schools.

HEALTH CARE: Premiums have risen by double digits year after year, 300,000 Marylanders don't have healthcare, and the cost of prescription drugs forces families to choose between mandatory life expenses and prescription drugs. I support Medicare-for-All at the federal level but with no hope for progress there we need Medicare-for-All at the state level to provide quality, affordable healthcare for all.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I'm the only candidate for governor who has released comprehensive plans on criminal justice reform, the opioid epidemic, seniors, Medicare-for-All, and police reform. I am releasing my plans for education, the environment, and the economy soon and you can all see the progressive priorities I will enact as governor at benjealous.com.

James Hugh Jones, II / Charles S. Waters

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

BUDGET: No response received by deadline.

REDISTRICTING: No response received by deadline.

ENVIRONMENT: No response received by deadline.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

HEALTH CARE: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Kevin Kamenetz is a husband, father of 2 teenagers, a lifelong Marylander and lifelong Democrat. Kamenetz has served as a prosecutor, 16 years as councilman, and 8 years as Baltimore County Executive. He has improved schools, created jobs, and protected the environment—without ever raising tax rates. With Valerie Ervin as Lt Gov, they have the track record of real results to best lead our state.

BUDGET: Kamenetz will restore our schools to the nation's best, with universal pre-K, eliminating historical inequities in funding formulas, and making college more affordable and job skill training more accessible. Kamenetz will invest in 21st century mass transit, connecting counties to regional systems that provide highway alternatives, easing traffic congestion and promoting economic development.

REDISTRICTING: The inherently political gerrymandering process is unjustifiable and has helped contribute to the hyper-partisanship and gridlock we see in Washington. We must respect natural boundaries and keep communities together and as Governor, Kamenetz will support efforts to ensure compact and contiguous districts.

ENVIRONMENT: Kamenetz will fight climate change to protect our state's long-term health by combatting air pollution, reducing chicken manure runoff, improving health of our waterways, and increasing use of wind and solar power. As governor, Kamenetz will defend our Chesapeake Bay, double oyster sanctuaries, recommit to smart growth policies, and expand Maryland's clean energy economy.

DISCRIMINATION: Kamenetz will eliminate racial disparities and increase opportunity by enacting policies that strive to eliminate poverty, address educational inequality and lack of job opportunity, promote affordable housing in safe neighborhoods, and end health disparities impacting our most vulnerable. As County Executive, he has diversified police, fire and department head, ranks & protected rights of all.

HEALTH CARE: As governor, Kamenetz will protect and strengthen Obamacare, expand our unique hospital rate system, and work to lower prescription prices. Kamenetz will combat the opioid epidemic by expanding on-demand treatment; ensuring that naloxone is accessible & affordable; ending stigma about the disease of addiction; suing drug manufacturers; and aggressively stopping importation of heroin and fentanyl.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Maryland's economy is falling behind. Our job growth lags behind our neighbors and wages remain stagnant. As governor, Kamenetz will create jobs and revitalize communities; raise the minimum wage to \$15/hour; implement thoughtful transportation strategies; end corporate welfare and focus on job training to retain, promote, and attract businesses, as he has done in Baltimore County.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience serving the people of Maryland in the State Senate and the House of Delegates for the past sixteen years uniquely prepares me to be Governor. I have an extensive record of public and community service and accomplishment, and hold leadership positions in the General Assembly, as Vice-Chair of the Senate Budget & Finance Committee, and as a member of the Kirwan Commission on Education.

BUDGET: My key budget priorities are investments in education -- such as the \$200 million dedicated to funding recommendations to improve education and opportunity for all Maryland children in this year's budget -- as well as long-term sustainable transportation, such as securing \$178 million for the Baltimore Metro and \$167 million for the DC Metro. I will be the Governor who funds these priorities.

REDISTRICTING: I support redistricting reform. I support establishing a nonpartisan Redistricting Commission to prepare and adopt decennial redistricting plans for congressional and legislative districts in Maryland. Each congressional district should consist of adjoining territory; be compact in form; and be of substantially equal population, giving due regard to natural and political boundaries.

ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental challenges are to protect and continue to be an active steward of the Chesapeake Bay and to address climate change and its impacts. As governor I will protect, defend and improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, one of Maryland's abundant natural treasures. I will reduce harmful emissions and increase our reliance on renewable energy sources.

DISCRIMINATION: I will set the tone at the top, a strong and effective leader who will stand up against racism, bigotry and discrimination. Whether the fight for freedom to marry or to combat discrimination in housing and employment, I have championed equal rights. Building on my achievements in human rights, criminal justice, voting rights and social justice, I will implement policies to end discrimination.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare is a human right. I will be the strong leader Maryland needs to address our most significant health challenges - ensuring that all Marylanders have broad access to affordable, high-quality health care and prescription drugs, and finding solutions to the opioid epidemic by providing fast, effective relief for those suffering from addiction and a new focus on prevention and treatment.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Other priorities include building a strong economy with good-paying jobs and fair taxes, and continuing my effective advocacy of gun violence prevention laws, such as the assault weapons and bump stocks ban. I strongly support public financing of state elections and getting big money out of our politics. I am the ONLY candidate for Governor who is participating in public financing in Maryland.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my entire career in public service. I came to Maryland as a public school teacher and went on to the highest levels of federal government working on innovation and technology. I believe that our government needs leaders who will push for new solutions in a constantly changing world. Talent is everywhere in Maryland but opportunity is not, and we can change that.

BUDGET: The proper funding of our education system, especially resetting the formula through recommendations by the Kirwan Commission, is the single most important budgetary concern for our next governor. Regarding transportation, I will prioritize use of state money for multimodal transportation solutions like mass transit and multi-use roads - not just on highway widening projects.

REDISTRICTING: We need to make the modification of Congressional districts a process conducted by independent commissions that rely on the fairness of mathematics rather than the bias of politics. We also need to look into ways to de-polarize our politics, like open primaries and Rank Choice Voting. These are simple steps and will bring more competition into our politics and more choices for voters.

ENVIRONMENT: My administration will prioritize cleaning up and preserving the Chesapeake Bay by participating in regional and statewide conservancy programs. We will make Maryland the center of the green economy and provide funding for environmental innovators by establishing a statewide Maryland Green Bank. Conservation and innovation should go hand in hand and Maryland is the perfect place to make it happen.

DISCRIMINATION: There are practical ways we must address discrimination, but it starts with a set of values. Our leaders should work to bring people together, not divide them. And they must take strong stands against things that conflict with those values of openness, and move our state in a positive direction. As governor, the values of openness and inclusion would be first and foremost in my leadership.

HEALTH CARE: Without universal health coverage, we are denying quality of life to many in our state and increasing costs for everyone. First, we need to protect and preserve the best parts of the ACA. We also need to add a public option through Medicaid so that everyone in Maryland has access to quality, affordable health care. And we need to fight to keep the costs of prescription drugs low.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I am especially focused on the “rise of the rest” and how we empower more people from more zip codes to compete and succeed in the industries of the future. This is a holistic issue, and my administration will be focused on the many issues - like education, job creation, support for small business, and inclusive innovation - that will create opportunity for all Marylanders in a changing economy.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Over the course of my career, I have led large public and private organizations across the state. For four years, I served as Chair of the University System of Maryland – the state’s largest public entity. I also served as Chair of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance, the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, and the Empowerment Baltimore Management Corporation, and my law firm, Venable LLP.

BUDGET: In my budgets, education and transportation will be my top two priorities. As Governor, in my first legislative session, I will pass legislation that includes some of the policies I know we need in education – from universal pre-K through increased compensation for our teachers. Transportation will be my second priority, and I will focus on mass transit options that moves people across the state.

REDISTRICTING: I support forming a bipartisan and independent commission to advise the Governor during the process of drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland. As Governor, I will also work diligently to implement changes to the system to make it more transparent and accountable to the people.

ENVIRONMENT: Our way of life and our economy is strictly tied to our environment. The largest challenges include ensuring that our water is safe to drink, our air is safe to breathe, and the Chesapeake Bay is healthy. I will push for a shift more completely towards renewable energy, including solar and wind. I will also work to get more cars off of our roads and onto cleaner, mass transit lines.

DISCRIMINATION: Along with my Lt. Governor, Brandon Scott, I will work to create an Office of Equity that will be charged with ensuring that all state agencies complete gender, racial, religious, disability, and income assessments of their services, programs, employment, and contracting practices. In addition, the office will direct agencies to create action plans to address the findings of these assessments.

HEALTH CARE: As Governor, unlike Larry Hogan, I will stand up to federal Republicans’ efforts to repeal the ACA and protect Marylanders. On the federal level, there is also a movement to implement a national single payer system, which I support. At the state level, I do not think we have the scale necessary to properly institute a single payer system.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will also focus on growing the economy and making it fairer for all Marylanders. I will work to make our communities safer and to restore the community’s trust in law enforcement. And, I will focus on protecting our environment by targeting ambitious standards for our RPS, investing in energy storage technology, and getting more people off the roads and onto mass transit infrastructure.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong Marylander, who has lived the American Dream--going from a basement apartment on the Baltimore City/County line and attending Maryland public schools to serving as Michelle Obama's Policy Director at the White House & Senior Advisor to Sec. of State Hillary Clinton. I've led complex organizations, multi-billion dollar budgets & initiatives in education, healthcare, & creating jobs.

BUDGET: Education is my absolute top priority. As the only candidate who attended Maryland public schools (K-12), I am committed fully funding our schools, guaranteeing Pre-K, closing the achievement gap, expanding STEAM education opportunities, & providing free community college and retraining. I will restart Baltimore's Red Line and invest in transportation solutions that cut commute times in half.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering and unlimited dark money are the greatest threats to the health of our democracy. I support independent experts drawing district lines in Maryland using transparent processes/formulas to ensure fairness. At the same time, I will work regionally on solutions to ensure that our good government actions in Maryland do not adversely affect the overall balance of power in the U.S. House

ENVIRONMENT: Saving the Chesapeake Bay, reducing air pollution, and acting on climate change will be my top priorities. For the Bay, we will reduce water pollution at it's source, improve the Bay's resilience, & hold upstream states accountable. We will reduce air pollution from our transportation and power sectors by investing in clean energy (offshore wind, solar, etc), energy efficiency, & public transit.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination has no place in society. We will build an inclusive government that reflects the full diversity of Maryland to end it, because discrimination increases when diverse voices are excluded from decision-making. We will guarantee 3-months of paid family leave, ensure equal pay for equal work, end sexual harassment, attack systemic racism, prosecute hate crimes, and improve accessibility.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare is a human right. We will provide universal, affordable healthcare through a state-run public option to ensure coverage for the 350,000 Marylanders without insurance and to help those that can't afford their current coverage. We will confront the opioid crisis by increasing access to overdose reversal agents & expanding drug treatment options. We will reduce gun violence in communities.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As we advance all of our important policy priorities here at home, we must also defend our fellow Marylanders from the attacks coming out of President Trump's White House. We must stand up and defend immigrant rights, civil rights, Muslim rights, gay rights, reproductive rights, workers' rights, Dreamers' rights, & public health. We must also protect thousands of federal jobs from budget cuts.

Comptroller

DUTIES: The Comptroller is the financial officer of Maryland, responsible for collecting, managing and planning for revenue to support the state budget. The Comptroller collects and administers Maryland taxes on income (both personal and corporate), retail sales, motor vehicle fuel tax, tobacco, beer, wine and liquor, and estate tax. The Comptroller serves on the Board of Public Works along with the Governor and the state Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly.

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

Questions

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

REVENUE SYSTEM: What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency and fairness of the collection of Maryland taxes?

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: As a member of the Board of Public Works, what criteria would you use for evaluating contracts and capital projects that are subject to approval by that Board?

OTHER PRIORITIES: Please describe any other priorities you have for this office.

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I believe the top tax collector, auditor & maintainer of the public general ledger should be proficient in accounting. I am a certified public accountant, legally licensed to practice public accounting in Maryland. I also have an MBA in finance & another masters degree in information systems. I have private, federal & state work experiences in financial management systems, tax, accounting & audit.

REVENUE SYSTEM: I will update information systems statewide, for usability and security, and promote tax credits and other incentives for energy star, solar panel, and other efficiency products and services. I also will reduce interest and penalties for people who are being proactive & voluntarily reporting additional income the state would normally not have time to audit; coming clean should never be penalized.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: I want spending to be more spread across Maryland, for all to enjoy the amazing nooks and crannies of our beautiful state. Safety is my number one priority in public works - safe roads for motorists, law enforcement, cyclists, pedestrians, and our delicate environment. The ethics and prior history of contractors completing projects in time, safely, and within budget should also be considered.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I also think it is unfair to tax retirement income. If we remove it all together we would increase our property and sales tax base, hence bring up our net revenues. Lastly, I will increase transparency across the comptroller office, not just in the general ledger, but also in how the state audits and comes to final resolution with tax payers. I will lovingly enforce the law equally for all.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As Maryland's independent fiscal watchdog, I'm proud of my record of achievement and results that I've delivered for Maryland taxpayers since I became Comptroller in 2007. Thanks to initiatives that we have implemented, and the hard work of the dedicated public servants in our agency, ours is regarded as the most efficient and effective Comptroller's Office in the nation.

REVENUE SYSTEM: Our main focus continues to be processing tax returns accurately and efficiently. We have improved our agency's responsiveness to taxpayers and reduce call wait times. In my agency, tax fairness is a top priority. We continue to embrace innovative ways to make sure that everyone is paying their fair share. Moving forward, I will continue to build upon the tremendous progress we have made.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: As a BPW member, I am proud to be a strong fiscal watchdog for Maryland's working families. I have advocated against single-bid contracts, fought for the inclusion of more Minority and Women-owned contracts in the procurement system, and have worked in a bipartisan fashion to instate reforms to our state's previously broken procurement process.

OTHER PRIORITIES: If elected to another term as Comptroller, I will continue to provide the independent leadership that Marylanders expect and deserve this office. I will fight for policies and priorities that grow our economy, safeguard our fiscal future, and protect the financial well-being of working families and small businesses.

Attorney General

DUTIES: The Attorney General is the chief legal office of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, and all State departments, boards and most commissions. The Attorney General represents the state in all cases that relate to the Governor, the General Assembly, and most state agencies. The office also has responsibilities for consumer protection, civil rights, medical and investment fraud, and the juvenile justice system.

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

Questions

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

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: What steps will you take to improve the efficiency and fairness of legal processes in Maryland?

LITIGATION: When should the Attorney General join lawsuits relating to federal regulations or corporate misconduct?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What actions will you take to address other issues, such as domestic violence, human trafficking, substance abuse, and protection of consumers?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former state and federal prosecutor, counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, business leader and decorated Soldier/Veteran. I have also been a volunteer EMT/Rescue Diver. I have a history of public service and management. I believe the AG should focus on public safety, not politics and partisanship and should focus on issues of importance to all Marylanders regardless of party.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: The Attorney General should be focused on balancing the need to enforce the laws and ensure public safety while ensuring due process for all Marylanders. The AG should lead by example by being ethical, avoiding conflicts of interest and making sure that all voices are heard before weighing in on a particular case, while at the same time vigorously enforcing the laws of the state.

LITIGATION: With respect to federal regulations, the Attorney General should weigh in only when there is a compelling state interest, a sound legal basis and a determination that the case can be won on the merits. Those decisions should not be based on political considerations. With respect to corporate misconduct, the AG ensure respect for the law and hold corporations fully accountable for misconduct.

DISCRIMINATION: There is no room in this state for discrimination based upon race, gender, religion, disability or poverty/class. The Attorney General should be vigilant to ensure that our laws are respected and people are treated equally.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a prosecutor/counsel to the Senate Jud. Comm., I focused on domestic violence/sexual exploitation/trafficking. The AG should make protection of the most vulnerable a priority. The opioid crisis in Maryland needs leadership from the AG to bring together the law enforcement, public health and recovery communities to find appropriate solutions. Consumer protection must be a priority as well.

Democratic Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as Maryland's Attorney General for the past three years. Prior to being elected Attorney General, I was Chair of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, where I sponsored many laws that now protect Marylanders and our state including the law prohibiting oil drilling in the Chesapeake Bay, the Maryland Recycling Act and the Maryland Firearm Safety Act.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: Among the many steps that my office has taken to improve the efficiency and fairness of the legal processes in Maryland is our fight for and achievement of reforming the cash bail system, which jailed people in our state simply because they were poor. I will continue to work with the legislature to find and invest in strategies that increase public safety and recidivism.

LITIGATION: The Attorney General should join lawsuits relating to federal regulations or corporate misconduct when there is evidence that the people or state of Maryland have been or will be adversely effected.

DISCRIMINATION: In 2015, my office was the first in the country to issue guidelines to all law enforcement agencies prohibiting profiling based upon race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual preference, etc. We published a study of discrimination against LGBT citizens that was cited by the Supreme Court in its historic Obergefell decision. We have penalized and shut down industries that prey on the poor.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Over the past three years my office has achieved hundreds of millions of dollars of settlements and judgments from Wall Street Banks, Predatory Lenders, Automakers, Tobacco Companies, and Polluters who sought to injure or defraud Marylanders. My office is working with the multi-state investigation of opioid manufacturers. If re-elected, I pledge to remain the People's lawyer & continue our efforts.

U.S. Senator

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

How Elected: Elected statewide. In 2018, Maryland voters will elect one of our two Senators. 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 per year.

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Questions

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

HEALTH CARE: What changes in federal healthcare policy do you advocate and why?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

ECONOMIC POLICY: What policies will you support to strengthen the national economy, such as those affecting international trade, taxes, labor rights, and infrastructure?

IMMIGRATION: What changes, if any, will you support in immigration policy?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most pressing environmental challenges and how will you address them?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Republican Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30 years of government and non-profit experience. I served on a Congressional staff and as a presidential appointee at Social Security Administration. As a former Army officer, I understand national security issues as well as the need for sound foreign policy based on our national interest. I have real world experience and academic knowledge which is necessary to serve in the US Senate.

HEALTH CARE: I advocate for an end to ObamaCare. The national government should not be in the business of mandating health care coverage. A possible change I would be in favor of is looking at providing block grants to states from the national government to try to solve the opioid epidemic. Another change in health policy would be to allow Veterans to go to any hospital to get the care they need.

DISCRIMINATION: The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberties for citizens so they are equal under the law through the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Education Reform is one of the most pressing issues which can help to eliminate discrimination in our country. I support School Choice initiatives for all parents to send their children to the schools of their choice.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I am against raising taxes. I support a balanced budget amendment. I am in favor of bi-lateral Fair Trade policies. Keeping America Secure is a key focus of my campaign for US Senate. Our cyber infrastructure is severely compromised with American companies being hacked by foreign countries. Our energy grid infrastructure is also at risk and should be priority of the national government.

IMMIGRATION: National Sovereignty is connected to the ability of a country to protect its borders. I support enhancing our border security through a variety of means including building a border wall and increased border agents. I am against current policies of the diversity lottery and chain migration. I am against a pathway to citizenship for undocumented people. I would support permanent residency status.

ENVIRONMENT: In Maryland, a pressing environmental challenge is the dredging of our waterways. Maryland is unique in the amount of waterways we have and the need we have for a partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers. As your next United States Senator, I will work to fully fund dredging projects to make sure our beautiful Chesapeake Bay is environmentally healthy.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Advocating Success, not subsistence. The American Dream has been not possible for a lot of Marylanders. As your next United States Senator, I want to promote a vision of economic success. I believe limited government intervention is important so people can build a legacy of wealth creation to pass onto their children and grandchildren.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an American, son of a Veteran, son-in-law of a Veteran, a brother-in-law to a Veteran. These men not only fought for my freedom but yours as well. I am husband, father, father-in-law grandfather, Catholic, coach, union worker, state worker, business owner, volunteer, and a lifetime Maryland resident.. All of these experiences have given me the insight necessary to represent Maryland.

HEALTH CARE: I would advocate getting the government out of Healthcare. Healthcare should be turned over to private industry. This will create jobs in the private sector and would lower the price of health care. It is also expensive, but using volume or cooperatives to buy blocks of coverage in large numbers would drive down the costs. The current administration had made a start with important policy changes

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in any form is harmful, detrimental and offensive. There are numerous additional brackets including age. It extends from employment, finance, insurance, banking, and real estate. We should have a Zero tolerance policy.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Under the current administration we have taken large steps to improve our economic policies. The tax reform, cancelling NAFTA ,Tariffs across the board especially on steel and aluminum, the re-negotiation of current trade deals, repealed net neutrality law. We need to train our workers from trades which include welders to cyber security using American workers first.

IMMIGRATION: We need a border wall, or a fence, a means of stopping the flood of illegal's crossing into the United States. Security along our border is vital to the safety of all Americans. People should not live in fear of illegals, gang members, drug dealers and sexual offenders jumping over our border. The current number of illegal people who are in our country proves what we have currently isn't working

ENVIRONMENT: Pollution, land management, urban sprawl, waste disposal, over population, water sacristy and pollution and deforestation these are the most pressing environmental challenges today. I feel the development of a filtration device to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus in the Chesapeake Bay, our oceans and our streams is imperative. Good management programs are in place but need to be followed up on.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The most urgent priority for me is school safety. We need to allocate the funds to make fundamental changes to our schools. In the private sector employees have to badge in and out. This not only ensures the safety of the confidential information in the business, but the employees working there. There needs to be armed resource officers in all schools to protect our children, they are our future

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QUALIFICATIONS: I believe our Founding Fathers intended for Congress to compose of multiple backgrounds of people—business persons; scientists; educators; civil leaders; government workers & private citizens; each a life experience. I'm prepared for office because I embody diversity through a range of life challenges. I put principle over politics & party loyalty, and my motto is "be the change you seek".

HEALTH CARE: Making CHIP/PACE permanent & legislating a single-payer co-pay/free market system for PCIP by increasing FICA 1% & keeping 3.8% surtax on capital gains; amending the ACA cost-sharing reduction payments toward Ambulatory Care Centers; legislate Medicare drug price negotiations; focus on a balanced hospital Charge Description Master. To do so will be closest to making healthcare a right.

DISCRIMINATION: Strengthen Trans protection/public prejudice, healthcare & endocrinologists;

focus on school to prison, Summer Slide, reduce Juvenile CJS/Adult CJS recidivism; emphasis on gentrification; disabled 'needs' earmarks allowance; efficiency in entitlement programs; vocational schooling; advocating sex ed. & business ed. Pub. Sch. changes; emphasize discrimination/racism/sexism; cordial understanding.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Three stand. deductions: \$18k (earners under \$24k), \$12k and \$6k; stand. deduction on overtime pay; legislating top dollar corps. shareholders foot 40% bottom tier employees pay (i.e. Wal-Mart's); Corp. tax 21%; close S & C Corp. 'pass through' loopholes; 5% federal sales tax; progressive tax rates; fair employee benefits (sick, family & medical leave); support \$1.0T+ infrastructure spending.

IMMIGRATION: Minimum H1-B visa changes; merit based immigration; deter/modify birth tourism; full-proof bio-metrics data system; support DACA; ITIN/DACA-esque lottery/pathway to citizenship; border defense-drones, patrols, structures; NAFTA renegotiation/prisoner transfers; foreign aid negotiations Latin America & Mexico/end Mexico City Policy & allow remittances; expedite deportation of criminal aliens.

ENVIRONMENT: Global Warming, Climate Change, drought, sea level rise & (plastic /CO/runoff) pollution: Variable Renewable Energy (VRE)—wind, solar, nuclear power & natural gas; grey-water system mandates (CA, NM, AZ, TX & NV); beach fill, jetties & tidal breaks; recycling & waste mgnt. reforms; hybrid/electric/Flex Fuel Vehicles [E83 ethanol](clean coal alcohol fuel conversion + bio fuel + diesel); aquaponics.

OTHER PRIORITIES: State chartered bank/bank account: portfolio—student & business loans/grants; entitlement program recipient accounts; local infrastructure grants; Outlaw 'Payday' loans & check cashing services; Legalize Cannabis; Protect Dodd-Frank/CFPB; End 'Right to Work' laws; Universal Basic Income; Small business: tax reform/incentives; Women/Minority businesses; Pub. Ed. & tuition; Ntl. Def. & Cyber Sec.

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QUALIFICATIONS: In Information Technology to implement or upgrade a system we gather information, analyze the information, present the findings before a solution is implemented. I will use this same strategy to analyze national issues such as immigration, social justice and gun control that both parties have been kicking down the road with opposing views to ginger their base.

HEALTH CARE: I would advocate for a Patient Centered Healthcare system which involves listening to, informing and ensuring that patients values guide all clinical decisions. My wife Chioma Eze a nurse and other doctors heavily influenced my view in healthcare. The healthcare professionals shared the view that when patients are treated with dignity and respect they tend to recover from their illness quicker.

DISCRIMINATION: I know that you can not legislate an end to discrimination but government is a critical site for struggle and change. I would support legislation that would require public/private bodies to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance the equality of opportunity and the financial consequences of noncompliance are made real.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I will continue to support President Trumps campaign promise to simplify the tax code and lowering the marginal income tax rates. When tax rates are reduced people will be motivated to work, save and invest which will help strengthen the national economy.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration is one of the lingering issues that both parties do not have a desire to resolve because they can use immigration to ginger their base during election cycles. I would support securing our borders (terrorists have indicated an interest in the past to enter through our southern borders) but establish a program of providing Guest Workers with a path to citizenship.

ENVIRONMENT: When scientists told us last year there would be a solar eclipse we believed them

and most of us went out to buy solar viewing glasses. The same scientists also tell us that humans are the biggest contributors to global warming but some of us do not believe them. I would support economic policies that would change the price of goods or activities to influence the choices made by people/businesses.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will support common sense gun control with universal background check, a ban on high capacity magazines and military style assault weapons . The NRA states that "Guns don't kill people, bad people kill people " but we should not easily give bad people access to guns.

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DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a first-generation American who is a mother, a wife, and a lawyer who has practiced for almost 22 years. While raising my three children, I have also counseled financial institutions related to compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements. I taught Sunday school for 11 years and am an active volunteer in protecting the gardens and grounds at the Washington National Cathedral.

HEALTH CARE: Greater attention should be given to eliminating waste in our healthcare system, which represents over 30% of healthcare spending. Providers must be incentivized to deliver efficient care while maintaining quality, and we must re-engineer the way care is delivered (e.g., best practices that rely on data and analytics to identify the most efficient way of delivering healthcare services)/

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in any form is anti-American and has no place in our society. It is our responsibility, as an informed electorate, to ensure that Americans of all races, genders, abilities and religions have access to good jobs, quality schools and a healthcare system that meets their needs. If I become Maryland's next U.S. senator, I will work tirelessly to end all forms of discrimination.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Maryland needs to look forward to high-growth industries and develop policies that attract those businesses now. For example, there is a revolution coming to the automotive industry in connection with self-driving vehicles. Maryland should become the "incubator"for these technologies and create economic incentives to attract those high-growth businesses that will be the future's "job creators."

IMMIGRATION: Immigration reform remains a bottleneck to our country's growth, security and prosperity. A bipartisan solution must be devised to determine the status of those currently in the United States illegally. Once a solution is achieved, the United States Congress must decide our country's immigration policies, not federal agency officials or others who unilaterally impose their own political agenda.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the single greatest environmental challenge our country faces. We

must use a combination of market forces and tax incentives to develop alternative sources of energy, such as solar, wind and wave energy. And we must develop students who have the technical education to make Maryland a magnet for these industries. Fostering these businesses will benefit future generations.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As the holder of a master's degree in education, I am passionate about considering innovative ways to make our educational system for dynamic and forward-thinking. Students must have experiences that will allow them to excel in the classroom, the lab and in the art room. And we must reward classroom teachers who inspire in teh classroom and foster students' academic and artistic passions.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Before I was a teacher I fixed bulldozers, tractors, and plant equipment. I am a Class A mechanic. If it rotates I can fix it. I became a teacher of History & American Government so I created lesson plans to have my audience understand not only what happened in the past but why it happened. Senators should create and preserve the Republic & History. As a proud Coppin graduate I am prepared.

HEALTH CARE: Prior to Obamacare problems with healthcare or prices could be taken to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner...and solved. Governor, your Delegates, and Senator could also leverage a solution if necessary. Now, the two Senators from Oregon and the entire complement of Texas Congressman are required to adjust / modify the benefits, premiums, or authorizations of anything. Current plan is too much.

DISCRIMINATION: When we find discrimination it must be addressed quickly. In the Senate it is important to have 59 other Senators on your side to reach a solution. The next Senator must communicate effectively with other Senators to elicit help and speed toward discovering solutions which will work. A working solution is key because most law breakers don't give a hoot what the law says or what words are on paper.

ECONOMIC POLICY: As a Senator I pledge not to pick economic winners. As a former business person I know the hassles of making payroll every week. I still flinch when I hear tales of cost overruns, hostile bureaucratic interactions, fees, and fines. I will work for one rule for everyone not 20 different rules. There is a reason that the contents of your wallet are called "your money". I will respect that notion.

IMMIGRATION: We are a nation of legal immigrants. My ancestors followed the rules and obeyed the

law. They recognized that "American" was not a place but an attitude with a place. What defines "American" is our attitude. We hold our head up. We walk in like we own the joint. We look people in the eye. We speak our mind even if you don't like it. American newcomers must be legal because that's the way it's done

ENVIRONMENT: If trash or garbage is in the street when it rains it will wind up in the ocean. Trash, garbage, unused items left to disintegrate are around old industrial areas, abandoned homes, and heavy commercial areas. Tons of stuff wind up in sewers heading to Baltimore's harbor and then the ocean. Sewage plants can be the worst. America has to stay on top of this because we have to. Little things count.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I really believe the Senate session is far too long. Congress needs to begin earnestly in January and depart for the year before July 4th. Every other week is a week off. Congress has more holidays than it deserves while doing less work than is needed. The single biggest item of business Congress needs to perform for the country is to create an annual budget. America has had no budget for 9 years.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I had an outstanding military career in many leadership roles. I work very well with others and listen to all sides before making decisions. My decisions are based on facts vs. politics. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine which has given me a very good understanding of other cultures. Also lived in Germany for over 3 years while serving on active duty military. Living overseas is an import

HEALTH CARE: The goal of the Affordable Care Act was to ensure all Americans received health coverage. I believe in the goal but the implementation of the Affordable Care Act led to drastic price increases for all Americans. If an individual mandate was not required then many healthy uninsured individuals would have probably not purchased healthcare. Nobody likes higher prices and nobody likes mandates to p

DISCRIMINATION: While serving on active duty in the military the Department of Defense has a zero tolerance policy for discrimination & harassment therefore I would have the same policy. Many laws currently exist to protect individuals and I would ensure employers are adhering to the law. If laws need to be strengthened then I would do everything to propose new legislation in protecting individuals from discri

ECONOMIC POLICY: I'm a proud supporter of President Trump and believe strongly in his agenda and policies which are based on his campaign slogan "Make America Great Again". The tax plan that was signed by President Trump will create economic growth therefore I will always be for less taxes. Individuals spend their money more wisely and efficiently than the gov't will. When I was in the Peace Corps from 1997 to

IMMIGRATION: I fully support President Trump's immigration policies. I would add temporary visas for farm workers and other areas that may need temporary workers.

ENVIRONMENT: Unless we fuel up the spaceship we need to take care of our beautiful planet. I will listen carefully to the environmental experts and work closely with the internationally community in finding solutions. The U.S. cannot address environmental challenges or financially afford to resolve environmental issues by itself. Global competition puts us on a level playing field therefore the costs must b

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will listen to the people of Maryland and work endlessly in resolving their issues. Therefore the people of Maryland's priorities will be my priorities. I will have an open door

policy and will publicly post on my Senate website the status of each issue presented (names will be kept confidential). Nobody will fight harder in resolving issues.

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HEALTH CARE: Single payer National Health Insurance for all citizens only, no illegals; ban all assault rifles and high-capacity magazines, raise firearms purchasing age from 18 to 21, start complete informational universal background checks.
DISCRIMINATION: I support all such laws currently in effect dealing with all of these aspects, and whatever else is deemed necessary and prudent when I take office.
ECONOMIC POLICY: Repeal NAFTA. Support the President on what he's doing in these areas. Introduce legislation for a one-time credit card debt forgiveness program that wipes out all debt with provision that these debtors can never charge again. Banks write off these losses as tax credits. The entire nation gets to start over with a clean slate thereby.
IMMIGRATION: I support the President. Deport all illegal, undocumented aliens ASAP. Build the Wall on the Mexican-US border. Outlaw all sanctuary territories within the US: cities, towns, colleges, etc. Enforce all our laws regarding the above.
ENVIRONMENT: I believe in both global warming and climate change, but I disagree with the President's lessening of environmental standards to protect our Chesapeake Bay. I would restore those necessary standards.
OTHER PRIORITIES: Disarm both North Korea and Iran of ALL nuclear weapons now, and prevent all other countries from obtaining any such so as to prevent a nuclear World War 3. Prevent political, social, and racial 2nd Civil War here at home.

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HEALTH CARE: No response received by deadline.
DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.
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IMMIGRATION: No response received by deadline.
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QUALIFICATIONS: In the Senate, I fight every day for the issues of concern to my fellow Marylanders, promoting policies, legislation and programs that help our local and regional economy, encouraging public safety and supporting public health. My success navigating the Small Business, Environment & Public Works, Finance and Foreign Relations committees allow me to effectively continue my advocacy for Marylanders.

HEALTH CARE: Health care is a human right. We should have seamless quality health care from pre-natal to death that is affordable without sacrificing quality and basic protections. Congress must restore the payments to insurers that have helped keep premiums in reach for millions. I have long supported a public option in the health exchanges that would increase competition, put patients first and lower costs.

DISCRIMINATION: Bills I have authored or cosponsored include: the End Racial and Religious Profiling Act, a resolution to remove the deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment, the Democracy Restoration Act, The Equality Act of 2017 and the Paycheck Fairness Act. I continue to support legislation to protect our LGBT students and adults. I support an increase in the federal minimum wage.

ECONOMIC POLICY: We should modify our tax code to truly target middle-income and working families, help small businesses & make smart investments in infrastructure & green technologies. Investments should address income inequality & raising wages. We need trade agreements that level the field for our workers, including robust & enforceable labor rights, environmental provisions & anti-corruption provisions.

IMMIGRATION: I support bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform, but Congress must first pass legislation to permanently protect Dreamers. We need a legal pathway to residency for TPS recipients. We don't need a wall but we can strengthen technology and other border security. We must stop President Trump's proposal to slash legal immigration, break up families and mostly close America's doors to refugees.

ENVIRONMENT: The president's unwillingness to confront climate change. I will fight for federal resources that compel this administration to invest, especially in clean air, clean water, renewable energy and public transit. We've seen success with funding for the Chesapeake Bay. If the Trump administration will not take steps necessary to protect our environment, we must encourage states to continue their work

OTHER PRIORITIES: Opioid addiction and abuse is a public health crisis. We must fight it head on with every available resource at all levels of government. Our drug laws must be smart, fair and rational, and treat addiction as a disease that requires treatment. We should improve access to evidence-based treatment centers, promote prevention education methods, and provide support for those in or seeking recovery.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Erik Jetmir was born in 1967, grew up in Harlem and the Bronx in New York. Erik is the son of a Korean War veteran who became a Baptist minister in Harlem, his mother is from Albania and met his father while attending college. He spent the last 6 years on active duty with the United States Navy, most recently as part of the Navy Cyber Warfare Group Six team at NSA.

HEALTH CARE: Health Insurance has an impact on all Americans and represents challenges that directly affect all communities. A single-payer health insurance program with a strong mandate (backed by incentives) to innovate and root out waste insures a system that addresses the entire population. The key is to mandate and fund incentives to innovate all processes and ensure waste is addressed at every level.

DISCRIMINATION: Building inclusion & making change that addresses gender, race, religion, disability & social class requires that we first accept this issue exists. We must define and obligate ourselves to the work of addressing these issues by clearly expressing their impacts, the generational results and solutions. These include greatly increasing visible programs and funding for cultural education & training.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I believe with the best trained and highest skilled workforce, we position the nation to drive all areas of the economy. We know that by investing in our youth, this will drive all economic policy. No cost college with room, board, meals, childcare & healthcare is an investment in the long-term success of our citizens, their families, our communities, our nation and economic vibrancy.

IMMIGRATION: DACA represents a way forward to ensure we are providing a path of citizenship to many of the folks that are already here and doing great things in our country. We need to look at our immigration policy in the perspective (1) as the foundation that built this nation (2) our enduring legacy of inclusion and multiculturalism. I would build on that foundation with a strong focus on national security.

ENVIRONMENT: Global warming continues to challenge the national in increasingly severe ways. From farming, to managing storm response, we need strong advocates that support the science and work to ensure this critical issue is codified and supported by sound policy.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Innovation HUB. Establish expansive private/public coalitions between industry, finance and market leaders to create a series of programs to develop ideas into thriving innovative Maryland based companies. Create a dynamic environment that entrepreneurs can engage with teams of talented and innovative business leaders.

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HEALTH CARE: Free healthcare for all. No conditions or questions asked. No one should be denied free healthcare for any reason. No one should be afraid to seek healthcare based on who they are, how much money they have, or what their "legal" status is.

DISCRIMINATION: Work toward dismantling the police, the military, the vast surveillance state, and the prison systems. These systems carry out discriminatory policies on a vast scale, such as mass incarceration of people of color, detention and deportation of immigrants, and the implicit support of incumbent businesses and the wealthy. The combined effect of the policies is a vast, gradual ethnic

cleansing

ECONOMIC POLICY: Universal basic income for all. Advanced automation is making the vast majority of all jobs becomes obsolete. We need to transition our economy away from an outdated expectation of people working endlessly, to one of people thriving and living life.

IMMIGRATION: Abolish the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. Abolish the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agency. Provide full rights for all immigrants. No bans, no walls, no borders at all.

ENVIRONMENT: No greenwashing of the police, military, and intelligence agencies, or the corporate world. Phrases like "environmentally friendly," and "zero carbon" often offset the environmental damage of policies to the most vulnerable communities. We need to prepare the low-lying and coastal areas for the damage that global warming and rising sea levels are already bringing.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Change the conversation. Bring new visions, and new ideas into the political discourse. We are not limited to the system we have. We can have a world without prisons, without borders, without the vast powers of a President, and a world where we can all live and thrive.

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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

HEALTH CARE: No response received by deadline.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

ECONOMIC POLICY: No response received by deadline.

IMMIGRATION: No response received by deadline.

ENVIRONMENT: No response received by deadline.

OTHER PRIORITIES: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: all your questions are answered in great detail on my campaign website www.segalforsenate.org I apologize for this, but I am lurching from one campaign crisis to another - PHd. Philosopher, MPA as well 4 year on Hill, 10 years in USAID, 20 years at School of public affairs. founded the Jewish Peace lobby 29 year ago etc.

HEALTH CARE: Medicare option for all. Access to solid and affordable coverage is a human right, especially is a wealthy society.

DISCRIMINATION: I favor a guaranteed job or retraining for any American able to work.

Employment in decent jobs (higher minimum wage + variable earned income tax credit = living wage income level is the way to cut through most of the impact of discrimination and poverty. We also need strong targeted laws, but going after the core economic reality is key to change.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I reject Trickle Down. I taught incoming hires at USAID about the Basic Human Needs approach to development. We need that in the US as well. My book: Graceful Simplicity: the philosophy and politics of that alternative American dream lays out a detailed policy agenda and a philosophical grounding.

IMMIGRATION: I go with the Statue of Liberty, give me your wretched. Like the Jews on the St. Louis who went back to Europe and died in the Holocaust.

ENVIRONMENT: Key is to live modestly, as the Quakers understood in the 1800's. Our polling of Democrats in Maryland show 70% want a new formulation of the American dream, modest income, security and time and energy to do what is most important in life (not at the office).

OTHER PRIORITIES: Bread and Roses is my campaign -- Roses are never talked about. I believe in Beauty as a human right. And against Ben Cardin, I'm fighting for a just solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict and avoiding war with Iran.

Richard "Rikki" Vaughn

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QUALIFICATIONS: For growing up in working class household in Baltimore to working my way up from a McDonald's employee to receiving my MBA and becoming husband, father, business owner, and restaurateur life experiences have given me the tools to become a solid and accountable US Senator for the great state of Maryland. I have a fluid understand of the needs of people throughout the spectrum of Maryland life.

HEALTH CARE: The Affordable Care Act (ACA) needs to be strengthened. My belief is a single-payer ACA would be better for businesses and provide better services to tax-payers. Reduce Cost for Prescription Drugs. Work with Companies to Reduce and Monitor Sales of Opioids. Get more federal monies to screen packages for opioid deliveries. Decriminalizing cannabis and removing it from being a Schedule 1 drug.

DISCRIMINATION: The most important cure to inequalities in race and poverty is to have good paying jobs. But, we need to go further to fully address systemic inequalities to include the disabled with upgrades to education, higher education, housing, transportation, criminal justice, and healthcare must all be addressed. For healthcare and criminal justice complete decriminalization of marijuana is necessary.

ECONOMIC POLICY: There are three major policies I'll support on day one to strengthen our nation's economy: support for to decriminalization of marijuana leading up to billions of dollars of potential federal tax revenue, new labor laws that support current workers and the growth of unions in new industries like tech, and a national infrastructure upgrade bill.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration laws in the US should be changed to: 1 allow children of immigrants who were born outside of the US, but raised in the US (Dreamers) should be allowed to stay in the US; 2 misdemeanors and small crimes by immigrants should not warrant deportation; 3 deportations should apply to those who commit violent crimes in the US and will be subject to imprisonments 4 open doors to asylum seekers

ENVIRONMENT: Upgrades in the infrastructure of Maryland to improve and protect the environment for our children and families. Continue to support ban on Fracking in Maryland, while supporting green initiatives in Western Maryland. Let's Grow Solar in Maryland. Solar is our largest single energy supplier in Maryland, but we can do more. Replace Lead Pipes in areas with lead in water.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Fund procurement opportunities for MWOB/MBE/MWBD in Maryland. Fund organizations of color committed to fund entrepreneurial and STEM education. STEM Education for Early Learners. 3 Pre-K and 4 Pre-K Programs. More monies in STEM programs and STEM Elementary and High Schools. Invest in Smart Schools – more Tech in Schools. Extensive background checks on gun sales. More federal dollars for HBCU's.

Debbie "Rica" Wilson

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QUALIFICATIONS: * Life experience has prepared me to serve my country. I am dedicated to equality, fairness, and justice. As a mother, disabled African-American woman, and concerned citizen, I am committed to what is in the best interest of American citizens. Moreover, I work to improve lives daily through Brown Girl Wellness, Incorporated. I founded Brown Girl to make a positive difference for families.

HEALTH CARE: A universal healthcare system would benefit all Americans. Yes, Medicare should be available to every American regardless of income. A universal healthcare system is essential to ensure every citizen has access to quality healthcare. Quality healthcare is a human right. Moreover, job status should not determine access to care.

DISCRIMINATION: As a disabled African-American woman, I know how discrimination feels. I will support practical policies that promote diversity and inclusion regardless of race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty. I will continue to support policies that oppose discrimination.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Economic inequality impacts every American. Elected leaders must continually seek solutions to eliminate economic disparities in middle-class and low-income communities. By providing transparent solutions regarding trade, taxes, labor and infrastructure, access to viable change will help American communities suffocated by despair. I will support fair policies that improve lives.

IMMIGRATION: Dreamers are Americans! This country was built on the backs of men and women who worked for low wages to help their children live better lives. Deportation and family division is not the answer. Congress must continue to create laws to protect Dreamers and families. I will only support changes that create better opportunities for individuals and families.

ENVIRONMENT: Environmental issues are often linked to health issues in low-income and middle-class communities. We must ensure all individuals have their basic needs met by supporting effort to provide clean air and water. Additionally, farmers need to support to maintain toxic-free farms to produce quality food.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Educational equity, disability rights, domestic violence law reform, food insecurity, poverty and human rights issues are also very important to me.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Reformer/advocate/activist. Promote fairness/freedom/justice/peace; productivity/accountability/cost-effectiveness. Identified "socio-economic-political-election-media-budget-legislation-system problems"; local-global; testify/recommend to officials, law enforcement, 3 branches. TV programs producer speaker; field/studio. Expertise, commitment: intensive/extensive/diversified civic services

HEALTH CARE: Support single-payer healthcare by government, affordable health care. Our health care system should not be controlled by for-profit corporations. To improve quality, affordable health care for all as a fundamental right and should be achieved by the government. Medical costs should not be shifted onto other programs (e.g., Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries). Promote productivity, accountability

DISCRIMINATION: 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/litigation/levies/foreclosures

ECONOMIC POLICY: Prosecute/eliminate "official misconduct-government gang-MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust/false/misleading practices; private-public; 3 branches, local-fed-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.

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

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

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

U.S. Representative

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 can recommend that the Senate remove from office a public official accused of a crime.

Term: Two years

Base Salary: \$174,000

How Elected: Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland has eight of the 435 Representatives, based on the state's population in the 2010 Census.

Website: www.house.gov

Questions

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

HEALTH CARE: What changes in federal healthcare policy do you advocate and why?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

ECONOMIC POLICY: What policies will you support to strengthen the national economy, such as those affecting international trade, taxes, labor rights, and infrastructure?

IMMIGRATION: What changes, if any, will you support in immigration policy?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most pressing environmental challenges and how will you address them?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I believe that although this is my first run at a federal office and I am at the age of 25 which is the filing age for congressional representative, that I have a good deal of life experience and education as a United States Marine and College Graduate to bring new blood and fresh eyes to our Government and congress.

HEALTH CARE: I believe that we as a nation have too many suffering American citizens, healthcare should be a right not a privilege, even if it is so for emergency and basic level care it is and should be available and provided to all American citizens. I plan to readjust our private and public sectors of care, giving all a basic level of provided care and the option for advance care via the private sectors if

DISCRIMINATION: I plan to end this discrimination issue, for too long there has been a issue of race, gender, and ethnicity. We need to focus on the successes of one another, take pay for example you should earn what you are worth and what you worked in your career for, not a high balance which only creates inflation. We need to focus on the good quality of people not the gender or race of and individual.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I plan to tackle our economic structure by first getting the overspend of our government under control, until we control our own spending and taxation we can not correct the system.

IMMIGRATION: I plan to completely correct our immigration system, as it is currently a talking point with no action to follow. We need to harden our borders, revamp our immigration policies and procedures for visas and citizenship. Work on simplifying the system for those brought here as children to become legal citizens and deport those who have violated our laws and brought strain and harm to our nation.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe that the recent lift of enforcement and sanctions on the EPA was a poor choice and will begin a fast-downward spiral to our environment. I plan to see that these enforcement's are reinstated and strengthened, we only get one planet, and one home and we need to take care of it. I plan to enforce many strict sanctions on pollutant, and litter actions to see that we clean up and care for ou

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a United states veteran I plan to see that care and resources continue to grow for our Armed services and Veterans as they return home. I plan to fight homelessness and see that we put our nations people first, for too long we have not. I plan to fight for resources for the addiction epidemic such as rehabilitation, while placing sanctions on pharmaceuticals and imports to begin this fight

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience allows me to address effectively both national and Maryland's 6th Congressional District issues. I am the only candidate for this office with Federal experience, as US Army Deputy Under Secretary. I understand the Federal process. Also, my prior candidacy for this position has given me a deep understanding of the unique needs of the entire District. Finally, I bring proven empathy.

HEALTH CARE: I support empowering individuals with more control over how to meet their healthcare needs and those of their families. I will support policies to promote wider availability of generic drugs and cross-state insurance to keep costs lower. One of our healthcare failures has been treatment of our veterans. I will work to see that veterans have access to quality healthcare, either public or private.

DISCRIMINATION: I am opposed to discrimination based not only on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty but also on appearance, age, family heritage, and any other factor that might cause people to reject a class of persons. We currently have laws that prohibit many forms of discrimination. However, we fall short on tolerance and empathy and in the enforcement of existing laws. I will promote both.

ECONOMIC POLICY: As a long-term small business founder and owner, I know over-regulation and a complex tax code hinder job growth. New technology is reshaping traditional jobs. We need to better anticipate work of the future. I will work to reduce the time it takes to transform ideas into companies. I endorse the Business Express website just established by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

IMMIGRATION: As the daughter of an immigrant, I know that the US is a country of immigrants, and I support immigrants with empathy. We are also a country of laws. I support uniform, fair, consistent enforcement of our laws and processes. Lack of uniformity is, sadly, increasing divisiveness. It is vital to national security that we not only care for immigrants but also address weaknesses in law enforcement.

ENVIRONMENT: The environment is critically important to Maryland's 6th District, economically and for our families' health and safety. As a professional who has worked for years on environmental cleanup and restoration, I support an emphasis on a local approach leveraging federal resources to address our environmental challenges because local governments and communities best know their unique assets and needs.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My overarching priority is to bring to Congress my sense of empathy and cooperation. I will work to get us past the current political divide. I will be a Federal ally to Governor Hogan to improve transportation; address heroin and opioid addiction; create jobs and nurture businesses; and provide safety and security. I will also work for healthcare solutions; education; and for our veterans.

Lisa Lloyd

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a full time Nurse Practitioner working in Private Practice, Urgent Care Clinics, performing Home Infusions and volunteering at a clinic for the uninsured. I work in English and Spanish providing healthcare to all socio-economic classes. This gives me daily exposure and experience in dealing with the major issues of Healthcare, Opioid crisis and Immigration.

HEALTH CARE: We need to implement free market solutions for healthcare and insurance issues and reduce federal government involvement. Fraud in both Medicare and Medicaid must be reduced. Healthcare needs to become more of a personal responsibility. Reducing illegal immigration will also reduce unpaid health services.

DISCRIMINATION: Any discrimination based on race, gender, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, and sexual orientation should be illegal. At the same time any preferences, quotas and set-asides based on the previously mentioned characteristics should also be illegal. Questions on any public forms asking about the aforementioned should be eliminated.

ECONOMIC POLICY: My primary position is one of "America First!" Ideally there should be as little government interference as possible in our lives. We should have a positive trade balance. Money is power. The more money Congress can accumulate through taxes or deficit spending just increases its power. Both need to be drastically reduced.

IMMIGRATION: I worked in Mexico as a government liaison and am fluent in Spanish so I have an understanding of immigrations issues. The average cost to support the undocumented population in Frederick County alone is over \$1,000 per household while the state spends over \$2.4 billion annually. We need to enforce our nation's Immigration Laws and implement Voter ID.

ENVIRONMENT: Measures taken to protect the environment are necessary and welcomed. However, policies and regulations should always be measured against the larger context of the economy and real-world achievability.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a Nurse Practitioner, I am a registered provider with CRISP (Chesapeake Regional Information System for Patients), the state database for controlled substance users and providers with full prescribing privileges. I am on the front line dealing personally with healthcare, the opioid crisis and immigration issues every day. I am also pro-Constitution especially on 2nd Amendment rights.

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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

HEALTH CARE: No response received by deadline.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

ECONOMIC POLICY: No response received by deadline.

IMMIGRATION: No response received by deadline.

ENVIRONMENT: No response received by deadline.

OTHER PRIORITIES: No response received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I know the challenges facing 6th District residents – I grew up here and live here. I served 20 years in the Army, including 3 deployments to Bosnia and a tour on the ground in Iraq. Russia meddled in our election. I supervised Counterintelligence operations against Russians. I have worked at the Pentagon for 14 years, and can best reduce Defense expenses, the largest share of federal spending.

HEALTH CARE: Health care is a human right. I support H.R. 676 MEDICARE For All. MEDICARE is taking care of our seniors and is affordable. Let's build on what works – expand MEDICARE to cover everyone. I had a son who was born premature, so I joined the Army to get health insurance which covered pre-existing conditions. No one should have to put their life on the line to get health care for

their sick child.

DISCRIMINATION: All people should be treated equally, but we know that is not happening. Equal treatment under the law is a constitutional right. Criminal Justice reform, including ending money bail, is needed. No Muslim ban, we should welcome those fleeing religious persecution. All persons should be paid equally regardless of gender or orientation. Sexual harassment should be treated like the crime that it is.

ECONOMIC POLICY: We must address income inequality. I support the Fight for 15 as the first step toward a living wage. Anyone working a full time job should be able to put a roof over their head. We need infrastructure funding to create jobs, funded by rolling back the recent corporate tax cut, not by high tolls. I support unions. Trade wars won't work – we need a global response to countries that cheat.

IMMIGRATION: Our immigration system is broken. We need comprehensive immigration reform. We are a nation of immigrants, founded by people fleeing religious persecution. We should provide safe haven to persons fleeing ISIS violence, increase legal immigration, and continue to support family reunification. I support a path to citizenship for DACA recipients, and continuing TPS status. I oppose the 287g program.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is real. I have been doing something about it. I am the Director of Operations of a green energy research company that has patents which could be used in improved solar panels and advanced energy storage. The level of carbon in the atmosphere is now twice the historical levels. We must draw down the carbon level and I support creation of an ARPA-C program to do that research.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We need a Congressman who lives in the 6th District, not another out-of-district millionaire. We must prevent a pre-emptive war with North Korea, resulting in millions of deaths. We must defend our Nation from outside meddling in our elections. To do that, we must address the divisiveness we see today. I will talk to everyone, even if we disagree. We need Federal, not State level experience.

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QUALIFICATIONS: After my career ended as a veteran, NASA management intern, industry and federal economist, for over 20 years I participated in monthly meetings of three Democratic breakfast clubs where I became well informed about the issues affecting our society. I also was a candidate for Congress several times then and have prepared and updated 25 brief issue papers for voters benefit: www.georgetenglish.com

HEALTH CARE: Extending Medicare for everyone is highly desirable, but it cannot operate efficiently when compared with the huge clerical overhead and management cost savings that could only be achieved from implementation of a single payer Canadian styled health care system. Half of USA's health care costs are sheer waste from unnecessary clerical paperwork, other overhead costs, and duplication of facilities.

DISCRIMINATION: Impartial, considerate, and polite government employee behavior when interacting at all times with all members of the public must have the highest priority of government officials because it sets the example for everyone else to follow. All complaints of discrimination must be immediately acknowledged and investigated. Rapid remedial actions must then occur.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Making the taxation system much more progressive, eliminating federal budget and trade deficits, ending foreign military interventions, closing foreign bases, and renegotiating trade agreements all must be done to end the ongoing uncontrollable money counterfeiting by the Federal Reserve for funding escalating federal government budget deficits and increasing private sector indebtedness

IMMIGRATION: Implement a Canadian-styled government managed foreign guest worker program to provide temporary labor under contract when needed by farmers, factories, and other sectors of the

economy, The federal Department of Labor would insure that safe working environments, specified wages, health services, adequate housing, and transportation from their homes and back would be provided for guest workers.

ENVIRONMENT: All electricity consumed in the United States and its possessions and territories must be generated from renewable power sources before start of the year 2036. All railroad locomotives in the United States must be powered by renewable source generated electricity and high speed rail passenger transportation should replace all overland airline flights shorter than 1,000 miles before the year 2036.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The Occupy Movement's protest about the economic disenfranchisement of younger generations should result in federal housing incentives for early family formation and births of first children before mothers reach age 25 with the second before age 30. Twenty year zero down and zero interest FHA mortgages are needed for construction of modest single family homes in new young family only communities.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Like many of my friends and neighbors I am disenchanted with how politics as usual has failed us. Coming from outside the political ranks, I hope to help bring a fresh approach focused on solutions that will make America work for everyone. Yale BA in History, UMD PhD in Economics. Work experience: SE Asian capital markets, developed power plants globally, owner of solar company here in District 6.

HEALTH CARE: Americans pay a lot for low quality care. We need affordable, universal and comprehensive healthcare that covers mental health and substance abuse on a par with physical health, publishes pricing and ratings to compare providers, and streamlines processing for both patient and provider.

DISCRIMINATION: Provide all citizens the economic power and support they deserve to chart their own path to success. Reform sentencing guidelines, juvenile justice and reintroduce rehabilitative programs within the prison system. Procedural justice, especially in communities of color. Equal pay for equal work. Paid sick, maternity and parental leave. LGBTQ to enjoy same rights and privileges as any other citizen.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Change the tax regime so that everyone pays their fair share. Make it easier for employees to organize and cooperate across companies & industries. No one denied higher education or vocational school because they can't afford it. Private development funds for blighted areas. Fair trade: equally open markets and common business practices. Eliminate international tax loopholes.

IMMIGRATION: Create a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who have established themselves here. Our goal should be to have a relationship with Mexico like the one we have with Canada, not to build a wall between us. Embrace those who came to this country as children, were raised as citizens and are contributing. Stop ban on refugees and immigrants from Muslim countries.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change, pollution, and environmentally destructive land use and land management practices: Stronger incentives for switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy. Target 100% renewable energy within 40 years. Incentivize deployment of energy storage at residential, commercial and powerplant levels. Cap & trade markets for carbon emissions and non-biodegradable materials.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Stop gun violence: Ban sale or possession of military style weapons. Outlaw "bump stocks." Ban sale of high-capacity magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition. Universal background check. Require gun-use licensing involving training, a written test and a

practical test. Protocols for gov't agencies to identify and get treatment for the potentially dangerous.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a pediatrician, a 1st generation American, a small business owner, a bestselling feminist novelist, and a mom of 4. I have worked in an ER, identified gaps in our healthcare system, advocated for patients, and created plans to drive down costs and expand access. My novels demonstrate how policies impact lives globally. I lack experience in buying endorsements or catering to the establishment.

HEALTH CARE: Because it's morally and practically necessary, I support single payer and: Electronic Medical Record Interaction, Drug Patent Reform, Pricing Transparency, Ban on Direct To Consumer Pharmaceutical Advertising, Expanding use of HSAs, Medicare Drug price negotiation, annual limits for out-of-pocket drug costs, protected funding for NIH, mandated advance directives, blocking toxic corporate mergers.

DISCRIMINATION: I support passing ERA and the Equality Act to protect LGBTQIA people in employment, housing, education and beyond. I support marriage equality. I protested Travel Ban 3.0, and will continue to fight for every immigrants and refugees right to be in this country. I also oppose the expansion of for profit prisons and will support policies to dismantle the school to prison pipeline..

ECONOMIC POLICY: I will protect American jobs at home and focus energies on expanding high paying jobs with appropriate funding for infrastructure modernization. I will protect and expand workers right to organize and promote policies that grow innovative industries like biotechnology, healthcare and clean and renewable energies. I would support opportunities for marginalized groups. I will not support trade wars.

IMMIGRATION: Walls don't work. I support: a Clean Dream Act with amnesty provisions for DREAMers and their families; maintaining separation of immigration enforcement from criminal justice systems; ensuring protections for undocumented victims of crime; expanding pathways for legal entry via H-1B visas, supporting sanctuary states/cities, and restoring diplomacy as priority.

ENVIRONMENT: We must recommit to the Paris Agreement and lead the way to clean energy and a cleaner tomorrow for our children. I will stand by the evidence-based policies, fight for integrity of the EPA, focus on ethical implications and protect Clean Air and water. I will stand up against fracking. Environmental health impacts our health and is integrated with economic disparities.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a pediatrician / Congresswoman, I will advocate for meaningful and bold gun law reform, address the school-to-prison pipeline, promote comprehensive criminal justice reform, advance the fight for equality on all fronts, protect and expand reproductive rights, re-prioritize diplomacy, promote campaign finance reform to really clean up Washington and support nuclear disarmament. Kids come first.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up in lower middle-class family and worked hard through adversity to make a career for myself as an aerospace executive and research scientist. I am uniquely qualified because as a trained scientist and business executive I will fight to ensure Maryland continues to lead in technological innovation, research and development, and investment, but not at the expense of leaving others behind.

HEALTH CARE: We need to reduce the cost of administering health care products and services and ensure competition in the health insurance marketplace. I agree access to healthcare and emergency care is a human right. That is why I support the Center for American Progress's "Medicare for All" plan because it offers a pragmatic approach to getting more Americans insured and health care costs under control.

DISCRIMINATION: Everyone deserves an opportunity to succeed but too often discrimination takes away those opportunities. For too long, institutional racism has limited many Americans ability to succeed. That is why I am fighting to preserve the dignity of women and minorities who face discrimination every day. I support the Equal Rights Amendment and reform of discriminatory federal sentencing guidelines.

ECONOMIC POLICY: As technology increasingly changes our economy and opportunities, we need to ensure that no one is left behind. We need to do a better job of preparing Americans to participate in the technology-based economy of today. That is why I am fighting to modernize our infrastructure, expand broadband access, and reform our job training and education system to give everyone the chance to succeed.

IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform that affords hardworking people a path to citizenship and values and respects our immigrant labor as a vital part of the American economy. Moreover, I will work to protect Dreamers, so they can fully participate in the American economy and achieve their dreams with dignity and opportunity.

ENVIRONMENT: Protecting our environment is paramount to our general welfare and national security. I will fight to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, modernize and prepare our electrical system for the utility demands of the 21st century, prepare our coastal cities, farms, other vital centers from a rapidly changing climate, and ensure we preserve our state and national park system for future generations.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Maryland's economy must be prepared for the jobs and challenges of the future. Increasingly, Americans are required to have access and familiarity to technology to fully participate in the economy. That is why I will fight to ensure all citizens have the resources to learn coding and hardware repair and earn technology certifications in schools. No one should be left behind in our economy.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I know how to make government work. I've served 8 years in the MD Senate, 4 years in the MD House, served as an attorney Senior Counsel and Legislative Director in Congress, and on President Obama's health reform advisory group. My entire career has focused on leveling the playing field for people just trying to make it—from universal health care, to good jobs with benefits, to

retirement security

HEALTH CARE: Health care should be a right. My Dad was a carpenter, worked hard, but died because he couldn't afford health insurance. That should never happen. I've spent my life trying to right that wrong. As a congressional aide I worked on "Medicare for All" (HR676), worked with President Obama's White House on the ACA, and passed legislation addressing genetic discrimination and preexisting conditions.

DISCRIMINATION: Boost education funding to close the racist achievement gap. Pass the Equal Rights Amendment to enshrine gender equality in the U.S. Constitution. I created grants for security at schools and child care centers at risk of hate crimes, and a funding source for The Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. I authored the law that provides retail workers with paid rest breaks.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Economic justice is at the heart of our campaign. To reduce wealth inequality we must reverse an egregious provision in the recent GOP tax plan that raises the estate tax exemption- a change benefiting only the wealthiest 0.2% of Americans. I'm proud to be the only candidate running for the Sixth Congressional District to vote against similar legislation in 2014.

IMMIGRATION: The DREAM Act, while critical, is not enough on its own. I support comprehensive immigration reform that offers a pathway to citizenship for the millions of individuals and families living and working in the shadows. We are a nation of immigrants, it is time that our policies match our ideals.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is an existential threat. As the Senate Chair of the regulatory oversight committee, I stopped Governor Hogan's regulations that would have allowed fracking in Maryland. I hold the longest 100% environmental rating by the MD League of Conservation Voters and am honored to be endorsed by Food and Water Action, Green Democrats, Our Revolution, and Progressive Maryland.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The fight for equality of opportunity is among America's greatest challenges today. It begins with a good job, benefits, and a level playing field. If you get sick or lose your job you deserve a system that's fair and built for everyone. I'm Roger Manno. I ask for your vote, and promise in my first two years I will prove that no one will work harder for you in Congress.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Legislative experience and public service count in Congress. As a Maryland State Legislator, I successfully advocated for progressive, constituent-based bills to protect working families and lead Appropriations subcommittees on personnel, the capital budget, transportation, and environment. While raising my family, I worked as an engineer for the Montgomery County Department to Transportation.

HEALTH CARE: Every person deserves adequate and quality health care. We must view health care, like public education, as a right. Nobody should be forced "to do without" or go bankrupt due to health care costs. I favor a Medicare for All-type approach coupled with finding ways to lower drug prices, improve rural and veterans health, curtail opioid use, expand research funding, and educate more providers.

DISCRIMINATION: We must be a inclusive society with fair, decent treatment for all. I abhor discrimination in all forms and will find ways to eliminate its impact on women, seniors, the disabled, religious minorities, people of color, immigrants, and the LGTBQ community. I favor policies to level the playing field, like equal pay for equal work and encouraging community-based programs to bridge

our divides.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Decent paying and steady jobs are the gateway to middle-class life. I favor job-creating incentives like Maryland's Amazon package, for which I voted. We must support unions and find creative ways to encourage technical training, mentoring, adult learning, computer science and Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) education. We must encourage entrepreneurs and small business growth.

IMMIGRATION: America is the land of immigrants. The America we know today was built by immigrants. Law enforcement must not racially profile and terrorize people who look like immigrants. We must protect the DACA and the dreamers and finally enact comprehensive immigration reform. Diversity is not our problem, it is our strength.

ENVIRONMENT: We only have one planet and we must do everything we can to protect it. Trump's policies have taken us backward: We must restore funding for environmental research and our leadership addressing climate change. No more fracking or Flint, Michigans: We must give our children clean energy, air, and water. As a Potomac River Commissioner, I know the importance of safe drinking water for our region.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I have a strong record as a State Legislator: I am pro-choice, pro-consumer, pro-environment, pro-union, pro-fair taxation, and pro-gun safety. I support public transportation and education. I want to eliminate barriers to voting. We must strengthen cybersecurity and meddling in our elections must be stopped - whether it is Republican meddling in Democratic primaries or Russian interference.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up on a struggling family farm cleaning hog pens. Taking out loans, I was able to go to graduate school and start a successful business that's headquartered in Bethesda. I'm prepared to represent a diverse district that spans from urban areas in Montgomery to rural areas in Garrett.

HEALTH CARE: Quality healthcare is a basic human right, and our job must be to ensure that right for all Americans. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, we've made great progress. We should build on that progress and expand the ACA so that all Americans have coverage.

DISCRIMINATION: I've supported the ACLU for 20 years, and in Congress I will continue fighting to fix our criminal justice system that discriminates against people of color. I'm 100% pro-choice, and I support equal pay and paid family leave. I support the Full Equality Act to fight discrimination against LGBTQ people.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I strongly oppose Trump's tax cuts, which worsen income inequality and add \$1.5 trillion to our national debt. We need to remove the carried interest loophole that allows hedge fund managers to pay lower tax rates. I support an infrastructure bank to fund projects like expanding I-270 and I-81.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are an important part of American society and should have a path to citizenship. I oppose Trump's mass deportations, travel bans, and rescinding of DACA and TPS protections. We also should reduce the amount of time it takes for applicants to receive work authorization.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is real and it's a serious threat to our economy and our way of life. I oppose Trump's decision to withdraw from the international climate agreement. I also support investing in green technology, making federal buildings more energy efficient, and protecting fuel efficiency standards.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The opioid crisis is a top priority for me. In 2016, 64,000 Americans died from overdoses – my nephew Ian was one of them. Every day we don't act, more people will die. I've put together a comprehensive plan to address the epidemic which you can read at davidtrone.com/opioid-crisis

General Assembly

House of Delegates 2B

DUTIES: Delegates share responsibility with State Senators for enactment of the State's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland. This includes the approval of all state taxes and the spending budget for all state programs.

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: There are three Delegates for each of the 47 Senate districts for a state total of 141 Delegates. Most of the Delegate districts are three-member at-large districts, but some areas of the State have a district subdivided into three single-member districts, or a one single-member district and one multi-member district.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

Questions

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

REDISTRICTING: What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

ENVIRONMENT: What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

EDUCATION: What education policies would you support and how would you fund them?

HEALTH CARE: What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

TRANSPORTATION: What are your transportation priorities and how should they be funded?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 2.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a recent councilmember of the City of Hagerstown and the current State Delegate I know the issues and concerns that affect all of us throughout the City of Hagerstown. I have and will continue to remain committed and focused on public safety, growth & development, and fiscal responsibility to help not only move the City of Hagerstown forward but also the State of Maryland.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering has been an issue within our state for far too long. Clearly the maps were previously redrawn in an unfair manner. Going forward, it is essential that a non-partisan body is able to look and redraw these maps to ensure fair elections and proper representation

throughout the state of Maryland.

ENVIRONMENT: The Chesapeake Bay and the waterways and tributaries that lead into the bay remain one of the most significant environmental challenges in our State. That being said, we have to balance our efforts in state along with creating partnerships with our neighboring states who contribute to these very same waterways..

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination of any kind cannot be tolerated and I look forward to continuing to support policies and initiatives that protect the rights of everyone throughout the state of Maryland

EDUCATION: The preliminary report of the Kirwan commission shows the commitment that needs to be made to early childhood education, elevating the Teacher Profession, better preparing our High School students, and providing more resources for our At-Risk Students. \$200 million was put aside to put towards these initiatives as we look forward to the final report later in 2018.

HEALTH CARE: Maryland recently passed legislation to stabilize health care in Maryland for the short term however this issue must be addressed federally going forward so that truly affordable health care is available to all Marylanders throughout the state.

TRANSPORTATION: Redistributing the Highway User Funds back to pre-recession levels to the local communities is essential for our entire state to move forward with our transportation initiatives. Statewide, there have been multiple recent commitments to the Baltimore Beltway, the Baltimore subway, & the DC Metro system.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 2.

Peter E. Sr. Perini

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

REDISTRICTING: No response received by deadline.

ENVIRONMENT: No response received by deadline.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

EDUCATION: No response received by deadline.

HEALTH CARE: No response received by deadline.

TRANSPORTATION: No response received by deadline.

Local Leaders

Washington County Commissioner

Duties: The Board's primary duty is to serve as the executive branch of County government. Each member of the Board has one vote, and a simple majority of the Board is sufficient to take actions subject to the authority vested in the Board under State law. Emergency actions also require a simple majority vote. The Board elects its own officers. The Commissioners meet weekly on Tuesdays and throughout the year with municipalities and unincorporated towns as requested.

Salary: Commissioners are paid \$38,000, and the Board's president makes \$41,000.

Term: 4 years

How Elected: Commissioners are elected on a countywide basis.

Questions

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

2. Budget: What programs within the county's budget should be increased or decreased?
3. Development and Land Use: What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?
4. Education: What steps will you take to improve support for the public schools?
5. Employment/ Jobs: What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?
6. Infrastructure: What are Washington County's infrastructure needs and how would you address them?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 5.

Terry L. Baker

Campaign Instagram: N/A

1. Qualifications: I have been involved with all areas of county government as an elected official. I will stay focused on government being transparent, responsible to its citizens and honest. Responsible spending, Education, Senior citizen issues, Safe communities, Parks and Recreation should be priorities of any elected official.

2. Budget: The Counties essential services are Public safety, Education, Infrastructure, Economic Development and Human services. This year public safety and education have been increased the most. While cuts may not be appropriate in infrastructure or other departments, it is important to get the most out of each dollar. For me it is important we get our monies worth for each dollar we spend.

3. Development and Land Use: The counties land use policies have been consistent and fairly successful in managing growth. Growth is directed where infrastructure is in place. I would support several land preservation programs to protect our rural agriculture heritage. We need to work on challenges such as agri-tourism and sustainable energy technology.

4. Education: This year I supported an increase to both the operating and capital budgets to the BOE. As more funds have become available, the largest increase in subsequent draft budgets was to BOE in both operating and capital funds. I supported increases in BOE capital funding to provide local match for any available state funding. This is an immediate return on the dollar for local education.

5. Employment/ Jobs: I have historically been supportive of economic development. We need to be more aggressive on economic development, our staff has been committed to customer service, dedicated to progress. We need to do whatever we can to help our businesses in Washington county. We can not let existing businesses leave our county to go elsewhere.

6. Infrastructure: Some of our biggest needs are at the state level, interstates 81 and 70 deserve attention and improvement. Commerce and our citizens depend upon them daily. I will continue to pursue state and federal funding for both interstates, with local funding it comes back to spending each dollar with discipline. We need to take full advantage of state and federal funding.

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1. Qualifications: I will serve Washington County as a full time Commissioner. Serving the county will be my primary duty. I am a veteran of the United States Army and the Maryland Army National Guard where I achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. I also has extensive management and leadership experience in retail and logistics. I currently work as a consultant to the United States Army. I have a Masters Degree.

2. Budget: The highest percentage of tax revenue in Washington County has consistently gone to the Board of Education. This needs to continue. Essential services and crime prevention are critical. If our county isn't safe, we are doing a disservice to our residents and visitors. Funding police, fire and other emergency services must be a priority, including equipment, training, pay and other requirements.

3. Development and Land Use: Balancing land use between preservation and expansion in support of economic development is critical. In this county, we have historic land (and in some cases hallowed), land that is scenic and critical to the environment, and we also have historic structures. These areas must be preserved to maintain one of Washington County's strengths: our history and scenic beauty.

4. Education: Education is critical to the county. Washington County is near the bottom of the state

in citizens with college degrees. I will establish a scholarship fund for Washington County High School Seniors, and donate 25% of my yearly commissioner salary to the scholarship. Education is not only a way to help our children, but a way to help the county for years to come.

5. Employment/ Jobs: My number one focus is working with industry to bring quality jobs to the county. The common denominator with any healthy, thriving community is a strong economy. A community where its citizens are employed in quality jobs with a low unemployment rate reduces the risk of crime and illegal drugs. Additionally, taxes should be kept at a minimum and we should focus on increasing the tax base.

6. Infrastructure: We need to utilize already developed land to drive economic development, through smart zoning and areas with quality housing. Redevelopment of previously developed sites is one example of smart land use. Maintaining other infrastructure, such as roads and bridges are part of our responsibility for the safety of the community.

Charles Burkett

1. Qualifications: No response received by deadline.

2. Budget: No response received by deadline.

3. Development and Land Use: No response received by deadline.

4. Education: No response received by deadline.

5. Employment/ Jobs: No response received by deadline.

6. Infrastructure: No response received by deadline.

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1. Qualifications: Years of face to face customer service experience has been a valuable tool when working with constituents as an elected official. Combined with my real estate practice and Business to Business sales, I have gained valuable insight that has assisted in my preparation for elected office.

2. Budget: Public Safety funding should be increased to the Sherriff's Department, Emergency Services and to our Volunteer Emergency Responders.

3. Development and Land Use: In 2010 the Washington County Commissioners voted to approve the Urban Growth Advisory Report on Land Use options. A committee of approximately 15 people submitted a report for the BOCC to review and adjust accordingly. The Land Use policy is scheduled to be reviewed every 10 years.

4. Education: Continue to fully fund MOE and work within the BOCC budget to assist.

5. Employment/ Jobs: Government doesn't create jobs, however, government should create the conditions for existing business for expand and for new business to open with expediency. In order to encourage economic growth government should eliminate cumbersome regulations and offer incentives for economic prosperity. Incentives to include tax incentives and/or infrastructure readiness and pad ready sites.

6. Infrastructure: The return of State Highway User Revenues to fully fund the paving of 850 miles of Washington County roads is essential. MACo and County government should continue to pressure the General Assembly for the return of full funding. Funding for the widening of I-81 and I-70 are equally important for public safety and economic development.

David Ebersole

1. Qualifications: No response received by deadline.

2. Budget: No response received by deadline.

3. Development and Land Use: No response received by deadline.

4. Education: No response received by deadline.

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1. Qualifications: I have experience analyzing budgets, identifying and resolving unnecessary expenditures, and developing long-term strategic plans. My work in the military and the federal government has given me a broad knowledge of different career fields which will help me understand the needs of county employees to identify issues that need to be resolved.

2. Budget: Public Safety should always see increases. Population increases every year and crime is up. 2017 was Hagerstown's deadliest year on record. 911 Dispatch is mismanaged and underfunded and no one wants to fund the community rescue. These are big problems we currently face.

3. Development and Land Use: Preservation and restoration of historical landmarks and grounds are important to Washington County tourism. Western Maryland is known for its beautiful scenery and nationally recognized historical sites. I am a supporter of purchasing easements in environmentally sensitive areas. The Washington County Forest Conservation Ordinance is important to maintain our fragile ecosystems.

4. Education: I want to push for more apprenticeships for skilled trades. The world is rapidly changing and college debt and career placement is a growing concern for families with high school students. Having diverse student bodies means having to have diverse training opportunities to ensure every student has a fair chance to be successful and benefit the community.

5. Employment/ Jobs: I will work with state legislators to find a solution for western Maryland. The problem with Washington County is simply our geography and our neighboring states. From Hagerstown, you're minutes from 2 other states that are both more attractive to open a business. Working with the state to offer incentives such sales and use tax exemption could bring more business to Washington County.

6. Infrastructure: Solid Waste needs new equipment and more people - complete cost analysis. The county needs to work with state legislators to recover Highway User Revenues so we can make proper repairs to roads - Use current relationships with 1C and 2A delegates to obtain state funding for critical road repairs. I could go on but I only get 400 characters!

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1. Qualifications: I have an AS., BS and MBA degree. Having worked for a community bank as a controller, I've learned a great deal about the budgeting process, and understand how to prioritize finances. As a loan officer and college instructor, I have learned to understand the needs of the citizens of our community, and realize the struggles we all face.

2. Budget: We have a large need in our community to increase our efforts with public safety and law enforcement. I have successfully advocated to add additional police officers in our communities, and have worked to bring more attention to the needs of our fire and rescue companies. I support the increase of funding for public safety programs across the county.

3. Development and Land Use: I am a strong supporter of land preservation programs such as Rural Legacy, CREP, and Agriculture Preservation programs that will ensure our rural areas are preserved for generations to come. With that said, I also support development in urbanized areas, where general infrastructure already exists, and where growth will most positively increase tax base.

4. Education: I have been a strong advocate of Pre-K expansion, and have supported an additional quarter million dollars to fund 4 additional Pre-K related positions. I have also publicly called for more funding for school safety, and am working on a plan to add more School Resource Officers, and capital budgeting for security vestibules and to improve schools with open layout designs without walled classrooms

5. Employment/ Jobs: We need to better utilize our volunteer Economic Development Commission, which collectively employs over 9,000 employees through companies owned/managed by its members. At my request, we now meet quarterly with our EDC board. We have economic incentives for large companies, but not much for small businesses. I would like to consider a revolving Micro loan fund for small businesses.

6. Infrastructure: I-81 needs to be widened. It is dangerous, deadly, and places a huge burden on our fire and rescue companies responding to these calls. It also creates a huge financial loss for businesses located along the corridor when 81 is closed. Highway User Revenues also must be

restored by the state, we have lost \$68.5 m in Wash Co since 2007. We need to rely on our State Legislature to restore funds

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1. Qualifications: As an entrepreneur nearly all my adult life, I learned early on about balancing revenue and expenses, hiring and firing, marketing, meeting customers needs, being reliable, providing excellent customer services and products, dealing with dissatisfied customers, and persevering when the odds seemed stacked against me. Experienced, local politician by having served on Hagerstown Council 1997-2001.

2. Budget: One of my strongest focuses for running is to secure the county school facilities from the atrocities we are all seeing elsewhere. No matter what it takes, no matter what else has to be sacrificed in the school budget, I will, every year I vote on the BOE funding, be looking for strength in security.

3. Development and Land Use: I am supportive of development within designated zones. I am NOT supportive of constant rezoning of land, especially that designated and zoned agricultural. I will constantly be looking through agriculturally tinted glasses, so to speak. to make sure agriculture remains strong in this county. With increasing population and decreasing farmland, very few years will be needed to create a calamity

4. Education: I will listen attentively to the experts at the BOE with their particular needs and desires and strive to create a balance between those and available revenues.

5. Employment/ Jobs: More stress needs to be placed within the student population to prepare for being a desirable worker by teaching them that good jobs come about when they address the following question: WHAT DO I HAVE TO OFFER? Businesses are squelching good, qualified job applicants by application processes that are online and too technical. Applicants simply cannot complete these applications.

6. Infrastructure: Smithsburg and Williamsport have absolutely the most deplorable roads within their corporate boundaries. That needs to be fixed NOW. Leitersburg needs the state to give attention to Rt. 60 as it winds around past the town as there are way too many crossroads and congestion, and ESPECIALLY since the commissioners have permitted a huge industrial business to overtake the quiet, rural town. I-81.

Cort Meinelschmidt

1. Qualifications: No response received by deadline.

2. Budget: No response received by deadline.

3. Development and Land Use: No response received by deadline.

4. Education: No response received by deadline.

5. Employment/ Jobs: No response received by deadline.

6. Infrastructure: No response received by deadline.

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1. Qualifications: Worked for an Insurance Company in accounting and commercial department for 21 years. Managed employees in private company for a couple of years.

2. Budget: Believe that there is some tweaking to the budget. When elected as County Commissioner, I will sit down with the Chief Finance Officer and really go over the budget. This will give a better idea where increases and decreases can be done.

3. Development and Land Use: I believe the county planning department has done a great job putting the land use comprehensive plan together and I would make sure I studied this and also talked to them before making any decisions.

4. Education: Education is important, so I will need to get with the Board of Education to address the needs that are important now. We have the public safety issue within the schools now to address to protect our kids. The age of some schools are over 50 years old and are in need of repairs now. This is just a couple that stand out now, but I'm sure there are more.

5. Employment/ Jobs: Bring substantial businesses to Washington County that will create jobs with

futures for our citizens. To help in the best way possible to keep our businesses in the county instead of moving to other states.

6. Infrastructure: Our roads need work. Right now the chip and tar is working as a temporary fix, but I would look at all other options before making a decision.

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1. Qualifications: I have been involved with or supported several candidates over the past 25 years. I managed a successful campaign in 2014 getting a delegate into office in district 2B, some of our discussed policies went into effect over the past few years. I am also a small business owner for over 25 years and a tax paying citizen for 37 years. I understand what our citizens go through. I am a problem solver.

2. Budget: There are mandates from the state that makes this a moot question at the county level. These mandates change every session, from my understanding there are \$100M in new mandates from the past session. How will this affect Washington County? I will not know until the FY19 budget comes out, when the new mandates take effect. I will do my best to keep taxes low, while providing necessary services.

3. Development and Land Use: We want to keep Washington County rural, free and agrarian, meanwhile we need an economy which demands more development. We need to focus on what is sensible and not to overbuild. People move to Washington County for its heritage, traditional values and its remoteness to an extent (hiking trails, Civil War, Canal trail and over all wilderness). I want to preserve what I can and build what we need.

4. Education: We all want our teachers and children to have a safe and secure environment to learn and prosper in. This will take some new vestibules and resource officers in order to accomplish this task. Some of our schools are older and need new technology to bring them to this point. I will also meet with the Board of Education and find out what their needs are and balance those with available tax dollars.

5. Employment/ Jobs: Do not raise the tax rates, rather grow the businesses in the area and employment to create a wider tax base. How? By giving incentives and something tangible, like a vocational school that people from 200 miles will want to send their children to, those that are not choosing college of course. This school could also have dual purposes, details later. Meanwhile let's get our homes owner occupied.

6. Infrastructure: I would address the Highway robbery of our transportation funds paid in full by Washington County taxpayers. The state takes way too much HUR from us, only returning est. .085 per dollar spent in HUR. (that is insane). We have I-70 and I-81 accidents and closures that divert so much traffic on our county roads, that were not meant to handle this volume and load. We must recapture our tax money!

Anthony Robinson

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1. Qualifications: I am a lifelong resident of Washington County. Attended WCPS schools(Clear Spring) and Hagerstown Community College. I work for City Government. I am active in the community coaching at North Hagerstown High School. My love for this community and its citizens will help me make good decisions to move our County forward.

2. Budget: I look forward to working with the County and WCPS staff on the budget. I would not think it would be fair to say what increases and decreases I would make as a County Commissioner until I work with the staff.

3. Development and Land Use: A good plan is a plan that you can change. A bad plan is a plan that you cannot change. Obviously there is State laws that effect this plan as well. I look forward to working with the County staff and our State delegation to improve our Land Use plan to help our community move forward.

4. Education: Education is a major factor in moving our community in a positive direction. I look forward to working with the WCPS board and WCPS staff to see what resources we can find to improve our education system. I will listen to the needs of parents, teachers and support personal to help make the process for our kids a better and safer environment.

5. Employment/ Jobs: It is the job of a County Commissioner and County Government to be an advocate of Economic Development and job growth in our County. The best way to do that is to be a resource to businesses looking to move here and create good paying jobs for our Citizens.

6. Infrastructure: With regards to infrastructure of our County we need to improve our roads. We need to work with our State delegation to bring the resources back to the County to maintain our roads to provide a good, safe, quality transportation system for our Citizens.

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1. Qualifications: Past and Present Business owner in Washington County MD. Lifelong resident of Washington Co. My occupation as a top performing Realtor involves wearing many hats. My sales volume is huge at 15 to 20 million dollars a year, that allows me to come in contact with many citizens who trust me, with there investments and life long dreams. Vice Chair Animal Control Board, Washington County.

2. Budget: If there is an increase needed, the focus should be on Education, Drug addiction, and First Respondents/ law enforcement.

3. Development and Land Use: Zoning board should require the committee to include attorneys, Real Estate professional and members at large, the focus should be on protecting the character and beauty of our County without stiflingly growth.

4. Education: More Counselors to serve the students who are Homeless or in transition from home to home, and are victims of drug abuse families. And the expansion of Pre K programs for the schools that currently have the program. Laser focus on ensuring our children receive the best education possible.

5. Employment/ Jobs: First and Foremost nurture the business's that are already here and listen to there needs for growth or stability. We have far to many business's that leave the community to relocate in a neighboring State.

6. Infrastructure: Part of the County infrastructure dates back to the early 1900's . There has to be a plan systematically developed to chip away at this failing infrastructure. Underground water and sewer systems should be the first to be addressed. If we plan to have County growth we have to ensure we have the infrastructure to support that growth.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 5.

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1. Qualifications: My experience in the US Navy Seabee veteran (Iraq War) as well as my time as a County employee at the 911 Emergency Communications Center has taught me that teamwork, dedication, and hard-work will always produce the best outcome not only for the individual, but the community as a whole. I would bring these same traits into elective office if given the chance to do so.

2. Budget: I would actively look at increasing the County's contribution to the Board of Education above the required Maintenance of Effort in which the current Commissioners have chosen not to do so. I am also an advocate for increased financial assistance to the volunteer fire departments for operational needs. Public safety and education are my top two budget priorities if elected.

3. Development and Land Use: I would focus on the need to manage growth better in our rural areas and at the same time look to improvements in rapidly growing areas in and around Hagerstown. I would endeavor to maintain Washington County's rural regions through smart-growth policies and before any new development takes place, the infrastructure of that particular area is adequate for that development to occur.

4. Education: Quite simply in my opinion, the current Commissioners have not put education at the

forefront of Washington County's priorities. The Board of Education is given the minimum required by law by the Commissioners and the Superintendent of Schools has said if that continues, staff cuts will take place. I will advocate for the BOE to receive the funding required to ensure that cuts do not happen.

5. Employment/ Jobs: A good first step is having an active economic development team that is constantly promoting Washington County as a great place to start or expand a business. Jobs and businesses are not going to just fall in our laps and our neighbors are outpacing us in job growth by being bold and innovative. A County-wide enterprise zone with tax incentives geared towards manufacturing and new tech is needed.

6. Infrastructure: Priority should be given to the worst roads that need immediate repair as well as intersection improvements where traffic accidents are prevalent. I would work with our state representatives and the Governor's office to restore as much as possible, the highway user revenues that our County needs in the future. I would also advocate for the continued plan to widen I-81 in Washington County.

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1. Qualifications: I served on the Board of Education for ten years. I had oversight of a \$300 million budget, 47 facilities, 3000 employees, and 22,000 students. Served as President from 2013-2016, served as President at the state level association (MABE) and represented MD at the national level in NSBA. This experience would be directly applicable to Board of County Commissioner service.

2. Budget: Budgets are a statement of priorities representing the values of Washington County. As housing assessments increase and employment and wages improve, revenues are starting to recover from the recession. This should allow us to extend cost of living, steps, and salary increase to all our county employees so they will be rewarded for years without increases and will have more income parity.

3. Development and Land Use: As a Commissioner County we have broad authority over land use. Our Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated and more equitably aligned with current development, town annexations, property rights and public services.

4. Education: Washington County supplies 36% of the schools operating budget and 50% of eligible capital projects. During the recession, the county stopped subsidizing school nurses, new bus purchases, deferred maintenance, crossing guards and the Judy Center. As revenues increase, I would like to see a discussion of returning some of these dollars to the school system.

5. Employment/ Jobs: One of the largest economic development opportunities in the history of Washington County is the Cascade Town Center redevelopment project. The return on investment is significant while cost to taxpayers is close to zero. Money used for trips to Korea and other expenses all came out of money left to Ft Richie by the previous developer when they left.

6. Infrastructure: Highway user fees have yet to return to pre-recession levels. A \$8 million annual gap remains a drag on roads, schools and employees. Also, we missed an opportunity to take advantage of historically low interest on bonds to jump start infrastructure needs and speed up employment recovery. We need to ensure public and school safety, road and bridge repairs, and public private construction projects.

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1. Qualifications: I elected to three terms on the Washington County Board of Education. Additionally, I served 4 years in leadership roles as president and vice president of the BOE at various times. My experience on the board included developing budgets, capital improvement plans, and policies. I am running for County Commissioner because I believe we need better governance in the

county.

2. Budget: The development of a budget is a complex matter involving collaboration with other Commissioners, county staff, and more importantly county tax payers. A budget that is fiscally responsible and that best serves tax payers would be my top priority. I believe it would be inappropriate for me to identify a program that needs increased or decreased at this time.

3. Development and Land Use: The land use policies must allow for responsible growth and development, minimize sprawl and respect and preserve the rural character of Washington County. Any changes to land use policies should involve input from county stakeholders and be done in a transparent manner.

4. Education: I support working closely with the BOE in strengthening early childhood education. Far too many children come to school not ready to learn. Additionally, I believe we need to work to increase access to and awareness of technical programs (non four year programs) that lead to meaningful and well-paying job opportunities. We must work with businesses to identify what skills their workers need.

5. Employment/ Jobs: I believe the entire economic development model the county uses should be revamped. We are missing huge development and job growth opportunities to surrounding counties due to a passive approach to economic development. We can attract new businesses by developing public-private partnerships to train skilled workers.

6. Infrastructure: Road improvements are lagging due to the failure of the State to return highway-user revenues (gas tax and other transportation related fees) to local governments. As a Commissioner, I would work with our elected representatives in Annapolis to return those funds. The BOCC must work strategically with the BOE to address the backlog of school maintenance issues and aging buildings.

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1. Qualifications: I come from a diverse community, Jonathan Street community, graduated from public schools, went on to serve 6 years in the Marines, traveling the world while helping less fortunate countries during crisis. Returned home to work with the Postal Service for 30yrs. Being involved in my community and church in leadership roles, soccer coach and mentor for the young.

2. Budget: I would discuss with the other Commissioner's and different agencies and departments within County government to find ways to better serve the community, by listening and reviewing all budgets to see where we can save but also provide funding to best serve each of the entities within our County. To be transparent and have a clear vision and honest approach to each one is needed to be effective.

3. Development and Land Use: To create a Economic Development Authority that would help our Economic Development office in planning development and to reach out to businesses and private sectors. To bring good quality business that will provide better benefits to our citizens by creating skilled workers and better wages. Also build on the sites and plans we have in place By creating incentives for companies to move here.

4. Education: I believe our children should be our number one priority because they are our future. We need to give our teacher's the necessary tools they need but we should review the process of how students are learning and develop and put into place the life skills necessary because not all go to college. The budgeting for schools is huge but can be managed better by the placement of checks and balances.

5. Employment/ Jobs: They should be able become a bridge between our businesses and our economic development process to make sure the proper companies come, stay and provide the citizens a decent living wage. The companies that are here we should provide incentives to help hire and retain employees and to help with their growth. We should finish the development we started, build sites that have water/sewer/electric

6. Infrastructure: Washington County has a good infrastructure. It needs to be accessible for development. We need to capitalize on the areas that can spur economic growth and be to create a strong tax base that can be put to use for new schools, roads and developments. We can start by creating zones around the enterprise areas we have in place. Planes, trains, autos and our opens paces

and natural resources for visitors.

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1. Qualifications: I believe in integrity in public service and in my daily life. In addition to 21 years of teaching, half of them at an alternative middle/high similar to Antietam Academy, I worked for US Senator Charles Mathias (R), Governor William Donald Schaefer (D), and on President Reagan's Presidential Commission on the HIV Epidemic. I have a record of working hard across Party to accomplish community goals.

2. Budget: While maintaining a balanced budget, we must find ways to improve infrastructure, better support and update 911 call center, provide adequate resources for emergency services, maintain strong education programs, attract new businesses, and assist growth of existing business including agriculture. Expanding existing business and attracting new helps build our tax base, thereby building our budget.

3. Development and Land Use: A few of areas to examine are ensuring preservation of historic sites/properties for tourism, protecting agricultural land while balancing new development and green energy efforts such as solar "farms." We need a comprehensive safety plan to protect our county's clean water sources, particularly in light of the pipeline project which endangers our water supply without any benefit to our county.

4. Education: I believe it's imperative that the County Commissioners work closely with the Board of Education and Superintendent to maintain and strengthen our education system at all levels. Minimizing time lost on testing is just one way to have more time for engaged learning. Listening to those on the front lines, educators, is invaluable in finding creative ways to improve opportunities for all students.

5. Employment/ Jobs: The Commissioners need to be leaders in supporting job growth and economic development. Their role is to ensure county government assists new and existing businesses, and to nurture public-private partnerships, to leverage grants and other unique opportunities for the county's economic well-being. The county needs to work with the state delegation to bring our state tax dollars back home to work.

6. Infrastructure: Expanding broadband access in our rural areas to ensure the latest technological advantages for all residents. Roads and bridges maintained to assure residents and businesses, including agriculture, that their needs can be met, while preserving the rural beauty important to our vibrant tourism industry and to our way of life. Upgrading the 911 call center to better meet public safety needs.

Judicial Offices

Washington County Circuit Court Judge

DUTIES: Judges preside in the Circuit Court, which is a trial court that hears major civil cases and more serious criminal cases, such as those requiring a jury trial. 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.

Questions

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

Discrimination: How can the courts address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

Court Needs: What are the greatest needs of Maryland's court system and how can these be addressed?

Candidates

Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Mark K. Boyer

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Discrimination: No response received by deadline.

Court Needs: No response received by deadline.

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Qualifications: No response received by deadline.

Discrimination: No response received by deadline.

Court Needs: No response received by deadline.

County Offices

Washington County Treasurer

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for revenue collection for Washington County. The primary function of the office is the billing and collection of real estate, corporate and individual personal property taxes. Based on a stepping grade, the Treasurer's current salary is \$68,333.

Questions

What are your qualifications for this position?

What are your short and long term priorities if elected?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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What are your qualifications for this position? I have served as Washington County Treasurer for 32 years. As a lifelong resident of Washington County, I am sincerely interested in the economic and

social health of all Washington County residents. I attended Williamsport schools, received a BA degree from Guilford College (1981), and a MS degree in Management and Administration from Hood College (1985) while employed at Hagerstown Trust.

What are your short and long term priorities if elected? Priorities have always been to improve taxpayer service while controlling administrative costs. Though responsibilities have increased dramatically, the Treasurer's Office maintains the same number of employees (5) over my 32 year tenure. Through automation, sound management, and loyal support of professional coworkers, the Treasurer's Office continues to deliver quality service to constituents.

Washington County State's Attorney

Washington County has a full-time State's Attorney, who is elected to the office for a four-year term. The State's Attorney gathers and presents evidence to the Grand Jury for consideration and prosecutes all criminal cases and major motor vehicle cases in the in the Juvenile, District and Circuit Courts on behalf the of the State. There is a Deputy State's Attorney, seven Assistant State's Attorneys and a clerical and investigative staff. The State's Attorney receives a annual salary equal to 80 per cent of the salary of a Judge of the District Court. All salaries and operating expenses are funded by the county.

Questions

1. Qualifications: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. Discrimination: What policies will you implement to prevent discrimination in law enforcement?
3. Alternatives to Prison: In what situations would you recommend alternatives to prison in sentencing persons convicted of crimes?
4. Substance Abuse Crisis: How will you address the growing problem of substance abuse?
5. Domestic violence: How will you address the problems of domestic violence?
6. Other Priorities: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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1. Qualifications: 14 years State's Attorney, 11 years Deputy State's Attorney, 5 years Narcotics Task Force Prosecutor, 10+ years Assistant State's Attorney including substantial homicide and violent felony experience. I and my team work collaboratively with the Department of Social Services, The Child Advocacy Center, the Opioid Senior Policy Group, Health Department, Child Fatality Review Team and others.

2. Discrimination: Discrimination training is mandatory for all in my office. I supplement with additional training for attorneys to recognize, report and reject discrimination. Discrimination must be addressed promptly where found, shared with a supervisor and reported to appropriate agencies involved for follow-up. Transparency is mandatory. A prosecutor is to do justice. Discrimination is not justice.

3. Alternatives to Prison: For non violent offenders with no history of violence or sex offenses my Alternative Sanctions Office handles jail alternatives including court ordered community service, community service in non-violent cases in lieu of prosecution, a State's Attorney work crew with supervisor working 5 days a week and mediation for parties in cases to resolve cases outside the court room.

4. Substance Abuse Crisis: I prosecute vigorously those who deal drugs with emphasis where a user dies. Those who commit crimes because of drugs must be held accountable for their crimes but just as importantly treated for their addictions to break the cycle. I am implementing our participation in Adult Drug Court. We can't prosecute our community out of the opioid crisis but we can require accountability and treatment,

5. Domestic violence: Domestic violence cases are assigned a prosecutor and victim witness coordinator as soon as they are filed. The prosecutor follows the case through to conclusion so the victim has continuity and certainty. Domestic violence crimes are crimes of violence and are treated as such by my office. Support services are offered to victims.

6. Other Priorities: Top priorities include victims, children, human trafficking, and Adult Drug Court. Victims do not choose to become victims. Children are our special responsibility. We aggressively prosecute sexual and physical child abuse including child pornography. Human Trafficking, emboldened by the internet, is a key target of our prosecution. I am prioritizing complete and full implantation of Drug Court.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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1. Qualifications: As a former public school teacher, I have worked effectively in collaborative settings that focused on maximizing overall effort and outcomes. As an experienced trial attorney and unwavering leader, I know how to think outside the box to implement targeted crime prevention initiatives to proactively address the record number of murders and rising drug overdoses and gang activity in our county.

2. Discrimination: I support law enforcement but I am not naïve. Just as there are bad attorneys, there are officers that may choose to not follow the 2015 Maryland Attorney General's guidance memorandum for ending discriminatory profiling. I will do everything in my power to have these officers removed as improper profiling erodes community cooperation and community trust which then harms overall community safety.

3. Alternatives to Prison: Alternatives such as Boot Camp, Adult Drug Court, Veteran's Court and Mental Health Court should be available for non-violent offenders struggling with addiction. These programs are being used successfully by other counties and I am committed to bringing them to fruition here. I will be innovative and active in reducing recidivism as I understand that crime prevention is a vital part of the job.

4. Substance Abuse Crisis: As the State's Attorney, my office will regularly give hard-hitting but age appropriate presentations at every county school working to prevent addiction before it occurs. I will also work tirelessly with all treatment providers in a unified effort to provide opportunity and access to those that need and want treatment. However, one's addiction cannot outweigh someone else's safety and wellbeing.

5. Domestic violence: The vast majority of domestic violence cases that are currently criminally charged in Washington County sadly end up with little to no meaningful intervention or treatment to prevent a reoccurrence. By having prosecutors that are actively in touch with the victims from the date of the incident thru the date of trial, my office will ensure increased offender accountability and victim assistance.

6. Other Priorities: I will implement a community prosecution program by assigning a prosecutor to each town in our county to personally attend town council meetings to address their individual town needs, discuss their town concerns and assist with their town safety. This will save each town time and money through communication of case status to prevent local officers from needlessly spending time sitting in court.

Washington County Clerk of the Circuit Court

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is elected in Washington county for a term of four years. The Clerk's duties are set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland. A staff of deputy clerks may assist in the performance of these duties. The office is funded through the state's general fund as part of the Judiciary Budget. The county provides office space. The Clerk's current salary is \$96,750. The Clerk is an administrative arm of the court, and required to record and process civil, criminal and juvenile proceedings. In Washington County, the Clerk serves as Jury Commissioner. Other duties include the issuance of business and marriage licenses and performing civil marriage ceremonies. The Clerk's Office administers the oath of office for most elected and appointed officials and the Clerk is the custodian of land, chancery, bond, lien and other records.

Questions

1. **Qualifications:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. **Areas of Need:** What are the areas of greatest need in the Clerk's office and how would you address them?
3. **Assistance to the Public:** How will you improve service by the Clerk's office to the public?
4. **Priorities:** In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Kevin Tucker

1. **Qualifications:** No response received by deadline.
2. **Areas of Need:** No response received by deadline.
3. **Assistance to the Public:** No response received by deadline.
4. **Priorities:** No response received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Washington County Register of Wills

DUTIES: The Register of Wills assists the general public with administrative processes concerning estates of deceased persons. The Register collects Maryland inheritance tax on estates and probate fees; maintains all records of wills and estates of deceased persons; acts as clerk to the Orphans' Court; and safeguards wills of living persons who reside in the county.

SALARY: Salary is based on the size of the county and determined by the Maryland Board of Public Works.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

Questions

1. **Qualifications:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. **Areas of Need:** What are the areas of greatest need in the Orphans' Court system and how would you address them?
3. **Assistance to the Public:** How will you improve the service provided by the Register's office to the public?
4. **Priorities/ Goals:** In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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1. Qualifications: I have worked in the Register of Wills Office for over 18 years, serving as Deputy and Chief Deputy to the previous Register. I have had the privilege to serve as the elected Register for the past 8 years. I participate in the Maryland Register of Wills Association to keep informed on policies and legislation that affect our office and allow my staff and I to serve the citizens with efficiency.

2. Areas of Need: I try to educate the public on the duties of the Register of Wills and Orphans' Court as much as I am able. I think the greatest need is for people to educate themselves on how better to prepare for the inevitable, death and what is required to settle an estate. Education of the requirements and the process would help eliminate heartache, frustration and confusion and will save time and money.

3. Assistance to the Public: My staff and I will continue to keep up to date on all policy and legislation changes that will affect this office and will continue to provide the most efficient, knowledgeable and compassionate service possible. I will also continue to go into the community and speak to groups and organizations to educate the public on of having a will and what will be required by our office when a death occurs.

4. Priorities/ Goals: The Register of Wills and Orphans' Court will be moving to a new office space in the coming year and it is my goal to have the least amount of disruption for the public that need to use our office. Our new office space will provide more privacy for families as they deal with sensitive issues. Keeping the office up to date with technology and a user friendly website is also an important priority.

Washington County Judge of the Orphans' Court

DUTIES: The Maryland Orphans' Court is the state's probate court. It also has jurisdiction over guardianship of minors. The Orphans' Court supervises the handling of estates of people who have died – with or without a will – while owning property in their sole name.

TERM: Four years, no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide. Candidates for Orphans' Court Judge must be Maryland citizens and residents of their jurisdiction for at least 12 months before their election.

Questions

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

DISCRIMINATION: How can the courts address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

COURT NEEDS: What are the greatest needs of the Orphans' Court and how can these be addressed?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Paul D. Banister

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

COURT NEEDS: No response received by deadline.

Andrew Dunn

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.
COURT NEEDS: No response received by deadline.

Frank E. Novinger

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.
COURT NEEDS: No response received by deadline.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Karen L. May

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DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.
COURT NEEDS: No response received by deadline.

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DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.
COURT NEEDS: No response received by deadline.

Washington County Sheriff

The Sheriff is charged with the protection of all citizens and with enforcing the laws within the county, including those within corporate limits of any towns maintaining their own police force. The Sheriff is responsible for enforcing court orders and serving legal processes and notices issued by the various courts. The Sheriff is also responsible for the supervision and maintenance of the County Detention Center which includes the Day Reporting Center and for transporting prisoners. The Sheriff’s Office employs 200 officers and 50 support staff and is organized into three functional divisions: detention, patrol and judicial. Each Division is headed by a director who reports directly to the Sheriff. The Sheriff is elected for a four year term and paid \$110,000.

Questions

1. Qualifications: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. Law enforcement outreach to Community: How would you reach out to county residents to improve public safety?
3. Discrimination: What policies will you implement to prevent discrimination in law enforcement?
4. Substance Abuse Crisis: How will you address the growing problem of substance abuse?
5. Training for law enforcement officers: How will you address the need for continuing education to maintain fair and effective law enforcement?
6. Other Priorities: In addition to the issues you described in the other questions, what are your priorities for this office?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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1. Qualifications: I've been a law enforcement officer since 1991 and am currently a Captain commanding the Western Region. During my career I've worked as a field officer, field supervisor, criminal investigations supervisor, public info officer, and Baltimore City marine commander. I was FOP lodge 130 president for 4 years. Working in various areas of the state has prepared me to serve the citizens of Wash Co.

2. Law enforcement outreach to Community: This is a main issue for me. I will assign command staff to attend local town meetings. This will build a bridge between law enforcement and the communities we serve. Attending the local meetings will give the citizens an opportunity to share information and concerns directly to a deputy. I will encourage deputies to become personally involved in community activities.

3. Discrimination: Internally I will review departmental policy to ensure fairness and equality amongst employees. I will make certain employees of the department are treating the public fair and equitable. This can be done by instituting standards for employees to use as guidance. I feel training is the best way to ensure that employees are treating the public with respect and fairness during interactions.

4. Substance Abuse Crisis: A cooperative combined county effort of law enforcement. Participation with a DEA task force that focuses on prescription fraud. City and county task forces that focus on street level drug dealers along with active drug interdiction. I believe no one law enforcement agency can combat this effectively. I will work for a combined cooperation and effort of all agencies within our county/community.

5. Training for law enforcement officers: Training is paramount in the law enforcement community. I believe we should provide as much training as possible to our deputies. This can be in a variety of venues, but I feel that combined training with other agencies is a must. We should partner with allied agencies to meet our training needs when applicable, sharing resources also for fiscal responsibility.

6. Other Priorities: My priority for the Washington County Sheriff's Office will be to maintain the highest level of professionalism. The Sheriff's Office is made up of dedicated, professional individuals that I will support and expect to hold to the highest standard to improve service to the citizens of Washington County in a fiscally responsible manner.

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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1. Qualifications: I have over 40 years of law enforcement experience, with 12 years as your Sheriff. I have worked every aspect of law enforcement from patrol, criminal investigations, narcotics investigations, SWAT to crime prevention. I have the experience to run the jail which is an important aspect of being a Sheriff. There is a tremendous potential for liability if the jail is not run correctly.

2. Law enforcement outreach to Community: I meet with many of the civic and public organizations throughout the county to gain an understanding of their perception of issues in their community and how we can address their concerns. We conduct surveys of county residents to keep informed of issues facing our county. The Crime Prevention Unit give numerous presentations on public safety issues which provides an opportunity for interaction.

3. Discrimination: The Sheriff's Office has a complete set of policies under which the Sheriff's Office operates. I implemented the use of body cameras to insure our personnel were conducting themselves professionally and without discrimination to anyone. Supervisors regularly review the footage from these cameras to hold our personnel accountable. We are CALEA accredited to insure compliance with national standards

4. Substance Abuse Crisis: We conduct investigations on all overdoses to determine who is selling the drug to the victim. Our Narcotics Task Force is aggressively going after drug organizations. I

established the first Day Reporting Center to provide treatment services to offenders with substance abuse issues. We are preparing to launch a prevention and awareness campaign to educate on abusing prescription opioids.

5. Training for law enforcement officers: We provide deputies with ongoing training to increase their professionalism and knowledge. Deputies attend training provided by experts to keep deputies informed on emerging trends and ways to address them effectively. I train some deputies to be experts in their field so they can share their training with other deputies. We constantly reassess our training needs and address them accordingly.

6. Other Priorities: I want to address traffic safety in our community. Fatal and serious injuries are on the rise from traffic crashes. I want to make sure we address school safety and increase the number of School Resource Officers protecting our children. I want to establish a pre-trial program to allow offenders who have not been convicted to take advantage of the services provided by the Day Reporting Center.

Party Offices

Washington County Republican Central Committee

DUTIES: Voters participate in governing the national, state, and local party in their selection of members of the county party central committee. The county central committee sets local party policy and assists local candidates and chooses representatives to the state central committee. The state party committee, in turn, sets the state party's policies, assists state-wide candidates and selects Maryland's representatives on the national party committee. The national party committee sets the rules for nominating candidates for President and assists candidates for federal office. In Maryland, party central committees fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office.

SALARY: None

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary.

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 9.

Paul D. Banister

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

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NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

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NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Ray Edward Foltz, Sr.

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Marilee Lum Kerns

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was appointed on April 9, 2015 to the Washington County Republican Central Committee. Since taking office I have been involved in the selection of numerous public officials whose names were forwarded to the Governor for his appointment. I have faithfully promoted the Republican Party through elections, coordination, development, and fundraising.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Republicans have given States the power to decide the rules for their primaries and caucuses. State delegates may be awarded in proportion to the popular vote or by the winner take all method. Even a combination of the two is permitted. The Republican process for nominating their candidate for President currently gives the primary voters unquestioned authority to choose.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: On January 8, 2018, Gallup News reported that 42% of Americans identified as political independents, 29% as Democrats, and 27% as Republicans. Part of my role as Republican Central Committee Member is to "sell" our party' brand to independent voters. Encouraging voters to register Republican to help us select our nominees in the Primary will continue to be my standard.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My obligations are to the Republican voters of Washington County, Maryland. I will coordinate with the Republican Central Committee for the State of Maryland and with the Republican National Committee. I will seek to register new voters as Republicans and encourage those not affiliated to join us. My activities to promote, and fundraise for all Republican candidates is paramount.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Filling office vacancies has occurred numerous times since my appointment in April of 2015. Vacancies in the General Assembly, whose names are forwarded to the Governor for his appointment, are obtained by following the Constitution of Maryland, Article III, Section 13. Other vacancies of public office are filled in a similar fashion with the utmost consideration of voter comment.

Brian Paul Tana

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Washington County Democratic Central Committee Female

DUTIES: Voters participate in governing the national, state, and local party in their selection of members of the county party central committee. The county central committee sets local party policy and assists local candidates and chooses representatives to the state central committee. The state party committee, in turn, sets the state party's policies, assists state-wide candidates and selects Maryland's representatives on the national party committee. The national party committee sets the rules for nominating candidates for President and assists candidates for federal office. In Maryland, party central committees fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office.

SALARY: None

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary.

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 4.

Samantha Broadway

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I retired to Hagerstown four years ago and immediately got involved in the local Democratic Party. I am Vice-President of the United Democrats of Washington County, the founder and President of Democratic Women of Washington County, the Vice President of the Democratic Women of Maryland and a member of Our Revolution of Western Maryland. I also have experience working with local campaigns.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I believe that the individual voter should have more involvement in the process of selecting a Presidential candidate. I support transparency in all areas concerning this selection. I support limiting the role of superdelegates and support efforts to limit the effect that money from corporations and lobbyists have on the process.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I support changes to allow unaffiliated voters to vote in primary elections and I will support measures to make voter registration and party changes more flexible and easier for the voter to access.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: I want to make the Party work for the people, to add more people and make sure the party is responsive to those people. We need to make sure that there is room in the party for all people who share our beliefs regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, financial status, or gender identity. I want the party to fight for the rights of all people and to fight against the tyranny of any one person or group.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I think a person's fitness for the job and commitment to public service should be considered first. Although I have no one litmus test for candidates, I favor more involvement for progressives, women, persons of color, and other minorities. Our representatives should mirror our members as much as possible so that all people in the party can feel truly represented.

Mary Ann Keyser

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Claudia Martin

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Ginger L. Noble

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Edythe M. Rickard

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Washington County Democratic Central Committee Male

DUTIES: Voters participate in governing the national, state, and local party in their selection of members of the county party central committee. The county central committee sets local party policy and assists local candidates and chooses representatives to the state central committee. The state party committee, in turn, sets the state party's policies, assists state-wide candidates and selects Maryland's representatives on the national party committee. The national party committee sets the rules for nominating candidates for President and assists candidates for federal office. In Maryland, party central committees fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office.

SALARY: None

TERM: Four years.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary.

Candidates

Members of this party may vote for no more than 4.

Randy Barber

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QUALIFICATIONS: While this is my first time as a candidate, I am a life-long Democrat and am active in the United Democrats of Washington County. I am also a life-long activist (peace, environment, equality, minority/immigrant rights). I have been a strategic financial adviser to unions for 35 years, and have deep experience in analyzing financial statements. At times, I have also managed up to 75 employees.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I embrace the recommendations of the Democratic Party's Unity Reform Commission, which have been unanimously supported in principle by the full Democratic National Commission. With respect to the Presidential nominating process, I support 1. Reducing the influence of "Super-delegates;" 2. Permitting same-day party switching in Primaries; and, 3. Absentee balloting in Caucus states.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I believe that voters in Democratic primaries should be registered as Democrats, but I support same-day registration and party-switching in Primaries.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: - Increase the transparency of Party Central Committees; - Work closely with our natural allies; - Work to motivate young potential voters to register/become actively involved; - Work to identify, develop and support prospective Democratic candidates for office; - Make a special effort reach the 18,000 unaffiliated voters in this county; and, - Reduce the influence of corporate and lobbyist money.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Follow Maryland Democratic Party rules (sufficient notice, opportunity for all candidates to make their case, open vote by the Washington County Central Committee members).

Larry N. Barron

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Andrew J. Brown

QUALIFICATIONS: Though a younger candidate, Political Science was an emphasis in my Bachelors degree, and I volunteered with the Young Democrats for Gore and Kerry. I have 7 years of management and training experience. More recently I've helped organized a Climate march in Hagerstown, and sat on the Steering Committee for Our Revolution, W. Maryland. I'm well traveled and not afraid to stand up for my views.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I advocate the reduction or even removal of the Super-delegates. I would see more transparency in the election process to reduce the chance of foul play or insider favoritism.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Unaffiliated voters are a large area of opportunity in Washington County, and we especially need to capture the younger voters. There are many who might even label themselves conservatives that still have progressive views on certain topics such as climate change and healthcare. We can use those issues to set ourselves apart from our opponents and show them how we can benefit them if elected.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: We need to increase transparency and inclusion in the on going processes. We should work closely with groups who's views align with ours to achieve mutual goals, or sway to our cause. We need to increase our registered voters, again, capturing the youth and unaffiliated vote. We need to vet candidates for local positions and ensure that no Republican runs unopposed.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would consider the by-laws of the Committee, as long as they are in compliance with the State by-laws. Further consideration is availability, willingness, what they can contribute to the position, and input from the community.

Jereme Weston Leazier

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Alan Levin

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

Peter E. Perini, Sr.

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No response received by deadline.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No response received by deadline.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: No response received by deadline.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm retired and able to devote the time to fulfill my duties in the role. I have been a County resident since 1972. I was a member of Class 7 of Tech Leadership Hagerstown. I attended the HPD citizens police academy .My work experience covers a number of different areas: Tech Service Management; Product training/inventory control: Public Housing Management: Construction estimating and project Mgmt

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Greatly reduce the number of super delegates

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I would first want to know how many unaffiliated voters wish to change the system. I would then want to hear from nearby states that have an open primary to find out what benefits or problems the open primary creates. As it is the primary serves to allow Democrats to select their candidate and Republicans select their candidate.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: The parties priorities are: Healthcare, Education, The Economy, The Environment, and building stronger communities My own priorities are to keep the focus on the mainstream issues and avoid division by catering to either extreme. I would also seek support to get big money out of the political process

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would begin by advertising for interested candidates. I would then rank the candidates in terms of how well they benefit the party. I would give special preference to a good candidate who may have narrowly missed being chosen in the most recent election for that position