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. The League assumes no responsibility for errors and/or omissions.

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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
Prince George’s County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300.

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 Centers:**
College Park Community Center
5051 Pierce Avenue
College Park MD 20740

Bowie Gymnasium
4100 Northview Drive
Bowie, MD 20716

Kentland Community Center
2413 Pinebrook Avenue
Landover, MD 20785

Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex
7007 Bock Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744

**Board of Elections:**
Prince George’s County Board of Elections
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The location(s) marked with an asterisk (*) are drop off locations only.
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, 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

To request absentee ballot delivery by mail (by May 26) or by download (by May 29):
elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html
For information about access for voters with disabilities: 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

Hear rumors about the election?
Visit – http://www.elections.state.md.us/press_room/rumor_control.html

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, Districts 4 & 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? OBJETIVOS: ¿Por qué se postula para esta oficina?:

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

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

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

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GUN SAFETY: What policies do you propose to reduce gun violence? SEGURIDAD EN EL USO DE ARMAS DE FUEGO: ¿Qué políticas propone para reducir la violencia armada?:

ECONOMY: How would you address the growing income gap in our society? ECONOMÍA: ¿Cómo abordaría la creciente brecha de ingresos en nuestra sociedad?:

DISCRIMINATION: What initiatives would you propose to address bias based on race, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, or disability? DISCRIMINACIÓN: ¿Qué iniciativas propondrías para abordar los prejuicios basados en la raza, la identificación de género, la orientación sexual, la religión o la discapacidad?:

STUDENT LOANS: What actions would you support to reduce burdensome student loan debt? PRÉSTAMOS ESTUDIANTILES: ¿Qué acciones apoyaría para reducir la pesada carga que representa la deuda de préstamos estudiantiles?:

U.S. District 4 Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for 1

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GOALS: No response received by deadline.
IMMIGRATION: No response received by deadline.
HEALTH CARE: No response received by deadline.
ENVIRONMENT: No response received by deadline.
GUN SAFETY: No response received by deadline.
ECONOMY: No response received by deadline.
DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.
STUDENT LOANS: No response received by deadline.

Eric Loeb
Campaign Website: http://more4md4.org/
GOALS: My goal is to bring our district together to examine national issues from all sides. MD4 is closer to Capitol Hill than any other US district, but our position on the national stage is just "whatever the democrats want". We have to get back to nuanced politics – speaking reasonably and listening to each other. I have proposals to move us in that direction without needing national legislation.
IMMIGRATION: As with most issues, I believe the most important thing for our district is to have a capacity for independent thought. As things stand, our immigration policy will either be the "D" brand or the "R" brand. We have no way to consider what our district’s long term legislative agenda should be. We need to understand what immigration policies would be best for our businesses and citizens, and why.
HEALTH CARE: I would hold district forums in which we could hear from advocates and walk through the details of the meaning of that vote. As a district, we support expansion, but it is unclear how we would break out on more nuanced questions. For all issues, in the rare event our vote determines outcome, we should know what amendments to offer to meet our district’s interests, no matter who represents us.
ENVIRONMENT: The federal government should fund research and provide data for forecast models. The federal government should not tell people how to think. If our district’s interests call for aggressive environmental standards, we have the right to use our seat in Congress to push for those. The federal government should compensate any US companies or individuals who are harmed by federal actions.
ECONOMY: Not that I doubt it, but the "growing income gap" question assumes we know that the gap
is growing. We can only be certain it has grown and we can look at projections of where it will go in the future, like we do with hurricanes. Our district will be best served if we can make use of economic forecast models to ground these discussions. We need consensus on facts for progress on factual questions.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I would propose National Service. Bringing Americans from all backgrounds together will help us all to see how much we have in common. Training in recognizing implicit bias (as part of National Service) would help as well. Our district’s interests are likely served by diversity-targeted federal expenditures, and if that case, both parties in MD4 should support such initiatives.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I would want to discuss student loan debt in the context of economic forecast models by which we can game out policy alternatives. It’s quite possible that blanket forgiveness of student loan debt would have far greater economic benefit for our district than would any other policy. Let’s build ourselves a capacity to check our options.

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**GOALS:** To Demand Truth The Corporation OFFICERS operating as AGENT’S of the incorporated United States Title 22 USC (Foreign Relations and Intercourse) Chapter 11 identifies all public officials as foreign agents. Title 28 USC 3002 Section 15A states that the United States is a Federal Corporation and not a Government, including the Judiciary Procedural Section.AS A UN-LAW-FULL SHADOW GOVERNMENT

**IMMIGRATION:** Our nation was built on the principle that immigrants were welcome and that there would be a pathway to citizenship throughout history corporate America has prospered using immigrant labor and exploiting them for slave wages. Given that statistics show our agricultural industry cannot survive without. Our hospitality industry we need a pathway to citizenship for our immigrants

**HEALTH CARE:** We need to stop the attack on the affordable care, Social Security, and Medicare and Medicaid which are being ripped off by disreputable corporate interest. Their lawyers and a truly corrupt judicial system and political system that is heavily invested in the corporations to keep the keep them in office. Crackdown on waste fraud and abuse and adopt meaningful legislation say no to fraud.

**ENVIRONMENT:** At 74 years old. I have watched the revolution that is turn this country and this planet into biomedical disaster at the hands of corporate leadership that cares nothing about our planets survival. They just pay off public officials to kill bills that would support saving the planet we need to put the state of emergency to save our planet from corporate greed.

**GUN SAFETY:** My policies ongoing safety or well-known posted of georgemcdermott.com guns don’t kill people, people kill people, radicalized people kill even more people yet the American Bar Association keeps putting criminals back on the street to line their pockets with gold and silver responsible government summation must be passed protects Second Amendment rights of citizens.

**ECONOMY:** In 2001. Our national debt was purportedly $2.5 trillion which would have been offset by $2.3 trillion is covered to be missing from the accounting records of the Department of defense which was announced on September 10, 2001 was public. The then secretary, Department of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld. The accounting documents were the Pentagon and building 47 of the World Trade Center,

**DISCRIMINATION:** Our economy is been destroyed by the current administration and by a president and CEO is putting us trillions of dollars in debt and dividing the country. While spending his time off course is private corporate properties overcharging the treasury for his waste fraud and abuse of taxpayer resources protected by an army of attorneys also ripping off the government Illegal

**STUDENT LOANS:** Student loans student debt makes it impossible for our society to move forward our corporate college system is where about shaking down the students for books parking education and housing. All profit centers. Yet the quality of education has been done down so much, many leaving college can not find the job because of the poor accreditation and substandard education...?
U.S. District 4 Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for 1

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GOALS: I’m running for re-election because I believe we must further strengthen our communities in order to strengthen and support our families. That work begins by creating jobs, building a competitive workforce, modernizing our infrastructure, developing our small business community, and supporting families with access to affordable, quality healthcare, safe neighborhoods, and a clean environment.

IMMIGRATION: My strong commitment to comprehensive immigration reform is based on the benefits such reform would bring our nation, our economy, our communities, and our families. We need to pursue policies that unite families and that do not tear them apart. We need to reform our immigration laws so that they are better adapted to the needs of America’s economy and workforce in the 21st century global economy.

HEALTH CARE: All people have the right to quality, affordable health care. We must do everything we can to protect the ACA, lower the costs of prescription drugs, and protect those with pre-existing conditions. Just as Democrats and Republicans have worked together to strengthen and improve Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, we must do more to lower costs and to increase coverage in our healthcare system.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the greatest national security challenge of this century. Science demands that we take bold actions to reduce carbon pollution by at least 50% by 2030. I support initiatives, legislation and specific actions to reduce carbon pollution from power plants, expand the clean energy economy, build a clean energy infrastructure, and cut energy waste in homes, businesses, and factories.

GUN SAFETY: We need commonsense gun safety measures, including banning the sale of large ammunition clips, expanding background checks before gun purchases, cracking down on illegal gun trafficking, banning assault weapons that have no other use but to kill large numbers of people quickly, enforcing current gun laws, investing in research around combating gun violence, and investing in mental health services.

ECONOMY: We must grow the economy with family-supporting jobs, train and educate the workforce, and support families with greater Infrastructure investments, better trade agreements, stronger collective bargaining rights, expanded career technology education, paid medical and family leave, higher minimum wage, tax credits for caregivers, and equal-pay-for-equal-work.

DISCRIMINATION: The greatest challenge we face as a nation are the biases that result in inequalities, disparities and gaps in our classrooms, prisons, job market and neighborhoods. To address these concerns, I support greater investments in pre-K education, criminal justice reforms and police accountability, more career technology education and affordable housing options, and expanding voting rights.

STUDENT LOANS: Whether their path is vocational training, community college, or attending a university, every student must have all the tools at their disposal if we are going to build a brighter future. In Congress, I continue to support providing students, schools and educators more resources, strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Minority Serving Institutions, and year-round Pell grants.

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GOALS: My goal is to be a vocal and responsive advocate for the people and priorities of Maryland, strive for a government that works for the people and not just the wealthy. I will promote a bold, progressive and inclusive platform; support criminal and social justice reforms; put an end to mass incarceration; provide protection for vulnerable populations; reject needless wars by fostering diplomacy.

IMMIGRATION: The Trump administration has fostered an inhuman and cruel policy towards immigrants that doesn’t reflect American values. I will work tirelessly to reform our Immigration laws, create a pathway to citizenship, reinstate and expand DACA.

HEALTH CARE: My goal is to make healthcare and pharmaceutical drugs affordable for everyone. This should be a right, whether it is Medicare for All or enhancement of the Affordable Care Act. I am supportive of a single-payer system that would streamline acquisition of medical services and doesn’t bankrupt us.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change represents an existential threat to the world’s population and life as we know it. It is urgent to enact laws that strengthen environmental protections, promote renewable energy conversion and reduce fossil fuel consumption and waste, especially in areas that have experienced environmental discrimination.

GUN SAFETY: Closing the gun show loophole, banning assault weapons and strengthening background checks are essential in making our schools, places of worship and our society free from gun violence.

ECONOMY: With tax reforms to ensure corporations keep high-paying jobs in the U.S., enactment of mechanisms that ensure wages are tied to inflation and cost of living. Infrastructure projects, conversion to renewable energy and greater support for unions and collective bargaining to boost the economy; acquisition of affordable housing; and holding the ultra-rich accountable to pay their fair share of taxes.

DISCRIMINATION: I will work to pass the Equality Act, fight for greater protections against bullying and sexual harassment in the workplace, the military and in schools; fight for equality in pay; work to pass Voter Advancement Act.

STUDENT LOANS: Attainment of higher education must be a priority. I would support guaranteed debt-relief for those who work in public sector jobs; tuition-free public colleges, universities and HBCUs; increased Pell Grants and scholarships; greater access to work-study and paid internships, and caps for student-loan interest rates.

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GOALS: My purpose for running for office is to help insure that laws and legislation reflect and include equality for ALL people. The laws shouldn’t discriminate against race, creed, color, religion, sexual orientation or economic level. Minorities face greater challenges because of laws that are outdated, unjust and create an economic wealth gap that prevents prosperity.

IMMIGRATION: I would change separating children and families.

HEALTH CARE: Leave as is.

ENVIRONMENT: The government should have better regulations regarding the oil and coal industries. Also, the government should incentive greener movements with lower tax rates or tax credit for participants.

GUN SAFETY: Fix loopholes on assault weapons being used in mass shootongs. Also include background checks.

ECONOMY: Amend policies and laws that prevent minorities from getting affordable loans.

DISCRIMINATION: Better communication between minorities and police.

STUDENT LOANS: Lower interest rates and tuition.
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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 Law's this big 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.

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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.

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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 fell 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.

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

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

HEALTH CARE: First, we need to ensure Medicare and Medicaid 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
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.

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**U.S. District 5 Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1

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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.  
STUDENT LOANS: First I will reduce being able to get student loans. Second I would the terms to make it easier to pay down the debt.

**Vanessa Marie Hoffman**

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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**

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

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

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

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is a 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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IMMIGRATION: No response received by deadline.
HEALTH CARE: No response received by deadline.
ENVIRONMENT: No response received by deadline.
GUN SAFETY: No response received by deadline.
ECONOMY: No response received by deadline.
DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.
STUDENT LOANS: No response received by deadline.

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GOALS: I am running for Congress because regular people deserve real representation. I am tired of career politicians working for the people at the top and leaving everyone else to fight just to survive. There are policy and priority changes we need to make for regular people to thrive: Medicare for All, the Green New Deal, affordable housing, labor rights, and criminal justice reform.
IMMIGRATION: I support: Abolishing ICE; A path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States; A path to citizenship for Temporary Protected Status holders; Increasing funding for legal services for undocumented people and individuals seeking asylum in the United States; Expanding accepted justifications for seeking asylum to include gang and domestic violence.
HEALTH CARE: I support: Transitioning every American uncovered by the Veterans Health Administration or Indian Health Service onto one Medicare insurance plan over the course of two years; Mandating that Medicare cover prescription drugs, primary care, maternity care, vision and dental care, reproductive healthcare, doctors' visits, and lab services; Capping the price of prescription drugs at $200.
ENVIRONMENT: I support: Mobilizing on a national scale to ensure that, in the next ten years, 100 percent of domestic electricity demand will be supplied by clean, renewable and zero-emission sources; Upgrading every building in the United States with state-of-the-art green technology to maximize energy efficiency; Guaranteeing access to clean air, clean water, and other natural resources for all Americans.
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
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 no more than 5.

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QUALIFICATIONS: It is the trials and tribulations that I have gone through that has matured me into a woman who acts with the utmost integrity, courage, and fidelity. My law practice has called upon me to practice many different areas of law to resolve legal issues that plague everyone from low income Maryland residents to the business community earning substantial profits.

COURT NEEDS: According to JPI’s research, Maryland has the highest incarceration rate of young African American men in the nation. The Baltimore Sun chronicled the journey of a teenage African American man who was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to life in prison. The result of this injustice is that African American men are incarcerated at triple the rate of white men. While African American women are incarcerated at twice the rate of white women. It is time that we shift our focus from punishment to rehabilitation. Stiff criminal penalties lead to a cycle that is hard to break. This is too costly to both the individual and the community. It is time to take a different direction.
American male who spent the majority of his teenage years incarcerated for theft of a cell phone. Our traditional system of selecting and retaining Judges is failing the African American community and must change.

**REPEAT OFFENDERS:** Returning citizens or those convicted of crimes need resources such as housing, job training, job opportunities, mental health counseling, and monitoring to ensure a proper and successful transition. The Courts should provide ENCOURAGEMENT and to the extent possible ensure that these resources are available and offered to offenders.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The term length of Judges needs to be reduced and we need competitive fair elections and a more rigorous disciplinary process that will allow Judges, who show a pattern of harmful bias to be removed. There could also be training of Judges on how to set aside any unconscious bias and treat victims with sensitivity, dignity and respect.

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

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REPEAT OFFENDERS: No response received by deadline.  
DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a criminal defense attorney who has had at least 100 trials for the past 23 years. I was the Deputy Trial Chief of the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia before opening my own practice 15 years ago. I have counseled people through all kinds of cases. Being bilingual, I have been able to explain the system to people who do not speak English.

COURT NEEDS: The greatest challenges facing Maryland’s court system is diversity of thought. People are treated the exact same way without any thought given to sex, age, race or history. While it takes longer to address people, it’s important that when people walk in the courtroom that they feel they will be treated fairly. Also, judges should visit jails so they know where they are sending people.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: Creative sentencing would help reduce recidivism. Clearly sentences without anything further is not working. This again goes to people being treated the same without giving thought to the individual persons. Second, involving education in sentencing would help. Instead of just handing out sentences we need to incorporate education and awareness to sentencing.

DISCRIMINATION: First, diverse judges would help. Judges who have only worked for the state and have not interacted with a diversity of people don’t know how to handle different people. Jurors take their cues from judges, and seeing judges respect everyone in the courtroom will also help the risk of bias. When people see that judges are not being biased they will act in kind.

Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention Congressional Districts 4 and 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 Districts 4 and 5

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

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

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.

Prince George's County Board of Education District 4

DUTIES: The BOE shares its responsibilities with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish and oversee educational policies; to make decisions on educational, facility, and financial matters; and to appraise the educational and administrative management of the public school system. The CEO implements public school policies and programs. The BOE may not contradict management and oversight of fiscal affairs except by a 2/3 vote of the BOE. The purpose of the Board is two-fold: to raise the academic achievement of students and the level of engagement of parents, students, and community. The BOE consists of 9 elected members, 3 members appointed by the County Executive, 1 member by the County Council, and 1 student member.

SALARY:$18,000 + $7,000 reimbursement

TERM: 4 years; no term limits

HOW ELECTED: By popular vote within one of nine districts. Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are elected during Presidential elections; Districts 2, 3, 6, and 9, during Gubernatorial elections. BOE races are non-partisan and all registered voters may vote in both Primary and General elections. The top two vote getters in each race advance to the General election; uncontested races (only one or two candidates) do not appear on the primary election ballot.

Questions

1. QUALIFICATIONS: What makes you qualified (in education, community involvement, budget matters, etc.) to serve on the Board of Education?
2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES: PGCPS high school students were asked for suggestions for the questions for the School Board candidates. Their responses (based on their experiences) indicated a concern for a number of perceived disparities in the delivery of services, programs, use of ineffective teachers, and adequate facilities within the system. How would you address these disparities so that students and parents do not feel they are receiving an unequal education?
3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Given that the stated purpose of the Board of Education is to raise the academic achievement of students, where would you begin in your efforts to improve the academic performance in all PGC schools, in order to reduce the drop out rate, and raise PGCPS from near the bottom of all public schools in Maryland?
4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY: How can the Board of Education foster better collaboration among parents, school staff and the community?
5. BUDGET FACTORS: Prioritize the factors you will weigh when making budget decisions.
6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Which programs that PGC schools put in place have addressed the achievement gap of our minority students? Have they been effective? Why or why not?

7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES: What successful practices in other Maryland school systems and/or in other states should be put in place PGC Schools?

Candidates

Voters may vote for no more than 1.

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my entire career focused on issues of educational equity. I began teaching over 10 years ago in North Carolina using project-based learning. While there, I obtained my National Board Teaching Certification. I then moved to Maryland where I worked in DCPS and became an award-winning educator and instructional coach, speaking at the White House on behalf of teachers using project based learning in urban settings. I now travel nationally training teachers in best practices. He pasado toda mi carrera enfocada en temas de equidad educativa. Comencé a enseñar hace más de 10 años en Carolina del Norte utilizando el aprendizaje basado en proyectos. Mientras estuve allí, obtuve mi certificación de enseñanza de la Junta Nacional. Luego me mudé a Maryland, donde trabajé en DCPS y me convertí en un galardonado educador y entrenador de instrucción, hablando en la Casa Blanca en nombre de los maestros que utilizan el aprendizaje basado en proyectos en entornos urbanos. Ahora

2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES: Innovative programming should be expanded and not clustered at a few schools to provide greater access for all students. Additionally, I believe our top priority should be the recruitment and retention of the best teachers. This includes providing opportunities for teacher leadership, and raises in teacher pay. We must provide supports for teachers that are not certified to achieve their credentials. The school system should prioritize renovations in schools with mold and other unsafe conditions. La programación innovadora debe ampliarse y no agruparse en algunas escuelas para proporcionar un mayor acceso a todos los estudiantes. Además, creo que nuestra principal prioridad debería ser el reclutamiento y la retención de los mejores maestros. Esto incluye proporcionar oportunidades para el liderazgo docente y aumentos en el pago docente. Debemos brindar apoyo a los maestros que no están certificados para lograr sus credenciales. El sistema escolar debe priorizar las renovaciones en las es

3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Curriculum and Instruction are my passions: all students need access to high quality, rigorous instruction. In fact, when we do not give students on grade level work, we widen the achievement gap. Studies show that students of color are three times LESS likely to receive on grade level work (TNTP). Teachers need training in culturally responsive teaching practices that will enable them to meet students where they are and adapt to distinct learning needs. El plan de estudios y la instrucción son mis pasiones: todos los estudiantes necesitan acceso a una instrucción rigurosa y de alta calidad. De hecho, cuando no les damos a los estudiantes trabajo a nivel de grado, ampliamos la brecha de rendimiento. Los estudios demuestran que los estudiantes de color son tres veces MENOS propensos a recibir trabajo a nivel de grado. Los maestros necesitan capacitación en prácticas de enseñanza culturalmente receptivas que les permitan conocer a los estudiantes

4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY: To begin we need to prioritize every school in our county having a PTSA. Many schools do not have one and it is difficult for parents and guardians to get updated information from the school. More importantly, I think we need to work to support schools in executing home visits. Home visits can help create trust between schools and families and set forth collective hopes for students academically. This is proven to improve parental involvement in neighboring districts. Para comenzar, debemos priorizar cada escuela en nuestro condado que tenga un PTSA. Muchas escuelas no tienen uno y es difícil para los padres y tutores obtener información actualizada de la escuela. Más importante aún, creo que debemos trabajar para apoyar a las escuelas en la ejecución de visitas domiciliarias. Las visitas al hogar pueden ayudar a crear confianza entre las escuelas y las familias y establecer esperanzas colectivas para los estudiantes académicamente. Se ha demostrado que esto

5. BUDGET FACTORS: How does this decision impact our most vulnerable students and families? Does this item contribute to wasteful spending? (program duplication, ineffective program etc.) Does this item present ethical issues? How does this further our mission of advancing teaching and learning? ¿Cómo afecta esta decisión a nuestros estudiantes y familias más vulnerables? ¿Este artículo contribuye al gasto derrochador? (duplicación de programa, programa ineficaz, etc.) ¿Este artículo
6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Community Schools program - This program has gotten off to a good start but needs full funding. Parent liaisons should be paid as full time employees, not contractors. Math and Reading Specialists - the district has made efforts to provide more literacy supports in earlier grades, but this is not available in every school. Again, we need to focus on ALL students having access to high quality instruction and curriculum at all times. Programa de escuelas comunitarias: este programa ha tenido un buen comienzo pero necesita fondos completos. Las relaciones con los padres deben pagarse como empleados a tiempo completo, no como contratistas. Especialistas en matemáticas y lectura: el distrito se ha esforzado por brindar más apoyo de alfabetización en los primeros grados, pero esto no está disponible en todas las escuelas. Nuevamente, debemos enfocarnos en que TODOS los estudiantes tengan acceso a instrucción y plan de estudios d

7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES: Home Visit/ Project-Based Learning /Expeditionary Learning/ Place Based Learning/Montessori Programs/ Parent Academies/,Delayed start for regular professional development/Community Schools with full wrap around services - i.e. health information, housing, workforce development, open after hours/Full commitment to restorative practices within schools and Positive Behavioral Intervention Systems (i.e. yoga vs detention, incentives for positive behavior and community building) /Teacher Leadership.Visita al hogar / Aprendizaje basado en proyectos / Aprendizaje expedicionario / Aprendizaje basado en el lugar / Programas Montessori / Academias para padres / , Inicio retrasado para el desarrollo profesional regular / Escuelas comunitarias con servicios completos, es decir, información de salud, vivienda, desarrollo de la fuerza laboral, abierto después de horas / Compromiso total con las prácticas restaurativas dentro de las escuelas y los sistemas de intervención conductual positiva (es decir

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I am a qualified candidate because I value education and have lived in this district for over twenty years. I am a professor of mathematics and information technology at Prince George's Community College and served in various committee positions at the college. I am a former elementary and secondary Teacher and served as School Education Board at Prince George's Muslim Association in Lanham, Maryland. Additionally, I have served as a community chair in Maryland and authored of children's books.

2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES: I believe these disparities can be addressed through dialogue with not only the parents, but with the students. The goal in these discussions will be to achieve equity. I would like to incorporate technology in the classroom and allow all students to have access at school and at home. Additionally, smaller classrooms will ensure that students are receiving more attention to succeed and reduce the ratio of student to teacher.

3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: To decrease the drop out rate and increase achievement, we must work together with parents for student success and to become student centered. I would create mentorship programs where teachers can sign up to mentor seniors and help them make plans to graduate on time and transition to college or employment after graduation. I also believe that we need to give students a "why" when it comes to education and show them how education can help them reach the goals that they have for themselves.

4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY: I think it is important to create stronger Parent Teacher Associations and encourage minority parents to attend meetings and include translators if that is necessary so that all families feel welcome and a part of their school community. Schools should hold more events that allow the community, the school staff, and students to interact and invite parents more frequently to showcase student progress.


6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: PGC has employed programs like AVID for example that are helping but are not reaching all students. The key to closing the achievement gap is to be mindful of what students need and to recognize that not all students need the same thing or learn the same way. Students who are struggling should be identified early and should receive the appropriate services or given the right interventions so that they can succeed.
7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES: Other counties have appointed equity representatives at schools and I believe that is a great strategy. Having a teacher or employee at each school that can evaluate the situation and attend monthly meetings and discuss any disparities in equity that the students or the teachers are facing at that specific location would allow for positive discussions and hopefully positive actions.

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Prince George's County Board of Education District 7

DUTIES: The BOE shares its responsibilities with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish and oversee educational policies; to make decisions on educational, facility, and financial matters; and to appraise the educational and administrative management of the public school system. The CEO implements public school policies and programs. The BOE may not contradict management and oversight of fiscal affairs except by a 2/3 vote of the BOE. The purpose of the Board is two-fold: to raise the academic achievement of students and the level of engagement of parents, students, and community. The BOE consists of 9 elected members, 3 members appointed by the County Executive, 1 member by the County Council, and 1 student member.

SALARY:$18,000 + $7,000 reimbursement

TERM: 4 years; no term limits

HOW ELECTED: By popular vote within one of nine districts. Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are elected during Presidential elections; Districts 2, 3, 6, and 9, during Gubernatorial elections. BOE races are non-partisan and all registered voters may vote in both Primary and General elections. The top two
vote getters in each race advance to the General election; uncontested races (only one or two candidates) do not appear on the primary election ballot.

Questions
1. QUALIFICATIONS: What makes you qualified (in education, community involvement, budget matters, etc.) to serve on the Board of Education?
2. DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES: PGCPS high school students were asked for suggestions for the questions for the School Board candidates. Their responses (based on their experiences) indicated a concern for a number of perceived disparities in the delivery of services, programs, use of ineffective teachers, and adequate facilities within the system. How would you address these disparities so that students and parents do not feel they are receiving an unequal education?
3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Given that the stated purpose of the Board of Education is to raise the academic achievement of students, where would you begin in your efforts to improve the academic performance in all PGC schools, in order to reduce the drop out rate, and raise PGCPS from near the bottom of all public schools in Maryland?
4. ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY: How can the Board of Education foster better collaboration among parents, school staff and the community?
5. BUDGET FACTORS: Prioritize the factors you will weigh when making budget decisions.
6. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Which programs that PGC schools put in place have addressed the achievement gap of our minority students? Have they have been effective? Why or why not?
7. OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES: What successful practices in other Maryland school systems and/or in other states should be put in place PGC Schools?

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1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Prior to my tenure on the Board of Education, I have served as a representative on the Maryland Youth Advisory Council, Maryland Higher Education Commission, the University System of Maryland, as a staff member for The Education Trust (a national educational policy non-profit advocacy organization), and as the Legislative and Constituent Aide for the late Maryland State Senator Ulysses Currie (District 25).

2. **DISPARITIES IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES:** They’re unfortunately correct; the academic services/resources that one school receives can be completely different from those of another school; in some cases, that school is less than five miles away. As the author of the Board Policy on Educational Equity, I’ve committed myself to being unapologetic in my equitable advocacy for the redistribution of school system resources - placing highly qualified staff in schools where they are deeply needed and funding academic supports like tutoring.

3. **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:** Where I would begin is where we have already started - with the establishment of Community Schools throughout the system. Community Schools provide wraparound supports to students to help remove systemic barriers to academic success. Community Schools provide qualitative services that range from mental and physical health supports, addressing food insecurity, and connecting businesses/non-profit organizations to the school community. Removing these barriers will help to close achievement gaps.

4. **ENGAGEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY:** As Chair of the Committee on Family and Community Engagement, I helped spearhead the initiative to establish the Family Institute, a system-wide program that purposefully engages and supports the growth of parent leadership organizations in all of our schools. While advocating for its continuation, I will continue to advocate for increased cultural competency and customer service training for all staff so that our system's employees are better equipped to assist our diverse parent community.

5. **BUDGET FACTORS:** There are five core areas that I have been an advocate for during my tenure on the Board of Education - 1. Academic supports and wraparound supports for students that are equitably distributed; 2. Compensation of our system employees; 3. Tackling our system’s Maintenance and Building Services backlog; 4. Addressing the mental health of our students; and 5. expanding Career & Technical Education.

6. **ACHIEVEMENT GAP:** Almost three years ago, there was an administrative shift in how eligible students were enrolled into the county’s Science and Technology magnet programs at Eleanor Roosevelt, C. H. Flowers, or Oxon Hill High Schools. Instead of having to sit for an exam, the system using already established factors to sort out eligible students and automatically enrolls them. This allows for ALL students, not just those who have highly engaged parents who know about the program, to have access to these services.

7. **OTHER SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES:** When it comes to the effective transportation of students, the Montgomery County Public Schools have adopted, what I believe to be, the best logistical model. Transportation has been a, now, generational issue within our county’s school system. The Board and Administration just concluded a year-long work group on the implementation of best practices and Montgomery County Public Schools presented their logistical model before that group and many of the practices were adopted for the upcoming year
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