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

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

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

Qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to a nonpartisan questionnaire. These responses were limited to 750 characters and were truncated thereafter. Additional details are available on page 4 of this Voters’ Guide.

If a candidate did not respond by the date required for print publication, “No response received by deadline.” is printed in this Guide.

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

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3 WAYS TO VOTE

**VOTE BY MAIL**
To slow the spread of COVID-19, voters are strongly encouraged to **vote by mail**. The process is secure and the most effective way to slow the spread of the virus.

Active registered voters will receive a request for a mail-in ballot and can return it by mail. They may also request their ballots online or download and print a ballot ([https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html)). Ballot requests are due at the Board of Elections by October 20, but voters are strongly encouraged to submit them as soon as possible.

Mail-in ballots will be sent to those who request them, beginning at the end of September. Again, it is important to complete your ballot and return it as soon as possible. In order to be counted, mail-in ballots must be placed in a drop box, handed in to a vote center or postmarked by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3.

**EARLY VOTING** is strongly encouraged if you wish to vote in person. Baltimore County will have 11 in-person early voting centers from October 26 through November 2. These centers will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Try to vote at off-peak times (midmorning and midafternoon). A list of the locations is in this Voters’ Guide. Baltimore County voters may use any of the sites. Voter registration will be available.

**VOTING ON ELECTION DAY** Baltimore County will have in-person voting at the 11 centers used for early voting and an additional 31 centers throughout the county. Voting centers will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Try to vote at off-peak times (midmorning and midafternoon). A list of all voting centers is available in this Voters’ Guide. Baltimore County voters may use any of the sites. Voter registration will be available.

Copies of this Voters’ Guide are being mailed to newly registered voters in Baltimore County. Your donation will help support this project.

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Thank you for helping us **Make Democracy Work!**
**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. You may also turn it in at a voting center.

Mail-in ballots must be placed in a drop box or postmarked by 8:00 pm on November 3. Drop boxes will be available at voting centers from late September through Election Day. Remember that the most common reason for a ballot not to be counted is that it was not received on time. Lists of drop box sites and voting centers are in this Voters’ Guide.

**GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR**

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**QUESTIONS?**

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**ARE YOU A COLLEGE STUDENT?**

If you registered to vote in Maryland where you attended college and have since returned home, you may use the State Board of Elections website to update your voting address to your home or to request that a mail-in ballot be sent to your home. Go to https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1. You may prefer to access this website by texting 77788. If you had already requested that a mail-in ballot be mailed to your college address, contact the Baltimore County Board of Elections (410-887-5700) to cancel that request. Once the application is cancelled, follow the instructions above to update your voting address and/or to request a mail-in ballot.

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

**OPTIONS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES**

Voters with disabilities have the options of either voting in person or voting by mail. Voting centers will have ballot marking devices for use by voters who would have difficulty reading and marking a paper ballot. For those who wish to vote by mail, Maryland offers internet delivery of ballots and an online ballot marking tool. This option is compatible with adaptive technology to enable those with disabilities to access the internet. Internet delivery may be requested on a paper application for a mail-in ballot or in an online application (https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html). A printer will be required to use this option. Downloaded ballots cannot be returned via the internet.

**DIDN’T RECEIVE AN APPLICATION FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT?**

Applications for mail-in ballots were mailed only to active voters at the address on file with the Board of Elections. If you have moved, or if you did not vote in the primary election, you may be on the inactive voter list. It is also possible that your application was lost in the mail. First check whether an application was mailed to you. You may call the Baltimore County Board of Elections or check online at https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch.

If no application was sent, you may use the State Board of Elections website to update your voting information and to request that a mail-in ballot be sent to your home. Go to https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1. You may prefer to access this website by texting 77788. You may also call the Baltimore County Board of Elections and ask them to send a ballot application.

Please note that requesting a ballot online requires either a Maryland driver’s license or state ID card. If you do not have these, or if you have other questions, please call the Baltimore County Board of Elections at 410-887-5700.

Finally, you may also vote in person during Early Voting or on Election Day. Take your driver’s license, state ID card or a utility bill or other mailing that verifies your name and address. Voter registration will also be available at the voting centers.
President and Vice President of the United States

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

TERM: Four years. Limit of two terms.

BASE SALARY: $400,000 per year.

Criteria for Participation in vote411.org: All presidential candidates who will appear on Maryland’s ballot are listed below. Additional write-in candidates appear on the Maryland State Board of Elections website (https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/general_candidates/index.html). 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:
1) The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President; 2) The candidate must meet 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 FEC website by the date of publication; 3) The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.

Additional information on the candidates may be available on vote411.org.

ISSUES

COVID-19 RECOVERY: What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?

TOP PRIORITY: What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?

RACIAL INJUSTICE: How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?

IMMIGRATION: What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?

HEALTHCARE: What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?

Vote for 1 pair

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COVID-19 RECOVERY: It’s a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they’re linked. On Day One, I’ll implement the COVID strategy I’ve laid out since March – surge testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local governments resources to keep educators, cops, and firefighters on the job. I’ll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I’ll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I’ll re-vitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy, and boost caregiving – easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave, and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve.

TOP PRIORITY: Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We’re facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I’ll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we’re never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I’ll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I’ll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I’ll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I’ll work as hard for those who don’t support me as for those who do. That’s a president’s job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal.

RACIAL INJUSTICE: America is at an inflection point. It’s past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation’s promise to too many for too long. I’ll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies; and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I’ll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I’ll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.

IMMIGRATION: My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It’s past time to reform our broken system, restoring family unification and diversity as its core pillars. As President, I’ll reverse Trump’s assault on our values on Day One, ending his cruel border policies that rip children from their mothers’ arms. I’ll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families, and invest real political capital in finally delivering legislative immigration reform, with a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong. We have to enforce our laws, but in a way that’s humane, respects due process, honors our values, and sees the big picture.

HEALTHCARE: This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That’s why I’ll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I’ll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I’ll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the front lines of care; and much more.

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This slate did not meet the criteria for an invitation to participate.

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

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.

ENIRONMENT: 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?

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

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

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

HEALTH CARE: We need to make health care more affordable - that was the main problem with the Affordable Care Act. We need to bring down the cost not only of insurance (maintaining coverage for any pre-existing conditions), but of health care itself. We have to bring down the high cost of prescription drugs, and we should have price transparency for all medical services and drugs.

ENVIRONMENT: By encouraging the use of exploration and production of natural gas to replace coal to generate electricity, the federal government brought down CO2 use in America for the third year in a row, exceeding the reduction of many countries in the Paris Climate Accords. We need to encourage the use of clean energy, especially exploring new advances in nuclear power generation which are safe and clean.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2**

**Vote for 1**

**REPUBLICAN**

Johnny Ray Salling

No response received by deadline.

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**GOALS:** Congress needs people, like me, working across the aisle and focusing on the basics like good schools, safe streets and decent jobs. I want to keep focusing on national security as we prepare for the threats of tomorrow, including cyber attacks and nuclear weapons. I also want to continue my work on the Appropriations Committee, ensuring that Maryland and its communities get their fair share.

**IMMIGRATION:** I’d stop the President from raising our military facilities and families to build the wasteful border wall. I’d end family separation and move immigrants out of detention facilities as quickly as possible by hiring more federal judges to reduce the courts backlog. I’ll work to pass comprehensive immigration reform that provides both sensible border security and a reasonable path to citizenship.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3**

**Vote for 1**

**REPUBLICAN**

Charles Anthony

No response received by deadline.

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**GOALS:** I am running to strengthen our democracy by ending the influence of big
money in politics, protecting the right to vote and ensuring that public officials work for the public interest. To make progress on the most pressing issues we face, we first need a political system that responds to the many, not the money. Too many Americans feel shut out by Washington; we need to bring them back in.

**IMMIGRATION:** I oppose the Trump Administration’s immigration policies including zero tolerance/family separation, restricting asylum, ICE operating in sensitive locations, the public charge rule and efforts to end DACA and TPS, among others. We need an immigration policy that protects economic interests while providing a path to citizenship and a humane, legal framework for people to come to the United States.

**HEALTH CARE:** I am a strong supporter of the ACA and believe that we must stop and reverse years of Republican sabotage, which has increased costs and limited access to health care. I also believe we can expand on the ACA’s successes, including by passing a public option or a single-payer, Medicare for All system – both of which I support – and passing H.R. 3 to reduce the costs of prescription drugs.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is the existential crisis of our day. The federal government must lead the effort to reach net-zero carbon emissions that includes a just transition for all communities, including our most vulnerable. We must rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement, reverse course on Trump’s deregulatory agenda, and promote green technology that moves the nation towards a healthier, sustainable future.

**GUN SAFETY:** I have voted to close loopholes and strengthen our background check system. I also support an assault weapons ban, banning large capacity magazines, a national system for extreme-risk protection orders, mandatory safe gun storage, raising the purchasing age for certain firearms and prohibiting persons convicted of hate crimes from buying guns.

**ECONOMY:** The key to addressing income inequality is fixing our democracy so that economic power does not equal political power. We need to reverse decades of tax cuts for the wealthy and big business and reinvest those revenues in our people – including by reducing the financial burden of health care, housing and education. We must focus on economic justice and building wealth in marginalized communities.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I strongly support important civil rights legislation like the Equality Act, the Paycheck Fairness Act, the End Racial Profiling Act and the NO BAN Act. I also support building on criminal justice reforms like the First Step Act. I authored H.R. 1, which would expand access to the ballot, particularly for racial minorities and persons with disabilities, who face additional barriers to voting.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I authored the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program to provide debt relief for individuals who work in public service. I introduced the What You Can Do For Your Country Act, which strengthens PSLF and ensures its proper administration by the Department of Education. I oppose the Trump Administration’s attacks on student borrowers and believe we must better protect them from predatory lenders.

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7**

**Vote for 1**

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**GOALS:**

- No response received by deadline.

**IMMIGRATION:**

- Fix the legal immigration procedures and loopholes to make it more beneficial to US workers and legal immigrants. The current immigration policy exploits the workers for the benefit of large business and any change would have to focus on economic interests while providing a path to citizenship and a humane, legal framework for people to come to the United States.

**ENVIRONMENT:**

- No response received by deadline.

**GUN SAFETY:**

- Baltimore City has one of the highest homicide rates in the country and has extensive gun control currently in place. I would work to provide opportunities for those who are committing the violence.

**ECONOMY:**

- No response received by deadline.

**DISCRIMINATION:**

- Enforcement of violations of bias would be a top priority. If there is bias

**STUDENT LOANS:**

- I would revisit the law that student loans could not be discharged in bankruptcy.
ECONOMY: I will work to increase the federal minimum wage to $15/hour today, with that figure indexed to inflation. I will also work to revisit the most recent tax cuts for the highest earning Americans so that we can invest that money into educating our children and expanding skills training opportunities. The policy focus is investing in opportunities that prepare people to earn more money.

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

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

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT 3

DUTIES: Judges preside in the Circuit Court, which is a trial court that hears major civil cases and more serious criminal cases, such as those requiring a jury trial. Circuit Courts also may decide appeals from the District Court and certain administrative agencies.

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

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

HOW ELECTED: The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. The General Assembly determines the number of judges in each circuit and county. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office. Each newly appointed Circuit Court judge then must stand for office at the 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

Vote for up to 2

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QUALIFICATIONS: Prior to my appointment to the Circuit Court in January 2019, I was trial lawyer for over 30 years with over 1,000 trials with a wide variety in various law. As a judge I have successfully heard numerous civil and criminal jury trials as well as complex cases in family law and other areas of litigation.

JUDGE, COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS AT LARGE

DUTIES: Judges preside in the Court of Special Appeals, the intermediate appellate court in Maryland. The Court reviews the actions and decisions of the Circuit Court and of the Orphans’ Court in cases brought before it. The Court, usually sitting in panels of three judges, decides if the trial judge followed the law and legal precedent. The Court is composed of 15 judges: eight
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at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

**SALARY:** $178,633 annual base.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** When there is a vacancy on the Court of Special Appeals, the governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office, with the consent of the State Senate. Once appointed, the appellate judge holds the office until the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. At that time, the judge runs for an uncontested election for a ten-year term on their record (yes or no for continuance in office). No one is permitted to file against them. If the incumbent judge is approved, the judge faces another “retention election” every ten years to continue in office. If the incumbent judge is rejected by the voters, the post becomes vacant, and the governor makes a new appointment.

**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?

**CANDIDATE**

**Vote YES or NO for continuance in office**

E. Gregory Wells
No response received by deadline.

**STATE QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 1**

**Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 645 of the 2020 Legislative Session)**

**State Budget Process**

(Amending Article II Section 17 and Article III Section 14 and 52 of the Maryland Constitution)

The proposed amendment authorizes the General Assembly, in enacting a balanced budget bill for fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, to increase, diminish, or add items, provided that the General Assembly may not exceed the total proposed budget as submitted by the Governor.

[ ] **FOR** the Constitutional Amendment

[ ] **AGAINST** the Constitutional Amendment

**Origin of the ballot question:** The 2020 session of the General Assembly passed legislation (SB 1028) proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the authority of the General Assembly in the budget process. A bill that amends the Maryland Constitution requires a three/fifth vote in each chamber (Maryland Senate and House of Delegates) and approval by a majority of voters at the next general election.

**Present Practice:** The Maryland Constitution prohibits the General Assembly from increasing any budget item or adding any new items to the Governor’s proposed budget for any of the government agencies except the Judicial branch and the operations of the General Assembly itself, nor can it move funds from one agency to another. The General Assembly can only recommend cuts to state agency budgets unless it identifies and enacts a new revenue source to fund additional items. Once a budget passes the Senate and House, it becomes law and cannot be changed or vetoed by the Governor.

**Proposed Change:** If passed, the General Assembly could move spending in the budget proposed by the Governor from one agency to another as long as the total amount of the budget does not exceed the total amount in Governor’s proposed budget. The General Assembly could also add spending to a new item, as long as other item(s) of the budget are reduced to pay for the new expenditure. This change would begin with the 2024 Budget bill which is presented to the General Assembly in 2023. At that time, the Governor would be given the authority to veto items added or items increased by the General Assembly.

**Arguments In Favor:**

- The Maryland Legislature has less power in the budget process than any other legislature in the United States.
- Members of the public might have more ability to influence funding for programs of importance to them because they have more opportunities to interact with legislators during the General Assembly Session personally and during committee hearings, than they do to influence the Governor or the state agencies when the budget details are negotiated and finalized for presentation.
- For decades, Republican and Democratic legislators have proposed this change while Governors from both major parties have been in power. The provisions of this bill will not take effect until the election of a new Governor and members of the General Assembly are elected.
  - This Constitutional Amendment would not change the current requirement that the General Assembly must pass a balanced budget.

**Arguments Against:**

- Because the Governor would have the power to enact line item vetoes, there may be more Special Sessions to override those vetoes. Special Sessions come with a cost.
- Because the public will be advocating for new or increased funding for particular programs, legislators could be swayed to support programs that the Governor did not feel should be funded at that level.
- It could take longer to pass a budget.
- Legislators may have more concern about programs that affect their constituents, while the Governor may have a more statewide perspective.

A vote **FOR** the constitutional amendment means the legislature will be able to adjust spending in the Governor’s budget by reducing some items and increasing others as long as the total amount of spending does not exceed the amount of spending proposed by the Governor.

A vote **AGAINST** the constitutional amendment means current law would remain in place and the legislature will only be able to reduce the expenditures within the budget proposed by the Governor.

**QUESTION 2**

**Commercial Gaming Expansion Referendum (Ch. 492 of the 2020 Legislative Session)**

**Expansion of Commercial Gaming-Sports and Event Wagering**

Do you approve the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland to authorize sports and events betting for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education?

[ ] **FOR** the referred law

[ ] **AGAINST** the referred law

**Origin of the ballot question:** In 2007, the Maryland Constitution was amended to say that the General Assembly may only authorize additional forms or expansion of commercial gambling if approved through a referendum by a majority of the voters in a general election. In 2020 the General Assembly passed SB 04 that would authorize...
it to pass laws to establish a program of sports wagering and event wagering in the State if approved by voters in the next General Election. The bill also stated that the primary purpose of this expansion of gambling would be to raise revenue for education.

**Present Practice:** In 2008 Maryland voters first approved gambling via video lottery terminals (slot machines.) In 2012, voters approved expanding the allowable number of video lottery terminals and authorized table games in casinos. Wagering on a contest, event, game, or match between individuals or teams sponsored by a professional league or association or hosted by a college or university is currently illegal in Maryland.

**Proposed Change:** If the referendum is approved, the General Assembly would then need to pass legislation that authorizes the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue licenses for sports and event wagering in the State. The legislation must include the criteria for eligible applications for a licensee and specify the permissible forms, means of conducting, and locations where sports wagering would take place. The bill that sent this question to the voters also requires a study by the General Assembly to evaluate whether there is reason and event wagering industry and market. This study is to be completed by October 1, 2020 so any recommendations that result can be considered when the General Assembly establishes criteria for licenses (assuming the referendum passes.)

**Arguments in Favor:**

- Allowing sports betting in Maryland would enable the state to compete with the fourteen states that are already raising revenue this way.
- Illegal sports betting already takes place. Maryland should provide a legal way to place such bets to tap into that market and thereby reduce criminal activity.
- Depending on how it is implemented, Maryland could raise as much as $20 million a year that could be invested in education which could yield long term benefits for Maryland residents.

**Arguments Against:**

- Maryland already has legalized a lottery, slot machines and casinos with various gambling table games. This would add another way to raise money from people who may not be able to afford it and may become addicted to gambling.
- If sports betting is implemented in a similar manner to casino gambling, most of the revenue raised will likely go to the gambling venues with only a small portion going to education.
- Sports betting could have an impact on how fans watch games because they could be more interested in making money than appreciating the sport. It could impact the game for players as well, especially if wagering is allowed on college sports.

A vote **FOR** the referred law means the General Assembly will be able to pass legislation to establish a program of sports wagering and event wagering in Maryland with a portion of the revenue going to support public education.

A vote **AGAINST** the referred law means that commercial wagering on sporting events will remain illegal in Maryland.

**COUNTY QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION A**

**County Charter**

**Citizens’ Election Fund System**

Section 1013 is added to the Baltimore County Charter to: establish a Citizens’ Election Fund System for candidates for County Council and County Executive beginning with the General Election to be held in 2026, provide that candidates may choose whether to participate in the system, establish a Citizens’ Election Fund Commission, require the Commission to determine the funding of the system, provide for the funding of the system, require the creation of a subfund to receive voluntary contributions by citizens, provide for the order of disbursements from the system, and authorize the County Executive to not fund the system if the County Executive determines that the County’s fiscal condition makes it imprudent to do so. (Bill 3-19)

- FOR the Proposed Charter Amendment
- AGAINST the Proposed Charter Amendment

**QUESTION B**

**County Ordinance**

**Public Works Borrowing**

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow $54,990,000 for public works purposes, for the class of projects which includes, among other things, streets and highways, bridges and storm drainage systems, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 37-20)

- FOR the Bond Issue
- AGAINST the Bond Issue

**QUESTION C**

**County Ordinance**

**Refuse Disposal Borrowing**

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow $15,000,000 for refuse disposal projects, including but not limited to the construction, reconstruction, improvement, acquisition, repair, and modernization of county refuse disposal facilities, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 38-20)

- FOR the Bond Issue
- AGAINST the Bond Issue

**QUESTION D**

**County Ordinance**

**Operational Buildings Borrowing**

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow $46,000,000 for public operational buildings including, but not limited to, general, health, police, fire, recreation, libraries, senior center and detention buildings or facilities and necessary or desirable equipment, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 39-20)

- FOR the Bond Issue
- AGAINST the Bond Issue

**QUESTION E**

**County Ordinance**

**Parks, Preservation and Greenways Borrowing**

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow $35,000,000 for parks, preservation and greenways projects, including but not limited to acquisition of playgrounds, parks and recreational facilities and the construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of playgrounds, parks and community centers, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 40-20)

- FOR the Bond Issue
- AGAINST the Bond Issue

**QUESTION F**

**County Ordinance**

**Community College Borrowing**

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow $17,500,000 for community college projects, including but not limited to the construction, improvement, maintenance, and modernization of buildings and other improvements for the community colleges,
to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 41-20)

☑ FOR the Bond Issue
☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

QUESTION G
County Ordinance
School Borrowing
AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow $200,000,000 for public school projects, including but not limited to acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, repair, maintenance, conversion, and modernization of public school buildings and sites, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 42-20)

☑ FOR the Bond Issue
☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

QUESTION H
County Ordinance
Agricultural and Rural Land Preservation Borrowing
AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow $4,000,000 for agricultural and rural land preservation projects, including but not limited to the purchase of land, development rights and conservation easements, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 43-20)

☑ FOR the Bond Issue
☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

QUESTION I
County Ordinance
Community Improvement Project Borrowing
AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow $2,500,000 for community improvement projects, including but not limited to construction, renovation, extension, alteration, repair or modernization of street curbs, gutters, water, sewer and other utilities, and sidewalk and pedestrian system improvements to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 44-20)

☑ FOR the Bond Issue
☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

☑ FOR the Bond Issue
☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

QUESTION J
County Ordinance
Waterway Improvement Program Borrowing
AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow $20,000,000 for the acquisition, construction, recondition, extension, repair and modernization of waterway improvement and stormwater-related projects, including but not limited to shoreline stabilization, shore erosion control, wetland restoration and streambank and riverbank restoration, to be undertaken pursuant to Sections 705(a) and 718 of the Baltimore County Charter. (Bill 45-20)

☑ FOR the Bond Issue
☐ AGAINST the Bond Issue

ABOUT OUR FRONT COVER
Celebrating 100 years of the League of Women Voters and the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution

The photograph is an image from the Library of Congress and was chosen because 2020 is the 100-year anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. This is also the 100-year anniversary of the League of Women Voters. The League of Women Voters was founded just six months before the 19th amendment was ratified. The goal was to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters.

Today, the League of Women Voters of the United States encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League works to register voters and to provide voters with election information through Voters’ Guides as well as candidate forums and debates.

For more information about the history of the League, see www.lwv.org/about-us/history

The Vote By Mail in Just 4 Steps

1. Look for Your Ballot in the Mail
   Ballots will start being mailed out at the end of September

2. Request your Ballot
   Online by Mail
   TODAY to October 20

3. Complete Your Ballot
   Review your candidates and issues on Vote411.org and make your choices!

4. Return Your Ballot
   Postmarked by November 3rd or in a dropbox no later than 8pm on November 3rd
   Get your ballot in early and get your vote counted!

IMPORTANT NOTICES:
For the fall 2020 general election, voters seeking to vote by mail MUST REQUEST a mail-in ballot (previously called “absentee ballot”).
- The Board of Elections will send mail-in ballot applications to all eligible registered voters.
- This is different from the June 2020 primary election, when the Board of Elections sent mail-in ballots to all eligible registered voters.
- The deadline to request for a mail-in ballot is October 20. See below for complete instructions.

There will be in-person voting during early voting (Oct. 26–Nov. 2) and on Election Day (Nov. 3) at designated voting sites. Prevailing health and safety measures, such as mask and social distancing requirements, will be observed.
Vote Centers & Drop Box Sites

**Vote Centers:** If you cannot vote or return a mail-in ballot, or if you did not receive a ballot in the mail, or if you simply prefer to vote in person, you may vote during Early Voting (October 26 through November 2) or on Election Day (November 3). The vote centers will be open 7:00 am-8:00 pm. You may use any center in Baltimore County. Voter registration will be available.

**Drop Box Locations:** If you want to drop off your mail-in ballot instead of mailing it, put the voted ballot in the reply envelope, seal and sign the envelope, and take the envelope to a secure drop box outside one of the indicated vote centers or the Board of Elections. Drop boxes will be available from late September through Tuesday, November 3. Your ballot must be postmarked or placed in a drop box by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3. Make sure the envelope is signed and dated or else your ballot will not be counted.

The following vote centers will be open for both Early Voting and Election Day and will also have drop boxes beginning September 28-30:

- **Arbutus Recreation Center**
  865 Sulphur Spring Road
  Halethorpe 21227

- **County Campus Metro Centre at Owings Mills**
  10302 Grand Central Avenue
  Owings Mills 21117

- **Honeygo Run Community Center**
  9033 Honeygo Boulevard
  Perry Hall 21128

- **Jacksonville Recreation Center**
  3065 B Sweet Air Road
  Jacksonville 21231

- **Oregon Ridge Lodge**
  13401 Beaver Dam Road
  Cockeysville 21030

- **Randallstown Community Center**
  3505 Resource Drive
  Randallstown 21133

- **Reisterstown Senior Center**
  12035 Reisterstown Road
  Reisterstown 21030

- **Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center**
  323 Sollers Point Road
  Dundalk 21222

- **Towson University South Campus Pavilion**
  1 South Auburn Drive
  Towson 21252

- **Victory Villa Community Center**
  404 East Compass Road
  Middle River 21220

- **Woodlawn Community Center**
  2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue
  Gwynn Oak 21207

- **Drop Box Only:**
  **Baltimore County Board of Elections**
  11112 Gilroy Road
  Hunt Valley 21031

The following vote centers will be open on Election Day only and will also have drop boxes beginning October 22-24:

- **Catonsville High**
  421 Bloomsbury Avenue
  Baltimore 21228

- **Chatsworth School**
  222 New Avenue
  Reisterstown 21136

- **Chesapeake High**
  1801 Turkey Point Road
  Baltimore 21221

- **Colgate Elementary**
  401 51st Street
  Baltimore 21224

- **Dulaney High**
  255 Padonia Road
  Towson 21093

- **Dundalk High**
  1901 Delvale Avenue
  Baltimore 21222

- **Eastern Technical High**
  1100 Mace Avenue
  Baltimore 21221

- **Franklin High**
  12000 Reisterstown Road
  Reisterstown 21136

- **George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology**
  938 York Road
  Baltimore 21204

- **Hereford High**
  17301 York Road
  Parkton 21120

- **Honeygo Elementary**
  4816 E. Joppa Road
  Perry Hall 21128

- **Lansdowne Elementary**
  30110 Amazon Drive
  Parkton 21120

- **Overlea High**
  5401 Kenwood Avenue
  Baltimore 21206

- **Owings Mills High**
  124 Tollgate Road
  Owings Mills 21117

- **Parkville High**
  2600 Putty Hill Avenue
  Baltimore 21234

- **Patapsco High**
  8100 Wise Avenue
  Baltimore 21222

- **Perry Hall High**
  4601 Ebenezer Road
  Baltimore 21236

- **Pikesville High**
  7621 Labyrinth Road
  Baltimore 21208

- **Randallstown High**
  4000 Offutt Road
  Randallstown 21133

- **Red House Run Elementary**
  1717 Weyburn Road
  Baltimore 21237

- **Seventh District Elementary**
  20300 York Road
  Parkton 21120

- **Sparrows Point High**
  7400 North Point Road
  Baltimore 21219

- **Towson High**
  69 Cedar Avenue
  Baltimore 21228

- **Vincent Farms Elementary**
  6019 Ebenezer Road
  White Marsh 21162

- **Western School of Technology**
  100 Kenwood Avenue
  Baltimore 21228

- **Woodlawn High**
  1801 Woodlawn Drive
  Baltimore 21207