About this Voters’ Guide

This Voters’ Guide is published by the League of Women Voters. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. The League offers this Voters’ Guide to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare for participation in the general election. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

All candidates were asked to provide biographical information and to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for the same office were asked identical questions. Responses from state and local candidates who will appear on the ballot are printed exactly as submitted to the LWV. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. Presidential candidates’ responses were limited to 750 characters. All other candidates’ responses were limited to 400 characters and any additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond by the print deadline, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Additional information on the candidates is available at VOTE411.org, which has any updates received after the deadline. Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. If the candidate submitted a campaign website, it is listed under her/his name.

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Election Information

Three Ways to Vote

1. Vote Safe, 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. Be sure to sign the oath on the envelope, or your vote will not be counted.

Voters will receive a Republican or Democratic ballot if they are affiliated with one of those parties. See the information on the next page about “closed-primary” elections. If you do not receive a ballot and believe you are eligible to vote in this election, please contact the Charles County Board of Elections at 301-934-8972.

Ballots must be postmarked or returned to a secure drop box by 8:00 pm on Election Day, June 2. The State Board of Elections website includes a form to check that your ballot was received. Drop boxes will be available at the following locations from May 21 through June 2.

Vote Center: Board of Elections:
Sacred Heart Friendship Hall Charles County Board of Elections
201 St. Mary’s Avenue 201 East Charles Street
La Plata, MD 20646 La Plata, MD 20646

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.

2. Limited In-Person Voting on Election Day
To ensure that all voters have an opportunity to vote, in-person voting will be available at the Vote Center listed above from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on June 2.

Voter registration will be available, as will marking devices for use by voters who would have difficulty reading and/or marking a paper ballot. Voters who did not receive a ballot in the mail and voters who cannot mail the ballot they received should also go to the Vote Center.

3. Absentee Voting
If you asked for an absentee ballot for this election, you may have received it already. If you have, please follow the instructions you received. Vote your ballot, sign and date the oath, and place both the ballot and the oath in an envelope. Be sure the envelope is addressed correctly and includes your ballot number.

If you would prefer to receive your ballot electronically, please call or email your local board of elections. When your ballot is ready, you will receive an email with a link to your ballot. You must print your ballot and the sign the oath. If you do not see an email from the State Board of Elections, check your spam folder.
“Closed-Primary” Elections

Maryland is a “closed-primary state”. Only the Republican and Democratic parties will be choosing their candidates in the upcoming election. Other political parties will choose their candidates by other methods.

**What does a “closed-primary” mean for voters?** In partisan races, voters registered as Republicans may vote only for Republican candidates and voters registered as Democrats may vote only for Democratic candidates. All registered voters may vote in non-partisan races such as Board of Education. If there are no non-partisan races on the ballot in a given county, independent and third party voters will not vote until the general election in November.

**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](http://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch) or call 1-800-222-8683

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

To request absentee ballot delivery by mail (by May 26) or by download (by May 29): [elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html](http://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html)

For information about access for voters with disabilities: [elections.maryland.gov/voting/accessibility.html](http://elections.maryland.gov/voting/accessibility.html)

For candidate photos and updates, personalized ballots, candidate forum dates and other election information from the League of Women Voters: [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)

Hear rumors about the election?

*Offices and Candidates are listed on the following pages in ballot order. Website and social media sites are those provided by the candidates to the Maryland State Board of Elections unless updated by the candidate for this Voters’ Guide.*
U.S. President

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

**TERM:** Four years. Limit of two terms.

**BASE SALARY:** $400,000 per year.

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

Candidates qualified for invitations from LWVEF to provide responses to specific questions if they met the following criteria:

- The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President.
- The candidate must have met the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act’s minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Election Commission’s website.

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?
Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for 1

The League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVED) 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 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

Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for 1

All of the Democratic candidates for U. S. President listed below and on the following page 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

The following candidates did not meet the LWVEF criteria and were not asked to provide responses to the League’s questions. They have withdrawn or suspended their campaigns.

Michael Bennet
Michael Bloomberg
Julian Castro
Deval Patrick
Tom Steyer
Marianne Williamson

U.S. Representative, District 5

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?

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**Republican Candidates**

**Bryan DuVal Cubero**

**GOALS:** We have strayed from the Constitution. US citizens and resident aliens don't 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 person's 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. Immigration is a privilege for those with special skills that benefit the host nation. It's 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 if it's this big they are used to steal tax dollars and divert them to others.

**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 workplace 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

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.

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

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**Campaign Twitter:** twitter.com/VoteforKenny

**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.

Chris Palombi

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**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?'

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**Doug Sayers**

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**Campaign Facebook:** [http://sayersforcongress](http://sayersforcongress)

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**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](http://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

**William A. Devine, III**

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**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.

**Vanessa Marie Hoffman**

**Campaign Facebook:** http://Vanessa Hoffman for Maryland’s 5th Congressional District

**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...

**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.

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**Steny H. Hoyer**

**Campaign Website:** http://www.hoyerforcongress.com

**Campaign Facebook:** http://www.facebook.com/hoyerforcongress

**Campaign Twitter:** twitter.com/stenyhoyer

**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 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.

**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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**Briana Urbina**

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/urbinaforus

No response received by deadline.

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**Mckayla Wilkes**

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/meetmckayla  
Campaign Instagram: @meetmckayla

**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.

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.

Judge of the Circuit Court, Circuit 7

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 1

**Adrienne Davis**
No response received by deadline.

**Patrick Devine**
Campaign Facebook: facebook.com/keepjudgedevine
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No response received by deadline.

**Makeba Gibbs**
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No response received by deadline.

**Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention Congressional District 5**

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.

Candidates were asked to respond to two questions. Due to the number of candidates, the list of candidates, their answers and the links to their social media sites may be found at VOTE411.org.
Female and Male Delegates

to the Democratic National Convention

Congressional District 5

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, 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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