Primary Election Altered Due to Pandemic

To safeguard public health during the Covid-19 pandemic, Maryland has adopted a comprehensive plan that will significantly impact how most citizens vote. The State Board of Elections will conduct the election chiefly by mail, and automatically send a ballot to the address on the registration record of all eligible active voters. For those who are unable to vote by mail, Calvert County will operate one in-person voting center on Election Day to ensure all registered voters can exercise their fundamental right to vote.

Key Changes

> Ballots Sent/Returned Chiefly by Mail
> If no ballot received in mail by May 12, contact Calvert Board of Elections at 410-535-2214 or by email at: elections@calvertcountymd.gov
> Online/Mail Deadline to Register or Update Info May 27
> No Early Voting Centers for In-Person Voting
> Only One In-Person Voting Center on Election Day in Calvert County
  30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick
> Primary Election Day Changed to June 2, 7 AM to 8 PM
> Can Register to Vote at In-Person Voting Center June 2

Please See Inside for Details and Frequently Asked Questions

Resources for Voters

To review voter registration record, request replacement voter notification card, identify voting district, view sample ballot, learn the status of absentee or mail-in ballot, or receive other assistance from the State Board of Elections: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch or Tel: 800-222-8683

To register as a new voter or update name, address, or party affiliation (by May 27): voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration

For candidate issue positions, photos & updates, candidate forum dates, personalized ballots, and other election information from the League of Women Voters: VOTE411.ORG
HOW TO VOTE IN MARYLAND'S 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS

In early to mid May, the Board of Elections will mail a ballot and postage-paid return envelope to the address listed on the registration record of all eligible active voters.

Registered voters who have not voted in the past four years and whose mail has been returned to the Board of Elections may be deemed inactive. To ensure timely receipt of a ballot, voters are encouraged to verify their registration record with the Board of Elections (see cover page). May 27 is the deadline to update a voter registration record and receive a mail-in ballot.

A Maryland registered voter may choose to vote 'absentee' - absentee ballots can be delivered to the voter electronically (downloaded and printed) or mailed to a different address than the one on the voter’s registration record. Return postage is not provided for electronically delivered absentee ballots. To request absentee ballot delivery by mail (by May 26) or download (by May 29): elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html

VOTING BY MAIL & PARTY AFFILIATION

Registered voters will receive a Democratic or Republican ballot if they are affiliated with one of those parties. (See next page to learn about Maryland's closed primary system.) Voters not affiliated with the Republican or Democratic party will receive a ballot for only non-partisan contests, such as a Board of Education election.

RETURN BALLOT BY MAIL OR SECURE DROPBOX

The Board of Elections mailing will have instructions for marking the ballot and completing the return envelope. Follow the instructions carefully. Seal the voted ballot in the envelope and be sure to sign the oath. Record the date the voted ballot is returned.

To be counted, a voted ballot must be accompanied by a signed oath and the return envelope must be postmarked on or before June 2 or deposited in the Elections Board Dropbox no later than 8 PM on June 2. The Dropbox will be in the parking lot of the Calvert County Board of Elections, 30 Duke St, Prince Frederick, from May 21 through June 2. Voters are encouraged to return ballots before the deadline. Ballots sent by mail must be received by the Board of Elections by June 12.

Protect your vote. Seal the envelope. Sign the oath. Observe the deadlines. Put the return envelope directly in the U.S. Mail or in the Board of Elections dropbox. Do not allow another person to collect your ballot.

LIMITED IN-PERSON VOTING

Due to the highly contagious nature of Covid-19, voters are strongly encouraged to use in-person voting only if it is not possible to vote by mail.

Voters who need assistance or need to use a ballot marking device, those registering to vote for the first time, and those who did not receive a ballot but believe they are registered, will be able to vote on Election Day, June 2, from 7 AM to 8 PM at the one in-person voting center: Calvert County Board of Elections office at: 30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick.

Be prepared to follow CDC guidelines for physical distancing, including wearing a mask.

FOR MORE INFORMATION


Calvert County Board of Elections: Tel: 410-535-2214 Website: www.co.cal.md.us/elections
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I registered to vote?
In Maryland, registration is permanent as long as you continue to live in the state and keep your address current. To verify your status and your address, go to voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch or call the Board of Elections.

Am I eligible to register to vote?
To register, you must be at least 16 years old, a U.S. Citizen, and a Maryland resident. You must not be under court-ordered ineligibility to vote due to mental disability, or convicted of buying or selling votes. If you have been convicted of a felony, you must have completed serving any prison sentence; if you have been released from incarceration but are still on parole or probation, you may register to vote.

How and when can I register, change my party, or update my address?
For the June 2 Primary Election, you may register to vote or change your registration information by mail (postmarked by May 27) or online (until May 27 at 9 PM).

If you are not already registered to vote in Maryland, you may register and vote at the in-person voting center on Tuesday, June 2. Be prepared to comply with any CDC / social distancing / mask requirements and bring identification showing your name and current address, such as an MVA-issued license, learner's permit or ID, or a bank statement.

Who can vote in the 2020 Maryland Primary Election?
Registered voters must be at least 18 years of age on or before the General Election, November 3, 2020, to vote in the Primary Election.

In Maryland, a voter must be affiliated with a political party to participate in that party’s primary elections. Maryland currently recognizes three political parties: Republican, Democratic, and Bread and Roses. The State Board of Elections issues ballots for the Republican and Democratic primary elections only. The deadline to affiliate with a party for the 2020 Primary Election is Wednesday, May 27.

All registered voters participate in the primary election when there is a contested race (more than two candidates) for a non-partisan office such as the Board of Education.

Where can I get information about access for voters with disabilities?
elections.maryland.gov/voting/accessibility.html

Is my ballot kept secret when I vote by mail?
YES! Your voted ballot remains in the sealed envelope while the Board of Elections authenticates the signed oath and verifies that you have not already voted. The ballot is then separated from the envelope and transferred to a different area for counting.

My place of residence has changed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Can I vote in the Maryland 2020 Primary Election?
If you are registered to vote in Maryland and recently changed your residence because of Covid-19, you may update your address until May 27 and receive a ballot. The Post Office will not forward a ballot. If you requested an absentee ballot to be mailed to your previous address, contact the Board of Elections to update the address where you want it sent. If you are unable to change your absentee ballot delivery, you may be able to vote a provisional ballot at an in-person voting center.
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The League thanks all the candidates who participated in this Voters' Guide!

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## About this Guide and the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a membership organization of women and men. The League encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and seeks to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization and never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

This Voters' Guide is produced by the League of Women Voters of Calvert County. The League has a long history of impartially reporting the verbatim responses of candidates on topics of interest to voters. To prepare this Guide, all eligible candidates are invited to participate. Responses appear exactly as entered by the candidate through an online interface - we do not edit content, spelling, or grammar. Responses are limited to 400 characters. Some candidates include information about their website or social media sites, which may provide additional biographical and policy information. Candidates who did not respond by the print deadline, or who wish to revise their responses, may do so at any time. Updated information is available to voters 24/7 at the League's interactive website, VOTE411.org.

This Guide lists offices and candidates in the same order that they will appear on your ballot. As there are three districts within Calvert County, some candidates appearing in this print version of the Guide may not be on your ballot. To know exactly which candidates will be on your ballot, you can go to VOTE411.org online, refer to the ballot that the Election Board will send you, or look for your sample ballot at the Maryland State Election Board website.

Voters are encouraged to visit VOTE411.org prior to voting. Due to space limitations in this printed version of the Guide, candidate photos and responses from candidates for party convention delegate are omitted. You can find those, any updated candidate responses, a personalized ballot, and side-by-side comparisons of candidates, as well as information on candidate forums and the logistics of how to register and vote.

A printable PDF version of this Guide is available for download on these websites: [https://www.lwvmd.org/2020_voters_guides](https://www.lwvmd.org/2020_voters_guides) and [https://www.lwvcalvert.org/publications](https://www.lwvcalvert.org/publications)

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Please note: the League makes every effort for accuracy, but can assume no liability for errors and/or omissions.
**Federal**

**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:

- 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
- At least two candidates from the same party must have met the preceding criteria

At publication 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).

All candidates who will be on the ballot in Maryland are listed below. Candidates’ responses can be found at [VOTE411.org](http://www.vote411.org).

**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 up to 1)

Donald. J. Trump
Campaign Website: www.donaldjtrump.com
Campaign Facebook: facebook.com/DonaldTrump
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. See the full description of the invitation process above.

Bill Weld (campaign suspended)
Campaign Website: www.weld2020.org
Campaign Facebook: facebook.com/govbillweld
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 up to 1)

Michael Bennet (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: www.michaelbennet.com
Campaign Twitter: @MichaelBennet
This candidate did not meet the participation criteria by the print deadline.

Joe Biden
Campaign Website: http://joebiden.com/
Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/joebiden/
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/JoeBiden
Campaign Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/joebiden/
Campaign YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/joebiden
This candidate’s responses are available on VOTE411.org.

Michael Bloomberg (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: www.mikebloomberg.com
Campaign Twitter: @mikebloomberg
This candidate did not meet the participation criteria by the print deadline.

Cory Booker (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: www.corybooker.com
Campaign Twitter: @corybooker
This candidate did not meet the participation criteria by the print deadline.

Pete Buttigieg (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: http://peteforamerica.com/
Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/petebuttigieg1/
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/PeteButtigieg
Campaign Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/pete.buttigieg/
This candidate’s responses are available on VOTE411.org.
Federal U.S. President

Julian Castro (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: www.julianforthefuture.com
This candidate did not meet the participation criteria by the print deadline.

Tulsi Gabbard (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: http://www.tulsi2020.com/
Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/TulsiGabbard/
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/TulsiGabbard
Campaign Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/tulsi/
Campaign YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBNTyrZoiTweJ1PZsJgdWTA
This candidate’s responses are available on VOTE411.org.

Amy Klobuchar (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: amyklobuchar.com/
Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/amyklobuchar/
Campaign Twitter: @amyklobuchar
Campaign Instagram: www.instagram.com/amyklobuchar/?hl=en
Campaign YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCZZ4_LnkeGnbiqQPKYDTaA/featured
This candidate’s responses are available on VOTE411.org.

Deval Patrick (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: www.devalpatrick2020.com
This candidate did not meet the participation criteria by the print deadline.

Bernie Sanders (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: berniesanders.com/
Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/berniesanders/
Campaign Twitter: BernieSanders
Campaign Instagram: www.instagram.com/berniesanders/
Campaign YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCH1dpzjCEiGAt8CXkryhkZg
This candidate’s responses are available on VOTE411.org.

Tom Steyer (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: www.tomsteyer.com
This candidate did not meet the participation criteria by the print deadline.

Elizabeth Warren (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: http://elizabethwarren.com/
Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ElizabethWarren/
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/ewarren
Campaign Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/elizabethwarren/
Campaign YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrj-0FxK19tgUR2EbHkBGBg
This candidate’s responses are available on VOTE411.org.

Marianne Williamson (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: www.marianne2020.com
This candidate did not meet the participation criteria by the print deadline.
Andrew Yang (withdrawn)
Campaign Website: http://www.yang2020.com/
Campaign Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/andrewyang2020/
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/AndrewYang
Campaign Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/andrewyang2020/?hl=en
Campaign YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriIuQZpMi6gEt_2P7xKCww
This candidate’s responses are available on VOTE411.org.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALVERT COUNTY SUPPORTS
FULL CENSUS PARTICIPATION!

When we all respond, we all benefit.
When everyone is counted in the 2020 Census, our communities get the funding they need for things like health care, education, emergency services, and more.

For more information, visit: 2020CENSUS.GOV

Shape your future START HERE >

Census 2020
DUTIES: Representatives make laws along with the members of the Senate, and may conduct investigations on issues of national importance. Laws that impose taxes always begin in the House of Representatives. Representatives can recommend that the Senate remove from office a public official accused of a crime.

TERM: Two years

BASE SALARY: $174,000

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

WEBSITE: www.house.gov

QUESTIONS

GOALS: Why are you running for this office?

IMMIGRATION: What, if anything, would you change regarding immigration policy?

HEALTH CARE: Would you vote to continue the Affordable Care Act as it is, expand it, or eliminate it? Please explain.

ENVIRONMENT: What should be the federal government’s role in addressing national and global environmental concerns?

GUN SAFETY: What policies do you propose to reduce gun violence?

ECONOMY: How would you address the growing income gap in our society?

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

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

Republican Candidates

(Rеспublicans may vote for up to 1)

Bryan DuVal Cubero

Campaign Email: jntspecopsgrp1@gmail.com

GOALS: We have strayed from the Constitution. US citizens and resident aliens dont receive all of their Constitutional rights and aren't given their inalienable rights as they're written. No federal or state law should be written or ratified if it infringes a persons rights. Term limits in government at all levels is necessary to triumph over tyranny and corruption. Taxing elderly on their homes is wrong

IMMIGRATION: As a Veteran,US citizen and a layman. Immigrations a privilege for those with special skills that benefit the host nation. Its not to be used as a mechanism by any nation, political party, corporate coalition or the wealthy to lower wages of skilled/unskilled labor to increase profits or exert social control. Patriots fight for freedom they don't run away to other countries to get it for free.

HEALTH CARE: US citizens and Resident Alien tax dollars shouldn't be used for medical care/treatment of people illegally in the US from anywhere in the world. Affordable Care is a good idea but not if it bankrupts the US and mortgages our children's future. I have tried to read and understand it but it is so big and confusing. I worry Law's this big are used to steal tax dollars and divert them to others.
Bryan DuVal Cubero, continued

ENVIRONMENT: a clean environment should be everyone's goal. There are several sectors in clean energy that can boost our economy and create thousands/millions of high paying blue collar jobs. Tax incentives to go clean/green but only on sound proven technology.

GUN SAFETY: Harsh penalties for violent armed offenders and especially brutal crime in nature, the death penalty only in uncontested cases when there is overwhelming evidence. All people in the world have a 1st amendment right to life and liberty and the 2nd amendment is the tool to defend it. Disarming any people around the world is the fastest way to enslave them. Sic Semper Tyrannis. People deserve freedom

ECONOMY: halt the majority of immigration. allowing 1 million people per year to immigrate to the US is artificially lowering wages in unskilled labor jobs. Forcing people to flood into the skilled labor jobs, lowering those wages as well creating a domino affect. Benefiting those who own those companies and have the power to hire, set hourly wages and salaries.

DISCRIMINATION: The EEOC has authority to investigate and enforce anti-discrimination laws. It is my belief that the reason discrimination in the work place continues is because EEOC employees/investigators are derelict in their duties. The reason this might be the case is because these agencies are so large there is no accountability.

STUDENT LOANS: Allows those with this problem to work off their debt in the Peace Corps, the US Military or as a volunteer in the First Responders Reserves (Fire, EMS, Police, Parks & Recs, etc...etc...etc...) for a specified number of years equivalent to the amount of debt owed. On another subject the elderly age 65 & up with one home should be exempt from property taxes they live on a fixed income.

Lee Havis

Campaign Website: http://www.havisforcongress.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/havisforcongress
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/patriotvoting
Campaign Instagram: havisforcongress
Campaign Email: lee@havisforcongress.com
Campaign Phone: (240) 481-1566

GOALS: To address the problem of a dysfunctional Congress, more committed to the special interests of career politicians, rather than the people. Needed are members of congress who represent the interests of ordinary citizens. Key issues that I support as a distinction from the current 40-year incumbent, Steny Hoyer: citizens first, freedom not socialism, and responsible spending for a sound economy.

IMMIGRATION: Needed is greater security at southern border especially, including building a wall to deter illegal entry. End chain immigration and birthright citizenship for children of illegal aliens in the country. End government support for illegal aliens. Provide immigration laws that favor those who are self-sufficient and who will most contribute to the well-being of the American economy.

HEALTH CARE: Repeal Affordable Care Act. Replace with support for free market competition in insurance industry to improve quality and drive down premiums through individual choice of doctors and services. For those in poverty, allow doctors to provide them treatment and care at no cost to patient, doctors being compensated through personal tax deductions.

ENVIRONMENT: Assure policies that support clean air and water. Protect wildlife habitat through care of national parks and open space. Support global plans and activity to reduce pollution of oceans, wildlife habitat, and land management, especially as achieved through voluntary non-governmental means that are proven most effective.
Lee Havis, continued

**GUN SAFETY:** Support gun possession by law-abiding citizens within the bounds of the 2nd amendment. Work against "gun free" zones that invite gun violence due to assurance of unarmed law-abiding citizens. Oppose 'red flag' laws that threaten gun confiscation from law-abiding citizens without full and fair judicial hearing. Improve character development of youth through better public education.

**ECONOMY:** Support job creation for law income and unskilled workers through support for free market enterprise. Improve quality of public education through greater choice and competition in the non-government sector. Oppose any increase to "minimum wage" that prevents low skill workers from gaining on-the-job employment to upgrade skills. Support vocational training that leads to higher wage earning.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Eliminate race-based discrimination, such by ending 'affirmative action" for government benefits. Expand better character and ethical development in children by supporting parent choice in public education. End discrimination and censorship of higher education institutions by removing the recognition of private accrediting agencies as a means to qualify for student loans and benefits.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Short term, adjust loan payment schedules based on appeal for good cause. Long term, make the student loan program more accountable for repayment by establishing private banks as the main source of funds. Private banks then only grant loans based on a higher assurance of their repayment than the current federal government provides.

Kenneth Lee

**Campaign Website:** http://www.voteforkenny.com
**Campaign Facebook:** http://www.facebook.com/109498987189908
**Campaign Twitter:** twitter.com/VoteforKenny
**Campaign Email:** info@voteforkenny.com
**Campaign Phone:** (410) 414-9287

**GOALS:** I am running for office to make a difference in my community. I am tired of the same old politics.

**IMMIGRATION:** If I could change immigration policy, I would make the existing immigration laws followed and enforced.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would vote to eliminate the Affordable Care Act. I feel that private industry would better manage and lower health care costs.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I think the government should move swiftly on disasters and work in coordination with organizations that specialize in environmental concerns.

**GUN SAFETY:** I feel that gun violence can be reduced by stricter penalties imposed on criminals and people using guns illegally. Enforcing our laws would reduce criminal activity in general. I also feel open carry for law-abiding citizens would reduce gun violence.

**ECONOMY:** I support the current administration's economic policies. I think wages are rising and things are going in the right direction.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I feel that we should not judge people based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or disability. I feel people should be judged on their abilities, and their accomplishments, and their willingness to perform. Initiatives based on these things only divide people more.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I feel when given the opportunity to further your education responsibly, the loans would not be burdensome. Reducing the value of an education by giving it away free is not the answer. Not all classes are relevant to all careers.
GOALS: The divisive politics in our nation's capital has led to the lack of preservation of individual rights and freedoms for all citizens, as well as reckless spending of taxpayers' money. For too long the constituents have been ignored and taken for granted and it is time for a change. We need fresh and invigorating representation not hampered by special interests and national political aspirations.

IMMIGRATION: Congress needs to act on improving conditions at our border, to know who is coming in, and to better streamline the process to allow those who wish to enter our nation legally. We live in the greatest nation on Earth. It's no wonder why so many wish to immigrate here seeking the American Dream and a better life. Legal immigration is a huge benefit to our nation.

HEALTH CARE: Since passing of the ACA, over regulation has led to sky rocketing costs and lack of options for health insurance coverage. Consumers should have choice in health insurance. Pre-existing conditions need to be covered. Transparency in health care costs will open a competitive market; increasing quality of care while lowering costs will benefit consumers.

ENVIRONMENT: The Chesapeake Bay and other local waterways are a huge economic and environmental benefit to our area that we need to ensure are protected. It's no secret that a lot of the Bay's pollution comes from surrounding states and needs to be addressed at a federal level. We need innovative approaches (like carbon capture technology) and reasonable trade deals to assist lowering emissions globally.

GUN SAFETY: Every American has the right to protect and defend themselves. The right to bear arms shall not be infringed. There are many factors that contribute to gun violence. We need to address mental health as a nation to combat violence. We need to question these medications and side effects.

ECONOMY: I am an advocate for free market principles and stand with pro-growth policies. It is the free market that will better promote a healthy competitive economy, and empower individuals to more opportunities and jobs.

DISCRIMINATION: I am all for equality of opportunity. If we want to battle discrimination, we need to embrace what Dr. MLK Jr said and judge each individual “by the content of their character" and not put individuals into arbitrary groups. Federal non-discrimination laws should always take into account religious and liberty protections. Liberty for all.

STUDENT LOANS: One of the factors that contributes to the skyrocketing costs of higher education and student debt is how federal financial aid has been exploited by Colleges to their benefit. It has contributed to continued raising costs and that's something that needs to be looked into. In regards to college debt forgiveness, and the federal debt at $23 trillion dollars, we have to ask, 'is it affordable?'

Doug Sayers

Campaign Website: http://www.sayersforcongress.com
Campaign Facebook: http://sayersforcongress
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/DougSayers2
Campaign Email: sayerselect@gmail.com
Campaign Phone: (240) 210-4753
Doug Sayers, continued

**GOALS:** I strongly believe in protecting our Bill of Rights which are restrictions on the government. Our Bill of Rights and our Conservative values are under attack and these are our individual rights and our founding principles in our US Constitution. We need a Representative that will get Federal Transportation funds to Maryland. I ask for your vote on 28 APRIL and visit www.SayersForCongress.com.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support strong borders and enforcing all existing immigration laws. The USA has immigration laws and these laws need to be enforced versus making more federal regulations. The DHS mission on the southern USA border needs to continue with DOD supporting DHS. I would ensure DHS is fully funded to build the southern border wall.

**HEALTH CARE:** First, we need to ensure Medicare and Medicare remains fully funded. The ACA law was poorly written and there is a lot of ligation at SCOTUS. The ACA law is on life support by SCOTUS and without a replacement to the ACA law in the near future SCOTUS will likely overturn the ACA law. In the short term, we need to work to cover existing health conditions and work to reduce patient drug costs.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We need to continue have diversity in America’s energy sources while protecting the environment. In Maryland, we have a coal plant dumping coal sediments into the Potomac River. This 40 year coal plant needs to upgrade and upgrade to a cleaner energy like natural gas and enlarge in capacity. This type of improvement that is good for local residents, the environment, and the energy company.

**GUN SAFETY:** We have a right to bear arms in the 2nd Amendment and I will protect this right. We should encourage our youth to take hunter and gun safety courses to understand gun safety to prevent accidental shootings. We should require background checks for all weapon purchases and close any loopholes in current laws. I support the Red Flag efforts if a citizen shows an irrational behavior pattern.

**ECONOMY:** The United States’ economy is doing great with record low unemployment for Hispanic, Asian, and African Americans. I will support President Trump’s vision to put America First, which will continue to spur new investments into the America economy. America has more jobs available than citizens on unemployment. This is the type of robust economy that will help close the wage gaps in society.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I want everyone to live their best life. My initiatives are basic in nature. We are all America citizens and we all have the same Bill of Rights. We need to enforce the current laws on discrimination versus over regulating individual liberties.

**STUDENT LOANS:** To pursue happiness in America, sometimes an individual requires financial assistance. The federal aid programs need to remain at 0% interest rate while an individual is in college or trade school. I would like to see a loan repayment program for college or trade school graduates that are hired into a federal job and agree to remain for 8 to 10 years.

**Democratic Candidates**

(Democrats may vote for up to 1)

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Federal

U.S. Representative District 5

William A. Devine III, continued

**GOALS:** To Retire Steny Hoyer.
**IMMIGRATION:** I would not allow sanctuary cities.
**HEALTH CARE:** Affordable Care Act is not Affordable. I will vote to have Health Care affordable for ALL.
**ENVIRONMENT:** The Federal Government should work more with other Nations to reduce pollution.
**GUN SAFETY:** School Safety will be my top priority.
**ECONOMY:** Increase the working class wages. Higher Taxes for Big Corporations.
**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination has no place in our society. I would enact more training classes for Corporations and any individuals that need it.
**STUDENT LOANS:** First I will reduce being able to get student loans. Second I would the terms to make it easier to pay down the debt.

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**GOALS:** We are on the brink of extinction. The US has a responsibility to be an example of what it means to be a steward for life, peace, and prosperity on Earth. This country needs to reclaim its status as a leading world power, but replace its reputation for war, racism, sexism, poor education, crumbling infrastructure, poor economy, bad political policies, and excessive waste/pollution.
**IMMIGRATION:** Increase immigration by 3-7% and offer permanent protections to present our immigrant populations if they choose to live here, build our economy, pay taxes, prove to be upstanding people with moral and ethical centers that will progress rather than regress humanity, they then deserve protection, and if desired, a path to citizenship. We need to build our economy and we need more people to do so.
**HEALTH CARE:** Regulations need to be implemented on how much one can raise the value of or decrease the accessibility to the necessities people need for basic survival. Just as there is rent control there needs to be regulations on the increasing costs for food, clothes, shelter, transportation, medicine, education, etc., and the decreasing wages and workable hours for employees in relation.
**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government’s role is to implement and enforce logical, moral, and ethical, socially, racially, and scientifically sound laws and regulations that MUST be designed for the preservation, restoration, recreation, and proper stewardship of our natural and human environments that focuses on the most beneficial and sustainable protocols of usage, reusage, and disposal of our wasted resources
**GUN SAFETY:** I believe that EVERYONE buying a gun should be given an affordably priced proper background check prior to each purchase, or exchange. EVERY gun bought, presently owned, or sold should be registered in a database that keeps all records, indefinitely, of all purchasers and sellers, and a regular collection and updated untouched digital copy of each gun’s signature bullet barrel markings
**ECONOMY:** We need to adequately regulate companies, stop the corporate socialist state instead establish the democratic socialist state that provides equal equity to all human citizens and their property, starting new US based corporations, we need to increase education, decrease living costs, stop wasting resources, increase wages, improve public transit, lower healthcare, get intellectual property back...
Vanessa Marie Hoffman, continued

DISCRIMINATION: We need policies that make it so every person has equal and equitable access to healthcare, education, consumables, food, jobs, transportation, voting, and entertainment. No one is less than we are all just different. The more bio diverse the planet is the healthier mentally, physically, and emotionally we all are.

STUDENT LOANS: Students should be able to pay back loans through gainful employment in the civil service sector for a mandated period of time after which the school loan is forgiven and the student is free to leave for the private sector or other countries.

Steny H. Hoyer

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GOALS: President Trump threatens the basic values and principles of our country. I have been and continue strong opponent of many of his policies. Next Congress, I will continue to work to lower the cost of health care and prescription drugs, act to combat climate change, invest in infrastructure and create good-paying jobs.

IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform. I was proud to support legislation to provide a solution for individuals in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED). We must also hold the Trump Administration accountable for their xenophobic immigration policies.

HEALTH CARE: I was a leader in passing the Affordable Care Act, which has expanded health care coverage to 17 million Americans. I will continue to fight for universal coverage including a public option in the ACA marketplaces, as well as expanding opportunities for those under 65 to buy into existing health programs, such as Medicare. I brought to the Floor legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is a the most critical crisis we confront. It demands an immediate and global response. I was pleased to bring to the House Floor the Climate Action Now Act, which prohibits funds from being used to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement. We must address the role of climate impact as we legislate in many areas, including energy, transportation, housing, and taxes.

GUN SAFETY: After countless tragedies, including shootings at the Navy Yard, Great Mills High School, and the Capital Gazette, I was proud to bring to the Floor of the House legislation to provide comprehensive background checks and close loopholes on gun purchases. I also support red flag laws, magazine limits, outlawing bump stops, and other steps to make our communities safer.

ECONOMY: This Congress, I voted to raise the federal minimum wage to $15 per hour. I was also proud to support legislation that ensures women are paid the same as men when they are doing the same job. I also supported legislation to strengthen labor unions who help to raise wages and benefits for all in our communities, and am fighting to bring down the costs of health care and post-secondary education.
Federal  

U.S. Representative District 5  

Steny H. Hoyer, continued

**DISCRIMINATION:** Throughout my career, I have supported legislation that ends discrimination including leading the fight for the Americans with Disability Act. This Congress I supported legislation to address criminal justice reform and to ensure LGBT Americans are protected under our civil rights laws. I am an original member of the Black Maternal Health Caucus to address health disparities for women of color.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I support the College Affordability Act, that will provide relief to current borrowers by allowing lower monthly and total repayments, placing distressed borrowers in income-based repayment plans, letting borrower’s default be removed from credit scores, and strengthening oversight of loan servicing. This bill also strengthens the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program and broadens eligibility.

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**GOALS:** I am running for Congress because regular people deserve real representation. I am tired of career politicians working for the people at the top and leaving everyone else to fight just to survive. There are policy and priority changes we need to make for regular people to thrive: Medicare for All, the Green New Deal, affordable housing, labor rights, and criminal justice reform.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support: Abolishing ICE; A path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States; A path to citizenship for Temporary Protected Status holders; Increasing funding for legal services for undocumented people and individuals seeking asylum in the United States; Expanding accepted justifications for seeking asylum to include gang and domestic violence.

**HEALTH CARE:** I support: Transitioning every American uncovered by the Veterans Health Administration or Indian Health Service onto one Medicare insurance plan over the course of two years; Mandating that Medicare cover prescription drugs, primary care, maternity care, vision and dental care, reproductive healthcare, doctors’ visits, and lab services; Capping the price of prescription drugs at $200.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I support: Mobilizing on a national scale to ensure that, in the next ten years, 100 percent of domestic electricity demand will be supplied by clean, renewable and zero-emission sources; Upgrading every building in the United States with state-of-the-art green technology to maximize energy efficiency; Guaranteeing access to clean air, clean water, and other natural resources for all Americans.
Mckayla Wilkes, continued

**GUN SAFETY:** I support: Universal background checks; A federal ERPO law; Licensing regulations that require training for safe use and storage; Setting the minimum purchase age of 21; Ending the creation, marketing and sale of guns that enable the killing of a large number of people; Establishing a federal trust that will grant funding for any local evidence-based gun violence prevention programs.

**ECONOMY:** I support: Increasing the federal minimum wage to $15 for all workers, including tipped employees; Repealing so-called "Right to Work" laws; Mandating that publicly-traded companies using profits for stock buybacks direct a commensurate sum toward wage increases; Taxing the value of estates over $1 billion at an 80 percent rate; A wealth tax of 2 percent on assets greater than $50 million.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support: Passing the Equality Act; Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act for Equal Pay for Equal Work; Removing the subminimum wage exemption which allows the exploitation of American workers with disabilities; Increasing funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services; Prohibiting the use of stop-and-frisk programs; Prohibiting the use of quota-based tickets and arrests.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I support debt-free public college. The federal government should provide matching funds for state higher education appropriations, directed toward ensuring all students can graduate without taking on debt. Unlike tuition-free public college, the debt-free college commitment would cover student spending on fees and room and board, in addition to tuition.

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**Judicial**

**Calvert 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.

**TERM:** Fifteen years, no term limit. Mandatory retirement age of 70 years.

**SALARY:** $174,433, effective July 1, 2021

**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.

**Candidates**

*(Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 2)*

There are two candidates, both running unopposed, for Circuit Court judge. They are:

- Mark W. Carmean
- Andrew S. Rappaport
Delegates are elected from each Congressional District to represent the local political party at its national convention. Each state party determines the number and distribution of elected delegates attending the convention. Below are descriptions of the selection process for each party.

**Republican National Convention**

Maryland will send a total of 38 delegates to the Republican National Convention, which will be held August 24-27, 2020 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Each of the Congressional Districts will elect 3 delegates and 3 alternates. The presidential contender receiving the greatest number of votes in each District will receive the votes of all three of that District’s delegates. Each voter may vote for up to 3 candidates for delegate and 3 candidates for alternate.

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.

**Democratic National Convention**

Maryland will send a total of 119 delegates and 8 alternates to the Democratic National Convention, which will be held August 17-20, 2020 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 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. In Calvert County, each voter may vote for up to 5 female delegates and for up to 4 male delegates. Delegates will be selected based on the proportion of the primary election vote won in their Congressional District by the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged.

In addition to the 65 delegates elected by the voters, 23 party leaders and elected officials (PLEO) will be delegates by virtue of their positions. 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.

**Candidate Information**

Candidates for Party Convention Delegate were invited to submit responses to two questions for inclusion in the League's online Voters' Guide, VOTE411.org. Note – the presidential candidate to whom the delegate candidate is pledged appears in parentheses. The questions are:

**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?
DUTIES: The Board of Education hires the superintendent and sets the policies that provide a framework for the program of studies. Work sessions focus on comprehensive presentations and discussions about instructional and curricular matters, short-range and long-range planning, and associated budgetary issues.

TERM: Four (4) years

SALARY: President $6,500; Members $5,500

HOW ELECTED: Every four (4) years by election on a staggered basis. School Board candidates are voted county-wide, by all voters regardless of party affiliation, so in the 2020 General Election each voter will vote for one candidate from each of three districts. For primary elections, candidates appear on the ballot only if there are more than two candidates running from a district. Thus, in 2020, only District 2 candidates will appear on the Primary Election ballot, and each Calvert County voter can vote for one District 2 candidate.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: Why do you feel that you are uniquely qualified to serve on the Board of Education?

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities as a School Board member?

SAFETY: How are you going to address school safety issues?

RESOURCE EQUITY: What action would you take to ensure all schools are receiving proper allocation of resources, including adequate teaching faculty, counselors, support staff and learning materials?

DIVERSITY: 30% of the student body is minority background while 9% of the teaching staff is minority background. What will you do to better prepare our current teaching staff to meet the needs of our students who come from a diverse background that is different from theirs?

CIVICS: What is your opinion of proposed curriculum changes regarding the study of civics?

DISCIPLINE & REPORTING: There are new Maryland guidelines for handling student behavior problems and reporting requirements. How are you going to implement these? Should there be changes in the current reporting to the Board of Education on Restraint and Disciplinary incidents? If so, what do you believe should be required?

Candidates

(Voters may vote for up to 1)

Jerrell M. Carr

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an Army veteran and retired Maryland State Trooper in Calvert County, I worked closely with the school system, parents, teachers, and community. As a parent of two CCPS students, I am concerned that safety and teacher support is not being addressed. I am a proven leader and want to be an advocate for our educators, supporting those who spend their careers educating our youth.

PRIORITIES: Teacher and Student Safety, Revised Code of Conduct, and Effective Community Resources for families and students facing challenges.

SAFETY: School safety begins with effective and firm disciplinary actions. Parents must be engaged and accountable for student behavior. Teacher and student safety is being negatively
Jerrell M. Carr, continued

impacted by disruptive students and the current options for addressing these issues are limited. The safety of our school grounds requires community policing and increased engagement with law enforcement and Social Services

**RESOURCE EQUITY:** A thorough review and comparison of school size, demographics, student population, historical data of educational success, and teacher input.

**DIVERSITY:** Consistent and robust diversity and inclusion training is critical and top priority for understanding and awareness. Recruitment of qualified minority teachers is critical to increase the diversity of our own workforce.

**CIVICS:** Civics and social studies curriculum must start in elementary school with a focus on the Native Americans, Colonies, Geography, Explorers, States/Capitals, and Government structure. Otherwise they enter middle school not be adequately prepared for the curriculum. Students entering high school must have an understanding of democratic process, history, and community involvement to be better citizens

**DISCIPLINE & REPORTING:** We should be committed to providing safe and supportive school environments for all students and teachers. We must be transparent and accurate in our reporting to show that behavior issues are real and current standards are not working. The safety of teachers and students should not come at a price. We must meet and engage with successful school systems to learn best practices and options.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a long time resident of Calvert County (Hardees and AMES in Prince Frederick) the father of three CCPS students and the husband of a CCPS teacher, I feel that I am uniquely qualified in that I have multiple view points of how the CCPS system operates and the needs it has. I am a prior member of the Citizens Advisory Council to the BOE. I know who to ask to get answers to things I dont know.

**PRIORITIES:** 1. Taking care of the CCPS Employees. If you take care of the Employees they have an excitement in their work environment that directly transcends to the increase in performance of the students. 2. Staff and Safety I have a creer in Public Safety and an entire family involved in the CCPS I cannot help but make this a priority. 3 Curriculum Development I feel needs adjustment These are in no order

**SAFETY:** A review of the current discipline matrix to improve internal safety. External physical safety has made great strides from me buying nuts and bolts to secure my wife's classroom but it still needs some minor adjustments. I would continue the strong relationship with the CC Sheriff and add in programs for the students like the "Stop the Bleed" program.

**RESOURCE EQUITY:** The need for distributing resources is dynamic and needs to be evaluated constantly and the resources may be needed to be shifted in the middle of the school year or for temporarily during a crisis. That constant evaluation needs to be addressed. I can tell you that I feel that there is a need for an increase in the number of counselors available to our students

**DIVERSITY:** To prepare our students and better prepare our teachers to meet the student’s diverse needs I would start with the students. Simply put I would increase and promote the TAM Program at our HS. There is no better way to meet our needs then by growing our own teachers while we teach them. Using our diverse students to make great future CCPS Teachers
Donald Clime, continued

CIVICS: Given the current political climate and the appearance of a decline in interest by students for local and state government, I feel that an increase in Civics education is necessary, so our students are prepared beyond high school. It is important of provide the students with an unbiased curriculum that provides a foundation of information in which the students can expand upon themselves.

DISCIPLINE & REPORTING: Discipline is a big concern and has recently been brought to the attention of the BOE by the teachers during BOE meetings in the fall of 2019 and winter of 2020. I would work with the CCPS Administration and garner input from the Teachers and even involve some students on a panel and focus group to address the increasing concerns of equal, fair and adequate discipline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was raised in Calvert. I am a Child of Deaf Adults, and I understand the impact. I am fluent in sign language. I am aware that trauma holds back. I believe privilege is less tied to race than it is situation. I believe that our republic will only hold together with unified moral principles of honesty and respect for the individual person. I have two children currently attending our schools.

PRIORITIES: 1. Return to moral standards which include a return to equality, discipline, and integrity. 2. Reduce expectations which are not aligned with developmental appropriateness & do not enrich the gifted and talented. 3. To invest first in teachers and their empowerment by reducing class sizes and removing interruptive innovation which is one of the major factors in our societal decline.

SAFETY: By utilizing local control, setting limits, moral behavioral standards and procedures, and having no tolerance for violence and/or weapons of any kind. By utilizing the grants available for safety which tie back to local control, physical spaces, and cooperation with local police. By encouraging proper parenting skills which make children feel safe and loved, minimizing traumatic impacts.

RESOURCE EQUITY: I would uphold my responsibility to be more transparent with the public on how equity policies are discriminatory, and encourage more of a public process to use of resources to reach improved literacy and achievement across all backgrounds for individuals who are ready to learn, and getting community help for those who are not. I believe we should not reduce schools to mental health institutions.

DIVERSITY: I would encourage our board and administrators to work to ELIMINATE segregation of statistics by race of people using misaligned and maligned reports. This creates racial divisions that we had improved upon since desegregation. We are all Americans, despite media and social justice warriors redefined term “racism,” and subsequently reducing minorities to alleged incompetence.

CIVICS: Our civic duty is to understand and participate in our God given rights outlined in our constitution, and to understand, historically, how it has been proven tome and time again that we must stand to protect our individual freedoms from tyranny.

DISCIPLINE & REPORTING: Working with my fellow board members, I would seek to utilize my honed analytical skills to realign our data points; returning to honesty and transparency in our reporting and following the code of conduct in admin procedures. Regardless of it’s impact on our funding, the Kirwin standard reduces morale. The current and proposed state formulas reward failure. We must work to unify and change this.
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QUALIFICATIONS: My personal experience as a mother and advocate for a Special Needs Child and my professional experience of 15+ years in Human Resources along uniquely qualify me to serve on the Board of Education. My background directly connects with the current priorities and challenges of the school system and fills a void that exists on the board that reduces the ability to make fully informed decisions.

PRIORITIES: Assess what budgetary needs are to create smaller classrooms, increase teacher and support staff salaries and hire behavioral staff. Identify added recruiting processes to attract talent while also improving work culture so that that talent will be retained. Create processes that make the board more accessible, make public comment public, and increase transparency and accountability of the Board.

SAFETY: Assess where the greatest needs are and provide deeper support for the teachers and students in those areas. Give teachers clearer instruction on how to proceed and give the students/parents clear guidance on expectations and next steps of action. Additionally, I aim to better understand the current protocols to see what changes can be made quickly to minimize missed class time.

RESOURCE EQUITY: Review the data, if it doesn’t exist create mechanisms to obtain data. We need to know what we have, who is getting it, how, when, etc. before we can triage and determine who has the greatest need to meet first. My approach is not to siphon out resources a little everywhere but to hit the areas with the greatest need and work backward. To do this successfully though we need accurate data.

DIVERSITY: Give resources to celebrate diversity in their classes. Provide assessment tools they can use to better understand their students' strengths, weakness, learning styles, etc. Give them the bandwidth to try different teaching styles and encourage using multiple ways to solve a problem. Provide more diverse teaching materials that touch on race, backgrounds, languages, abilities, sexuality, etc..

CIVICS: I disagree. Experiential learning opportunities to engage and motivate students need to increase. Students, especially minorities, need to understand their civic responsibilities and know how they can be active within their homes and community. It is not enough to just learn the facts and pass a test, it is about learning the ideals at the core of American society and in all movements for change.

DISCIPLINE & REPORTING: Assess if our system is aligned with guidelines. If not, make adjustments to our policy and process. Then educate everyone on what these guidelines mean, how they are impacted, and what these changes mean for them and provide training on said guidelines. Hold superintendent accountable for reporting per the guidelines and for providing these reports to the Board. Make action plans based on data.
Calvert County Board of Education – District 2

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was born and educated in Calvert County’s 2nd school district. Both of my children (son sophomore in college and daughter 3rd grade BAES) were educated in the 2nd district. For over 30 years I’ve had collaboration, volunteered, and/or worked in just about every school in Calvert County. This has allowed me to sustain solid relationships with CCPS, Social Services, Churches, and residents.

PRIORITIES: I plan to value parents. Parents deserve a GREAT SCHOOL SYSTEM. So my hope is to provide that with transparency and open communication. Support our teachers and staff. I believe teachers want to teach and I’d like to show them support by listening to them and having their backs. Create a safe environment our students. We have our future leaders, doctors, artists, and teachers sitting in those seats

SAFETY: I would work with current BOE and CCPS staff members to evaluate the effectiveness of our current systems. If necessary, provide more training for each member of the school including a crisis team made up of 5-9 staff members that receive additional training on seclusion and restraint. I believe communication with the health dept., social services, parents, staff, and community resources is key.

RESOURCE EQUITY: I would work with the County Commissioners, Superintendent, and especially Teachers/Union to identify and prioritize the needs of each school. Next I would work within the budget to ensure the proper steps are taken to properly equip our teachers to be effective in the classroom. CCPC needs to continue being the BEST to keep / encourage others to stay / join our wonderful school system.

DIVERSITY: The Asset Development Framework helps individuals focus on similarities, appreciate and understand the culture of others. Teachers are being trained in "Building an Identity Safe Environment", which will be filtered to the students. This system has a has a culture module. We should look into our hiring practices. Work to make it more inviting to minority teachers and staff to joint our community.

CIVICS: I spoke with a member of the BOE, and they weren’t aware of these changes. They did speak of a push to get youth more involved in the voting process. I believe that civics would fall under government, so I’d work with the individuals that are in the know and then form an opinion.

DISCIPLINE & REPORTING: My team met with Dr. Curry to discuss guidelines that have only been in place since September of 2019. Accountability and Consequence are top of mind for many. As a certified mediator, believe Trans formative Mediation could help with some of the behavior issues. It would take a combined effort between students, parents, teachers, staff, and mediators. I don’t know of any problems with reporting.
VOTING PROBLEMS?

See the 'State of Maryland – Voter Bill of Rights: Calvert County Edition'
available in both English and Spanish at:  https://www.lwvcalvert.org/publications
This Voters' Guide is also available as a PDF at: https://www.lwvmd.org/2020_voters_guides

BE COUNTED TWO WAYS - VOTE! AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 CENSUS!

The League of Women Voters believes in people standing up to be counted! We work hard to promote that every eligible voter can and does vote. Likewise, the Calvert County League has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau through the Calvert County Complete Count Committee to ensure that every Calvert County resident can be and is properly counted.

The U.S. Census Bureau has informed us that the following areas of Calvert County have an historically low self-reporting rate: Barstow, Chesapeake Beach, Lusby, North Beach, and Solomons. This is likely in part because the U.S. Census Bureau is not sending invitations to take part in the census or mailing paper census applications to post office boxes, on which many residents in these areas rely.

We strongly urge you to encourage everyone you know, particularly those in the areas listed above, to participate in the 2020 Census. Federal funding and representation in Congress are determined by the Census, and Calvert County needs this information to make informed decisions about our futures.

Visit https://my2020census.gov/ to participate online, or
Call 1-844-330-2020 (English) or 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish) to participate by phone.

WANT TO JOIN THE LEAGUE?

Join the League and be directly involved in shaping the important issues in our state. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. With more than 100 years of experience, Leagues in all 50 states, and local Leagues in 16 of Maryland's counties, the League is one of America’s most trusted grassroots organizations. The Calvert County chapter recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

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