PRIMARY VOTERS GUIDE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MARYLAND 2020

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Offices and Candidates are listed in Ballot Order. These abbreviations are used.
DEM = Democratic Party
REP = Republican Party
LBT = Libertarian Party
Grn = Green Party
Con = Constitution Party
Una = Unaffiliated Candidate
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

U.S. President

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

TERM: Four years. Limit of two terms.

BASE SALARY: $400,000 per year.

Criteria for Participation in VOTE411.org: All presidential candidates who will appear on Maryland’s ballot are listed below. The League of Women Voters of the United States, through the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF), established criteria to determine which candidates to invite to respond to questions for the Voters’ Guide.

Candidates qualified for invitations from LWVEF to provide responses to specific questions if they met the following criteria:
The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President.
The candidate must have met the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act’s minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Election Commission’s website.

Candidates meeting these criteria after the print deadline for this Voters’ Guide will be invited to participate. Their responses will appear online at VOTE411.org.

In addition, please note that voters cast a ballot for candidates in only one party during the primary season. LWVEF is required to have at least two candidates for President from the same party meet the above criteria before launching a Voters’ Guide covering that party. At this time, only one candidate running for the Republican Party’s nomination for President has met the LWVEF criteria listed above. Therefore, no Republican presidential candidates have yet been invited to participate. As soon as any two Republican candidates meet the criteria or the party’s national nominating convention occurs, LWVEF will invite the qualified candidate(s).
Questions

ELECTIONS AND VOTING: What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?

COMMON GROUND: Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.

IMMIGRATION: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?

GUN VIOLENCE: Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.

CLIMATE CHANGE: What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?

Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for 1

Donald. J. Trump
Campaign Website: www.donaldjtrump.com
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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/realdonaldtrump
Other Instagram: instagram.com/realdonaldtrump

This candidate was the only Republican to meet the criteria for participation by the print deadline, but no other candidate for this party’s nominating qualified. See the full description of the invitation process above.

Bill Weld
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Campaign Twitter: @govebillweld
Campaign Instagram: instagram.com/govebillweld

This candidate did not meet the participation criteria by the print deadline.

Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for 1

Joe Biden
Campaign Website: http://joebiden.com/
Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/joebiden/
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/JoeBiden
ELECTIONS AND VOTING: I've fought for voting rights since I first got involved in politics, helping to secure several extensions of the Voting Rights Act. But in 2013, the Supreme Court ripped the heart out of those voter protections. As president, I'll enact legislation to restore the full force of the Voting Rights Act, and my Justice Department will challenge every one of the new Jim Crow laws that are now curtailing people's right to vote. I'll also boost state funding for secure voting with a paper record, and for better information-sharing. I'll fight for automatic and same-day voter registration. And I'll make sure that any country or group that seeks to interfere in our elections faces real and serious consequences.

COMMON GROUND: The next president will inherit a divided nation and a world in disarray. They'll need to hit the ground running to fix Trump's mess, restore our global standing, and bring people together to get things done. Our next president will need to be a president for ALL Americans. I refuse to accept that we can't work together to solve tough problems. It's what democracy is all about. We can rebuild the middle class with historic investments in infrastructure, tackle prescription drug companies' profiteering, build on Obamacare with a public option - and so much more. I know how to find common ground without compromising my values.

IMMIGRATION: We're a nation that values immigrants – it's how we've constantly been able to renew our democracy. As president, I'll reverse Trump's assault on our values on day one, ending his cruel asylum policies, especially his Migrant Protection Protocols, family separation, and public charge rule. I'll address the root causes pushing people to flee Central America. I'll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families. Then, I'll invest real political capital to finally deliver legislative immigration reform to modernize our system, giving nearly 11 million undocumented people a path to citizenship, updating our visa system to sharpen our economic competitive edge, and preserving family unification and diversity as cornerstones of our system.

GUN VIOLENCE: Gun violence is a public health epidemic. We need courage to stand up to the NRA and fix our broken gun laws. I've beaten it before – twice. As president, I'll do it again. I'll ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and require background checks for all gun sales. I'll fight for red-flag laws and close the Charleston and boyfriend loopholes, to get guns out of dangerous hands. I'll invest in smart gun technology and new strategies to reduce daily gun violence in cities. I'll work to heal trauma that outlasts shootings, starting by doubling the number of school mental health professionals. And I'll address the deadly nexus of gun violence and domestic violence, starting by signing into law the Violence Against Women Act of 2019.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Climate change is our most urgent threat. Beating Trump won't end it, but it's key to all progress. In 1986, I introduced one of the first climate bills; PolitiFact says I'm a "climate change pioneer." Now, I've outlined a bold plan to match today's crisis – putting us on a path to a 100% clean-energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050. On day one, I'll rejoin the Paris Accord, restore American leadership, and push the world to do more. I'll invest $1.7 trillion in clean energy research and development, and in transforming our infrastructure – from electric vehicle charging stations to high-speed rail – reducing emissions and withstanding the impacts of a changing climate, and creating 10 million good-paying jobs, that can be union jobs.
Tulsi Gabbard

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/TulsiGabbard
Campaign Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/tulsi/
Campaign YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBTNyrZoiTweJ1PZsJgdWTA

ELECTIONS AND VOTING: I support campaign finance reform to reject the influence of corporate donations and PAC money on our elections and I support ending the practice of gerrymandering, which threatens our democracy and fuels corruption and a widening partisan divide.

We need to ensure the integrity and security of our nation’s election systems and protect our democracy from hacking by adversaries. I introduced the Securing America’s Elections Act to require paper ballots or voter-verified paper backups in order to protect our elections from malicious hackers and to make sure that every vote will be accurately counted.

COMMON GROUND: In every issue that faces our nation, there are opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground. What is lacking is the political will to reach across the aisle, build relationships and find compromise.

Throughout my time in office, I have prioritized bipartisan outreach. If our leaders are unable to reach stable agreements based on finding common ground, then they will not be able to deliver. Their promises will ring hollow and they will create a state of permanent disruption.

As president, I will listen to the voices of all Americans, lead in the spirit of putting service above self, and upholding our country’s original ideals of being of the people, by the people, and for the people.

IMMIGRATION: We need comprehensive immigration reform to address our broken immigration laws and have a serious conversation about the most effective and humane ways to compassionately secure our borders while building bridges and cooperative foreign policy with other countries. We need to ensure we have a clear, enforceable, accessible, and humane pathway to citizenship, fund and equip agencies in charge of processing asylum claim and protect migrants, and pass DACA. We must also end our longstanding policy of military and economic intervention in Central and South America which has contributed to decades of civil war and economic instability which is the root cause of mass immigration.

GUN VIOLENCE: I have long called for reinstating a federal ban on military-style assault weapons and high capacity magazines, requiring comprehensive pre-purchase background checks for every gun sale, preventing domestic abusers from acquiring a gun, closing the gun-show loophole, and making sure that terrorists are not allowed to buy guns. I am focused on building bipartisan solutions that can actually be passed into law.

As President, I would work with Congress to pass common sense gun safety legislation. The stakes are too high to allow politics to get in the way of taking bipartisan
action on this. While I strongly support the second amendment, we can all agree that we need sensible gun laws to keep our us and our children safe.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** As president, I will tackle climate change by ushering in a Green Century - a century that harnesses technology and innovation to create jobs in renewable energy, revitalize our communities, and protect our environment. We must end taxpayer subsidies for big oil, fossil fuels and nuclear power, and instead invest in 100% renewable and safe energy sources like wind, solar, and geothermal. We must address the national security threat of climate change, end wasteful wars for oil, and address vulnerabilities to attacks/hacks into our electrical grids that can be eliminated by decentralizing power sources and investing in renewable energy storage.

**Bernie Sanders**

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**ELECTIONS AND VOTING:** Bernie believes that voting is a fundamental American right. As president, he will:
- Restore & expand the Voting Rights Act.
- Re-enfranchise millions of Americans who have had their right to vote taken away by a felony conviction, including those currently incarcerated.
- Secure automatic voter registration for every American 18+.
- Overturn Citizens United.
- End racist voter suppression & partisan gerrymandering.
- Abolish racist voter ID laws, super PACs, & the Electoral College.
- Make Election Day a national holiday.
- Ensure voting is fully accessible to people with disabilities
- Replace corporate funding & donations from millionaires & billionaires w/ mandatory public funding of elections.
- Expand early voting & make absentee voting easier

**COMMON GROUND:** Right now we have a president who wants to divide us up by the color of our skin, our country of origin, our gender, our religion and our sexual orientation. Bernie is going to do exactly the opposite. We are going to bring our people together – black, white, Latino, Native American, Asian American, gay and straight, young and old, men and women, native born and immigrant.

Not only is Bernie going to be Commander in Chief, he will be Organizer in Chief. He will rally the American people and stand up to the greed of the corporate elite.

We'll build the grassroots movement necessary to enact the transformative change we need on climate change, health care, education, a higher minimum wage, workers’ rights, criminal justice, and more.

**IMMIGRATION:** Bernie will act immediately to overhaul our broken immigration system and enact a humane policy at the border and in the interior that respects human and civil rights. As President, Bernie will:
- Use executive authority to reverse Trump’s harmful actions on immigration.
- Place a moratorium on deportations and end ICE raids.
- Restore and expand DACA.
- Push Congress to enact a fair, swift, and inclusive path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.
- Break up ICE and CBP and return their core functions to their previous departments.
- Decriminalize and demilitarize the border, and ensure due process.
- Strengthen and protect immigrant labor rights.
- Lift Trump’s draconian refugee caps and taking in those forced from their homes due to climate

**GUN VIOLENCE:** Bernie will take on the NRA & pass common sense gun safety legislation.
- Expand background checks & end the gun show loophole
- End the “boyfriend” loophole to get guns out of the hands of domestic abusers & stalkers
- Ban the sale & distribution of assault weapons
- Ban high-capacity ammunition magazines
- Enact a voluntary buyback program for assault weapons
- Regulate assault weapons in the same way as fully automatic weapons, essentially making them unlawful to own
- Crack down on “straw purchases,” where people buy guns for criminals
- Support “red flag” laws & legislation to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and stalkers
- Ban the 3-D printing of firearms & bump stocks
- Pass Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** Together, we’ll launch the decade of the Green New Deal, a ten-year, nationwide mobilization centered around justice and equity during which climate change will be factored into virtually every area of policy.

As president, Bernie will declare a national emergency on climate change and take immediate, large-scale action to reverse its effects. Bernie will use executive authority to aggressively regulate greenhouse gas emissions, ban fracking, ban offshore drilling, rejoin and strengthen the Paris Climate Agreement, and more.

Bernie will work with Congress to pass a comprehensive Green New Deal to create 20 million good-paying union jobs while meeting the IPCC emissions reductions targets and transforming our energy system and our economy.

The following Democratic candidates who met the LWVEF criteria have withdrawn or suspended their campaigns but will appear on the Maryland ballot. Their responses are available at [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org).

Cory Booker
Pete Buttigieg
Amy Klobuchar
Elizabeth Warren
Andrew Yang
The following Democratic candidates who did not meet the LWVEF criteria have withdrawn or suspended their campaigns but will appear on the Maryland ballot:
Michael Bennet
Michael Bloomberg
Julian Castro
Deval Patrick
Tom Steyer
Marianne Williamson

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](http://www.house.gov)
**Video of candidate forum:** [https://livestream.com/accounts/12173556/events/8407299](https://livestream.com/accounts/12173556/events/8407299)

**Questions**
**GOALS:** Why are you running for this office?
**OBJETIVOS:** ¿Por qué se postula para esta oficina?

**IMMIGRATION:** What, if anything, would you change regarding immigration policy?
**INMIGRACIÓN:** ¿Qué cambiaría, si fuera el caso, con respecto a la política de inmigración?

**HEALTH CARE:** Would you vote to continue the Affordable Care Act as it is, expand it, or eliminate it? Please explain.
**ATENCIÓN MÉDICA:** ¿Votaría usted para continuar la Ley de Atención Médica Asequible tal como es, ampliarla o eliminarla? Por favor explique.

**ENVIRONMENT:** What should be the federal government’s role in addressing national and global environmental concerns?
**MEDIO AMBIENTE:** ¿Cuál debería ser el papel del gobierno federal para abordar las preocupaciones ambientales nacionales y mundiales?

**GUN SAFETY:** What policies do you propose to reduce gun violence?
**SEGURIDAD EN EL USO DE ARMAS DE FUEGO:** ¿Qué políticas propone para reducir la violencia armada?
ECONOMY: How would you address the growing income gap in our society?

ECONOMÍA: ¿Cómo abordaría la creciente brecha de ingresos en nuestra sociedad?

DISCRIMINATION: What initiatives would you propose to address bias based on race, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, or disability?

DISCRIMINACIÓN: ¿Qué iniciativas propondrías para abordar los prejuicios basados en la raza, la identificación de género, la orientación sexual, la religión o la discapacidad?

STUDENT LOANS: What actions would you support to reduce burdensome student loan debt?

PRÉSTAMOS ESTUDIANTILES: ¿Qué acciones apoyaría para reducir la pesada carga que representa la deuda de préstamos estudiantiles?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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GOALS: To offer my fellow citizens (my country) the opportunity to have a Rep. who will perform their most basic duty, protecting you from those who would use your Government against you. To defend the ideas & principles that my father (Vietnam), my wife & I (Post 9/11) have served & sworn to protect. I am running because I understand that my freedom is directly related to yours.

IMMIGRATION: Secure our borders. End sanctuary cities for violent criminals. Protect Americans by ensuring those who come into our country mean its citizens no harm. After securing the nation, we must focus on dealing with those who have been in the country already.

HEALTH CARE: I would end the Affordable Care Act. We need to move this sector of our economy back to market-based solutions. We must allow the consumers to control the $3.6 trillion spent on health care, not Gov. officials & special interest. Like all resources, either we decide through our choices their cost & allocation or others decide for us.

ENVIRONMENT: No response received by deadline.

GUN SAFETY: No response received by deadline.

ECONOMY: No response received by deadline.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

STUDENT LOANS: No response received by deadline.

Chris P. Meyyur
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GOALS: I care about our future as a nation. I run to act on the issues that will help the middle class and to end hostilities in Asia and bring troops home. Invest eight trillion dollars on domestic priorities. My priorities are bringing the cost of college education down and wipe out portions of student debt and bring tax burden of families making less than 300K. Strengthen public education. Me postulo para actuar sobre los asuntos que ayudarán a la clase media, poner fin a las hostilidades en Asia y traer tropas a casa.
Invertir $8 billones en prioridades nacionales. Mis prioridades son reducir el costo de la educación universitaria, eliminar porciones de la deuda estudiantil y reducir la carga fiscal de las familias que ganan menos de 300,000. Fortalecer la educación pública.

IMMIGRATION: No change is needed.No se necesitan cambios.

HEALTH CARE: ACA needs to be revised and improved. My goal is bringing a third medical school to Maryland. I envision a large medical university and VA hospital closer to Fort Detrick and National Cancer Institute in Frederick. I will strive to remove various barriers to improve the healthcare delivery. El ACA necesita ser revisado y mejorado. Mi objetivo es traer una tercera escuela de medicina a Maryland. Me imagino una gran universidad de medicina y un hospital más cerca de Fort Detrick y el Instituto Nacional del Cáncer en Frederick. Me esforzaré por eliminar varias barreras para mejorar la prestación de atención médica.

ENVIRONMENT: Clean air, land and water is essential for us and future generations to come. I will support following actions. Chesapeake Bay Regional Authority will be established to mitigate and clean our land and waterways and restore the ecosystems with 5 billion dollar investment over a decade. El aire limpio, la tierra y el agua son esenciales para nosotros y para las futuras generaciones. Apoyaré acciones por venir. La Autoridad Regional de la Bahía de Chesapeake se estableció para mitigar y limpiar nuestras tierras y vías fluviales y restaurar los ecosistemas con una inversión de 5 mil millones de dólares durante una década.

GUN SAFETY: I am very sensitive on this topic as my son’s friend and his sister and mother were murdered by his father. Second Amendment Rights must be protected and also we need to come together with an understanding and consensus on measures to prevent mass killings. Soy muy sensible a este tema ya que el amigo de mi hijo, su hermana y su madre fueron asesinados por su padre. Los derechos de la segunda enmienda deben protegerse y también debemos unirnos con un entendimiento y un consenso sobre las medidas para prevenir los asesinatos en masa.

ECONOMY: The worst case of income gap is homeless working people and homeless veterans. I will introduce variable minimum wage based on data points with the e-verify process. El peor caso de brecha de ingresos son las personas que trabajan sin hogar y los veteranos sin hogar. Introduciré el salario mínimo variable basado en puntos de datos con el proceso de verificación electrónica.

DISCRIMINATION: There are 6 billion people live in the world and they are different in so many ways. We could solve the bias with mutual respect and understanding rather than by legal force. I will make Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) waived if aggrieved party decides so. Hay 6 mil millones de personas en el mundo y son diferentes en muchos aspectos. Podríamos resolver el sesgo con respeto mutuo y comprensión en lugar de hacerlo por la fuerza legal.

STUDENT LOANS: Will bring the cost of college education down and wipe out portions of student debt. Out of State tuition will be abolished across the board in Public Universities with federal reimbursement. Rural Americans will be recognized and designated as a diversity population for Affirmative Action in college admission. 529 plans will be federal and state tax exempt allowing parents to save tax free. Reduciré el costo de la educación universitaria y eliminaré partes de la deuda estudiantil. La matrícula de no-residentes se abolirá en las universidades públicas con reembolso federal. Las personas de áreas rurales serán reconocidas y designadas como una
población diversa para la admisión a la universidad. 529 planes estarán exentos de impuestos federales y estatales.

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GOALS: Washington DC is a mess. District 6 needs a representative who lives in the District and who will work to improve our community and our country. I care about our nation and want to ensure that our children, that future generations, will have the same opportunities and freedoms that we enjoyed. Instead of playing political games, I'll work for you to bring common-sense, practical solutions to DC.

Washington DC es un desastre. El Distrito 6 necesita un representante que viva en el Distrito y que trabaje para mejorar la comunidad y el país. Me importa nuestra nación y quiero asegurarme de que nuestros niños, que las generaciones futuras, tengan las mismas oportunidades y libertades que disfrutamos. Trabajaré para ti para traer soluciones prácticas y de sentido común a DC.

IMMIGRATION: Existing immigration laws need to be followed. Lack of immigration enforcement and a porous southern border have led to suffering from gangs like MS 13 who terrorize our District, opioid and fentanyl deaths, and increased human trafficking. Sanctuary cities need to be stopped, the border wall needs to be constructed, and companies who take advantage of illegal aliens should be heavily fined.

Las leyes de inmigración existentes deben seguirse. La falta de aplicación de estas y una frontera sur porosa han provocado pandillas como MS 13 que aterrorizan a nuestro Distrito, muertes por opioides, y aumento de la trata de personas. Las ciudades santuario deben detenerse, el muro fronterizo debe construirse y las empresas que se aprovechan de los extranjeros ilegales deben recibir una multa.

HEALTH CARE: The Affordable Care Act is anything but affordable. Since passing, health insurance, health care, and prescription drug costs skyrocketed. The quality of care has also degraded; when did you last see a real doctor instead of a PA?

Our country can do better by repealing and replacing Obamacare by using free market solutions that will bring costs down and increase quality of care.

La Ley del Cuidado de Salud a Bajo Costo es todo menos accesible. La calidad de la atención también se ha degradado; ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que vio a un médico de verdad en lugar de una PA? Nuestro país puede hacerlo mejor derogando y reemplazando Obamacare mediante el uso de soluciones de libre mercado que reducirán los costos y aumentarán la calidad de la atención.

ENVIRONMENT: The primary world polluter is China. They dump over 96% more plastic into the ocean than the US and contribute the largest percentage of the world's CO2.

Given that, the US should not sacrifice our manufacturing jobs to countries that do not have effective environmental laws. Trade laws as a negotiating tactic to get China and other countries to pollute less. El principal contaminador mundial es China. Tiran 96% más de plástico al océano que los EE.UU. Y aportan el mayor porcentaje del CO2.
del mundo. Dado eso, los EE.UU. no deberían sacrificar nuestros trabajos de manufactura a países que no tienen leyes ambientales efectivas. Leyes comerciales como táctica de negociación para lograr que China y otros países contaminen menos.

GUN SAFETY: Access to firearms is guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment. Our country has a violence epidemic. A major cause of the problem is that we no longer adequately treat the mentally ill as we should. Instead, they often live untreated until they commit an act of violence. Jails have been turned into our new insane asylums. Our jails should be for the career criminals who terrorize our communities. El acceso a las armas de fuego está garantizado por la 2da Enmienda. El país tiene una epidemia de violencia. Uno problema es que ya no tratamos adecuadamente a los enfermos mentales como deberíamos. A menudo viven sin tratamiento hasta que cometen un acto de violencia. Las cárcceles se han convertido en manicomios. Las cárcceles deberían ser para los delincuentes que aterrorizan a las comunidades.

ECONOMY: The American experiment has worked and is working. Our economic system is based on the government valuing property rights and providing a fair playing field so that everyone has the chance to succeed. Our system allows people to pursue their own individual goals, where incentives are provided to invest, to take risks, to work hard, or to acquire new skills. El experimento estadounidense está funcionando. Nuestro sistema económico se basa en que el gobierno valora los derechos de propiedad y proporciona un campo de juego justo para que todos tengan la oportunidad de tener éxito. El sistema permite a las personas perseguir sus propios objetivos individuales, se dan incentivos para invertir, asumir riesgos, trabajar duro o adquirir nuevas habilidades.

DISCRIMINATION: Martin Luther King indicated that, “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” It’s time for government policies to embrace this concept. For example, merit should be used to decide who receives government contracts and to decide who is accepted into AP classes. Martin Luther King dijo “tengo el sueño de que mis cuatro hijos pequeños algún día vivirán en una nación donde no serán juzgados por el color de su piel sino por el contenido de su carácter”. Es hora de que las políticas gubernamentales adopten este concepto. Por ejemplo, el mérito debe usarse para decidir quién recibe los contratos del gobierno y para decidir quién es aceptado en las clases AP.

STUDENT LOANS: Education. As a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, I manage a college scholarships program. When 1st year students apply, I ask them to read finance materials and to write a paper about the effect of college debt. Unfortunately, schools aren’t teaching our students proper financial literacy, and this year I’ve introduced a bill to require financial literacy to be a part of the curriculum. Como miembro de la Cámara de Delegados de Maryland, administro un programa de becas universitarias. Desafortunadamente, las escuelas no están enseñando a nuestros estudiantes la educación financiera adecuada, y este año he presentado un proyecto de ley para exigir que la educación financiera sea parte del plan de estudios.
Democratic Candidates

Democrat may vote for no more than 1.

Maxwell A. Bero
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GOALS: I believe that real, progressive change, such as the Green New Deal and Medicare-for-all, is both possible and necessary in our country. The 6th District is my home; I grew up here, I live here, and I work here. I’m tired of not seeing my representatives in Congress fight for real progressive change, and want to do my best to deliver real change for my district. Creo que un cambio real y progresivo, como el Green New Deal y Medicare para todos, es posible y necesario en nuestro país. El sexto distrito es mi hogar. Crecí aquí, vivo aquí y trabajo aquí. Estoy cansado de no ver a mis representantes en el Congreso luchar por un cambio progresivo real, y quiero hacer todo lo posible para lograr un cambio real para mi distrito.

IMMIGRATION: I support simplifying the path to citizenship and invest in widespread English education for all immigrants, to make it easier for immigrants to integrate into, and partake in, American society. We need to end the policy of separating families at the border; our country should not be in the business of building walls and turning people away, but rather welcoming people from all backgrounds. Apoyo la simplificación del camino hacia la ciudadanía e invertir en una educación en inglés para todos los inmigrantes, para que se integren y participen en la sociedad estadounidense. Necesitamos poner fin a la política de separar a las familias en la frontera; nuestro país no debería dedicarse a construir muros y alejar a las personas, sino a acoger a personas de todos los orígenes.

HEALTH CARE: I support implementing single-payer Medicare-for-all. While the current Affordable Care Act helps some people, it does not go far enough to guarantee comprehensive health care to all citizens. Health care should not be tied to one’s job; no one should make a career decision based on insurance coverage. The government should provide comprehensive health coverage to all citizens. Apoyo la implementación de Medicare para todos de contribuyente único. La Ley de Cuidado de la Salud Asequible actual no llega suficientemente lejos como para garantizar una atención médica integral a todos los ciudadanos. La atención médica no debe estar vinculada al trabajo de uno. El gobierno debería proporcionar una cobertura integral de salud a todos los ciudadanos.

ENVIRONMENT: The federal government needs to come together to pass the Green New Deal, and make environmental protection and addressing climate change a priority across the entire country and economy. The US should also take a leadership role on the world stage by rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement and working with other countries to address climate change on a global scale. El gobierno federal debe unirse para aprobar el Nuevo Acuerdo Verde y hacer de la protección del medio ambiente y del cambio climático una prioridad en todo el país y la economía. EE.UU. también debe asumir un papel de liderazgo en el escenario mundial al unirse al Acuerdo Climático de París y trabajar con otros países para abordar el cambio climático a escala global.
GUN SAFETY: I support increasing background checks and red flag laws to prevent dangerous people from being able to own and purchase guns. I also support reinstating the assault rifle ban and limiting the size of magazines available to consumers, and expanding voluntary buyback programs, so people can voluntarily get guns off of their streets and out of the hands of criminals.

ECONOMY: I support raising the federal minimum wage to $15, and then tying the minimum wage to the rate of inflation, so that the economy does not expand faster than the wages of the working class. I also support a wealth tax and a new progressive tax bracket for those making over $10 million a year, to ensure that our wealthiest citizens are not hoarding wealth at the expense of our poorest Americans.

DISCRIMINATION: I support any and all legislation that makes any discrimination illegal, and fully support the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. All citizens should feel secure in their ability to get and hold a job, have housing, and live their daily lives without fear of harassment and discrimination.

STUDENT LOANS: I support legislation that ensures a free path to a 4-year degree is available to all Americans, which would include a free 2-year associate’s program at local community colleges. I will also support a student loan forgiveness plan that immediately eliminates all individual student loans less than $50,000, and progressively reduces loan amounts above that.
GOALS: I'm running for reelection because we need people in Washington who think long-term and are committed to helping America’s most vulnerable. While we have made strides towards this goal, we must do more to end the opioid epidemic, reform our criminal justice system, and ensure every child receives a quality education. I’m committed to remaining in this fight for people.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are vital to maintaining the success and spirit of our nation. I support comprehensive immigration reform, and I was proud to help the House of Representatives pass H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act, which would protect our Dreamers and those granted Temporary Protected Status. I will continue to work to against inhuman and cruel policies such as travel bans and family separation.

HEALTH CARE: The ACA helped millions of people access care, and it has played a crucial role as a step toward universal coverage. While we work to stop the Administration from sabotaging it, we also need to work to build a healthcare system that lives up to our values and guarantees healthcare as a human right. I support allowing every American to buy into Medicare, creating a public health insurance option.

ENVIRONMENT: I’m proud to be endorsed by the Sierra Club, and I am honored to serve on the Foreign Relations committee, which is dedicated to crafting international environmental policy. Climate change is real, and we must act to combat this urgent threat before it is too late. House Democrats have acted to pass, the Climate Action Now Act, which requires the federal government to remain in the Paris Agreement.

GUN SAFETY: Thoughts and prayers from politicians do nothing to reduce gun violence. Action from Congress, like H.R. 8, does. We need to enact common sense gun legislation, including universal background checks, closing the gun show loophole, banning bump stocks and military-style assault weapons. We also need to take the power back from the gun lobby. The lives of all Americans are too important to risk.

ECONOMY: The Trump administration’s tax cuts for America’s most wealthy do nothing to improve the lives of working Americans. We need to reverse the Trump tax cuts and write a more equitable tax code to ensure that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share. I was also proud to support the Raise the Wage Act in Congress, which would raise the minimum wage to $15 an hour.

DISCRIMINATION: I am a proud co-sponsor of the Equality Act, which provides non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people in the areas of employment, housing, credit, and education among others. This is just one of the many bills passed by the House that is sitting on the Senate Majority Leader’s desk. It’s time for the Senate to take a vote and ensure that we protect the rights of our minority communities.

STUDENT LOANS: I took out student loans to help finance my education, and as the only Member of Congress from Maryland serving on the Education and Labor Committee, I’m committed to reforming our education system and reducing student
debt. We need to protect programs like the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program so that graduates who enter a career in public service don’t wind up with crippling debt.

Nonpartisan Offices

City of Hagerstown Council

DUTIES: Legislative powers of the City are vested in a five-member Council. The Council has the power to pass ordinances to assure the good government of the city. Meetings are held on Tuesdays. The first, second and third Tuesday are typically Work Sessions, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Regular Session is held on the fourth Tuesday, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All meetings, except Executive Sessions, are open to the public.

QUALIFICATIONS: Members of the City Council must be at least 21 years old, have resided in the corporate limits of the City for at least one year and be a qualified voter in City elections. Council members must continue to reside in the City during their term.

SALARY: $8,000 annually

TERM: 4 years

HOW ELECTED: Elected at-large.

The Issues

1. QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for the City of Hagerstown?
3. COOPERATION: What actions will you personally take to foster more cooperation between the City and County government?
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Much of the plan for revitalization of downtown has been focused on the recommendations of the study done by Urban Partners. What are your ideas for revitalization?
5. SAFETY: There is a perception that downtown is not safe. What is your downtown safety program going to look like?

Candidates

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I believe that my personal and professional tenure in local government provides me with both the historical and daily experience to be readily prepared for all areas of City government. Having a working knowledge of the responsibilities of Council and applying my skillset as a manager within municipal government is key to achieving citizen expectation for our immediate and long term goals.

2. PRIORITIES: Every issue which comes before Council is a priority and thus the priority of Council is to find tangible resolution to each issue which arises. Being informed and prepared and able to work positively with all parties is paramount to that
task. The City has its challenges and allowing one objective to fail creates a domino of negative impact on all other objectives set by each administration.

3. COOPERATION: There is an aged misconception that the City and County do not cooperate, which appears only tied to this single municipality. Having now served as both Council member and Commissioner, I would only note, we achieve the greatest success together by maintaining political focus on the big picture while our collective staffs work hand in hand applying detail to the paint.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This answer is well beyond the space provided to respond. That said, we need to continue with the A&E theme, the first 3rd grant program, and addressing blighted properties. As Urban Partners noted, measures should be affordable and practical. Most importantly the City needs greater buy in from its public and private partners that at times appear more invested in the City than vested in the City.

5. SAFETY: I have said for some time, downtown appears more empty than it does unsafe. Downtown requires public-private investment to breathe new life into it and restore an atmosphere of positive daily activity. I believe the safety issues are more prevalent in pockets of our neighborhoods which struggle with a broad range of socio-economic issues. These are the areas which require our police attention.

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: MY extensive working knowledge of all aspects of City Government, all departments. My prior years as Mayor in some of the worst economic times have made me a budget hawk, protecting the people’s money. I bring common sense and fiscal responsibility to the table. I have extensive connections and relationships in Annapolis and with our local government and business community.

2. PRIORITIES: Safety and Economic Growth. Continue to enhance public safety to ensure recruitment and retention of qualified public safety personnel is achieved. Continue the economic growth we have experienced in the past 3 years. We’ve had great success in promoting and assisting small business with nearly $3MM in grants that have made it possible to grow small business all over Hagerstown.

3. COOPERATION: I have a great personal working relationship with our County Commissioners. The facts trump the fake perception; Partnering on infrastructure improvements for economic development and job creation, the bridge at Professional Court, the reconstruction of Wesel Blvd. for North Point that brings $139MM in investment and 1500 jobs. Partners on DBHM, Md. Theater, BISFA, USMH the list goes on.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The UPP was only a rehash of older plans over the past 20 years. I believe that we continue to invest in our small businesses as noted above. Economic Catalyst is needed to put 100’s of 1,000’s of feet on the street. We have come a long way, but we won’t change the economic makeup of the core until we change the socioeconomic makeup. People living and playing in the core with expendable income.

5. SAFETY: We can no longer accept panhandling, drugged and drunk passed out people hanging and laying on our downtown sidewalks, benches, etc. We must focus on
quality of life, common sense policing that makes everyone feel safe. Perception or reality, we need to focus on cleanliness and safety. More good feet on the street equals less negative perception. That’s why an economic catalyst is paramount.

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: As a lifelong member of the community, I value the opportunity to Serve. I am active in the community, where I have served on the board for the Robert W. Johnson Community Center and currently act as Secretary for the local nonprofit Beyond the Arc Foundation, where I schedule the entertainment and vendor service for our Ruthann V. Monroe Summer Basketball League.
2. PRIORITIES: I would like to implement a mentorship program for our youth, which will lessen their vulnerability to joining a gang and becoming involved in criminal activity. I will hold Real Estate developers, owners, and Property Managers accountable to lessen the blight of abandoned buildings in our community.
3. COOPERATION: In my first 100 days, I will have met with each County Commissioner to foster and enhance a collaborative approach to bridge the two bodies of public service. This will allow a working partnership to open the lines of communication and relationship.
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: My revitalization ideas include working with entrepreneurs, businesses, and the arts to put new life into the core of the city. By encouraging growth and opportunity, we want people to stay in the downtown area after 5 o’clock. We want the downtown area to be an inviting space.
5. SAFETY: I believe a proactive approach is better than reactive. Inclusion and community are key factors for developing a safety program. There needs to be a police department that represents diversity and willingness to engage in discussions of community partnership.

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: First and foremost I am a resident of Hagerstown, not just within City Limits but of the City core. I have lived in my home for the last 6 years and have witnessed the positive progress that has been made in the community. I feel that this gives me a unique perspective on what additional efforts need to be made to propel Hagerstown forward.
2. PRIORITIES: 1) Crafting a community and economic development plan that is inclusive of all city residents.. 2) Developing career and education pathways for Hagerstown residents that provide them with the skills necessary to earn a living wage. Creating a pathway to economic mobility for city residents.
3. COOPERATION: I personally will be present at County Commissioners meetings and invite them to participate in City Council meetings and planning events to encourage a
spirit of collaboration between the two agencies.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Efforts to revitalize Hagerstown must include all of it's residents including low/moderate income households, we need to invite residents to share their ideas/goals for economic development. What types of businesses would they like to see in the community, what events/opportunities would be interesting to them.

5. SAFETY: First we need to educate to community about safety issues in the downtown area, this can be accomplished through community conversations. Additionally, I would invite concerned citizens to become active in groups that are working to address community concerns, like the Homeless Coalition. Finally, I would work to create a street team increasing foot traffic in the City Center.

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I was appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council in January 2018, so I’ve had two years of direct experience fulfilling the duties of the office. My continued goal is to contribute my education and business experience to the city to improve our ability to attract businesses and investors that will provide good jobs, and the tax revenues needed to make lasting change and improvements.

2. PRIORITIES: I have two immediate priorities: PUBLIC SAFETY - We need to reduce crime, illegal firearm activity and illegal drug activity. Citizens are fed up with the petty crimes, thefts, vandalized cars, break-ins, and hearing gunshots at all hours. PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT - We need investment in new businesses, new jobs, and new career opportunities with educational pathways to support career development.

3. COOPERATION: I have a good working relationship with each of the County Commissioners and key County employees, and will continue to identify opportunities to work with County government on projects of mutual benefit, but I will also focus on making sure City taxpayers, who also pay County Tax, are not penalized by an inadequate tax differential when contributing to the costs of shared services with the County

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: We need to continue work to make our City open, welcome and helpful to developers and businesses that want to renovate and establish a business presence here. We have a reputation of not being an easy, or helpful place to do business. It’s improving, but we have a ways to go to eliminate the reputation. We need to focus on being more helpful in assisting downtown investors to be successful.

5. SAFETY: There are physical things that must be improved immediately, such as the lighting on our streets. Police salaries need to be made competitive to increase the size of the force; we need more foot patrols and need to restore bike patrols to increase police presence in the public eye. We also must revise outdated ordinances and penalties regarding illegal drug and firearm possession and trafficking.
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1. QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
2. PRIORITIES: No response received by deadline.
3. COOPERATION: No response received by deadline.
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No response received by deadline.
5. SAFETY: No response received by deadline.

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 2 years of experience as a City councilwoman. This
time of service has made me familiar with the issues in our City & I understand, and
know how to manage, the obstacles that can get in our way. As a small business owner,
I am a strong strategic planner & have experience managing budgets, thinking
creatively & I know the importance of working together to achieve maximum success.
2. PRIORITIES: My priority remains our community's social issues & finding realistic
solutions to address them. I will continue to collaborate with multiple agencies &
community-based organizations to improve neighborhood safety, reduce crime &
provide more opportunities for our youth. A community that is socially healthy attracts
new business & provides a fertile environment for our existing businesses to grow.
3. COOPERATION: I will encourage the ongoing “Two-by-Two” conversations that
include two County Commissioners and two City Councilmembers where we can
discuss the issues that our City and County face and look for solutions together. I will
look for ways to pool our resources so that we may provide better quality, more effective
services.
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: We should continue to incentivize businesses to open
& stay downtown. I will use best-practice approaches - successful in similar cities facing
similar issues - to make our city an attractive place to locate. I will work to remove
barriers when conducting business within the city & offer evidence-based enforcement
& policy recommendations that would lessen crime & improve the image of downtown.
5. SAFETY: Law enforcement alone cannot solve our safety concerns. I will support the
implementation of proven strategies to identify key areas of violence in Hagerstown and
encourage a community-wide effort that will involve, not only suppression of violence,
but also measures of prevention and intervention.

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I feel my record holding a seat on the City Council from the past
speaks for itself (three terms previously). I willingly listen to the needs of our citizens
and work to address issues as they arise to the best of my ability.
2. PRIORITIES: Priorities for me would be continuing to clean up our proud city; as well
as address the climbing crime rate occurring on our streets.

3. COOPERATION: I have always tried to keep and open line of communication between our City officials and Washington County officials. I have always kept Hagerstown's interests at heart. We need to remember that Hagerstown does pay Washington County and certainly deserves a voice.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: First we need to stop looking to consultants that continually offer the same ideas for our city. Hagerstown has so much potential and much to offer already. We should "look outside the box" ..... to new developers for ideas using the buildings and infrastructure already in place.

5. SAFETY: We have always had programs in place for our downtown; programs such as the like the Downtown Squad. We must bring more police officers to our city and make every attempt to keep them employed here. I would continue to work with State and County Police, asking them for cooperation and assistance with vehicular traffic and drug confiscations.

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: My professional background includes my previous position as President & CEO of a regional company with over 1,000 employees. I know how to create jobs. I had worked in the construction industry for many years managing multi-million dollar projects. I know economic development. I have worked with minority business enterprise (MBE) firms. I know how to diversify.

2. PRIORITIES: My top priority is to bring jobs into the City. New jobs in the City will support stores, restaurants and other businesses and will help people find jobs with better incomes. We must continue the fight against the opioid crisis by supporting Emily Keller’s ‘Washington Goes Purple’. Another priority is to improve housing opportunities in the City by working with landlords and property owners.

3. COOPERATION: I agree that the County should cooperate more fully with the City of Hagerstown. I will use data to show the disparity disadvantage to City taxpayers and to support county initiatives to improve downtown. The County needs to find a sustainable public safety plan for fire and rescue services that currently draw heavily on the City-funded fire department for services outside of the City.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: My top priority is to bring employers into the City. We need to find a better parking plan that supports employees of businesses in the City. We need to take action to remove blight from the entire City. One bad property in a neighborhood negatively impacts the value of all of the surrounding properties and it creates a breeding ground for crime.

5. SAFETY: Downtown IS safe. We have an excellent police department lead by a strong, yet caring Chief of Police. The perception of "not safe" is not from a high amount of crime but rather from gatherings of idle people with nothing to do. So let's find what idle people can do for the betterment of our City. I support the Chief of Police and his good ideas to change the perception of our downtown.
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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I’ve served as the President of the Friends of Safe Place Board supporting our Child Advocacy Center. I’m also an active member of Main Street Hagerstown. My career as an Information Technology Manager and Administrator has also seen me be responsible for multi-million dollar budgets. Most importantly I’m a father, coach, and life-long citizen of Hagerstown, not a career politician.

2. PRIORITIES: Hagerstown has many areas I think need equal attention: crime, mental health and addiction services, downtown revitalization, job growth, and economic development. My personal priority is to make Hagerstown safe in both reality and perception. Second to that is finding ways to keep our young talent, by providing more local opportunities for business, education, and recreation.

3. COOPERATION: I will push to have more joint sessions of the County Commissioners and the City Council. Keeping constant and open communication between City and County government is essential. This ensures no duplication of efforts, finding where one may help the other, and hopefully fostering goodwill when resolving more nuanced matters such as equitable tax differential and emergency services.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Looking beyond the economic catalysts recommended by Urban Partners, I think we need to explore what additional ordinance could be enacted to help prevent properties from sitting vacant and unoccupied. To revitalize downtown, citizens and visitors should expect a clean, safe, and vibrant environment. This includes active police patrols, and finding ways to clean and enhance streetscapes.

5. SAFETY: Perception is reality. An unfortunate truth is that many of our citizens do not feel safe in downtown Hagerstown. It is my number one priority to work with the Hagerstown Police Department to not only provide any resources needed by our overworked police force, but to also provide and maintain a permanent visible police presence both downtown and in known trouble areas of Hagerstown.

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
2. PRIORITIES: No response received by deadline.
3. COOPERATION: No response received by deadline.
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No response received by deadline.
5. SAFETY: No response received by deadline.
1. QUALIFICATIONS: Lifelong resident, active in elections from age of 7; business creation starting at age 13. Deputy State’s Attorney, active on behalf of law enforcement throughout the U.S. Criminal justice and legal studies instructor; student advocate. Enjoy building comprehensive relationships creating positive change. Active, background investigator with national security clearance.

2. PRIORITIES: Priorities: public safety (police, fire and rescue), focus on transformation (allocate resources to eradicate negative downtown image) and increase homeownership. Communication between public and private sectors. City of Hagerstown in the County of Washington. Continued improvement through a committed realistic vision for short/long-term recovery and growth.

3. COOPERATION: We are ‘in this together’. Commissioners and council members meet quarterly and have members with specific skillsets that can be shared on a more frequent basis then discussed as a whole. Culture of communication should be embraced by all government employees to assure positivity and issue resolution without surprises.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Downtown revitalization has been going on for decades. Recent efforts have established a foundation to build upon. Next step, alliance among merchants, city and community to focus on immediate priorities: Light it Up, Clean it Up, Make it Pop. Public safety, branding and marketing downtown as a place to live and destination.

5. SAFETY: Public Safety is in my DNA. Should provide a feeling of safety and ‘we got this’. Fully staffed, competitive compensation, expertly trained with ongoing improvement, equipment and facilities are of utmost importance. Throughout all agencies and interaction with government, cooperation creates the bond of trust to provide the security everyone deserves.
such, it’s essential that Hagerstown assist the County Government in showcasing the cooperative spirit between Hagerstown and the Washington County Government. I will work diligently to highlight initiatives that enhance the standard of living offered to the residents of Hagerstown and other municipalities.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Hagerstown leadership passed a comprehensive plan for the city in 2018. The next group of elected city leadership must engage in updated conversations with local businesses, local nonprofits, and local residential stakeholders to discuss implementing the action items of the plan. It is essential to ensure that everyone is on the same page in carrying out the vision of Hagerstown.

5. SAFETY: Downtown needs to be part of an invigorated community policing effort. We need to create an opportunity for our citizens to engage with law enforcement in a positive way. A Downtown Advisory Council (DAC) would bring all downtown stakeholders together. This would allow business owners, residents and law enforcement to identify and recommend positive changes to enhance the image of downtown.

City of Hagerstown - Mayor

DUTIES: The Mayor is the chief elected executive officer of the City and is charged with seeing that the Ordinances of the City, the policies and resolutions of the City Council and the provisions of the City Charter are faithfully executed. The Mayor annually reports on the condition of municipal affairs and makes recommendations for the public good and welfare of the City to the Council.

QUALIFICATIONS: The Mayor must be at least 25 years old, have resided in the corporate limits of the City for at least one year and be a qualified voter in City elections. The Mayor must continue to reside in the City during her or his term.

SALARY: $28,000 annually
TERM: 4 years
HOW ELECTED: Elected citywide.

The Issues

1. QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for the of the City of Hagerstown?
3. COOPERATION: What actions will you personally take to foster more cooperation between the City and County government?
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Much of the plan for revitalization of downtown has been focused on the recommendations of the study done by Urban Partners. What are your ideas for revitalization?
5. SAFETY: There is a perception that downtown is not safe. What is your downtown safety program going to look like?

Candidates
Vote for no more than 1.
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1. QUALIFICATIONS: My position in the Washington County Free Clinic has prepared me for leadership in public office. Much of my life has been dedicated to public service through various local community service organizations. I have also built a successful Insurance Contracting business over the last 20 years right here in Hagerstown.

2. PRIORITIES: My priorities are safer streets, more economic growth and better civic engagement. Hagerstown has incredible potential and with brave and wise leadership, Hagerstown will meet that potential. There are so many issues to address and precious little time to do it all. I am confident, however, in the determination of the Hagerstown people’s will to conquer the challenges on our way.

3. COOPERATION: Working with a unified council is necessary for a government to get things done in Hagerstown. I plan on working closely with the council to achieve the many great things we have planned for Hagerstown. Hagerstown has a long history of shared governance between the mayor and city council and I fully intend to work with the council, as our charter dictates.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The city needs to embrace calendar enhanced economic time frame beyond the typical holiday festivities. A Christmas Market in the city park adjacent to the Hager House is a natural location to inaugurate a traditional German Christmas market that puts the holiday spotlight on Hagerstown small business.

5. SAFETY: We need to end the drug and human trafficking of girls in Hagerstown and that starts with a fully staffed police department with at least 112 officers. We also will be proposing a new Hagerstown VICE Department. More information on my website: www.votebarnes2020.com

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent the last 4 years as a Councilwoman being present in the community, meeting with our residents & business owners to hear & address their concerns. I have a proven track record of getting things done- supporting our public safety officials, working tirelessly to combat the Opioid epidemic & working with the business community to encourage and enhance development & career opportunities.

2. PRIORITIES: 1- Ensuring the safety of our city by supporting initiatives to combat crime & improve our quality of life 2- Fight the Opioid Crisis with access to treatment, youth prevention education & supporting the statewide plan to reduce ODs/promote recovery 3- Support locally owned businesses & development that will provide quality jobs and career opportunity 4- Make Hagerstown safe, vibrant, & inclusive

3. COOPERATION: I’ve held 2x2 meetings with 2 Councilmembers and 2 Commissioners for the first time in over 10 years. I will continue to hold these meetings.
I have personal relationships with the commissioners and will use these relationships I've made to have open, transparent and tough conversations for the greater good of Hagerstown, as seen by my mission for a fair & equal tax set off for our Citizens.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: I will continue to focus on creating an environment in the City that is business friendly & provides world class service for developers. By providing incentives to encourage development, we are seeing many projects come to fruition. It is time to start our next big project such as an indoor sports complex for our youth or amphitheater. A combination of large and small projects enhance our city.

5. SAFETY: Aside from the need of a strong police presence that we are seeing with a staffed PD, I will focus on increasing lighting, filling vacant store fronts & increasing foot traffic downtown. "Natural surveillance" happens when a place is crowded. I am implementing an aggressive "shop local" type campaign, focusing on all the reasons to come downtown. More people+More Lights+More Police= Safe Community

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Nonpartisan  
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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I believe diversity can create empowerment and change. Leading departments over hurdles to establish solutions for tough problems has been my call-to-action my entire career. Whether through business and economic development, strategic planning or human resource management, my leadership knowledge, skills and abilities will create opportunity for our all of our community to thrive.

2. PRIORITIES: My first priority is to proactively combat the opioid epidemic that has harnessed our community. To do so, we must create proactive solutions like better access to higher education, workforce development, training, transportation, resources, and healthcare. Also, we must remove all hurdles to create better opportunities for all sized businesses to operate in our city.

3. COOPERATION: I am a leader in business and economic development. My goal is to proactively address any falsities head-on with roundtable meetings and open and honest dialogue. Solutions exist to create collaboration between the City and County--I will work to bring a diverse population of collaborators to the table to bring the issues to the forefront and provide data-driven solutions based on citizen needs.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: One major priority is to exam the current process for businesses that are in the planning, permit and opening stages of establishing their business in downtown. Creating a streamlined process that is easily accessible, with transparent and accessible rules for opening a downtown business is an integral part of my plan to create even more city government transparency.

5. SAFETY: I will free up more revenue to create a downtown community police force that provides not just the perception of safety, but allows the Hagerstown Police Department the opportunity to continue their good work in the City without stretching thin their force from other areas that require assistance. Community policing works and provides a feeling of safety and security while being downtown.
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: $174,433, effective July 1, 2021

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?CALIFICACIONES: ¿Cómo le prepara su experiencia para las responsabilidades del cargo?:

COURT NEEDS: What are the greatest challenges facing Maryland’s court system and how can these be addressed?NECESIDADES DEL TRIBUNAL: ¿Cuáles son los mayores desafíos que enfrenta el sistema judicial de Maryland y cómo se pueden abordar?:

REPEAT OFFENDERS: What can the courts do to reduce recidivism?DELINCUENTES REINCIDENTES: ¿Qué pueden hacer los tribunales para reducir la reincidencia?:

DISCRIMINATION: What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that bias will influence the outcome of legal proceedings?DISCRIMINACIÓN: ¿Qué medidas pueden tomar los tribunales para reducir el riesgo de que el sesgo influya en el resultado de los procedimientos judiciales?:

Candidates

Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Andrew F. Wilkinson

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
COURT NEEDS: No response received by deadline.
REPEAT OFFENDERS: No response received by deadline.
DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.
Delegates to the Republican National Convention Congressional District 06

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In addition to the 24 delegates elected by the voters, 11 at-large delegates will be selected at the Maryland GOP convention by members of the State Republican Central Committees or their proxies. The votes of at-large delegates will be allocated to the presidential contender receiving the greatest number of votes in the primary statewide. Finally, three party leaders (the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, and the chairman of Maryland’s Republican Party) will attend the convention and vote by virtue of their positions.

Questions

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

CALIFICACIONES: ¿Cómo le prepara su experiencia para las responsabilidades del cargo?

SELECTION CRITERIA: What factors are most important in determining whom you will support for president?

CRITERIOS DE SELECCIÓN: ¿Qué factores son más importantes para determinar a quién apoyará para el cargo de presidente?

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

Wendell R. Beitzel (Trump)

QUALIFICATIONS: I was a Trump Delegate to the GOP national convention in Cleveland in 2016. Proudly cast my vote for Donald J. Trump to be the next president of the United States.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I supported President Trump to be president the first time and plan to do so in this upcoming election also.

Marie A. Fischer (Trump)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a very active member of the Republican party for the past four years taking on various leadership roles. I have been the 3rd Vice President for the Maryland Federation of Republican Women since 2017 and the currently the President of the Republican Club of Frederick County. I have proven I can represent the constituents of CD6 to work to re-elect President Donald Trump.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The most important factor for me is that a President, especially one up for re-election, has fulfilled or in full faith, attempted to fulfill what was promised when they initially ran for office. Donald Trump has proven he keeps his campaign promises in putting American citizens and legal immigrants first. He is working for the American people and not the special interest groups.
Joeylynn Hough (Trump)
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Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/joeylynhough
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/Joeylynn_hough
Campaign Instagram: Joeylynn_hough
Campaign Email: Jo@joeylynn.com
Campaign Phone: (240) 315-6229
SELECTION CRITERIA: President Trump has a strong stance on National & Border Security, Pro 2nd Amendment, Veterans, Illegal Immigration, Pro-Life Issues & Economy.

Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention Congressional District 06

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Questions
QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?CALIFICACIONES: ¿Cómo le prepara su experiencia para las responsabilidades del cargo?:
SELECTION CRITERIA: What factors are most important in determining whom you will support for president?CRITERIOS DE SELECCIÓN: ¿Qué factores son más importantes para determinar a quién apoyará para el cargo de presidente?:

Republican Candidates

Barrie S. Ciliberti (Trump)
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QUALIFICATIONS: I served in the House of Delegates from 1995-1999. I haven been involved in local politics and politics at the University level. I am confident a combination of this skill set makes me a qualified candidate.
SELECTION CRITERIA: The ability to lead this nation with a sound economic policy that creates jobs and wealth for the overwhelming majority of Maryland residents. In addition, an individual who places America above all "America First", in relation to the European Union and other nations.

Jerry DeWolf (Trump)
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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.
Luanne Ruddell (Trump)
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Campaign Phone: (301) 501-0444
QUALIFICATIONS: Garrett County Republican Central Committee, Chair; Garrett Country Republican Women's Club, President; Early supporter of President Trump; Christian Values; Maryland Commission for Women
SELECTION CRITERIA: Economy, Border Control and deport illegal criminals, Religious Liberty, Healthcare, Gun Rights and Right for Life

Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Female Delegates to the Democratic National Convention Congressional District 05

Maryland will send a total of 119 delegates and 8 alternates to the Democratic National Convention, which will be held July 13-16, 2020 in Milwaukee, WI. Voters from each Congressional District will vote for 7 to 9 delegates per District, for a statewide total of 65 elected delegates. Male and female delegates will be selected separately.
Congressional district-level delegates will be selected based on the proportion of the vote won by the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged.

In addition to the 65 delegates from the Congressional Districts, there will be 23 delegates who are automatic party leaders and elected officials (PLEO) based on the positions they hold. Finally, the Democratic State Central Committee will select 10 additional party leader (PLEO) delegates and 21 at-large delegates. Additional details about the delegate selection process are posted on the Maryland Democratic Party website.

Questions
QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
SELECTION CRITERIA: What factors are most important in determining whom you will support for president?

Abena Affum-McAllister (Warren)
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Campaign Facebook: http://meetAbena
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/meetabena
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Shabnam Ahmed (Sanders)
QUALIFICATIONS: As a former political candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates and a former elected official in the Prince George's County Board of Education, my knowledge of the political arena, community issues and community engagement have enabled me to develop a deeper perspective and understanding of good representation and meaningful engagement that have prepared me for the duties of this position.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Our next president should be knowledgeable about the intersection of issues within our country (as well as its effect on more vulnerable populations), in order to develop comprehensive policy which will mitigate root causes to issues such as equity (income inequality, educational equity), climate change, healthcare, and criminal justice.

Suchitra Balachandran (Sanders)
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QUALIFICATIONS: In response to the urgency of climate change and resource depletion, I have been an environmental advocate at the county and state level for the last decade I was a delegate to the convention for Bernie
in 2016. Since 2017 I have been chair of the steering committee of Our Revolution Prince George's and helped to spearhead the successful effort to legislate public financing in Prince George's.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** We face environmental and good government crises. Trump was elected as a reaction to these crises. We need a president who will address the fundamental needs of the people that generated Trump: falling incomes, healthcare fraud, education costs, the climate crisis, with sound policies. Bernie is my choice because he brings decades of consistency and has built a movement around these issues.

**Starr Barbour (Uncommitted)**
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SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

**Tamara Davis Brown (Uncommitted)**
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Campaign Email: tamara@tamaradavisbrown.org
QUALIFICATIONS: As immediate past president and current secretary for the South County Democratic Club (formerly Surrattsville Democratic Club), I have been instrumental in helping promote the party ideals and candidates in the southern region of Prince George's County. As a former member of the Prince George's County Central Committee, I understand the inner workings of party politics.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Stances of issues facing ordinary American (working) families and electability.

**Vivian Alana Caesar (Warren)**
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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/caesarvivian
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

**Brooke Clagett (Buttigieg)**
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

**Rosemary Colby (Uncommitted)**
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/Rose4CP
QUALIFICATIONS: Growing up in Prince George's County, I experienced the positive growth of communities like Hyattsville, Riverdale Park, and College Park and benefited from the friendly neighborhoods, community organizations, parks, and trails. Since I settled in College Park in 1994, I have advocated for community revitalization, public safety, and outdoor amenities for all residents.
SELECTION CRITERIA: The United States needs a unifying leader who can provide assistance programs for women and children, fair policies supporting families, and economic growth to make sure all can succeed. Top priorities should be subsidized child care and preschool for low and middle income families, low-cost public colleges and universities, job training, and economic growth benefiting all communities.

**Kelsey L. Crockett (Yang)**
Campaign Email: kelseycrockett@gmail.com
Campaign Phone: (410) 921-9241
QUALIFICATIONS: Delegates select the Democratic presidential candidate. I am qualified for this task for three reasons. First, I am a decorated public speaker. I am persuasive and unafraid to speak out. Second, being a mom to a toddler has made me an exceptional negotiator! At the DNC I will build coalitions and get things done. Third, I am passionate about our community and I will not let your voices be ignored.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Unfortunately, at the time of this writing, Andrew Yang has suspended his campaign. Yang inspired me with his Humanity First policies like the Freedom Dividend (a basic income of $1k/month), net-zero emissions by 2050, reducing mass incarceration, and shifting drug policy from punishment to treatment. I will select the candidate who most closely resembles Yang’s Humanity First philosophy.

**Olivia Delaplaine (Sanders)**
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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.
Laura Hart (Warren)
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QUALIFICATIONS: Long time activist. Canvassed first OFA in ‘08 and ‘12. St. Mary’s Dem Club voter outreach committee chair ‘17 & ‘18. Presently a member of St. Mary’s Democratic Central Committee. Member of the Maryland State Democratic Party’s Field & Data Committee and LGBTQ Democratic Leadership Council. If not Sen. Warren, I will work my tail off for whomever the candidate happens to be.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Policies and a plan how to implement those plans is why I support Sen. Warren. At the end of this election, we need a Democrat in the White House.

Tyler Elizabeth Holman (Yang)
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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Patti Kim (Yang)
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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/PattiKimWrites
Campaign Instagram: PattiKim
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Jasmine A. Leal-Taylor (Warren)
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QUALIFICATIONS: As a veteran public-school teacher, I built my career by advocating for those who need me most—my students. My commitment to representing others is why I am running to represent Maryland’s 5th district as a delegate to the DNC. I am a proud community member. I love where I live. I am approved by the Warren campaign and it will be my privilege to represent Maryland’s 5th District. Como maestra veterana de escuelas públicas, construí mi carrera abogando por aquellos que más me necesitan: mis alumnos. Mi compromiso de representar a los demás es la razón por la que me postulo para representar al distrito de Maryland como delegado ante el DNC. Soy un miembro orgulloso de la comunidad. Amo donde vivo Estoy aprobado por la campaña de Warren y será un privilegio representar tu.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I want a leader, committed to listening to the voices of others and protecting our democracy. I want a president who will win victories for the average citizen like myself and my community. Additionally, I want a candidate with a history of success and plans inclusive of all people. American's deserve transparency and a leader who will restore order to Washington. Quiero un líder, comprometido a escuchar las voces de los demás y proteger nuestra democracia. Quiero un presidente que gane victorias para el ciudadano promedio como yo y mi comunidad. Además, quiero un candidato con una historia de éxito y planes que incluyan a todas las personas. Los estadounidenses merecen transparencia y un líder que restablezca el orden en Washington.

Denise C. Mitchell (Biden)
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Campaign Phone: (301) 660-8513
QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as an activist within my community and sorority has helped pave the foundation for this. In addition, my current role as a member of the City of College Park City Council and Chapter Chair for the State of Maryland Democratic Municipal Officials assist me with being an effective communicator but, more so a collaborator for all groups; especially those of diverse communities.
SELECTION CRITERIA: The following are the criteria I use to select the best candidate I see fit as our next president: 1. Their overall record when they held office. Especially, as it relates to issues affecting women, diverse groups, seniors and our armed forces. 2. Their stance on Climate Change 3. Their stance on Economic Development and Affordable Housing 4. Their stance on education reform and accessibility.

Leena G. Mohamed (Sanders)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk (Biden)
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Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/joselinepenamelnyk
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Ashleigh S. Phillips (Biden)
QUALIFICATIONS: I was elected in 2018 to serve a 4 year term on the Charles County Democratic Central Committee. The CCDCC is responsible for building the Party organization at the county level. In addition, I served as a Constituent Liaison for Majority Leader, Congressman Steny Hoyer, as a Committee Staffer for the U.S. House of Representatives (currently), and on the MD Democratic Voter Protection Committee.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I am for Joe Biden because he is decent, loyal, and compassionate. We also hold the same position on issues: eliminating private prisons, raising the federal minimum wage to $15/hr., and supporting paid family and sick leave, to name a few. Additionally, Joe Biden runs well with traditional Democratic constituencies along with those swing voters necessary to cobble together a win in November

Rebecca G. Rhodes (Yang)
Campaign Facebook: http://Becca Rhodes
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Deborah Hoyt Richardson (Buttigieg)
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Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/deborah.richardson.9465177
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/deborah4pete
Campaign Email: deborah4pete@yahoo.com
QUALIFICATIONS: Concerned citizen who has worked for various causes including working for common sense gun laws and LGBTQ rights, teaching ESOL to refugees, and advocating for mental health services at the state and federal level. This is my first time running to be a delegate, but I feel strongly that Pete is the person this country needs at this time to lead us back to be a more united people.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I feel Pete’s service in the military, as a combat veteran, would be an asset as Commander in Chief guiding him to judicial use of military force. He is very intelligent and highly educated. He has a background in both the private sector and the executive branch of government. He is thoughtful and reflective. I see him running the country with careful consultation and a steady hand.

Pamela M. Schiele (Buttigieg)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Catherine Patricia Scott (Buttigieg)
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/catherinescott
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Laura C. Siemens-Kennedy (Warren)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Stacey Marie Stump (Buttigieg)
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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a retired, 32 year, Naval Officer. I have experience with leading the junior troops and fighting against female sexual harassment in the workplace. I am also a pediatric nurse practitioner. I have worked with children in the health care field for the past 18 years. Health care reform is one of my priorities, especially for children.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I want the next president to have a diverse cabinet. I want the next president to support
health care reform. I want the next president to support the African American Community by improving schools, supporting black owned businesses, and helping to decrease poverty.

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (Biden)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Briana Urbina (Yang)
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Campaign Facebook: http://Facebook.com/BrianaUrbinaForCongress
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/urbinaforus
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Alexus Viegas (Warren)
QUALIFICATIONS: As a legal professional, law student, and politically active citizen, I value representation and integrity by those who we charge with representing our values. I am pledging to the candidate who espouses these beliefs the most and will provide her my support at the Democratic National Convention, should Marylander's choose to vote in support of her candidacy.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Elizabeth Warren is honest, intelligent, and truly gets things done regardless of the challenges placed in front of her. I believe her short political career and long history of advocacy show that she isn't all talk - she actually accomplishes what she sets out to do. We don't just need to take back the White House, we need to put in someone who can get things done!

Jillian Villars (Yang)
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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Arleathia West (Biden)
QUALIFICATIONS: I believe in voting! I worked for President Obama’s campaign as the Regional Field Director for Prince George’s County, coordinating over 2,000 volunteers. Since then, I’ve lead several more campaigns, including the 2016 race for President, two congressional, and two governor’s races in MD. This vast field work has prepared me to truly know the voices I represent and vote for our nominee.
SELECTION CRITERIA: The country is in dire need of healing, so trust, judgement, and experience are paramount factors for me when looking at the presidential candidates. It is important to regain a respected standing on the world stage and return to a partnership with world leaders. It is clear that climate issues need urgent attention and health care concerns are also among top priorities. Most of all - decency.

Joan Whelan (Warren)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Mary M. Wilcox (Uncommitted)
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Campaign Phone: (765) 427-9676
QUALIFICATIONS: I am nearly 70 years old, born in the US and voted since I was legally able to do so. I follow politics and try to keep up on ideas that I feel will benefit the populace of my state as well as the country. I consider myself to be fairly moderate and am more of an "issues voter" than a party voter. I am educated with a BS in Medical Technology and a MBA. I am well traveled.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I will be looking for an intelligent candidate who is credible, self-aware, honorable, compassionate and fair-minded. I want a president who will serve all U.S. citizens regardless of color, creed and economic status.

Nicole A. Williams (Warren)
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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/nwilliams23
Campaign Instagram: @nwilliams923
Campaign Email: nicole@nicoleawilliams.com
Campaign Phone: (301) 458-0340
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been involved with the Democratic Party for a number of years, as a member of the DNC Youth Council and a State Party Officer. I am very familiar with the role and responsibilities required for a Presidential Delegate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The policies regarding criminal justice reform, the environment, economic equality and housing associated with a candidate is what is important for me.

Vivien Zhu (Sanders)
Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/vivienzhu
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/vivrui
Campaign Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/spiders_georgina/

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a committed advocate of the progressive, dignity-restoring policies that Bernie Sanders has put forward in his run for office this cycle and many cycles before. As a young woman of color who has sought to understand the injustices currently at play in our country and the impact of climate change on the world, my lived experiences have led me to believe Bernie is the best candidate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: My top issues in deciding on both presidential and congressional candidates are the Green New Deal, Medicare for All, and Criminal Justice Reform, as all of these issues address a great many of the U.S.'s systemic inequalities at their roots.

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Questions
QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
SELECTION CRITERIA: What factors are most important in determining whom you will support for president?

Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Suzanne Sable Beall (Yang)
Campaign Website: http://bit.ly/2SACLzf
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/ss_beall
QUALIFICATIONS: Suzanne is widely recognized for her bipartisan approach, and has earned the reputation as a trusted liaison between the business community and Capitol Hill. She has established relationships with Members of Congress, especially with the moderate coalitions. She has been quoted by national publications and has been a notable public speaker to the business community on matters across the country.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I strongly believe that everyday Americans seek a Presidential leader who can build consensus across the aisle, which will provide permanent solutions to our nation's top priorities. Candidates who are able to find common ground on affordable health care, transportation, and job security will make long-lasting progress on the "kitchen table" issues families and individuals care about the most.
Mary Bierman (Bloomberg)
QUALIFICATIONS: Attorney, federal regulatory practice in a private law firm (34 years); tutor for Literacy Council of Montgomery County; campaign canvassing volunteer, Jennifer Wexton for Congress (D-VA); member of local Democratic grassroots political organization; Maryland resident for 32 years. Abogado, práctica reguladora federal en una firma de abogados privada (34 años); tutor del Consejo de Alfabetización del Condado de Montgomery; agente electoral voluntaria, Jennifer Wexton para el Congreso (D-VA); miembro de una organización política local de base democrática; Residente de Maryland por 32 años.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I’m running as a delegate supporting Mike Bloomberg because the most important factor is nominating the candidate who is most likely to beat the current President in the general election. Mike Bloomberg has the resources and ability to get it done. In November, Democrats should “Vote Blue No Matter Who.” Me postulo como delegado para apoyar a Mike Bloomberg porque el factor más importante es nominar al candidato que tiene más probabilidades de vencer al actual presidente en las elecciones generales. Mike Bloomberg tiene los recursos y la capacidad para hacerlo. En noviembre, los demócratas deberían “votar azul sin importar quién”.

Ismatu F. Daramy (Yang)
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/Ismatu.Daramy
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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Sophie Ehrlich (Warren)
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/sophieehrlich
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/sophie_ehrlich
Campaign Email: sophieehrlich@gmail.com
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been with Team Warren since the launch of the exploratory committee. I have worked hard for the campaign as an organizing fellow in NH, as a Campus Leader at Boston University, and as a “road warrior” in Ames, IA. I have knocked hundreds of doors and made thousands of calls because I see the impact Elizabeth has made with the CFPB, her work as a Senator, and as a candidate for president.
SELECTION CRITERIA: When looking for a candidate to support, I look for someone with experience, dedication, and a true, genuine interest in the American people. I want someone that will not only fight to be president but fight to put progressive values into action. Elizabeth Warren is my top choice because she has been fighting to improve the lives of everyday Americans since long before she became a Senator.

Jessica Fitzwater (Warren)
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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/jessfitzwater
Campaign Email: Jessica@jessicafitzwater.com
QUALIFICATIONS: I am a mom of two, music teacher, and member of the Frederick County Council. I have a reputation for being a collaborative, critical thinker who listens and approaches issues with an open mind. My track record on affordable housing, social justice, and the environment show that I am committed to Democratic values. I hope to use this experience and passion as a delegate to the DNC.
SELECTION CRITERIA: We need more women and people of color driving our policy decisions. Public education, criminal justice reform, fighting corruption, and climate change resiliency are critical to our future. Elizabeth Warren is a progressive with a plan who recognizes these priorities. As a public school teacher, fighter for consumer protection, and dedicated lawmaker, she has committed her life to public service.

Barbara Goldberg Goldman (Biden)
Campaign Facebook: http://Barbara Goldberg Goldman
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/BarbGoldbGoldm
QUALIFICATIONS: A loyal Dem & small business owner with extensive professional, volunteer & leadership experience in public, private & nonprofit sectors. I have a deep understanding of, and decades-long direct involvement in federal, state, & local political arenas, programmatic disciplines & public speaking. I have been a representative & surrogate for elected officials & candidates at all government levels.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Experienced! Working knowledge of & experience w/ America’s domestic & foreign interests. Strong, steady & proven leadership skills. Patriotic, pragmatic, honest, sound judgement, broad minded, compassionate, wise & humble. A visionary who seizes challenges & opportunities & will unify Dems, & work across the aisle w/o partisan politics compromising the integrity of representing ALL Americans.

Elise F. Goldstein (Warren)
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/elisegoldstein5
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QUALIFICATIONS: I work in the health and racial equity field. In 2019, my organization, the Center for Urban and Racial Equity developed a 2020 Racial Justice Scorecard. CURE assessed candidates on how policy positions would affect communities of color. While I was not involved with scoring the candidates, my role helping to shape the scorecard design helped me learn more about each candidate. Tengo trabajo en el campo de la salud y la equidad racial. En 2019, mi organización, el Centro para la Equidad Racial y Urbana desarrolló un Cuadro de mando de justicia racial 2020. Evaluamos a los candidatos sobre cómo las posiciones políticas afectarían a las comunidades de color. Mi papel de ayudar a dar forma al diseño del cuadro de mando me ayudó a aprender más sobre cada candidato.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I look for leaders who will fight for people in communities that have been marginalized and for the working class—and who will listen to people in those communities and create policies in partnership with them. I currently support Elizabeth Warren because of this. In the event of a brokered convention, I would support whichever candidate best embodies that approach to policymaking. Busco líderes que luchen por las personas en comunidades marginadas y por la clase trabajadora, y que escuchen a las personas en esas comunidades y creen políticas en colaboración con ellos. Actualmente apoyo a Elizabeth Warren por esto. En el caso de una convención negociada, apoyaría al candidato que mejor encarne ese enfoque para la formulación de políticas.

Maureen D. Grayzeck (Klobuchar)
Campaign Email: mgrayzeck2016@gmail.com
QUALIFICATIONS: As a life-time supporter of the Democratic process, I have knocked on doors, phone banked, distributed literature, and worked on many local and presidential campaigns. Now, in Frederick, I helped manage the local Democratic office in the 2016 and 2018 elections. Nothing is more important than making our world a better place by electing good leaders who behave with decency and common sense.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Amy Klobuchar, from the Heartland of America, is the best candidate to unite our country. She has assisted the passage of more than 100 Bills through Congressional gridlock. Amy is a strong leader with a calm manner to guide us through these turbulent times. Amy will bring dignity back into the White House; she will honor the Constitution; and will restore faith in our government and institutions.

Aesha Greer (Sanders)
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/aesharg
Campaign Instagram: aesharg
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

Martha L. Kahn (Yang)
QUALIFICATIONS: A long-time resident of the district, my experience as a citizen concerned about the destruction of our democracy and the fate of our nation has prepared me for the duties of this office. Residente del distrito desde hace largo tiempo, mi experiencia como ciudadana preocupada por la destrucción de nuestra democracia y el destino de nuestra nación me ha preparado para las responsabilidades de este cargo.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Important criteria: (1) has good judgment, informed by science and data, not ideology; (2) supports UBI to maximize the reduction of poverty and income inequality, while minimizing government bureaucracy and interference; (3) supports Democracy Dollars to squelch the influence of big money in our elections, without infringing on free speech. Criterios: 1. Tiene buen criterio, basado en información objetiva y científica, no en ideología; 2. Apoya UBI para maximizar la reducción de la pobreza y la desigualdad de ingresos, minimizando a la vez la burocracia gubernamental y su interferencia; 3. Apoya Dólares Democráticos para extirpar la influencia de los grandes financiadores de nuestras elecciones, sin obstruir la libertad de expresión.

Nancy J. King (Biden)
Campaign Email: njk107@aol.com
Campaign Phone: (301) 275-2914
QUALIFICATIONS: I've been an elected member of the Maryland Legislature for almost 18 years. In that role I spend a major amount of my time listening to the people that live in my area, learning about and representing what they believe is important to the well being of our area.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Over the last year I have looked carefully at the candidates for President. I look for the person that can bring balance back to the country, can represent the democratic values we hold dear. I also look for a person that I believe is electable country wide. I don't believe it is enough to just be a nice person, the candidate for President has to be someone the country will unite behind.

Maria Lane (Buttigieg)
Campaign Email: mlane4pete@gmail.com
QUALIFICATIONS: Member of Maryland for Pete. I've helped organize debate watch parties and outreach at events in the Frederick area. I run @UnidosPorPete on Twitter. Co-moderator of Latina(os) for Pete on Facebook. Helped with Spanish translations for the campaign's website. I bring my perspective as an immigrant, a Latina, a mom, and a
millennial and I would be so honored to represent Team Pete. Soy miembro de Maryland for Pete. He trabajado para difundir el mensaje de Pete en el área de Frederick. Manejo @UnidosPorPete en Twitter. Soy co-moderadora de Latina/os for Pete en Facebook. He ayudado con traducciones a Español para el sitio web de la campaña. Aporto mi perspectiva como inmigrante, latina, madre, y millennial. Estaría muy honrada de representar a los seguidores de Pete.

SELECTION CRITERIA: We need a leader in this polarized era who will unite the country around the values that make us proud to be American. Pete Buttigieg will accomplish that with his politics of inclusion and belonging. He’s a pragmatic progressive. He has executive and military experience and he brings a fresh perspective to tackle the issues of the 21st century. It’s time for a new generation of leadership! En esta era tan polarizada necesitamos un líder que una al país en torno a los valores que nos hacen sentir orgullosos de ser estadounidenses. Pete Buttigieg logrará eso con su política de inclusión y pertenencia. Es un progresista pragmático. Tiene experiencia ejecutiva y militar y aporta una nueva perspectiva para abordar los problemas del siglo XXI. Es hora de una nueva generación de liderazgo!

Angela R. Lowry (Sanders)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have held multiple leadership roles as a student, including both on-campus as the president of the AAUW, as well as on a statewide level as my college’s representative, but the primary reason I believe I would make an excellent delegate for the DNC is that I am very passionate about the progressive issues at hand and my heart is with the American people.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Some issues I prioritize include a Green New Deal, Medicare for All, College for All, and Immigration Reform. I believe our country needs to move forward in a progressive manner and we must elect a president who is willing to make it happen and transform our country for the better. I will support a candidate who is brave enough to stand for what is right, even if that means standing alone.

Mary Ellen Mitchell (Buttigieg)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have had an interest in presidential politics since grade school, and have a college degree in elections and voting behavior. I’ve worked in the nonprofit world all of my career and have championed causes such as seniors and healthcare, education and affordable housing. I would be honored to represent Frederick County at the national convention as a delegate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I look for someone who is trustworthy, ethical, intelligent and calm mannered. Our President must be able to represent us well and advocate for peaceful solutions and build partnerships internationally. At home the President must be able to make decisions in a thoughtful process that includes consideration of future implications and results.

Adrienne Oleck (Gabbard)
Campaign Website: http://www.tulsi2020.com
Campaign Facebook: http://Facebook.com/Tulsi Gabbard
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/tulsigabbard
Campaign Instagram: @tulsigabbard
Campaign Email: info@tulsi2020.com
Campaign Phone: (808) 861-0793
QUALIFICATIONS: As an immigration attorney, I meet too many struggling families here in Maryland. I support Tulsi Gabbard for President because she relates to us - the people. Her #1 priority is to stop regime-change wars and spend the money at home on families. I respect Tulsi’s service in Iraq & Kuwait, her intelligence, her passion for the environment and her compassion for her fellow Americans.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I find Tulsi Gabbard compelling because she is the first female combat veteran to run for President. She served the people of Hawaii as a state delegate at 21 years old! Public service is in her heart. Tulsi does not represent the rich or the powerful. She will stop wasting our tax dollars on unnecessary wars and instead invest in healthcare, education, the environment and infrastructure.

Arlene Proebsting (Bloomberg)
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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Lily Qi (Buttigieg)
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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/lilyqimaryland
Campaign Email: info@lilyqi.com
QUALIFICATIONS: As a Maryland State Delegate and a former Montgomery County government official, I have a holistic understanding of the issues that matter to our super-diverse communities. As an immigrant who came here by choice, I know what really makes America great. My campaign in 2018 made history by bringing many new voters into the Democratic Primary process, which is what DNC needs to do to win elections.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I’m looking for a candidate who can: 1. Energize new voters and speak to a broad spectrum of potential voters to win the election; 2. Inspire the best in American people as candidate and President. 3. Find practical solutions to the toughest challenges facing all humanity and make sure America leads on climate change, technological transformation and expanding opportunities for all.

Elizabeth S. Stiefvater (Klobuchar)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an active voter since I was first eligible to vote. I read up on candidates’ positions and the issues affecting our county and its citizens. I am able and willing to travel to the Democratic Convention to carry out the responsibilities of a delegate. He sido una votante activa desde que fui elegible para votar por primera vez. Leí sobre las posiciones de los candidatos y los problemas que afectan a nuestro condado y sus ciudadanos. Puedo y deseo viajar a la Convención Democrática para llevar a cabo las responsabilidades de un delegado.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I consider experience and wisdom to be important when choosing a presidential candidate. I also look for candidates who believe in equality and caring for those who cannot care for themselves, and whose policy ideas reflect those beliefs. Considero que la experiencia y la sabiduría son importantes al elegir un candidato presidencial. También busco candidatos que crean en la igualdad y se preocupen por aquellos que no pueden cuidar de sí mismos, y cuyas ideas políticas reflejan esas creencias.

Tarolyn C. Thrasher (Warren)
QUALIFICATIONS: In the past I've work on local campaigns and I've volunteered on the Democratic Central Committee Advocacy team. I'm currently the Women Democratic League Board of Director, and a current student of Emerge Maryland a political training for Democratic women. I believe in grass root when it comes to reaching the people in the community. Being involved politically is not about me it's about people.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The most important factors is being a voice more for the people and less for that 1%. We have so many issues in our country that need to be addressed. The military veterans being treated fairly, due to the fact that I'm a military spouse whose husband suffers from PTSD. The reduction of recidivism and the growth of the economy for the middle class, and protecting immigrants.

Venattia W. Vann (Uncommitted)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Linda Wagner (Sanders)
QUALIFICATIONS: Being a retired RN has given me a unique inside look at our need for Medicare for All. I have assumed a leadership role for voter registration in our community by working with varied groups within our community. I have canvassed, phonebanked, hosted debate watch parties and participated in rallies and community events for Bernie Sanders and other Democratic candidates.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Senator Sanders has brought us all together to fight for each other. He is fighting to have Medicare for All as a right, to have a healthy planet while addressing climate change, and ending crushing student debt with free college tuition. He has also worked on getting money out of politics. He has fought for the working class and poor for 30+ years with honesty and integrity. Not Me. Us!

Myrna Whitworth (Klobuchar)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a Democratic Party volunteer and activist for most of my adult life. I currently serve as Chair of the Western Maryland Democratic PAC and from 2010 to 2018 was Chair of the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee. I have experience in all facets of campaigning from developing strategy to knocking on doors.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Amy Klobuchar is a proven winner with grit who will stay true to her Democratic principles as she goes toe to toe with Donald Trump. She is a formidable opponent who demonstrates the best in this country. She supports progressive change in healthcare and education, but is a pragmatist who understands change comes in stages and requires broad coalitions to be successful.

Karen Lewis Young (Biden)
Campaign Website: http://karenlewisyoungfordelegate.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/klewisyoung
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QUALIFICATIONS: I have volunteered in 8 election campaigns (including 2 presidential elections) and ran for office 4 times. I served as President Pro Tem of the Board of Aldermen in the City of Frederick and I am in my second term in the MD House of Delegates representing district 3A. As a veteran member of the Health and Government Relations Committee, I have developed a strong knowledge of health care policy.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Electability, particularly in the swing states, is one of the most important factors to me. We need a candidate who has the best chance of defeating Donald Trump. In addition, the candidate’s policies on health care, climate change, the economy, and foreign policy are very important. We need to restore the soul of America, and our reputation abroad, with a proven, experienced, consensus builder.

Male Delegates to the Democratic National Convention Congressional District 02

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In addition to the 65 delegates from the Congressional Districts, there will be 23 delegates who are automatic party leaders and elected officials (PLEO) based on the positions they hold. Finally, the Democratic State Central Committee will select 10 additional party leader (PLEO) delegates and 21 at-large delegates. Additional details about the delegate selection process are posted on the Maryland Democratic Party website.

Questions
QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?CALIFICACIONES: ¿Cómo le prepara su experiencia para las responsabilidades del cargo?:
SELECTION CRITERIA: What factors are most important in determining whom you will support for president?CRITERIOS DE SELECCIÓN: ¿Qué factores son más importantes para determinar a quién apoyará para el cargo de presidente?:

Democratic Candidates

Franklin Wayne Blatt (Biden)
Campaign Email: mortrpestl@aol.com
Campaign Phone: (410) 599-9447
QUALIFICATIONS: As a 3rd generation Pharmacist, I have extensive experience in issues concerning our health care system. I keep abreast of issues including affordable health insurance, climate change, LGBTQ inclusion, equal representation for all, sensible gun control, investing in 21st century mass transit, expanding clean energy economy, excellence through education and equal pay for all genders.
SELECTION CRITERIA: The Candidates views on health care and disability policies, democracy that includes everyone, combating climate change, gender equality, student loans, eliminating fracking, foreign policies, job training, electability, sensible gun laws, experiences in life situations, drug research and development, improving our nations infrastructure and factors concerning providing appropriate mental health.

Tyrone J. Creek (Buttigieg)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Edward Crizer (Sanders)
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/EddieCrizer
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QUALIFICATIONS: As someone who was inspired by the Sanders campaign of 2016, I have done my best to remain active in the political revolution. After knocking on doors and conversing with fellow neighbors, listening to their problems and concerns it is clear that a political revolution is utmost necessary today than ever and I am prepared to advance it further at the Democratic Convention this July.
SELECTION CRITERIA: My criteria for President is who will represent the working class best by depriving corporate America of vital instruments of political and economic power and placing them in the hands of working people. Working people do best when they have the mediums necessary to stand up and deliver prosperity themselves. I believe Bernie Sanders is the only candidate in this cycle to do this.

Frank William Curran Jr. (Warren)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Alec M. Davis (Yang)
Campaign Website: http://www.pianobyme.com
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/pianobyme
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Devin M. DeFord (Sanders)
Campaign Facebook: http://Facebook.com/DevinDeFord
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Vincent DeMarco (Biden)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Cory D. Edwards (Buttigieg)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Christopher D. Farmer (Yang)
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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Sean Fitzpatrick (Warren)
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/seanfitzpatrick
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Steven Lee Gorschboth (Yang)
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/steven.gorschboth
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

David Lance Graham (Yang)
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/David Graham
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Victor Allen Guidice (Yang)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Dion F. Guthrie (Biden)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Sachin Hebbbar (Buttigieg)
Campaign Website: http://sachinhebbbar.com
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QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

S. Justin Holliday (Biden)
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/justin_holliday
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Noah Johnston (Sanders)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Samay Singh Kindra (Warren)
Campaign Facebook: http://Facebook.com/SamayKindra
Campaign Instagram: Samay.Kindra
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Robbie Leonard (Warren)
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/robbieleonard42
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/RobbieLeonard42
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Kristopher M. Lundgren (Warren)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have always been an engaged observer of political theory, policy, and process. However, I have done so through reading, listening, and watching. It is time for armchair policy wonks to take a stand for their beliefs. Criticizing from the security and obscurity of our desks/sofas/cars gets us nowhere. A government of, for, and by the people will only endure if the people participate.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I do not support the standard philosophy of moderating one’s positions to sway the general election voter. A candidate’s principles and beliefs must be sound, genuine, and substantive. Voters will respond to a platform built on moral grounds that ensures the Government serves the citizens. Compromising one’s principles in an effort to seem “electable” is a path to defeat.

Gabriel Maximilian Moreno (Sanders)
Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/gabethelawyer
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Campaign Instagram: gthelawyer
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QUALIFICATIONS: The 2016 election and me being an immigration attorney serving on my county’s Central Committee, my passion has been fueled to take a stand against this administration. My nonprofit job has taken me inside immigration detention centers along the U.S/Mexico border that housed separated parents and children. I have seen firsthand, this administration’s cruelty and idiocy. This is my motivation.
SELECTION CRITERIA: A candidate that connects empathically with the majority of people across the United States. Genuineness, honesty, and always having the drive to do the right thing even when it was not popular to do so. Medicare for all, the Green New Deal, student loan forgiveness, racial justice, immigration reform, and high-speed internet for all are the types of factors that impact our lives. Not me, us.

Michael Mugo (Buttigieg)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Donald Preston (Yang)
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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/djyonce
Campaign Instagram: djyonce
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Jonathan Schwartz (Klobuchar)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Dale Snoddy (Gabbard)
Campaign Website: http://www.tulsi2020.com
Campaign Facebook: http://Facebook.com/Tulsi Gabbard
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/tulsigabberd
Campaign Instagram: Dale Snoddy
Campaign Email: dalesnoddy@gmail.com
Campaign Phone: (443) 676-2131
QUALIFICATIONS: A life of seeing every president and almost every presidential candidate as a highly corrupt puppet of large business (including military industrial business) makes me a devoted follower of Tulsi Gabbard. Her candidacy gives me some hope after a dark history of politics in the United States. I follow politics and carefully, skeptically scrutinize each candidate's history.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I believe that Tulsi Gabbard will serve the people - not the rich, powerful and corrupt, big medicine, big pharma, and war profiteers. Stopping corruption driven wars, stopping unnecessary homicidal incarceration, stopping theft from the children of the future by deficit spending, investing efficiently in our people - this will take integrity. Tulsi Gabbard has that with ability and drive.

Scott Sokol (Klobuchar)
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/scottsokol
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/scottsokol
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Rue P. Stewart (Gabbard)
Campaign Website: http://www.tulsi2020.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/tulsigabbard
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/etulsiggabbard
QUALIFICATIONS: Because I have seen so many senseless wars and bad policies carried out by to many presidents and Congress, I totally support Tulsi Gabbard for president. As the first female combat veteran to run for president, including service in Iraq, she is ready to be president and commander in chief from day one. Her #1 priority, stop the wars and spend the money at homer.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Tulsi Gabbard is running to serve the interests of the people- not the interests of the rich and powerful, Big Pharma, war profiteers, and foreign governments. She will stop wasting your tax dollars on regime change wars, the new Cold War and the nuclear arms race, and invest in healthcare, education, protecting our environment, and rebuilding our infrastructure. Prosperity through peace

Collin Sullivan (Warren)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Jesus Adrian Valverde (Yang)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Nathan L. Whittington (Yang)
Campaign Facebook: http://Facebook.com/Nathan Whittington
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/NateWhittington
Campaign Instagram: NathanWhittington
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Male Delegates to the Democratic National Convention Congressional District 06
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Questions
QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?CALIFICACIONES: ¿Cómo le prepara su experiencia para las responsabilidades del cargo?;
SELECTION CRITERIA: What factors are most important in determining whom you will support for president?CRITERIOS DE SELECCIÓN: ¿Qué factores son más importantes para determinar a quién apoyará para el cargo de presidente?:

Democratic Candidates

Gabriel Acevero (Sanders)
Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Delegate Gabriel Acevero
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/gabrielacevero
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

David A. Anderson (Gabbard)
Campaign Website: http://www.tulsi2020.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/tulsigabbard
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/TulsiGabbard
Campaign Instagram: tulsi2020.com
Campaign Email: info@tulsi2020.com
Campaign Phone: (808) 861-0793
QUALIFICATIONS: As an employee in higher education, and graduate with degrees in Public Policy and Workplace Diversity, I am immersed in the review of policies and proposals across the political spectrum. My training and education have provided specific insight used to understand and forecast the feasibility and probable outcomes of candidates' platforms and positions.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Tulsi Gabbard will lead change that benefits the individual and not a small group of special interests. Tulsi's positions focus on restructuring U.S. policies that have pushed us into costly foreign wars and military buildups. Her desire to create a better educational system, focus on environment, and rebuilding infrastructure, produce a strong foundation for a prosperous future.

Mumin A. Barre (Klobuchar)
Campaign Email: mumin.barre@gmail.com
Campaign Phone: (240) 498-4102
QUALIFICATIONS: My experience in community, civic and political involvement dates back to about 3 decades. After I served as a Democratic Party Precinct official in MD Legislative District 39 for 10 years, I was elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018 to serve on the Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee. I am a resident of Congressional District 6 (District 39) and a moderate progressive Democrat.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Amy Klobuchar for President. She is a moderate progressive, has a record of bringing Democrats, Independents and moderate Republicans, and winning elections. The majority of the voters can relate to her background and life experiences as well as agree with her platform on solutions for the most critical issues that we face; healthcare, immigration reform, climate change, and the economy.

Bobby Bartlett (Sanders)
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Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/VoteBobby
Campaign Email: bobby@bobbybartlett.com
QUALIFICATIONS: If you support a future free from corporate domination, you want me at the convention. In 2018, I ran for the statehouse against machine politics and big money interests, and have worked with groups like Our
Revolution to elect candidates up and down the ballot. I also have excellent relationships with over a dozen other likely Maryland delegates, and can work with them to build a consensus to win

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** I will support the candidate who will fight like hell to reverse the trends of climate change and oligarchy, the candidate who has the best chance to defeat Donald Trump in November with a diverse coalition of hard working men and women standing up for a better future. My vote is pledged to Sen. Bernie Sanders.

**Ronald A. Beattie (Steyer)**

Campaign Email: Ronbeattieny@gmail.com

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have long been involved in community organizing as President of my Chamber of Commerce, President of the Board at a major museum.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** I’m supporting Tom Steyer because he has a proven success record in life and he has the right skills to become a pragmatic leader and bring Washington back to reasonable and pragmatic solutions.

**Joseph Brecker (Biden)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a lifelong Democrat, I have been volunteering, campaigning, and voting for Democratic candidates in every election since 1976. Como demócrata de toda la vida, he sido voluntario, haciendo campaña y votando por candidatos demócratas en todas las elecciones desde 1976.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** An individual who supports equality for all. Someone that has historically reached across party lines. One that wants to build on, improve, and strengthen the Obama Care. An individual who would rebuild the trust around the world with our allies and bring respect back to the office of the President. Understands global warming is NO HOAX Joe Biden does what a Leader does He Inspires a Nation! Un individuo que apoya la igualdad para todos. Alguien que históricamente ha alcanzado las líneas partidarias. Uno que quiere construir, mejorar y fortalecer el Obama Care. Un individuo que reconstruiría la confianza en todo el mundo con nuestros aliados y devolvería el respeto a la oficina del Presidente. Entiende que el calentamiento global NO ES HOAX Joe Biden hace lo que hace un líder ¡Inspira a una nación!

**Christopher DeVore (Warren)**

Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/DeVro2010

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/csdvore

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I work with legislation and policy each day and specialize in health care. When I take a step back to survey the field of Presidential Candidates, I listen to what is being said, but I look in to their policy plans. The devil is in the details.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** The level of detail in their policy proposals. Too many people make decisions based on what is being said without looking deeper into the proposal itself. I also charisma and age. They have to be able to inspire others and they shouldn't be into their 80's and not capable of giving a 2nd term.

**Andrew Duck (Warren)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a Democratic activist for more than 15 years with the following accomplishments: -Democratic nominee, U.S. Congress, Maryland's Sixth District in 2006 and 2010 -Active in organizing the Western Maryland Democratic Summit -Member, Frederick County Democratic Central Committee -Frederick County Democrat of the Year in 2012 -Board Member, United Democrats of Frederick -VeteranHe sido activista demócrata durante más de 15 años: -Nominado demócrata, Congreso de los EE.UU, 6to Distrito de Maryland en 2006 y 2010 -Activo en la organización de la Cumbre Democrática del Oeste de Maryland -Miembro, Comité Central Demócrata del Condado de Frederick -VeteranoHe sido activista demócrata durante más de 15 años: -Nominado demócrata, Congreso de los EE.UU, 6to Distrito de Maryland en 2006 y 2010 -Activo en la organización de la Cumbre Democrática del Oeste de Maryland -Miembro, Comité Central Demócrata del Condado de Frederick -Veterano

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Elizabeth Warren understands the challenges facing our country, and has the plans to address them. (https://elizabethwarren.com/plans) Key items: -2% wealth tax on persons worth >$50 Million -Medicare For All without raising taxes on the middle class -Eliminate college debt -End Washington corruption -Create <10 million green jobs -Invest in rural America -Universal child care -and more Elizabeth Warren tiene planes para abordar los desafíos que enfrenta el país (https://elizabethwarren.com/plans): -2% de impuesto sobre el patrimonio de personas >a $50 millones -Medicare para todos sin aumentar los impuestos a la clase media -Eliminar la deuda universitaria -Fin a la corrupción -Crear <10 millones de empleos verdes -Invertir en el país rural -Cuidado de niños universal.

**Brian Gaither (Warren)**

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/briangaither

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response received by deadline.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** No response received by deadline.

**Jerry S. Garson (Uncommitted)**

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/jerry10401

Campaign Email: jerry2106@outlook.com
QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked for many Democratic Candidates over the last 30 years. I have also attended 8 conventions and have worked for the Democratic National Committee at 3 of these conventions. In addition I have attended the last four conventions as a guest. I have spent 4 years on the Montgomery County Board of Elections between 2007 and 2011 and for the last 16 months I was the President of the Board.

SELECTION CRITERIA: If I am elected as an uncommitted delegate to the Democratic Convention. In July I will help pick the best candidate, who I think can win the November election. This candidate will become the Democratic nominee for President of the United States.

Brian K. Grim (Buttigieg)
Campaign Website: http://www.BrianKGrim.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/briankgrim
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/BrianKGrim
Qualifications: No response received by deadline.
Selection Criteria: No response received by deadline.

Raef Haggag (Sanders)
Campaign Website: http://www.raefmusic.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/raefmusic
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/raefmusic
Campaign Instagram: raefmusic
Campaign Email: raefmusic@gmail.com
Qualifications: I spent 8 years teaching in Montgomery County's public school system, have lived in Maryland most of my life, and have a deep sense of care for the direction of my state and country. I want to represent my district as someone who cares about America and its future.
Selection Criteria: The president of the United States of America should value the working class of this country, not take special interest money, or be influenced by corporations and those with a lot of wealth. The President should seek universal health care for all citizens. The President should be eager to be involved in diplomacy and end endless wars abroad.

Jason Ray Hutchison (Bloomberg)
Qualifications: No response received by deadline.
Selection Criteria: No response received by deadline.

Csanad Petru Ignat (Yang)
Qualifications: No response received by deadline.
Selection Criteria: No response received by deadline.

Nickolas A. Jackson (Yang)
Qualifications: No response received by deadline.
Selection Criteria: No response received by deadline.

Daniel Jacoby (Warren)
Campaign Website: http://www.danjacoby.com
Qualifications: No delegate is going to change the platform or convention rules. Therefore, delegates should spend the time networking, sharing experiences and ideas on how to get more Democrats elected. I bring years of campaign experience in three states, and unique tools to share, and can bring back ideas and methods so that we can increase Democratic representation both here and across America.
Selection Criteria: I support Elizabeth Warren as my first choice for President because she brings a wide range of seriously progressive plans to her campaign, the toughness to push those plans into action – and, of course, the persistence to keep going when things get tough. Democrats need a truly progressive nominee in order not just to win the election but also to govern. Senator Warren fits our needs precisely.

Mark Jafari (Klobuchar)
Qualifications: No response received by deadline.
Selection Criteria: No response received by deadline.

Roy D. Jaquez (Gabbard)
Campaign Website: http://www.tulsi2020.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/tulsigabbard
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/TulsiGabbard
QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 14 years in the US Military as a Combat Corpsman, fulfilling numerous roles during my tenure both on and off of the battlefield. I believe that my ability to change with the environment and maintain mission success puts me at an advantage to be able to take on this new and important role as Delegate. Pasé 14 años en el militar como médico, cumpliendo numerosos roles durante mi mandato tanto dentro como fuera del campo de batalla. Creo que mi capacidad de cambiar con el medio ambiente y mantener el éxito de la misión me pone en ventaja para poder asumir este nuevo e importante rol como Delegado.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Honesty, integrity, and fortitude. Someone who has consistently put Her values of her constituents forward in her voting record. Someone who has a broad experience in different roles that would put her at an advantage for understanding what will be expected of her day one in office, and not left scrambling for opinions of the status quo that’s led us to the state our Nation is in today. Honestidad, integridad y fortaleza. Alguien que siempre ha presentado sus valores de sus electores en su registro de votación. Alguien que tiene una amplia experiencia en diferentes roles que la pondrían en una ventaja para comprender lo que se esperaría de su primer día en el cargo, y no dejar de buscar opiniones sobre el status quo que nos llevó al estado en que se encuentra nuestra nación hoy.

Larry Kasecamp (Biden)
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Barry Kissin (Gabbard)
Campaign Email: barrykissin@hotmail.com
Campaign Phone: (301) 698-0688
QUALIFICATIONS: Life-long peace activist, age 68. Beginning with Vietnam I have organized against every one of our wars since. I ran for Congress in 2006 on a platform that prescribed slashing the military budget and devoting our resources to fulfilling human needs. I have been published widely on subjects such as fraudulent pretexts for imperialistic wars and the corruption of our military-industrial complex.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Our entire political-economic system is in urgent need of overhaul. Our rapacious oligarchs now control our economy, our politics, our mainstream media, to a large extent, our culture. The next President must understand the need for systemic change, must have real integrity, must genuinely care about fellow human beings, and be courageous enough to confront the oligarchs and their lackeys.

Jason A. Malott (Buttigieg)
Campaign Email: jmalott@myactv.net
Campaign Phone: (301) 991-2704
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an active member of the Democratic Party all of my life and have worked tirelessly for candidates both locally and nationally through the years. I have also campaigned successfully for myself as I was elected the Register of Wills for Washington County in 2010 and have been reelected in 2014 and 2018. I want to have a vote on the Democratic Party platform and the future of the party.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I sought out a candidate who I believe will bring as many people together in a coalition that will be diverse and will work for stability in these turbulent times and have a vision of a better future beyond the corruption and coarseness of our current politics. Pete Buttigieg is a veteran and he has served as Mayor. I believe in his vision of inclusiveness and working together for the common good.

Joseph Merchlinsky (Yang)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived, and raised my children, in our community for over 25 years as an engaged citizen. I had a long career as a digital communications engineer which taught me to analyze complex problems and find practical cost-effective solutions. I also have public policy training and have worked in the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I feel it is most important that our next president bring an innovative approach to addressing wealth inequality in our country. Progressive positions on universal health care and a livable minimum wage are crucial, and a determination to measure the health of our economy through the lens of inequality and not simply GDP growth is long overdue.

Jim Michaels (Bloomberg)
QUALIFICATIONS: Associate Director and Attorney, Federal Reserve Board (34 years, retired); former federal regulator for consumer protection (23 years); private law practice (3 years); member, Montgomery County Advisory Committee on Consumer Protection (currently); Maryland resident for 32 years. Director Asociado y abogado, Junta de la Reserva Federal (34 años, jubilado); ex regulador federal para la protección del consumidor (23 años); práctica de derecho privado (3 años); miembro del Comité Asesor de Protección al Consumidor del Condado de Montgomery
Kirill Reznik (Buttigieg)
Campaign Website: http://www.Reznikformaryland.com
Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/DelegateReznik
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/DelegateReznik
Campaign Instagram: delegatekirillreznik
Campaign Email: delegate.reznik@gmail.com
Campaign Phone: (301) 284-0492
QUALIFICATIONS: As a State Delegate since 2007 I have a strong connection to, and understanding of, my constituents in District 39. Representing my constituents at the Democratic National Convention will expand their voices, and the voices of all of the people of CD-6, in order to help select the next President of the United States.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I believe that whomever the Democrats select will be vastly superior to the current Republican Incumbent. However, Mayor Buttigieg presents the intelligence, intellectually curiosity, humility, and flexibility that is necessary to be an effective, collaborative, and transformational President. His military experience and local government experience is also critical to my support of his candidacy.

Manuel Martinez Salgado (Buttigieg)
Campaign Website: http://www.thecentristspace.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/manuelalej305
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/manuelalej540
Campaign Email: manuelalej305@gmail.com
QUALIFICATIONS: My personal story is a perfect example of achieving the American Dream. I am an immigrant who came to this country with nothing but hopes and dreams. I was able to pursue a college education thanks to federal grants, scholarships, student loans, and big sacrifices from my hard-working parents. But due to Donald Trump’s dangerous policies and bigotry, the American promise is starting to fade away.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Mayor Pete because I believe that in order to solve the big challenges facing America, whether it is access to affordable healthcare, climate change, inequality, etc., the first thing we need to do is to unite as a country. While other candidates in this Primary Race are making their entire campaign about fighting, Pete has a vision of unity and finding common ground.

Devang Shah (Biden)
QUALIFICATIONS: Throughout my career, I have advocated for and connected with fellow Marylanders through being a Montgomery County-based immigration attorney for 27 years and Maryland Democratic Party Asian American and Pacific Islander Chair. I also co-founded the Maryland Democratic Business Council to promote the rights of small business owners across Maryland - all of which prepared me for this role.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Our next President must be someone with vast experience in leading for everyone rather than a select few in order to unify this nation in our desire for the United States to again be a place of opportunity for all. Our next President must also be dedicated to keeping the needs of the American people first and thus work across the aisle to create concrete policy change for those who need it most.

Thomas G. Slater (Biden)
Campaign Email: tgslawslate@comcast.net
Campaign Phone: (301) 682-5601
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a long time activist supporting Democratic candidates and have attended every Democratic convention since 1972. I was a delegate for Ted Kennedy in 1980 and for Obama in 2012 and served on the Rules Committee at the 2008 convention for Barack Obama. When not serving as a delegate I have been a volunteer assisting delegates and alternates as well as the Maryland Democratic Party.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Obviously the person I support for president has to be committed to the basic principals of the Democratic Party. In addition, our candidate for president has to be one that can defeat Donald Trump. The Trump presidency is one of the greatest dangers to the republic that we as a nation have faced. If re-elected Trump may do irreparable damage to the United States as we know it.

Benjamin Smith (Yang)
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/iosacode
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Nicholas L. Smith (Steyer)
QUALIFICATIONS: I support Tom Steyer for President. He is a calm-mannered, thoughtful, and compassionate man, with extremely successful leadership skills. He would be an excellent candidate to defeat the current President.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Steyer could defeat the current President.

William P. Spencer II (Yang)
Campaign Website: http://Yang2020.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/wspencerII
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/wspencerii
Campaign Instagram: wspencerii
QUALIFICATIONS: As a business consultant with Apple I worked with automation scripts and large network systems in order to help both private and public entities streamline workflows. I saw first hand what automation and AI were going to revolutionize. As we continue forward we need people who understand technology and can help us harness it to improve everyone’s lives.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Someone who will use the data that is collected globally to improve our lives as a whole. Creating a cyclical economic system that supports a UBI and creates jobs. Harnessing sustainable energies to benefit our communities. Creating a healthcare system that improves your health and doesn’t bankrupt individuals.

Jayson L. Spiegel (Bloomberg)
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/jaysnspiegel
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Vaughn Stewart (Sanders)
Campaign Website: http://vaughnformaryland.com
Campaign Email: vaughn@vaughnformaryland.com
QUALIFICATIONS: As an attorney and a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, I know how to persuade others and forge compromises. In the event of a contested convention, the worst possible outcome would be party bosses picking an uninspiring, weak nominee in a back room. I will fight hard to ensure the people's will is respected in Milwaukee.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I'm most concerned with the candidates' policy positions and their ability to beat Donald Trump in November. To evict Trump from the White House and secure a Democratic Senate, we need a Democratic nominee who will inspire record levels of turnout. And to deliver tangible results, we need a President who will prioritize regular people over corporate interests.

Philip Sunshine (Klobuchar)
Campaign Website: http://amazon.com/author/philipsunshine
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/phil.sunshine.3760
QUALIFICATIONS: In 20 years in government and 20 years in the private sector, I became an expert in ethics and leadership values. I know how the government can work well for everyone. I worked at DOJ, NASA and NSF. As NSF’s Inspector General (acting), I evaluated whether grants for science were used properly. As General Counsel of a law firm, I helped guide the firm, and advised attorneys about ethical rules.
SELECTION CRITERIA: I will support the candidate who is able to win, especially in swing states in the Midwest, and who is best able to persuade our politicians, and all of us, to end the partisan nonsense, and, instead, make forward progress on important issues. The candidate should be kind-hearted, experienced in Washington and able to rely on already-existing relationships with other leaders. I.e. Amy Klobuchar.

James Vaccaro (Gabbard)
Campaign Website: http://tulsi2020.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/tulsigabbard
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/TulsiGabbard
Campaign Email: Tulsi@bluesbuttons.com
QUALIFICATIONS: Lifelong antiwar social democrat. Supporting Tulsi Gabbard an active soldier and congresswoman. She is a strong voice for ending regime change wars which not only kill innocents abroad but reduce our ability to provide for our own citizens. She supports Universal single payer health care Reliable voting w/paper hand counted ballots And much more
SELECTION CRITERIA: Ending all regime change wars Support true democracy around the world Universal single payer healthcare Verifiable paper ballot elections Stop funding terrorist act 2015-2019 Eliminate student debt Repeal bankruptcy limitations Tax wall Street speculation
Mudit Verma (Yang)
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Campaign Instagram: @ilike2mudit
Campaign Email: muditverma1992@gmail.com
QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.
SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Camber A. Vincent (Warren)
QUALIFICATIONS: I am a 17 year old student, a senior in high school, and I would love nothing more than to become a delegate to the DNC. I have spent my high school career working as hard as I possibly can to make changes in my community through civic engagement, ranging from organizing walkouts and sit-ins to testifying in front of the county council. I work hard and will do what it takes to represent you.
SELECTION CRITERIA: Elizabeth Warren is an amazing woman, a brilliant politician, and above all, a queen. The DNC provides an unparalleled opportunity for me to learn, hear from, and meet the best and brightest political thinkers of our time, and I wouldn’t want to go for anyone other than Elizabeth Warren. This is an amazing chance for me, and I hope you will help me to win my very first election by voting for me!