



Anne Arundel County Voters' Guide 2020 General Election

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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 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 www.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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Voting by Mail

Applications for Ballots

Every voter on the active voter registration list was mailed an application for a mail-in/absentee ballot at the end of August. If you did not receive an application, you should check your voter registration information at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> or call your Board of Elections. The most common reason for being placed in the inactive voter list is moving without notifying the Board of Elections of your new address, so that election mail sent to you is returned to the Board of Elections. If you have questions, call the Board of Elections.

You may request a mail-in ballot by completing the application form or by applying online at https://www.elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.html.

Applications for ballots must be received by the Board of Elections by Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

Receiving Ballots via the Postal Service or the Internet

Maryland offers internet delivery of ballots and an online ballot marking tool. This option is compatible with adaptive technology. It enables those with disabilities to access the internet and should be reserved as much as possible for these voters.

We strongly encourage the large majority of voters to request a paper ballot. Ballots delivered by internet and printed on a home printer cannot be scanned by the scanners in use for elections. When such home-printed ballots are received at the Board of Elections, they must be copied onto standard ballots for scanning. This delays the counting of ballots.

Ballots delivered via the internet must be printed and returned to the Board of Elections. They cannot be emailed.

Returning Ballots

The envelope for returning your ballot will have a place for your signature. Your ballot cannot be counted if you do not sign and date the envelope where indicated. If there is more than one voter in your household, be careful not to mix ballots and envelopes.

You have several options for returning your ballot:

1. **All ballots must be returned or be postmarked no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.**
2. **U.S. Mail:** Your ballot packet will include a postage paid envelope. Ballots must be postmarked no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3.
 - a. You may also use a private delivery service, but your ballot still must be sent no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3.
3. **Ballot drop boxes:** Drop boxes will be available at the locations listed in the section titled Drop Box and Voting Locations beginning at the date indicated and available until 8 p.m. on Election Day. A list of these locations will also come with your ballot. Board of Elections staff will empty the drop boxes multiple times each day.
4. **Vote centers:** Ballots may be returned inside any vote center during Early Voting or on Election Day.
5. **Board of Elections:** Ballots may be returned to the Board of Elections.

Note: *If you request a mail-in ballot, you will not be permitted to cast an ordinary ballot during Early Voting or on Election Day. You will be provided a provisional ballot that will be counted only if your absentee ballot is not received.*

Voting in Person

Early Voting: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., October 26-November 2

Early voting will be available at designated vote centers; these locations are listed in the section titled Drop Box and Voting Locations. Voters may use any Early Vote Center in their county. 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 use the ballot they received should also go to an Early Voting Center.

Election Day: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 3

Due to Covid-19 precautions, the usual precinct polling places will not be open for the November 3, 2020 general election. Instead, voters can use any Vote Center in their county. 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 use the ballot they received should also go to a Vote Center. **On Election Day, voters may use any of the sites used for Early Voting or any of the additional Vote Centers listed in the section titled Drop Box and Voting Locations.**

Drop Box and Voting Locations

Drop Box Locations

September 28-30 until 8 p.m. on November 3

- Annapolis High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD, 21401
- Anne Arundel County Board of Elections, 6740 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21060
- Arundel High School, 1001 Annapolis Road, Gambrills, MD, 21054
- Broadneck High School, 1265 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, MD, 21409
- Brock Bridge Elementary School, 405 Brock Bridge Road, Laurel, MD, 20724
- Chesapeake High School, 4798 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD, 21122
- Crofton Middle School, 2301 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD, 21054
- Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Hall, 161 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD, 21146
- Glen Burnie High School, 7550 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, Glen Burnie, MD, 21060
- Meade High School, 1100 Clark Road, Ft Meade, MD, 20755
- Pip Moyer Recreation Center, 273 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis, MD, 21403
- North County High School, 10 East 1st Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD, 21061
- Northeast High School, 1121 Duvall Highway, Pasadena, MD, 21122
- Old Mill High School, 600 Patriot Lane, Millersville, MD, 21108
- Severna Park High School, 60 Robinson Road, Severna Park, MD, 21146
- South River High School, 201 Central Avenue East, Edgewater, MD, 21037
- Southern High School, 4400 Solomons Island Road, Harwood, MD, 20776
- Van Bokkelen Elementary School, 1140 Reece Road, Severn, MD, 21144

October 15-17 until 8 p.m. on November 3

- Arnold Elementary School, 95 E Joyce Lane, Arnold, MD, 21012
- Bates Middle School, 701 Chase Street, Annapolis, MD, 21401
- Brooklyn Park Middle School, 200 Hammonds Lane, Baltimore, MD, 21225
- Chesapeake Science Point Charter School, 7321 Parkway Drive South, Hanover, MD, 21076
- Corkran Middle School, 7600 Quarterfield Road, Glen Burnie, MD, 21061
- Crofton Elementary School, 1405 Duke of Kent Drive, Crofton, MD, 21114
- Heritage Community Church, 8146 Quarterfield Road, Severn, MD, 21144
- Lindale Middle School, 415 Andover Road, Linthicum, MD, 21090
- Magothy River Middle School, 241 Peninsula Farm Road #1052, Arnold, MD, 21012
- Marley Middle School, 10 Davis Court, Glen Burnie, MD, 21060
- Millersville Elementary School, 1601 Millersville Road, Millersville, MD, 21108
- Rolling Knolls Elementary School, 1985 Valley Road, Annapolis, MD, 21401
- Solley Elementary School, 7608 Solley Road, Glen Burnie, MD, 21060
- Southern Middle School, 5235 Solomons Island Road, Lothian, MD, 20711

Early Voting Sites

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- Crofton Middle School, 2301 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD, 21054
- Pip Moyer Recreation Center, 273 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis, MD, 21403
- North County High School, 10 East 1st Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD, 21061
- Northeast High School, 1121 Duvall Highway, Pasadena, MD, 21122
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- South River High School, 201 Central Avenue East, Edgewater, MD, 21037

Additional Voting Sites on Election Day

7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 3

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- Arnold Elementary School, 95 E Joyce Lane, Arnold, MD, 21012
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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. 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?

Candidates

Vote for 1 pair

Donald. J. Trump and Michael Pence

Republican

Campaign Website: www.donaldjtrump.com

Campaign Facebook: [facebook.com/DonaldTrump](https://www.facebook.com/DonaldTrump)

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/realdonaldtrump

Campaign Instagram: [instagram.com/realdonaldtrump](https://www.instagram.com/realdonaldtrump)

No response received by print deadline. See VOTE411.org.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris

Democrat

Campaign Website: <http://joebiden.com/>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/joebiden/>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/JoeBiden

Campaign Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/joebiden/>

Campaign YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/joebiden>

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 – surging 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 revitalize 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 frontlines of care; and much more.

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Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy Spike Cohen

Libertarian

Campaign Website: www.Jo20.com

Campaign Facebook: facebook.com/JoJorgensen2020

Campaign Twitter: @Jorgensen4Potus

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

Howie Gresham Hawkins and Angela Walker

Green

Campaign Website: www.howiehawkins.us

Campaign Facebook: facebook.com/runhowierun2020

Campaign Twitter: @howiehawkins

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

Jerome M. Segal and John de Graaf

Bread and Roses

Campaign Website: www.segalforpresident.org

This candidate 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

Issues

GOALS: Why are you running for this office?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Congressional District 2

Candidates

Vote for 1

Johnny Ray Salling

Republican Party

No response received by deadline.

C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger

Democratic Party

Campaign Website: <http://www.dutchforcongress.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/dutchforcongress>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/call_me_dutch

Campaign Email: godutch@dutchforcongress.com

Campaign Phone: (410) 252-2505

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 raiding 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

Candidates

Vote for 1

Charles Anthony
Republican Party

No response received by deadline.

John Sarbanes
Democratic Party

Campaign Website: <http://www.johnsarbanes.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/jsarbanes>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/JohnSarbanes

Campaign Email: info@johnsarbanes.com

Campaign Phone: (410) 847-9556

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 4

Candidates

Vote for 1

George E. McDermott

Republican Party

Campaign Website: <http://www.georgemcdermott.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/georgemcdermott>.

Campaign Instagram: secretjustice.com

Campaign Email: georgemcdermott2018@gmail.com

Campaign Phone: (301) 996-9577

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 cannot find the job because of the poor accreditation and substandard education...?

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic Party

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Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/anthonypbrown.maryland>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/anthonypbrownmd4

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Campaign Phone: (240) 743-8760

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, inequities 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.

Congressional District 5

Candidates

Vote for 1

Chris Palombi

Republican Party

Campaign Website: <http://www.chrispalombi.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/palombiforcongress>

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

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

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

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

GUN SAFETY: After countless tragedies, including shootings at the Navy Yard, Great Mills High School, and the Capital Gazette, I was proud to bring to the Floor of the House legislation to provide comprehensive background checks and close loopholes on gun

purchases. I also support red flag laws, magazine limits, outlawing bump stops, and other steps to make our communities safer.

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

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.

Judge of the Circuit Court, Circuit 5

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.

Issues

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 4

Pamela Alban

Judicial

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QUALIFICATIONS: Prior to my appointment to the bench, my experience was as a prosecutor for 23 years - the majority of which in the Special Victim's unit. I had the opportunity to give a voice to the most vulnerable of victims in our county and to fight to hold the most dangerous of predators accountable. It taught me the value of hard work, preparation and compassion. Those skills serve me well on the bench.

COURT NEEDS: I think one of the greatest challenges our courts are facing is the lack of

public confidence in the justice system. I believe public confidence can be increased by retaining qualified, vetted judges with the right demeanor, work ethic and experience. Also, educating the public about the appointment process and the qualifications of sitting judges will increase their confidence in the system.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: Policy decisions of the Maryland Courts are decided by Chief Judge Barbera. In Maryland, there are many alternative courts designed to reduce recidivism. Examples are Veterans Courts, Mental Health Courts and Drug Courts. I have been given the privilege of serving as one of our Circuit Court Drug Court Judges. It is an experience I value greatly because of the positive impact I am having.

DISCRIMINATION: The Judicial Code of Ethics requires that judges approach each case and each decision fairly and impartially. A judge's ability to do that is best tested through the rigorous appointment process, which I have undergone. Continuing this rigorous vetting process and judicial education raising awareness of potential bias is the best way to reduce the risk outcomes will be influenced by biases.

Elizabeth Morris

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was appointed as a Judge by Governor Hogan after a number of legal professionals from across the state determined that my personal and professional background adequately prepared me to serve on the court. My experiences gained as a judge have prepared me to continue to serve the people of Anne Arundel County.

COURT NEEDS: The Maryland Judiciary has stated that its vision is to advance justice for all who come to Maryland's courts. This requires that we continue to be an efficient, innovative, and accessible court system, working collaboratively with justice partners to serve the people with integrity and transparency.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: There are currently a number of programs in Maryland courts aimed at reducing recidivism, including Drug Treatment Court. The mission of Drug Treatment Court is to improve our community through enhanced public safety by providing judicially supervised treatment to substance abusing offenders, thereby reducing the social and economic cost of criminal activity.

DISCRIMINATION: The Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to perform their duties impartially and without bias, prejudice, or harassment. Judges must also hold those who appear before them to the same standard. Preventing discrimination is best addressed by continuing to thoroughly vet candidates prior to appointment and by requiring regular, continuing judicial education after appointment.

Rob Thompson

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QUALIFICATIONS: In 2018, Governor Hogan appointed me to the bench based on my 18 years of diverse legal practice in the state of Maryland and my 30+ years of community involvement and public service in this county. My fellow judges and I underwent a thorough and intense vetting process designed to yield only the most qualified judges. It is my great honor and privilege to serve this community as a judge.

COURT NEEDS: Maryland courts are improving access to justice through the implementation of technologies designed to insure more efficient case flow and trial management. For example, the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) now allows parties to

send documents and receive documents from the court 24 hours a day via Internet. We are constantly striving to make the courts more accessible to all Marylanders.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: The Maryland Judiciary is invested in reducing recidivism by partnering with the legislative and executive branches of state government to provide punishment that is fair to the offender and fair to the community. To reduce recidivism, the Judiciary also partners with the other branches to provide appropriate treatment, counseling, and training for those deserving of it.

DISCRIMINATION: The Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to perform their duties impartially and without bias, prejudice, or harassment. Judges must also hold those who appear before them to that same standard. Preventing discrimination is best addressed by continuing to thoroughly vet candidates prior to appointment and by requiring regular, continuing judicial education after appointment.

Richard Trunnell **Judicial**

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QUALIFICATIONS: After a comprehensive vetting process, Governor Hogan appointed me to the bench based on my 23 years in private practice in Anne Arundel County, 5 years in public service as an Assistant State's Attorney and over 31 years of community service. I concentrated my practice in helping protect children. My experience, hard work and temperament have helped me prepare for the duties of my office.

COURT NEEDS: The greatest challenge facing our court system is the lack of access to our civil courts by those persons with limited means. This issue can be addressed by the use of self help legal clinics such as the one located in the Anne Arundel Circuit Court library. It can also be addressed by attorneys agreeing to help indigent litigants for free or reduced fees and the funding of legal aid clinics.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: Many criminal offenses are committed by persons who suffer from addiction or mental health issues. Recidivism for non-violent offenses can be reduced by the use of drug, mental health and veterans courts. At present, the Circuit Court has a drug court that has shown promise in reducing recidivism and the Court is in the process of attempting to implement mental health and veteran court programs.

DISCRIMINATION: The Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to perform their duties impartially and without bias, prejudice or harassment. We as judges must hold those who appear before us to the same standard. It is also important for judges to be fully vetted and be required to take part in regular continuing judicial education, regarding all forms of bias, once they are appointed to the bench.

Judge, Court of Appeals Circuit 5

DUTIES: The Court of Appeals is the highest court in the State (commonly called the Supreme Court in other states and at the federal level). In most cases the court may choose whether or not to hear an appeal from a lower court, but it is required by law to hear cases involving the death penalty, legislative redistricting, removal of certain officers, and certifications of questions of law. The Court is composed of seven judges, with one elected from each of seven judicial circuits.

SALARY: \$191,433, annual base.

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

HOW ELECTED: Members of the Court are initially appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Subsequently, they run for office on their records, unopposed. If voters reject a judge's retention in office or there is a tie vote, the office becomes vacant and must be filled by a new appointment. Otherwise, the incumbent judge remains in office for a ten-year term.

Issues

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

Jonathan Biran

Judicial

No response received by deadline.

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 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.

The Issues

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

Judicial

No response received by deadline.

Anne Arundel County Board of Education

Background: Legislation was enacted in 2017 changing the Anne Arundel Board of Education from an appointed to an elected body, and eliminating one adult Board position. Implementation of the new structure began in 2018 with the election of four Board members, who are serving a six-year term. In 2020, three Board members will be elected to a four-year term, and in 2024, all seven adult Board positions will be on the ballot.

Duties: The duties of the Board include, but are not limited to, the following: selecting and appointing the Superintendent of Schools; appointing personnel; continuous appraisal of the educational and administrative management of the school system; communicating and meeting with community members, staff and students; ratifying collective bargaining agreements; adopting policies, budgets, and courses of study; establishing school boundaries; making decisions on facility, procurement and financial matters; and deciding appeals.

Base Salary: \$8,000 per year.

Term of Office: Four years; limited to two consecutive terms.

How Elected: Elected by the qualified voters of the councilmanic district in which the member resides.

Qualifications: The Board is comprised of seven adult members, and one student member who serves a one-year term. Members must be residents of Anne Arundel County; elected members must reside in the councilmanic district they represent. The student member is selected by the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC), and is a regularly enrolled senior-year student of good character and in good standing in a public county high school.

Issues

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your educational background and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

AREA OF NEED: What do you consider the greatest area of need in our county's public education system, and how do you propose to address it?

ACADEMIC EQUITY: What approach will you take to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps for our minority students and how will you measure success?

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: What actions do you support to protect our students from external factors that impede their ability to learn? Examples include bullying, racism and bias, gang activity, homelessness and hunger.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS: What initiatives do you favor to attract and retain high caliber, experienced teachers throughout our district?

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: To what extent do you support implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future in our county schools and which recommendations, if any, would you give highest priority?

CIVICS EDUCATION: What curricular or extracurricular initiatives do you support to increase students' understanding of and participation in civic life?

Board of Education District 2

Candidates

Vote for 1

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a product of Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and I have taught here for 48 years. I have also worked as a DC and chairperson of the Faculty Council and collaborated with the BOE as chairperson of the High School Concerns Committee and member of the TAAAC ASI-Advisory Board. I know our strengths and weaknesses. I can be a productive Board of Education member from day one.

AREA OF NEED: Safety and equity are top priorities. Everyone has the expectation of and the right to safety, as well as an opportunity to obtain the best education. I will identify concerns and I will work with all stakeholders to guarantee that our schools are as safe as possible, and I will build relationships with those stakeholders to close the achievement gap by way of the attitude gap.

ACADEMIC EQUITY: Opportunity and achievement gaps are not closing because of the attitude gap. When students attend schools with a positive attitude, they succeed. We must build relationships with all parents, students and communities. We must provide resources to help families cope with social issues impacting their approach to learning. Families will begin to care when they know we care. I do care!

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: I will continue to be a bully blocker and advocate for students. We cannot tolerate racism, bias, gang activity or any negative activity in our schools, and there must be consequences for these negative behaviors. Our schools do and will continue to provide help to homeless families and families in need. I will continue to advocate for programs to help eliminate homelessness and hunger.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS: Students deserve the best. Fair compensation and safe working conditions are essential in order to attract and retain the best. Teachers leave because of workload issues, inappropriate compensation, and lack of respect and support. I will support and help develop initiatives which will solve workload issues, guarantee fair compensation and return respect and support to the profession.

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: The Blueprint calls for high quality teachers and leaders, College and Career Readiness Pathways, Early Childhood Education and resources to ensure that all students are successful. I support these concepts as well as resources to help teachers and administrators deal with disruptive students who need alternative settings and additional services to be successful.

CIVICS EDUCATION: Preparing all students to be good citizens is a goal. Anne Arundel County requires the Global Community Citizenship course. Many students would like to have a course that would teach some very basic strategies about being a good citizen, and I believe that we should develop and implement those courses to teach our students about their local, state and federal responsibilities.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served in Education since 1992. Currently, I hold a Teaching Certificate thru June 2021 with the following endorsements: Generic Special Education, Administration I and II, Superintendent, and Reading (6 Credits). I taught ninth special education students from 1992-1998; promoted to assistant principal in 1998 and principal in 2001 at Woodbourne Day School for ED students.

AREA OF NEED: My focus will be on closing the achievement gap for minority students, addressing racism as much as possible, supporting better recruitment and increases in teacher compensation.

ACADEMIC EQUITY: I will support additional professional development in the areas of students with disabilities, IEP's and 504 Plans measured by the School Improvement Plan. I will measure the success by reviewing test results of the students - following the professional development activities to see any changes and change the School Improvement Plan if needed; classroom observations and teacher feedback.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: It will be my mission to improve and maintain a safe and orderly environment to include all stakeholders, teachers, administration, support staff, students, parents, and school resource officers. Frank discussions about bullying, racism, and any bias will be provided. It is also my goal to put down gang activity, poverty, homelessness, and hunger. Also, being prepared from external forces outside.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS: I would attract and retain high caliber teachers by providing a more competitive compensation package that includes a minimum salary increase of 10% or more and additional focused professional development. They should be able to work in a clean, safe and orderly environment. The systems office of certification office my monitor teacher's academic coursework to ensure that they are qualified.

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: I would give highest priority to the Blueprint recommendations which include \$1.1 Billion dollar increase in State school funding and it recommends a 10% increase in teacher salaries over the next three years: 200+ new community schools to help close opportunity gaps between low-income students and their more affluent peers.

CIVICS EDUCATION: I believe that all students need to have a full year of civics education that includes an understanding of our Constitution of the United States and its three branches of government. My initiative would be to understand the process of making laws in our democracy. Ensure that all students complete the mandatory community services hours required for graduation in civic minded activities.

Board of Education District 3

Candidates

Vote for 1

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a teacher for 42 years, I retired 2014 but rehired 2016 - 2017 school year. Since then I have been working as a long term substitute. I am one of

founders and now the president of the foundation for educational excellence that provides warm clothing for students, glasses, and scholarships for students and grants for teachers , I was the vice president of TAAAC Gov. relations chair.

AREA OF NEED: 1. Recruit and retain qualified teachers for our schools. 2. Provide the extra help for struggling students. 3. Access to physical and mental health services, 4. Access to pre kindergarten for four year old. 5. Increase the vocational opportunities

ACADEMIC EQUITY: To develop better technology for school that have the most achievement gap. Providing these students with a chrome book would help give them homework and classes. Smaller classes size to give them more attention for their school work.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: I would support any legislation that would protect kids. Working in the schools for so many years I see first hand what these external forces do to kids. That is why we need more support for students in our schools counselors and psychologists. If you hear a student has been picked on it really gets to you.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS: We need to get the best qualified teachers in our schools. Curranty we are falling short of getting these teachers, There are less teachers going into teaching and the one that we do getting leave in the first three years. We not only need to look at salaries but the benefits such as health care and retirement as well as other benefit. It is only going to get worse.

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: I think that the Blueprint overall is a good piece of legislation. It provides for many of the thing that we need to accomplish in our schools. My understanding that it is paid for the first three years and that the tax payers in this county would not pay any more in taxes than what they are doing now until 2028.

CIVICS EDUCATION: I do support extra curricular activities in the community. My children belong to the YMCA Indian guides program. The scouts is another program that promotes good citizenship. Many churches in the area sponsor youth groups that student can be apart of. The little league is another good area that promotes sportsmanship and team work.

Corine Frank

No response received by deadline.

Board of Education District 6

Candidates

Vote 1

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QUALIFICATIONS: My whole life has prepared me to be on the AACo Board of Education. With 20 years public service in law & policy and chairing 5 Board of Directors, I'll understand the Board's legal, budget & procedural operations from day one. I also bring the intangibles to this office: as a teacher, facilitator & juvenile justice advocate, and most notably, 30 years advocating for AACPS as a student and parent.

AREA OF NEED: Equity for all students & staff: equity in the education/treatment of students of color, students w/disabilities, LGBTQ & immigrant students, and equity in the placement/promotion of teachers of color. My action items include collecting publicly accessible data to see exactly where the inequities are, giving support to those schools/staff & holding AACPS accountable if inequities aren't addressed.

ACADEMIC EQUITY: We must monitor system performance to assess, report & communicate student academic performance, including accessible monthly stats of discipline referrals, citations & arrests. I want to conduct quarterly community meetings with students, hire more Special Ed & English Language Acquisition teachers, and ensure teachers of color are placed in ALL subjects & provided leadership opportunities.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: Health, safety & welfare is my priority in my day job and will be the same priority for our kids. My action items include community schools where needed, safe/reliable transportation for all, transparency to all AACPS families when a hate incident occurs at any school and ensuring policies on bullying & biased behavior are enforced – including protecting LGBTQ & immigrants from harassment/harm.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS: Ensuring teacher pay/benefits is commensurate with surrounding jurisdictions & restoring lost steps will always be priority, but we also must reduce classroom size to state standards so teachers can connect with students. We need strong mentoring programs for new teachers and, as cited earlier, we must ensure teachers of color are placed in all subjects/grades & provided leadership opportunities

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: I support full implementation of the Blueprint: every recommendation is interwoven as a priority if we want high-quality education for all. All kids need access to full-day Pre-K to prevent inequities starting at a young age, just as we need college & career ready options to allow students to pursue what is in their best interest – and funding more mental health & Special Ed support matters too.

CIVICS EDUCATION: All extracurriculars matter, but focusing on CRASC (county student council), as stated in my 1991 Letter to the Editor when fighting to save CRASC from budget cuts, students not only learn how govt. works but use that info to participate in govt.: CRASC remains a model nationwide. I also support civic engagement through the service-learning requirement that I helped pass in 1993 & internships.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Early education in Asia and Africa. B.A. Cum Laude, Wellesley College, M.A. St. John's College, Ph.D. Georgetown University. Knowledge of many different educational systems. I have hands-on experience teaching undergraduates. Chairing the board of a private school and leading accreditation teams for public charter programs around the country, I have developed critical oversight skills.

AREA OF NEED: The greatest area of need is attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers and providing sufficient counselors, social workers, and psychiatric staff to enable teachers to focus on instruction. I support increasing teachers' salaries to align with surrounding Maryland counties, and replacing lost steps. I will also advocate for more counselors and social workers and limiting class size..

ACADEMIC EQUITY: After school activity buses allowing all children to meet with teachers. Curriculum: growing the Global Citizenship Course, and including more local history highlighting the contributions of African Americans and Latinos in our community. Hiring a more diverse teaching force. Measures: increases in equity of graduation rates, participation in high-level classes, and college and job acceptances.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: Implicit bias training for teachers and hiring a sufficient number of counselors, social workers and psychological staff to identify at-risk students and implement interventions. Collaboration between the schools and service providers to

address hunger and homelessness. Employing social and emotional development curriculum early, as well as the Global Citizenship Course at high schools.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS: Teacher pay aligned with surrounding counties and restoring lost steps. Nurturing the development of new teachers and encouraging a strong, collaborative culture. Supportive, effective coaching that allows for free exchange of ideas. Hiring a more diverse teaching force, tapping into historically black colleges and universities and non-traditional sources, including career changers.

BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS: I fully support the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. The most important priorities include expanding pre-kindergarten (full-day) to all 4-year-olds, as well as 3-year-olds from low-income families; raising standards to become a teacher and the status of the profession; raising teacher salaries; enhanced access to technical and vocational training and college and career readiness.

CIVICS EDUCATION: Classroom discussion of current issues, interacting with local elected officials, and participating in public meetings and public discourse. I encourage opportunities for students to testify on bills that affect them. Putting my belief into practice, I recently encouraged my daughter to testify along with me before the Board of Education on the issue of instituting healthy school start times.

State Ballot Questions

Maryland State 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.

- o **For the Constitutional Amendment**
- o **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. The one exception is that it may add to the budget if it enacts a new revenue source to fund additional items. This is a rare occurrence. In addition, it cannot move funds from one agency to another. Therefore, in practice, the General Assembly can only recommend cuts to state agency budgets recommended by the Governor. 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.

Maryland State 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 to assist minorities and women in the sports 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.

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