Go to vote411.org to find personalized voting information and to read candidates’ responses that may not be in this Guide.
Welcome to This Voters’ Guide

The League of Women Voters offers this Voters’ Guide to assist citizens as they prepare to vote in the Primary Election. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

All candidates running for state and local seats were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for a particular office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates who will appear on the Primary Election ballot are printed as submitted to the LWV. Thus, some misspelling and typing errors may appear. All responses were limited to 400 characters and were truncated thereafter.

All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to five specific questions. These responses were limited to 750 characters and were truncated thereafter. Additional details are available on page 4 of this Voters’ Guide.

If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, “No response received by deadline.” is printed.

Additional information on the candidates is available at vote411.org. This site may include answers received after the print deadline. If the candidate submitted a campaign website or social media site, it is listed under her/his name.

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Voting in this Election

Vote Safely, Vote by Mail

Because of the risk of transmitting COVID-19 wherever large numbers of people are gathered, voters are strongly encouraged to vote by mail. Vote in person only if you cannot vote by mail.

Ballots will be mailed to voters on the active voter registration list and will be accompanied by an envelope with prepaid postage for returning the ballot. This is a “closed-primary” election. Voters will receive a Republican or Democratic ballot only if they are affiliated with one of those parties. There are no non-partisan races in Baltimore County on June 2.

Ballots come with instructions for marking and returning them to the Board of Elections. Follow the instructions carefully—you must sign the oath that accompanies the ballot. Failure to complete the return envelope correctly may result in your ballot not being counted.

Ballots must be postmarked or returned to a secure drop box by 8:00 pm on June 2. Drop boxes will be available at vote centers and at the Baltimore County Board of Elections from May 21 to June 2. The Board of Elections website includes a place to check that your ballot was received.

PROTECT YOUR BALLOT—Do not give your ballot to anyone who offers to collect ballots. Put it directly in the U.S. Mail or in a Board of Elections drop box.

Options for Voters with Disabilities

Voting centers will have ballot marking devices for use by voters who would have difficulty reading and marking a paper ballot. Maryland also offers internet delivery of ballots and an online ballot marking tool that is compatible with adaptive technology to enable those with disabilities to access the internet. To request internet delivery, apply for an absentee ballot. You will need a printer and postage to use this option as the ballot cannot be returned via the internet.

“Closed-Primary” Elections

Maryland is a closed primary state. In the primary election, voters registered as Republicans may vote only for Republican candidates and voters registered as Democrats may only vote for Democratic candidates. Other political parties in Maryland choose their candidates by other methods. Therefore, third party and unaffiliated candidates in partisan races will not appear on the primary ballots and are not included in this Guide. Maryland prohibits write-in candidates in the primary election.

Candidates for Judge of the Circuit Court Circuit 3, a nonpartisan race, will appear on both the Democratic and the Republican ballots.

Unaffiliated (independent) and third party voters in Baltimore County will vote in the general election in November.
Are You an Advocate for Someone in Jail or Prison?

Individuals convicted of felonies cannot vote until they have been released. However, persons who are in jail or prison for a misdemeanor or who are awaiting trial can still register and vote.

We recommend that the voter use their permanent address as their voting address and request that an absentee ballot be sent to the correctional facility. Otherwise, the vote-by-mail ballot will be sent to their permanent address and will need to be taken to the correctional facility. However, visitation at correctional facilities may be limited due to the coronavirus. Advocates should work with correctional supervisors to provide an inmate with a voter registration application and an application for an absentee ballot.

Are You a College Student?

If you registered to vote in Maryland’s June 2 election and have returned home from college, you may use the State Board of Elections website to update your voting address to your home or to request an absentee ballot.

If you have already applied for an absentee ballot to be mailed to your college address, contact the Baltimore County Board of Elections to ask how to cancel your absentee ballot application. If you are unable to change your absentee ballot delivery, you may vote a provisional ballot on June 2 at a voting center in the county where you are registered.

If you do not make these changes, your ballot will be mailed to your college address and may not be forwarded—you risk losing your right to vote.

Have You Moved or Missed an Election?

Ballots will be mailed only to active voters at the address on file with the Board of Elections. If a mailing from the Board of Elections was returned because you had moved or were temporarily at another address and you have missed voting in the past 4 years, you may be on the inactive voter list. You will not be sent a ballot unless you notify the Board of Elections of your current address. To notify the Board, verify your voter registration on the State Board of Elections website and update your address if it is incorrect. If you are temporarily staying at another location and would like your ballot sent there, or if you do not receive your ballot when others do, apply for an absentee ballot.

Vote Centers & Ballot Drop-off Locations

**Vote Centers:** If you cannot vote or return the ballot you received in the mail, or if you did not receive a ballot in the mail, you may vote at one of the four vote centers on June 2, 2020.

**Ballot Drop-off Locations:** If you want to drop off your ballot instead of mailing it, put the voted ballot in the reply envelope, seal and sign the envelope, and take the envelope to one of the four vote centers or to the Board of Elections. The drop off locations will be available from Thursday, May 21st through Tuesday, June 2nd. Your ballot must be dropped off by 8:00pm on Tuesday, June 2nd. Make sure your oath is signed or your ballot will not be counted.

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**Vote Centers & Ballot Drop-off Locations**

### Vote Centers
- **Arbutus Community Center**
  865 Sulphur Spring Road
  Baltimore, MD 21227
- **Honeygo Run Community Center**
  9033 Honeygo Boulevard
  Perry Hall, MD 21128
- **Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center**
  323 Sollers Point Road
  Dundalk, MD 21222
- **Martin’s West**
  6817 Dogwood Road
  Windsor Mill, MD 21244

**Baltimore County Board of Elections**

11112 Gilroy Road
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*The Board of Elections is a drop off location only.*

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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.

LWVEF is required to have at least two candidates for President from the same party meet the above criteria before they are invited to answer the League’s questions and to have their responses printed in a voters’ guide.

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?

© DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

All the Democratic candidates for U. S. President listed below appear on the Maryland primary ballot.

The following candidate met the LWVEF criteria for participation in VOTE411 and provided responses to the League’s questions. These can be found at vote411.org. LWVEF guidelines do not allow printing responses from just one presidential candidate.

Joe Biden

The following candidates met the LWVEF criteria for participation in VOTE411 and provided responses to the League’s questions. These can be found at vote411.org. They have withdrawn or suspended their campaigns.

Cory Booker
Pete Buttigieg
Tulsi Gabbard
Amy Klobuchar
Bernie Sanders
Elizabeth Warren
Andrew Yang

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Republicans may vote for 1.

LWVEF requires that 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).

Both the Republican candidates for U.S. President listed below appear on the primary Maryland ballot.

The following candidate met the LWVEF criteria for participation in VOTE411, but see the full description of the invitation process above.

Donald. J. Trump

The following candidate did not meet the LWVEF criteria and has withdrawn or suspended his campaign.

Bill Weld

Vote Healthy. Stay Safe!
### What is the difference between a vote by mail ballot and an absentee ballot?

**NONE.** The content of the ballot is the same, and the process of voting and returning the ballot is the same.

The Board of Elections uses the term “vote by mail ballot” to describe a ballot that is sent automatically to voters.

The Board uses the term “absentee ballot” to describe a ballot that is requested by a voter. A voter who wants a ballot mailed to a different address or who wants to download the ballot from the Board of Elections website needs to contact the Board.

No matter how you get your ballot, **it must be either postmarked or received at a vote center by 8:00 pm on June 2, 2020.**

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### Congressional District 1

**Republicans may vote for 1.**

#### Jorge Delgado

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**GOALS:** After carefully considering my opponent’s dismal record and hearing the disappointment of voters in our district, I weighed my policy experience working on Capitol Hill and decided the only way to change the status quo and give Republicans in Maryland’s 1st Congressional District a clear choice, was to challenge the incumbent.

**IMMIGRATION:** Jorge adamantly opposes sanctuary cities, which are unlawful. When we lose control of our borders and we are unable to safely yet those entering our country, it becomes a matter of national security which strains our resources. In order to help protect and secure our borders, Jorge strongly supports building the wall, utilizing high-tech tools, additional funding for judges and Border Agents.

**HEALTH CARE:** From newborns to seniors, Eastern Shore families need access to safe, affordable healthcare. Jorge is committed to combating surprise billing, lowering prescription drug prices, as well as protecting and preserving Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Jorge opposes seismic blasting off Maryland’s coast. He is a strong supporter of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a program that provides critical resources, without federal taxpayer dollars, for coastal conservation and restoration. Most importantly, Jorge knows Maryland must hold its neighboring states accountable for any harm caused that adversely affects our beloved Chesapeake Bay.

**GUN SAFETY:** Jorge strongly supports law abiding citizens 2nd Amendment rights and ability to defend themselves. He believes our Police should have all the proper resources required to protect our communities. We must also ensure that we are properly funding threat assessment centers and mental health facilities.

**ECONOMY:** Jorge is a strong supporter of the free enterprise system. It has been the greatest source in upward economic mobility and allowing people to reach their full potential.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a Hispanic Republican, Jorge hopes to show through his actions that we all can break barriers. Discrimination has no place in our society.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Students need upfront and clear information of the harm that debt will create on their future. With over $1T in student loan debt, it is a looming crisis that will create severe challenges when it bursts. Students should be aware of other opportunities such as trade schools, community colleges, and other alternatives that may better meet their long term goals.

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**Andy Harris**

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**GOALS:** I am running for re-election to make sure that everyone in the First District will have a representative in Congress who pays attention to what the people need from the federal government, listens to them, and can provide timely and effective constituent services when problems arise for them with any federal agency, like Social Security, the VA, Medicare, or the IRS.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need to be sure that we have an adequate supply of temporary foreign workers for industries important to the First District, like the crab picking industry and the tourism industry. I have been a leader on these issues in Washington, since so many small and family-owned businesses in the district depend on those workers, especially when the economy is so good and employees are so hard to find.

**HEALTH CARE:** We need to make health care more affordable—that was the main problem with the Affordable Care Act. We need to bring down the cost not only of insurance (maintaining coverage for any pre-existing conditions), but of health care itself. We have to bring down the high cost of prescription drugs, and we should have price transparency for all medical services and drugs.
ENVIRONMENT: By encouraging the use of exploration and production of natural gas to replace coal to generate electricity, the federal government brought down CO2 use in America for the third year in a row, exceeding the reduction of many countries in the Paris Climate Accord. We need to encourage the use of clean energy, especially exploring new advances in nuclear power generation which are safe and clean.

GUN SAFETY: Gun crimes must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. In Baltimore City, where Maryland’s strict gun control laws have failed to stem the tide of handgun murders, we should send in federal law enforcement and prosecutors to help find and prosecute everyone who commits a felony with a handgun, and everyone who illegally possesses or attempts to buy a gun. We should enforce current laws.

ECONOMY: The successful economic policies of the Trump administration have resulted in a $5,000 increase in the median family income in America over the last five years, and the lowest unemployment rate in half a century, with record-low unemployment for African-Americans and Hispanics. Strengthening our economy and resisting socialist policies are the best way to increase incomes.

DISCRIMINATION: There are enough laws on the books, but in many countries in the world, there is an increasing problem with religious discrimination, especially against religious minorities like Christians, Jews, and Muslims. I applaud the President’s efforts to fight religious discrimination world-wide, and more needs to be done. Congress should be a partner with the administration in these efforts.

STUDENT LOANS: Lower cost higher education alternatives need to be developed. With the new digital age, online education is underutilized. We need to consider a new, less expensive plan for college—such as the first 2 years online, at one-fifth to one-tenth the cost. The last 2 years, and graduate education could still be on a physical campus. We also need to encourage career training in high school.

Democrats may vote for 1.

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GOALS: I met Andy Harris. I’d gone to him concerned that ACA protections would make it impossible to obtain private insurance and keep my small business. He told me he didn’t think “most people” would mind if women paid more for health insurance. My background is in policy and federal acquisition; I didn’t think they’d mind if I took his job. Representatives should work for all of us. I will.

IMMIGRATION: We need sensible, humane policies which treat immigrants with respect and compassion. The Eastern Shore relies on foreign workers and H-2B visas to sustain MD’s $355M seafood industry. Each one helps to create 2.5 jobs, while shortages devastate the economy. We require a comprehensive long-term solution as part of a more adaptable and responsive visa system and expanded pathways to citizenship.

HEALTH CARE: ACA offered relief for many, but is far from perfect. We can protect and expand ACA, Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP while striving for quality, affordable, universal healthcare, including reproductive/mental health, dental, long term care, and Rx coverage. This would improve health outcomes, lower costs, enable job mobility/entrepreneurship/retirement, and ease burdens on small biz and caregivers.

ENVIRONMENT: Pollution, global warming, sea level, and extreme weather events do not respect political boundaries. It is a global crisis; the U.S. has a responsibility to be a leader in tackling environmental issues at all levels. Let’s rejoin the Paris Agreement, transition to clean, renewable energy, build sustainable communities, strengthen environmental laws, curb climate change, and protect our planet.

GUN SAFETY: I’d work to repeal the Dickey and Tiahrt Amendments, which hinder efforts to research gun violence and trace guns, fully fund law enforcement efforts at ATF and gun violence prevention research at CDC, require universal background checks, prohibit possession by domestic abusers, and promote a gold standard of responsible ownership among owners while penalizing negligence, and more.

ECONOMY: First and foremost, we must ensure that the very wealthiest among us are paying their fair share—a Prime subscription shouldn’t cost more than Amazon pays in federal taxes. We must raise the minimum wage to a living wage. But we must also address inequality through an intersectional lens, and acknowledge and address how inequality disproportionately affects women and people of color.

DISCRIMINATION: We must enforce existing discrimination laws, and ensure that we are properly addressing complaints of discrimination in the public and private sectors. We should also federally legislate these issues so that bias based on race, gender identity, sexual orientation, etc. isn’t permitted just because you crossed from one state into another. We also must finally codify the ERA into the Constitution.

STUDENT LOANS: Advanced education is increasingly necessary to compete in today’s job market; meanwhile Americans owe ~$1.6T in student debt. I’d work to ensure educational opportunities—college, trade schools, continuing ed, professional training, etc.—is accessible to all. A comprehensive solution to student debt must be explored also, including loan forgiveness program options and lending reform.

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GOALS: I’m running to represent Maryland District One by restoring Accountability, Equality, and Integrity as sworn to the Oath of Office. Our current representation works against our citizen’s healthcare concerns, their fundamental civil rights protections, and leads education systems into despair. Therefore, we seek to renew the primary goals of communities to have better education, jobs, & healthcare.

IMMIGRATION: Families need a legal pathway system to help represent those at trial or for those who seeking immigration rather than deportation. We’re looking to reduce costs for families who are separated and burdened with little regard for those who are actual citizens. We do not believe in deportation for small infractions, only those with felonies as major crimes. We’re a nation of immigrants since 1607.

HEALTH CARE: We seek to expand ACA to Medicare for All. Our Goals are ensuring providers meet all standards of Medicare for all, with expansion to all ages. We are protecting pre-existing conditions & ending exclusions that allow discrimination of care or denial of treatment and medicines. Private insurers & employers should be in compliance to have healthier workers by 2030. Thus, you can keep your plan too.

ENVIRONMENT: First, we must sign to Paris Accord then. Enact legislation to have our Federal EPA comply with protecting our environment, and not delegate responsibilities to private sectors. We must fund our Chesapeake Bay protection fund to assist our communities, councils best, and companies to reward their efforts in protecting our Bay, State, and Planet in Solar, Wind, and Energy Storage utilities.

GUN SAFETY: We would propose adding all weapons permits, training, and carry status on the back of driver license or Real ID for easy reading. License additions shall include your guns as authorized to carry by type, a designation of your training certification for those weapons, and any FFL Status. Doing this provides a reduction of paperwork,
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additional permits, & can allow joint multi-state authorizations.

**ECONOMY:** For Education, we support the Kirwan commission reporting and seek to support the state from a federal level as needed. For Infrastructure, we would seek innovation companies, manufacturers, and small businesses to keep our twelve Counties thriving. For Wages, we would co-sponsor House Bill 582 Raise the Wage Act and seek passage of Senate Bill 150 for a federal minimum wage of $15.00 per hour.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Currently, 38 states support the Equal Rights Amendment. Therefore, I would sponsor a bill to our House of Representatives to introduce the Constitutional Amendment again. We seek to protect all our Civil Rights Act of 1964. As a member of the LGBTQ community, we seek to protect everyone for their national origin, race, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or religion.

**STUDENT LOANS:** For student loans, we seek to reduce interest rates to be no higher than ten percent ever for private loans to for-profit schools. Forgive those loans of our veterans and communities who are applying for assistance. Ensure the Department of Education holds any and all colleges accountable. DOE should also seek to provide a pathway to make non-profit colleges tuition-free for all our communities

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**GOALS:** We need leadership that already has an established process for evaluating problems and legislation. I call it ‘the nursing process.’ I am well versed. I truly believe I am the leader who can bring a consistent approach to the needs of Maryland’s First Congressional District.

**IMMIGRATION:** Pause ICE for 6 months. Give illegal immigrants one chance to properly get on the path to citizenship. I like ankle monitors for illegal immigrants one chance to properly get on the path to citizenship. I want an immigration process as easy to understand as asylum seekers to empty the holding cells. I want the path to citizenship. I like ankle monitors for illegal immigrants one chance to properly get on the path to citizenship. I want the path to citizenship.

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**HEALTH CARE:** I like the ACA as it is. I would only suggest adding my “Primary Care for All Citizens” legislation. This starts with an expansion of Medicare part A to include primary care service and move from a reactive healthcare model to proactive healthcare model. Proactive is cheaper and has better outcomes.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government needs to ensure that a scientist or a science competent leader is the head of the EPA. This should be a position that requires a confirmation hearing. America should be the forerunners of environmentally friendly, and we are way behind. We can start by re-entering the Paris Agreement.

**ECONOMY:** Stabilizing student loans and healthcare costs will help stimulate the economy. As well, investing in green ventures can and will bring economic stability to tourist and farming regions.

**DISCRIMINATION:** For high crimes against humanity through discrimination and hate, I propose an offender registry. Just like sex offenders. I will lead by example and make my office as inclusive and as representative of the district as possible.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Get everyone into government-controlled student loans to stop the predatory nature of the current system. I also think making community colleges free would help students decide their educational path without acquiring as much debt because they decided to change their major.

Congressional District 2
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Republicans may vote for 1.

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No response received by deadline.

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**GOALS:** I am running in hopes of making my state, and by extension my nation, a better place for my children to live. As a father of five, I want to know that I did my part to ensure that our children will have the opportunities to live the best lives possible. It is my deepest desire to stress to members of the House of Reps that we must insist on putting American kids first, no matter the push-back.

**IMMIGRATION:** Undocumented individuals are putting an unnecessary strain on our school systems, economy, health care system, and law enforcement agencies and members of our government are allowing this to happen. We need to put a stop to this thievery and make sure that any person who comes into our country, and who gets to benefit from what we have to offer, does so legally, through a Merit-Based system.

**HEALTH CARE:** Americans should not be forced to give up their better, and possibly cheaper, insurance in favor of a mandated universal health care option. Government health care plans, however, should offer an a-la-carte style in tandem with the health care they may already have. Additionally, the government should consider implementing a catastrophic healthcare option for those faced with emergency situations.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The government should be responsible for taking care of public lands, parks, and water ways. The government, however, should not pass excessive environmental regulations which are an unnecessary hinderance to individuals and corporations. Often, these regulations produce indirect expenses to consumers for something that is not scientifically proven.

**GUN SAFETY:** I am in favor of constitutional carry. This means that I believe American citizens who legally obtain guns have the right to carry firearms without restrictions. It is a God given right to defend ourselves and protect our family members. Legislators should become more creative in keeping criminals off the streets and stop hassling law abiding citizens over this issue.

**ECONOMY:** The strength of our economy all starts with education. We need to not only embrace manufacturing jobs, high-tech jobs, and blue collar jobs, but we need to educate individuals about each type. Furthermore, we need to stop subsidies that are geared to benefit certain corporations. We need to re-think opportunity zones and consider the use of tax incentives, not direct American tax increases

**DISCRIMINATION:** I plan on doing my part to bring identity based policies and politics to an end. There should not be quotas based on race, gender, or any other nominal factor. We need to collectively work to bring an end to racism, as well as reverse racism. We only know who we are, or what we are, because society tells us.

**STUDENT LOANS:** While I do support college enrollment, I strongly support apprenticeships that assist in training individuals. In doing so, these programs would limit flooded fields—especially those in the social sciences. I plan on fighting to eliminate non-defaulted loan structures. Since the govt backs student loans, loan agencies are protected from individuals filing bankruptcy and have their debt reduced.
inner cities, where legal self-defense is almost impossible. Crime has declined overnight in jurisdictions where it is allowed. Current laws against illegal guns are not enforced. Why add new ones? Enforce current law!

ECONOMY: This question illustrates a widespread but profound ignorance of economics. It assumes that anytime there is an income gap, someone else is gaining at our expense. Utterly FALSE. If someone else is gaining, it’s because they have become more productive, which benefits all while hurting no one. Should an income gap matter to you if your economic circumstances are improving? Growth policy helps all.

DISCRIMINATION: This concept has been misused and misinterpreted and is polarizing our society. Politicians are incentivized to support one group over another to gain votes, putting us at war with ourselves. As MLK envisioned, we should judge by content of character, not any other aspect. Preferences and set-asides make bigoted presumptions about people, with government as enforcer. We are better than that.

STUDENT LOANS: Lending institutions are incentivized to offer student loans, even in the face of higher risk, because, like IRS debt, student loans cannot be written off in bankruptcy. Lenders would be more careful and colleges less inclined to push student loan debt without this incentive. Also, college expense has rapidly exceeded its value. Federal subsidies should be slashed & valueless majors abolished.

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GOALS: Since 1969, I’ve foreseen the divisive national situation we now have that might spark a second civil war if not checked, that has been my overall goal since then. As Congressman, I’d work to reverse the former by working with all Members, and appealing to the innate goodness of our people.

IMMIGRATION: US Armed Forces should join those of Mexico to destroy our common drug cartel enemy that dominates our national frontiers. We intervened militarily in Mexico in 1916, and should do so again now for the common benefit of both peoples. Our own so-called “sanctuaries” violate Federal laws, such as at Towson University, and should be abolished. Police forces should comply with the Federal ICE.

HEALTH CARE: As with Social Security since 1935, the Affordable Care Act can also be reformed, expanded, and improved. People happy with their current, private insurance should be able to keep it. A Public Option should be available to those who seek it. Veterans should have dental care added to their benefits.

ENVIRONMENT: The bottom line for the planet is, “If you can’t breathe, nothing else matters.” Unless we can persuade India and China to change course and work with us and others, little that the rest of us do will matter enough. I will serve in Congress to achieve the above, as well as all else that I can see will help here.

GUN SAFETY: I support the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution, as well as all current gun laws. The death penalty should be returned for all convicted murderers. Mandatory sentencing for all other gun crimes should be restored, with no judicial leniency permitted.

ECONOMY: I support the Maryland Minimum Wage increase to $15 an hour. The reported Federal minimum wage of $7.25 should also be raised to $15. Congress passed an equal pay for equal work law in 1955. The President should sign that into law.

DISCRIMINATION: I would introduce legislation to abolish them all.

STUDENT LOANS: Abolish it all in 2021. Issue tax credits to both lenders of those monies and those graduates who’ve already paid their debt. Investigate how the current situation was allowed to happen, starting with where and when.

DEMOCRATS
Democrats may vote for 1.

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GOALS: Americans are tired of politicians, tired of partisan politics and tired of inaction. Washington dysfunction is worse today under 18 year career politician leadership. As an Army Veteran I understand how to accomplish the mission for Americans irregardless of political affiliation. We need to get back to basics in Washington, solving problems to improve the lives of all Marylanders and Americans.

IMMIGRATION: The President has focused resources and money on treating the side effects of failed foreign policy instead of addressing the root cause of why people are fleeing Northern Triangle Central American countries for the United States. Increase safety and economic stability in that region and we won’t have a mass immigration border problem. We must also create an independent Article I immigration court
HEALTH CARE: My wife Jenn, a type 1 diabetic for 30 years, said to me, “Jake, if we weren’t married, I don’t know how I would survive.” The Affordable Care Act was a godsend for hair stylists and other trade professionals, but it wasn’t enough. I will work to strengthen the ACA, add a public option plan, eliminate co-pays for chronic disease maintenance drugs and drive down healthcare costs.

ENVIRONMENT: It is the federal government’s role to invest money in clean energy R&D. We must be the international leader in green technology and environmental policies to address global warming. Trump’s 2020 proposed budget slashes EPA funding by 31% to $6B. I would increase funding from $6B to $10B and restore environmental enforcement at the federal level, because pollution knows no state borders.

GUN SAFETY: Americans own 17 million assault rifles, so banning these weapons won’t have an impact. Homicides with rifles is 3% and handguns 65%. Criminals with handguns is the problem. We must plug the loopholes for the legal sale of unregistered 80% complete ghost guns kits. Laws must require the secure storage of guns to prevent theft. Gun violence criminals must be taken off the street and locked up.

ECONOMY: The Trump tax cuts have added to the gap by giving more money to large corporations and billionaires while hurting middle class Americans. I will push to repeal the cuts and update the tax code to tax corporations and billionaires at a fair rate. We must provide more money for small business startups and skilled labor training. Fixing our public schools will lay the foundation for this prosperity.

DISCRIMINATION: People can’t be told not to discriminate against others due to unconscious bias. I’m a firm believer that people must walk a mile in another person’s shoes before cultivating empathy for that other person or group. People must be exposed to different people and cultures. I would introduce legislation requiring common learning core curriculum for all schools receiving federal money.

STUDENT LOANS: While I was in the Army stationed at Walter Reed and living in Maryland, I had to take out a student loan to help pay for tuition and living expenses like food and electricity. I understood I could pay it back with the tuition and living expenses like food and electricity. I had to take out a student loan to help pay for the wasteful border wall. I’d end family separation and move immigrants out of detention facilities as quickly as possible by hiring more federal judges to reduce the courts backlog. I’ll work to pass comprehensive immigration reform that provides both sensible border security and a reasonable path to citizenship.

HEALTH CARE: We must continue the consumer protections provided by the ACA, but strengthen it by adding a public option that creates competition and lowers prices. We can also allow Americans to buy into Medicare at a younger age. We also must address soaring prescription drug prices that are generating record profits for the pharmaceutical industry at the expense of Americans in need of life-saving medicines.

ENVIRONMENT: Since the U.S. is one of the world’s leading polluters, the federal government must take the lead in addressing environmental concerns like climate change. We must re-join the Paris Treaty and work toward carbon neutrality. As an Appropriator, I support full funding for programs such as the Chesapeake Bay Program, which benefits our economy, creates jobs and preserves our natural heritage.

GUN SAFETY: I support banning assault weapons and high capacity magazines, background checks for gun and ammo purchases, no-fly-no-buy and tougher penalties for straw purchases. People convicted of certain hate crimes, as well as domestic abusers, should not be allowed to buy guns. I have introduced legislation to stop the cycle of gun violence by providing hospital-based interventions for recovering victims.

ECONOMY: The middle class needs to make more money, which is why I support extending tax cuts for the working class, as well as a minimum wage increase. Congress needs to address paid leave and advance robust “Buy American” provisions as well as workers’ rights to help strengthen the working class. I support investing in infrastructure to create jobs, as well as tax incentives for small businesses.

DISCRIMINATION: There is no place in our society for discrimination of any kind. That’s why I support ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment, as well as passing The Equality Act and the Disability Integration Act once and for all.

STUDENT LOANS: I support legislation to lower student loan interest rates and allow students to refinance their student loans when rates decline. I support expanding federal loan forgiveness programs for students who choose certain in-demand careers, like teachers and nurses, and capping the dollar amount students must repay each month. We also need to increase the maximum value and number of Pell Grants.

Congressional District 3
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GOALS: I want be an advocate for the Baltimore Maryland region by: promoting macro-economic growth development, and promoting legislation that defends middle class values and Constitutional rights, securing federal funds to rebuild and construct new infrastructure, and create a culture of accountability, transparency, and respect for the rule of law.

IMMIGRATION: I support the full-enforcement and expansion of all e-verification and I-9 compliance laws that holds employers accountable, the permanent denial of citizenship to criminal illegal aliens, and the denial to undocumented persons social welfare programs and assistance. Congress needs to fix our broken immigration system that honors Americans and those that properly participate in the legal

HEALTH CARE: The ACA has serious fiscal challenges and this must be remedied in a bipartisan effort. Americans need access to safe drinking water and nutritious food as preventative medicine. Debt-swaps, tax-relief, restrictions
on PPO/HMO/EPO monopolies, & pro-bono programs need to be introduced to reduce runaway costs and health professionals changing careers.

ENVIRONMENT: The government should reverse its preference for the fossil fuel sector and for corporate polluters. The EPA must be de-politicized and empowered to protect the air, water, and vital environmental standards. We must make our country as green as possible promoting sustainability, recycling, and renewable energy and eco-friendly development.

GUN SAFETY: We need a national database wherein all gun purchases are vetted. All persons guilty of using a gun for a crime must be denied the right to buy or own a gun for no less than 10 years. We must make harsh examples of persons who commit violent crimes with firearms.

ECONOMY: The income disparity in the USA can be brought to heal by the introduction of economic reparative programs for Blacks and other impoverished Americans. Our poor people deserve the same support that illegal aliens receive from the Office for New Americans and DACA all over America.

DISCRIMINATION: We must end all discrimination against women via the effort of a vocal minority to eliminate their Title 9 protections and immunities. Homeland Security must be empowered to fight racial domestic terrorism and other extremists. Last, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 must be fully defended and implemented.

STUDENT LOANS: We must end the student debt crisis by allowing Americans to file for bankruptcy, to amortize their debts by performing community services, and/or fully waiving the debt just like our “too big to fail” businesses, trading houses, and banks were allowed to do. America cannot grow if it’s young who represent our future debt slaves!

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GOALS: To serve the interests of the country, state and the 3rd Congressional District by providing everyday life experience to the job of legislating!

IMMIGRATION: Enforcement of our borders and our laws. However, I do support a path to citizenship based on service in the military, foreign service or civil service or the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps. For others, a path to legality, but not citizenship.

HEALTH CARE: Eliminate and replace it with a state based plan to allow the states to design and implement their own plans according to their own needs with support from the Federal government.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe we can use the tax code to make financially rewarding for private firms to use clean fuels and being good stewards of the environment.

GUN SAFETY: Expand mental health checks and firearms safety certification.

ECONOMY: Use the tax code to make it profitable to raise employee wages

DISCRIMINATION: Current legislation is appropriate; however, we do need more aggressive enforcement of current laws.

STUDENT LOANS: Abolish them and allow them to be discharged through normal bankruptcy procedures.

Democrats may vote for 1.

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GOALS: I am running to represent Maryland’s 3rd congressional district because our current representative has served 7 terms (nearly 14 years!) and I believe that is enough—we must have term limits. While I have lived in the 3rd district, I have neither seen nor heard from our representative. The time for absentee representation is over. We deserve passionate, engaged, and energetic representation.

IMMIGRATION: The unconscionable cruelty exhibited by the US towards immigrants and refugees must come to an immediate end. In Congress, I will protect the DREAMers by codifying DACA and ensuring a path to citizenship. It is time for the US to implement humane policies that safeguard the lives of our fellow human beings, many of whom are escaping circumstances most of us are not capable of comprehending.

HEALTH CARE: We must either protect and continue to improve the ACA by adding a public option and trying harder to make it work for all Americans, or we must have Medicare available to all of us. The current health care system in this country is an abomination. Its complexity and corrupt, profit-driven private insurance company-benefitting model, at the expense of human life, is criminal and must end.

ENVIRONMENT: The US should be the world LEADER in addressing the global environmental crisis. The federal government’s current position on global warming is pathetic, dangerous, and inexcusable. Once in Congress, I will pass legislation that will help eliminate our reliance on fossil fuels, which are responsible for polluting our atmosphere and contribute directly to the global environmental crisis.

GUN SAFETY: The NRA will not bully me. We can defend the Constitution AND enact sensible gun laws that can save the lives of our children and loved ones. We must ban assault weapons, conduct universal background checks, restrict magazine size, provide for a waiting period, impose criminal penalties on individuals who do not restrict access to firearms, and institute robust national mental health counseling.

ECONOMY: The federal minimum wage has been $7.25/hr since 2009. Before that, it was $5.15/hr. These numbers are real—and they are indefensible. The minimum wage must be raised—incrementally over time—to at least $15/hr. Research has shown that even slightly higher wages decrease rates of suicide and crime. Increasing the minimum wage to a more humane amount will have far reaching and positive effects.

DISCRIMINATION: Federal anti-discrimination laws must be updated to explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression. For example, transgender women of color are a highly vulnerable population and are considered disposable in this society. We must implement anti-discrimination initiatives in public schools nationwide to stop these human rights abuses.

STUDENT LOANS: I know firsthand how burdensome student loan debt is. I support federal legislation to relieve the 43 million borrowers of their collective $1.4 trillion in student loans owned by the US Department of Education. The suffocating debts incurred in the pursuit of education are an unjust tax on the continued growth, evolution, and ingenuity of America’s students and the future of our country.

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GOALS: I am running to strengthen our democracy by ending the influence of big money in politics, protecting the right to vote and ensuring that public officials work for the public interest. To make progress on the most pressing

service. I introduced the What You Can Do For Your Country Act, which strengthens PSLF and ensures its proper administration by the Department of Education. I oppose the Trump Administration’s attacks on student borrowers and believe we must better protect them from predatory lenders.

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**GOALS:** It’s clear we need more God-led representatives who will protect our country from socialism and communism. We all know how corrupt the system is, but the only way to address it is to attack it head on. Last year’s historic nomination in CD2 was the first chip at The Corrupt Machine. Winning CD7 for the citizens would send a clear message—we refuse to accept the straps and we are not your pawns

**IMMIGRATION:** Sanctuary jurisdictions, three of which make up CD7, have made it virtually impossible to enforce immigration policy, protect our sovereignty, and keep citizens safe. The greatest threat to our national security and future as a country is progressive paternalism that presumes that some people are incapable of abiding by our laws and creates a legal caste system with citizens to suffer in silence.

**HEALTH CARE:** Apart from preexisting conditions, the ACA is a perfect example of crony capitalism—laws that are crafted to benefit industry power players who pay (contribute to the campaigns) to keep the politicians they can control in office. But, most voters who are directly impacted from the negative outcomes are
too busy struggling to pay for the cost of health care that grew exponentially under ACA.

ENVIRONMENT: No international agreement, environmental or otherwise, should threaten our sovereignty as a nation or restrict our constitutional rights as American citizens. The bureaucracy that has grown around the environment is large enough that it ought to be able to serve adequately. Sadly the rules/regulations from crony capitalism protect big companies from competitors that could compete in the market.

GUN SAFETY: Sponsor gun safety training and shooting practice for law-biding citizens—concealed carry training and permits for home owners in violence prone areas—more investment in mental health and psychological trauma support for all ages—decrease the glorification of death culture by rebuilding self-esteem and self-worth in demoralized communities. I do NOT support nationwide gun registration.

ECONOMY: Continue the policies that have allowed for the domestic economy to grow particularly over in the first Trump Admin - Increase access to capital for first time entrepreneurs - Support teaming agreements of first time govt contractors that help smaller companies compete - Reward and replicate educational programs that create financially sound and sustained alumni - Encourage work + innovation

DISCRIMINATION: No more initiatives are necessary. We just need to continue to prove people wrong. We do not need anyone’s approval to be our best selves. All we need is God’s Grace. If someone is actively discriminating against another individual on the basis of their identification, legal measures are in place to address said matters. Beyond what we have now, we risk permanent dependence on another’s permission

STUDENT LOANS: Decouple university budgets from federal student loans. - Perhaps introduce an official performance rating system for educational institutions based on alumni success and sustainability so perspective students can make better decisions on their investment. Continue to educate young people about life/career options and outcomes to limit/eliminate student loan debt before it’s even acquired.

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GOALS: I’ve spent 20 years working in International Public Health from national down to the community level to prevent—or respond to—negative changes befalling countries suffering from poor governance, corruption, and lack of leadership. Together we must fight to prevent this from continuing in MD-D7 and the US! Congressional leaders must stand up for climate and social justice. I am one such leader!

IMMIGRATION: Many in the Global South suffer under poor governance, governmental corruption, and a lack of leadership. If MD-D7 supports DACA recipients retaining residency, I will support. I will also support a pathway to residency for refugees with NO criminal record AND moving immigration policy to a new Dept of Domestic Race Relations & Cultural Affairs established thru a new 21st Century Civil Rights Act.

HEALTH CARE: I fully support Universal Health Care (Plus Public Option). I believe it’s a Human Right! People should have the right to choose the kind of care they want! I like Biden’s plan but first, in seeking to raise awareness re. how ACA is impacting MD-D7, I’d like to discuss details of the issue with MD-D7 voters to fully appreciate two issues: WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT DONE? and WHAT CAN WE DO TOGETHER?

ENVIRONMENT: A member of Al Gore’s CRLCorps, I’ve believed in US leadership and aggressive response to Climate Change for years. As MD-D7 Rep.I will propose a district-wide “stretch goal” to:

- Establish the first all renewable energy US municipality in Columbia &
- Train BALTIMORE’s un/der-employed in BaltCO based solar and wind turbine manufacturing & HOCO based grid conversion, and systems installation.

GUN SAFETY: US gun violence is an epidemic and should be approached as such. Public Health intervention can be designed by the CDC to stop this disease at its origin, while simultaneously eliminating its transmission. I will fight for CDC’s funding release which—due to the influence of the gun industry and NRA—has been stalled in the Senate. I support both Biden’s & Bloomberg’s gun safety proposals.

ECONOMY: I will fight to repeal the 2017 tax cuts and for a minimum wage that’s a living wage. With MD-D7 support, I will propose that we begin to address the racial wealth gap starting with:

• Universal Basic Income / Reparations—For Native, African, & Japanese Americans.

I’ll also propose that we begin to address the gender wealth gap starting with enforcement of:

• Equal Pay: Same salary for same job.

DISCRIMINATION: With MD-D7 backing, I will initiate a fresh, innovative, multi-racial, gender/sexual/religious & disability inclusive, bipartisan dialogue regarding a 21st Century Civil Rights Act addressing, existing—and future potential—priority concerns of discrimination AND the development of a new, dedicated, Department of Domestic Race Relations & Cultural Affairs where these concerns will be addressed.

STUDENT LOANS: We need a rationalizing of USG budget expenditure for priority considerations—other than defense. With MD-D7 support, I will call for relief of legislation allowing schools to charge exorbitant costs. Also I will support loan debt (partial/full) forgiveness relative to what the rationalized cost of that education is determined to be. I support tuition free higher education for qualified students.

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GOALS: My goal for this office is to address the shared issues of the 7th Congressional District. We have great diversity in the district, but many of the same problems: Rising healthcare costs, violent crime, troubled schools, lead contamination, a lack of jobs and opportunities, an impending climate crisis, & crumbling infrastructure. We need a proactive Congresswoman, ready to focus on our issues.

IMMIGRATION: I would immediately work to end this administration’s cruel, inhumane policies at the southern border and investigate & hold accountable anyone involved in the outrageous human rights violations this administration has committed. I would propose to implement a moratorium on deportations for anyone without a history of violent crime, protect the DREAMers, and build a just pathway to citizenship.

HEALTH CARE: I would expand Health Care rights and benefits until we have true, universal coverage under Medicare for All. Whether the
process takes one piece of legislation or several, we need to move toward a just system in which all Americans can count on their healthcare coverage. Medicare for All will end premiums, co-pays, and deductibles & ensure complete coverage for all.

ENVIRONMENT: We need a Green New Deal that can move our society to 100% renewable energy as soon as possible. We need to expand public transit, plant billions of trees, improve water and air quality, and mobilize immediately to address the impending climate crisis head on. The federal government, in coordination with other sovereign nations, international agencies, and NGOs, must take an active role.

GUN SAFETY: In the immediate short term, we must as a country adopt universal background checks, a national gun registry and an assault weapons ban at the federal level. We must keep weapons of war off our streets. We must also address poverty and trauma. By lifting Americans out of poverty and addressing the trauma endured by so many of our neighbors, we can end potential gun violence before it begins.

ECONOMY: I will support a tax on exorbitant wealth and on massive, unearned inheritances. By improving the tax code to a more progressive model, passing legislation that outlaws the sophisticated accounting techniques that a handful of billionaires and multimillionaires use to avoid paying their fair share, and strengthening the collective bargaining rights of working Americans, we can address inequality.

DISCRIMINATION: I would propose expanding the Civil Rights Act to cover gender identification, sexual orientation, and disability so that no American need feel the sting of discrimination for simply being who they are. Additionally, I would work with colleagues and experts to explore making new development in cities and towns across the country more accessible to all Americans.

STUDENT LOANS: I support tuition-free higher education, including public college and trade school, as well as expanding Pell Grants to cover year-round living expenses for students. Moreover immediately however, I support abolishing student loan debt to spur massive economic growth, set free a generation bound by debt, and end this avoidable and foreseeable problem once and for all.

Matko Lee Chullin III

GOALS: As a concerned citizen, father, grandfather, and disabled veteran, I will work to improve the lives of the diverse population of the seventh congressional district. My focus will be on education, healthcare, environment, and economic development. I want to provide the people with a strong united voice in Congress.

IMMIGRATION: There are enough immigration laws. These laws need to be enforced.

HEALTH CARE: I would vote to improve it for everyone.

ENVIRONMENT: We need to reduce the use of fossil fuels and clean up toxic waste sites.

GUN SAFETY: I propose better vetting of foreign nationals and improved mental health screening.

ECONOMY: Provide more vocational training in high school and community college.

DISCRIMINATION: Provide more diversity and sensitivity training in school and the workplace.

STUDENT LOANS: Make community college free to low income students and provide financial education in high school.

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GOALS: I’m running to drive inclusive growth in the Baltimore region. This district has some of the wealthiest and some of the poorest zip codes in the country. Health care, education, and economic opportunity are the path to the middle class. My work to protect Social Security and close the racial wealth gap means I am the best person to ensure our economy works for everyone, not just those at the top.

IMMIGRATION: I stand for love, respect, diversity and inclusion. These values should drive our immigration policy. I’ll work to reunite families separated at the border, lift travel bans, and reverse cuts to the refugee program. I will support comprehensive immigration reform with a clear pathway to citizenship and a permanent citizenship solution for immigrants who arrived in the United States as children.

HEALTH CARE: The ACA achieved great strides in expanding health care coverage in the US but Trump era regulatory and legal challenges and the lack of a public option have greatly weakened its potential for universal coverage. Thus, I support a national single-payer system that provides every person access to high-quality, affordable health care as the foundation of health coverage in the U.S.

ECONOMY: In Congress, I’ll address record income inequality with a suite of policies that are fair to workers of all backgrounds. I would work to increase the federal minimum wage to $15/hour indexed annually to inflation, promote a living wage, make tax treatment of unearned income on par with earned income, and support measures to reduce the earnings gap between CEOs and their lowest paid workers.

DISCRIMINATION: The U.S. should strive to live up to its promise of becoming a diverse, inclusive, and fair democracy. I propose we launch a National Emergency Preparedness Initiative on Diversity and Inclusion to develop and advance a proactive multi-sector strategy promoting education, policy reform, and culture change focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

STUDENT LOANS: I would support the Debt Free College Act, a federal-state partnership that incentivizes four-year colleges to reduce costs and help students cover the complete cost of college without taking on debt. I would also support the expansion of Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, federal work-study subsidies, low-interest rate loan guarantees, and debt forgiveness programs.

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GOALS: I hope that someone with a solid knowledge of the legislative process, someone who is trustworthy and honest, someone who has integrity and has common sense and someone with a track record of not politics but advocating for other people—because that is what a representative in the House is supposed to do—can get elected. I want people to know they can vote for a REPRESENTATIVE, not a politician.

IMMIGRATION: If someone is here illegally, then generally, they should not be here. Maryland allows them to stay if they meet certain conditions: if they are in school, pay tax and register for Selective Service, which I agree with.
There should also be attendance and GPA requirements. I favor adding options to the college enrollment requirement, such as apprenticeship programs, or skilled trades employment.

**HEALTH CARE:** The ACA, or any legislation that gives people access to affordable health care and covers pre-existing health conditions is a good thing. ACA funding came from cuts in spending and fines for not having health insurance. So increase access to health care, but be careful with how it is being paid for. A ten percent tax on indoor tanning that raises $3 billion to pay for health care? I am all for it.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The more wind and solar energy we have, the better off we will be, so we should give tax credits to clean energy companies, and give money to create better and more efficient clean energy systems. Stop oil and gas drilling on federally-owned land. The United States has to be not only a player on the international stage in regards to climate change but one of the leaders. The sooner, the better.

**GUN SAFETY:** There has to be a balance between the 2nd Amendment and not having people killed. Federal legislation and incentives given to states to pass legislation in key areas to help reduce gun violence can help. I would raise the age from 18 to 21, outlaw assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. The federal government can give grants to states for implementing programs aimed at reducing gun violence.

**ECONOMY:** There will always be income inequality in a capitalist society but everyone can also make their lives better. Those on the lower end of the continuum should be working hard to improve their situation, and those on the upper end should be helping them get there, while government gives the same opportunities to everyone for better jobs and education so that they can live their own American Dream.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The federal government has a responsibility to lead these initiatives and I support any effort to ban bias. It has no place in American society. I would affirm policies already in place and propose and support any additional legislation that is required to protect people in these and other marginalized groups.

**STUDENT LOANS:** The students who are least able to afford college are the ones who need the loans the most, so I would support having more money available for need-based students. I also would decrease the interest rates on college loans so that the government only breaks even on the program and does not make money. One interesting plan includes having students pay back a percentage of their discretionary income.

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**GOALS:**

- I have been disappointed by promises made from candidates with no new plan on how to improve our approach in congress. My platform provides a blueprint for legislation that will address these issues, not with empty promises, but specific new legislative ideas. There will never be change without voters realizing that many candidates in this election are career politicians with no new ideas.

**IMMIGRATION:** Despite this administration’s claim, I suspect most Americans believe our country is better when immigration allows people to join our country and become citizens. I would provide the ‘dreamers’ an opportunity to be full citizens and make sure families stay together free from persecution. I’d dissolve ICE as it currently exists and use the resources to help fund legal paths to citizenship.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would continue the Affordable Care Act (ACA) but expand it in specific ways. I plan legislation to approach healthcare by expanding coverage to low income families left out by the current ACA. I would advance a public option and pay for this all by reducing costs. I can save more than 20 billion annually by eliminating waste and improving efficiency while providing generics drugs earlier.

**ENVIRONMENT:** First we need to separate environmental science from political rhetoric. I support the environmental stipulations to the Green New Deal. I am in favor of the federal government supporting through legislation, policies that advance technology and research into sustainable and clean sources of energy. For global warming we should engage again as a leader in the Paris agreements.

**GUN SAFETY:** Guns purchased legally should have enforced background checks and waiting periods. There should be national ‘red flag’ laws to remove guns from homes where risk is clearly identified. We need to renew a ban on assault weapons and proper training and licensing should include competency assessment for gun owners. I will incentivize illegal gun buybacks with a novel new initiative.

**ECONOMY:** First we increase the minimum wage to $15/hour. Second, eliminate tax loop holes that help billionaires and use that tax towards this problem specifically. I will make sure that Baltimore and district 7 receive federal investment in infrastructure that was promised. This investment will bring better jobs for local graduates and existing residents.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We can make very clear with laws and enforcement that institutional racism will not be tolerated. I am in favor of renewing the fight for the Equal Rights Amendment. I believe we can recognize the prior year’s ratification and now with Virginia passing, we can make law that all men and women are created equal.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I propose reducing the reliance on 4 year degrees and emphasize better utilization of 2 year ‘advanced’ degrees from Universities and community colleges paid for by federal money. Another of my new initiatives will allow students to consolidate their debt into a first home purchase with partial debt forgiveness when a home is purchased in a neighborhood in need of renewal.

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**GOALS:** To lower the murder rate.

**IMMIGRATION:** Illuminate the college graduate callous condescension towards the high school graduate.

**HEALTH CARE:** I wouldn’t expand it.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Unearth Al Gore’s billion dollars.

**GUN SAFETY:** Illustrating the callousness of progressive, liberal Democrat voters towards crime survivors.

**ECONOMY:** By lowering the murder rate.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Learning the views of reporters.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Learn why Barack H. Obama moved the data base to the White House.

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**GOALS:** I believe the 7th Congressional District and our country face crucial crossroads
ahead. I also believe it is important to always replace leadership with leadership. We cannot miss the opportunity to send the strongest representation to Congress now. Having served in this position for 10 years, I am the only candidate who is proven, tested, and ready to go to work on day one—with seniority.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration built America and it continues to be the heartbeat of the American economy. I will fight to require humane immigration policies at our borders so that we will not have to relive the tragedies of the last few years, e.g., policies that put people in cages or permanently divided children from their parents. In addition, I will work to create a sensible pathway to citizenship.

**HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare is a right. I will vote to expand the Affordable Care Act (ACA), beginning with restoring the protections stripped from the ACA by this Administration. My healthcare vision includes expanded healthcare access for low-income Americans, a public health insurance model like Medicare, enhanced private and/or employer-sponsored insurance options, and a tax credit to offset premium costs.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government should be the chief architect and chief enforcer of existing and forward-looking environmental policies. It should implement environmental policies that incentivize responsible personal choices, motivate corporations to make better choices (by carrot, by stick or both), steer us towards an increasingly green economy, and establish America as a global environmental leader.

**GUN SAFETY:** Reinstating an assault weapons ban and adopting a national background check system focused on psychological competency are two key gun safety policies I will pursue in Congress. In 1994, I helped pass an assault weapons ban that lasted 10 years. Congress has not had the will to reinstate the ban once it was lifted. I will fight to change that if I earn the honor of serving the People in Congress.

**ECONOMY:** I will work to increase the federal minimum wage to $15/hour today, with that figure indexed to inflation. I will also work to revisit the most recent tax cuts for the highest earning Americans so that we can invest that money into educating our children and expanding skills training opportunities. The policy focus is investing in opportunities that prepare people to earn more money.

**DISCRIMINATION:** It sometimes appears as if our society faces more biases today than we did just a few years ago. The federal government must ensure existing anti-discrimination laws are fully enforced by the people and institutions created to do so. Next, our nation must acknowledge one form of bigotry is just as harmful as any other form of bigotry so our laws must align to reflect that truth.

**STUDENT LOANS:** The student loan crisis may cripple our future economy. We must act now to ensure a financially stable future workforce. I support allowing students to lower their student loan rates through refinancing, loan forgiveness programs for graduates working in certain public interest fields with incomes below a certain level, and in the most extreme cases full debt forgiveness.

**GOALS:**

- I want to make sure the kids get better education, jobs and trade schools. Seniors citizens can afford medication and housing. Reducing crimes in district 7th by working with local government to find a way.

**IMMIGRATION:**

- We need a real immigration reform. This time we can’t just do half way. We have to make sure the dreamers has a chance to become US Citizens and contributing to our economy. As an immigrant myself I do know what those families are dealing with everyday.

**HEALTH CARE:**

- Health care it’s very important to me, I will keep ACA but improving to make sure everyone has health coverage. My brother did not have health insurance and by the time we found out he had heart problems was to late and he died at age of 45. I would move mountains to make sure everyone has health coverage. I don’t want anyone to die because they did not have health insurance or right coverage.

**ENVIRONMENT:**

- I believe in green energy 100%. Global warming it’s a huge issue. At the same time we have Hemp that can help with environment and global warming. I would make sure everyone can farm hemp and help with the issue.

**STUDENT LOANS:**

- I will first fight the illegal and stolen guns. Then make sure that we have the right policies in place. Also if we build a different opportunities for people in the district we can reduce violence.

**ECONOMY:**

- I would fight for tech companies and start ups to come to Baltimore. We can introduce the trade schools and training to make sure we are ready for higher paid jobs. I will introduce bills that will guarantee loans for minorities and fight redlining. I believe that we can help people start business in our community and start investing every dollar in the community.

**DISCRIMINATION:**

- Well I myself is fighting a discrimination case against one of my former employer. As a protected veteran I believe that we are all equal and I will fight for that. We need to end the rekindling and teach minorities the importance of generational wealth. Have federal money to give loans to people that wants to build companies that they will never discriminate against anyone.

**STUDENT LOANS:**

- I would try to find a way to eliminate student loans and give free state education to new students. Make it part of a volunteer program that benefit the community.
Baltimore has the highest murder rate in the country. Locksmiths have a saying, “locks keep out the honest people.” Point being more stringent laws will not deter the violent offender. We MUST keep illegal and assault weapons away from our future. Not human beings. Make America Gentle Again

**ECONOMY:** Minimum wage must rise to $12.50 per hour in the first days of the next Congress, with guarantees that by the end of session, it will be $15.00 per hour. Said wage and fixed incomes like Social Security must rise equal to the consumer price index. I will promote business to be less greedy and mindful of our future. Spending power is crucial. We need to debate a flat tax. Corporations must pay tax.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I would add age discrimination to the list. People are living longer and need to continue working. We must indoctrinate Americans to the value and responsibility the older worker brings. More than laws, we need better lawmakers! Spewing vile hateful speech, promoting bigotry is not leadership. This goes for Mr. Trump and Ms. Omar. I will challenge them and all others who do not challenge them.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Extensions of time to repay. Lower rates. Protection of credit ratings. Non or slow repayment of student loans should not be reported to credit agencies. It is in America’s best interest to educate and prepare our youth. There must also be public higher education available for all. We must again look deeper than a simple question. America needs to remove the cash register from all our thinking.

**GOALS:**

- to put my vast experience in the state and federal government Army Corps Of Engineers to work for Maryland
- Congress and the senate need to pass new legislation a by partisan effort.
- every one in this should be afforded health care.
- enforce the E.P. A / ACT AS required by public laws
- bring the second amendment rights into the twenty first century.
- I can answer for not the entire country /first I support efforts to widen the rail road tunnels that would be a good start.
- I would start with nation veterans as mandated by the constitution which gets a lot lip service but little or nothing more.
- I had a student loan but I was lucky /I had a judgement against me by the state but when I was declare a 100% by veterans affairs the state waive payment.

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**DISCRIMINATION:** I strongly believe everyone, regardless of race, gender, religion or sexual orientation, should be treated equally under the law. I am also a strong supporter of the Equality Act, which would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and sex.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Like most residence I have numerous student loans and strongly support reducing the burdensome of student loan debt? Congress can use the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act to put an end to default and collections agencies & codify standards for loan servicing.

**Baltimore County Judge of the Circuit Court Circuit 3**

**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?

**COURT NEEDS:** What are the greatest challenges facing Maryland’s court system and how can these be addressed?

**REPEAT OFFENDERS:** What can the courts do to reduce recidivism?

**DISCRIMINATION:** What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that bias will influence the outcome of legal proceedings?
CANDIDATES
Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 2.

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COURT NEEDS: The greatest challenge for any court is to maintain public confidence and support for our system of justice. Applying the rule of law in consistent manner, encouraging jury duty, promoting court efficiency and accessibility and treating all who enter our courts with respect is critical.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: As judges, we can only impose sentences within the parameters of the law. It is within the sole province of the legislature to pass laws regarding the sentencing of repeat offenders.

DISCRIMINATION: A commitment to fair and just treatment to all who enter our courts is the best way to reduce the risk of bias.

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DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE 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, NC. 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.

The list of candidates is not printed here for space reasons. For information about the candidates, including their answers to the questions in the next column, please visit vote411.org.

FEMALE AND MALE DELEGATES TO THE 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 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.

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Questions for All Delegate Candidates
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?

About Our Front Cover
Celebrating 100 years of the League of Women Voters and the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution
The photograph is an image from the Library of Congress and was chosen because 2020 is the 100-year anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. This is also the 100-year anniversary of the League of Women Voters.

The League of Women Voters was founded just six months before the 19th amendment was ratified. The goal was to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters.

Today, the League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League also works to register voters and to provide voters with election information through Voters’ Guides as well as through candidate forums and debates.
Pledge to be counted and to educate your community about the importance of the 2020 Census.

April 1, 2020 marked the kickoff of the 2020 Census. This process of counting will ensure that the political power, health and safety of every community is maintained or enhanced in the coming decade.

But communities that don't get fully counted in 2020 will miss out for the next ten years. NOW is the time to get involved.

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