



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD**



## **VOTERS' GUIDE**

# **2014 Gubernatorial General Election**

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

**Polls Open 7 AM/Close 8 PM**



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### **2014 General Election: Voters' Calendar**

**Tuesday, October 14**

Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation

**Thursday, October 23 - 30**

Early voting. Voting centers open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 28**

Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail or fax\*

**Wednesday, October 29**

Deadline for write-in candidates to file certificate of candidacy

**Friday, October 31**

Deadline to request an absentee ballot by internet download\*

**Tuesday, November 4**

**General Election. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

\*Absentee ballots may be picked up at the AA Board of Elections prior to 8 p.m. on November 4. Completed ballots must be hand-delivered to the AA Board of Elections by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

**Anne Arundel Board of Elections Hours & Location:** [www.aacounty.org/elections](http://www.aacounty.org/elections)

**Phone:** (410) 222-6600

**Fax:** (410) 222-6833

**Email:** [elections@aacounty.org](mailto:elections@aacounty.org)

**Early Voting Locations:** [www.elections.state.md.us/voting/early\\_voting\\_sites.html#annearundel](http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/early_voting_sites.html#annearundel)

The League of Women Voters offers this free *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens in their decision-making as they prepare for the 2014 General Election. The League is a nonpartisan political organization that neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate. The League works to promote civic responsibility through informed and active participation in government. Its membership includes both women and men.

The League has a long tradition of asking candidates questions that are important to voters and publishing their responses verbatim. Candidates are invited to enter and review their own responses using an online interface. All answers appear exactly as submitted; no corrections or editing has been done. Answers end when the pre-established character limit is reached. If a candidate fails to reply by the print deadline, only his or her name appears in this *Guide*. However, candidates may continue to revise their responses in the real-time *Voters' Guide* found online at **VOTE411.org**. Voters are encouraged to visit **VOTE411.org** for additional election and candidate information, including photos.

This *Voters' Guide* may be downloaded from the LWV of Anne Arundel County website, [aa.lwvmd.org](http://aa.lwvmd.org). Candidate information is current as of September 23, 2014.

**WE THANK THE CANDIDATES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION.**

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### INFORMATION ABOUT WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

**Wednesday, October 29, 2014** is the deadline for write-in candidates to file a Certificate of Candidacy with the State Board of Elections. Certified write-in candidates are listed with general election candidates online at [elections.state.md.us](http://elections.state.md.us), and are also posted at early voting and precinct polling places.

However, only write-in candidates who filed and submitted a response to the League's questionnaire by our print deadline are included in this *Voters' Guide*. Those who file after the League's print deadline will be invited to respond and appear in the online interactive version of the *Voters' Guide* at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). At time of publication, certified write-in candidates for the offices of Governor/Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller and House of Representatives, Congressional Districts 2 and 5, appear at the end of each category.

**To cast a write-in vote**, touch the write-in option for the office. A keyboard will appear on the screen. Touch the letters that spell the candidate's name. Exact spelling isn't essential as long as the candidate's name is identifiable. To finish your write-in vote, be sure to touch the **"Record Write-in"** button at the bottom of the screen.

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Prior to the election, the Board of Elections mails a sample ballot to all registered voters that indicates the correct precinct polling place based on the address on record. **Several legislative districts and precinct borders have changed since the last election, due to redistricting.** Take time to verify your designated voting location!

### Online Election Resources

#### At [elections.state.md.us](http://elections.state.md.us):

- Register to vote
- Download voter registration or absentee ballot application
- Verify your voter registration and early voting or polling place location
- Find all filed candidates, including recent write-ins
- Read ballot questions, legislative texts and non-technical summaries
- Check contributions to campaigns or candidates

#### At [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org):

- Create your personal ballot, including interactive candidate comparisons
- View most recent candidate submissions

#### At [aa.lwvmd.org](http://aa.lwvmd.org):

- Download, view or print Anne Arundel County *Voters' Guide*
- Learn about candidate forums and other upcoming events

## Maryland Governor/Lieutenant Governor

**Duties:** The **Governor** is the chief executive officer of the state of Maryland and appoints the heads of statewide departments and judges to the state courts. The Governor also makes other appointments as provided by the Maryland Constitution or by law and proposes the annual operating and capital budgets to the legislature. The Governor may veto legislation passed by the legislature.

The **Lieutenant Governor** assists the Governor, carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor and fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability.

**Salary:** \$165,000 Governor; \$137,500 Lieutenant Governor.

**Term:** Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

**How Elected:** Elected statewide as a team with the Lieutenant Governor.

**Website:** <http://www.governor.maryland.gov>.

### Questions Asked of Candidates:

1. **Qualifications:** How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. **Priorities:** If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?
3. **Economy:** What policies would you support for strengthening Maryland's economy and increasing jobs?
4. **Budget:** In proposing a budget for the state, what are your priorities for expenditures and revenues?
5. **Redistricting:** What changes, if any, would you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?
6. **Environment:** What are the most significant environmental challenges facing Maryland, and what policies would you support to meet those challenges?
7. **Transportation:** What are your transportation priorities and how should they be funded?
8. **Education:** What education policies would you support, particularly with regard to Common Core standards and universal pre-Kindergarten?

*Vote for no more than one pair of candidates.*

### Anthony G. Brown and Ken Ulman

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://anthonybrown.com/>

**1. Qualifications:** I've dedicated my life to public service, including 30 years in the US Army, 8 years in the General Assembly, and now as Lt. Governor. The son of immigrants, I've learned that wherever people live, they want the same things for their families: opportunities made possible by great schools, safe communities, a clean environment. Working together, we'll build a better Maryland for more Marylanders.

**2. Priorities:** Our top priority is to create jobs and opportunities for more Marylanders. We will advance this goal through strong investments in public education and infrastructure; and by creating the most competitive business climate in the nation right here in Maryland. We will also build upon our successes by striving to end domestic violence and finding more permanent homes for children in foster care.

**3. Economy:** We will grow our economy and increase jobs by investing in infrastructure and new energy sources that stimulate economic development and by enhancing government responsiveness to the needs of employers. In order to increase prosperity for all Marylanders, we will grow our small, women and minority-owned businesses, invest in workforce training for in-demand careers, and close the gender wage gap.

**4. Budget:** Our budget priorities will reflect a commitment to expanding Maryland's economy, creating jobs and growing and protecting the middle class. Together, we will invest in: high quality public education; infrastructure that creates jobs and encourages smart growth; public safety that reduces violence; a compassionate child welfare system; affordable housing for more families; and a clean environment.

**5. Redistricting:** I support the creation of an independent redistricting commission. However, redistricting is a national challenge that requires a comprehensive 50-state solution. I would support Congressional action to revise redistricting standards across the country.

**6. Environment:** Our toughest environmental challenges are restoring the Chesapeake Bay, improving air quality, ensuring sustainable growth, addressing climate change and pursuing environmental justice. In order to meet these challenges, we will support best practices for stormwater remediation; increase our renewable energy mix; support transit-oriented development; and fund grants to eliminate food deserts.

**7. Transportation:** Investing in transportation infrastructure is critical to Maryland's growth, including its roads, rail lines, bridges, airports and the Port of Baltimore. Our economy will be enhanced by projects like the Purple Line and Red Line and through smart transit-oriented development. We will continue to fund infrastructure through traditional revenue streams and innovative public-private partnerships.

**8. Education:** A high quality education is a ladder of opportunity that we must provide to every child. We will implement Common Core in partnership with our school boards and educators, ensuring each have the resources they need. We will bring half-day Pre-K to every four year old by 2018 and full-day by 2022. We will also increase state investments in school construction and career and technology education.

**Larry Hogan and Boyd Rutherford****Party:** Republican**Campaign Website:** <http://www.HoganforGovernor.com>

**1. Qualifications:** Lifelong Marylander. Spent 25 years running small business that brought hundreds of employers and thousands of jobs to Maryland. In '07, served as Appointments Secretary in Erlich Admin; credited with making that admin the most bipartisan and diverse in state history. 3 years ago, started MD's largest non-partisan grassroots group focusing on fiscal restraint and common sense government reform.

**2. Priorities:** Create jobs, grow our economy and bring common sense governing to Annapolis. Unless we grow our economy there'll be no funds for the things we all agree on – improve education, protect the environment, safeguard pensions, fight crime. Creating stable well-paying jobs for parents strengthens families, improves children's school performance, lowers domestic violence, reduces crime and drug abuse.

**3. Economy:** We have to lower spending, taxes, fees and tolls. Over the past 8 yrs, more than 6,500 businesses left Maryland for lower-tax states as did 31,000 residents and thousands of senior citizens who can't afford to retire near their families. These taxpayers and employers took with them billions in tax revenue. Bringing down personal and employer taxes will grow our economy and increase state revenue.

**4. Budget:** Step one is to implement the recommendations of the General Assembly's Office of Legislative Audits which has identified \$1.75 billion in savings. This overdue housekeeping is necessary if we are to submit a realistic budget, there is no way around it. We would end the practice of looting funds from transportation, environment, and pension funds to plug gaps in budget.

**5. Redistricting:** We need to de-politicize this process to ensure that all Marylanders are fairly represented. To do this, I support a BRAC-like panel approach to determine redistricting.

**6. Environment:** Restoring the protecting the Chesapeake Bay and the rivers and streams that feed it is the most pressing environmental issue in Maryland. Lockbox on environment trust funds; force PA and NY to pay their fair share of Susquehanna pollution. Increase Brownfield Credit to restore blighted industrial land.

**7. Transportation:** Lockbox on the Highway Transportation Trust Fund to use funds only for roads and transportation.

**8. Education:** Common Core needs to be reworked to focus on parent, classroom teacher and local control.

**Shawn Quinn and Lorenzo Gaztanaga****Party:** Libertarian**Campaign Website:** <http://www.citizen4quinn.org>

**1. Qualifications:** 20 years' service in the Navy, 7 years of health and safety experience with the American Red Cross, 5 years' law enforcement with the City of Newport News and 5 years' experience as a hazardous material truck driver. Ran as a Libertarian for a seat in the House of Delegates in 2010. Donates time and money to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Red Cross, and walks for cancer research.

**2. Priorities:** Reduce, then eliminate Maryland's income tax within the first 2 years in office. Reduce the state sales tax (which hurts the poor the most) to 3%. Transfer back to the private sector functions which have been improperly assumed by the state and allow the market to provide them better and more efficiently. Propose, work to advance, and sign into law a bill to end the prohibition on marijuana.

**3. Economy:** Sucking less money out of the economy in the form of taxes and transferring back to the private sector functions that have been improperly assumed by the state will invigorate our economy, bringing back to Maryland businesses and jobs which have been alienated by our high tax structure.

**4. Budget:** Expenditures: Prioritize infrastructure (roads, bridges, tunnels, water and sewer lines), emergency response and public safety. Revenues: tax land value rather than income. Where possible, support infrastructure through user fees that (a) are only charged to actual users and (b) are not diverted to other purposes.

**5. Redistricting:** Establish a nonpartisan redistricting process that stops politicians from deciding who votes for them. Create and maintain small, single member districts to encourage politicians to be responsive to their constituents. Use neighborhoods, towns and communities as the building blocks for forming the congressional and legislative districts.

**6. Environment:** Conowingo Dam needs to be dredged right now. Prevent pollution and increase environmental awareness by making polluters pay for their irresponsibility through civil liability. Promote free market environmentalism to promote conservation and environmental protection.

**7. Transportation:** End the bipartisan practice of raiding the Transportation Trust Fund for non-transportation projects. Eliminate all subsidies to developers—make them pay for their roads and other infrastructure. This, combined with local control of zoning decisions will encourage optimal city size and organization with more walking and biking possibilities.

**8. Education:** I'm in favor of parental choice and variety in education, not one-size-fits-all cookie cutter

approaches. Day care for children under five—including pre-K if parents choose that option--could be made more accessible to all.

### Charles U. Smith and Clarence Tucker (WRITE-IN)

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://CharlesUlyssesSmith@gmail.com>

**1. Qualifications:** *No response received by deadline.*

**2. Priorities:** JOBS/ JOBS/ JOBS.

**3. Economy:** Has to be determined at later date

**4. Budget:** *No response received by deadline.*

**5. Redistricting:** as needed with new redistricting lines 2014.

**6. Environment:** Chesapeake Bay and water resources /something I have work on with Governors as military advisor to the state of Maryland/ corps of engineers

**7. Transportation:** I work with former Governor Hughes and Governor Schaffer to build the light rail and Subway, Camden yards and the Ravens Stadium .

**8. Education:** So far the city and state has failed to meet the standards needed.

### Comptroller

**Duties:** The Comptroller is the general fiscal officer of the state, responsible for collecting, managing and planning for revenue to support the state budget. The Comptroller collects and administers the following taxes: income tax (both personal and corporate), retail sales and use taxes, motor vehicle fuel tax, road tax on motor carriers, state tobacco tax, Maryland estate tax and excise taxes on beer, wine and liquor. The Comptroller serves on the Board of Public Works along with the Governor and the state Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly.

**Salary:** \$137,500.

**Term:** Four years, no term limit

**How Elected:** Elected statewide

**Website:** <http://www.comp.state.md.us>.

#### Questions Asked of Candidates:

**1. Qualifications:** How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

**2. Priorities:** If elected, what are your priorities for this office?

**3. Revenue System:** What improvements would you recommend for Maryland's revenue system?

**4. Response to Changes:** What policies would you implement to enable the state to adjust to unexpected reductions in revenue due to judicial decisions, recession, or other economic emergencies?

**5. Board of Public Works:** As the Comptroller is a member of the Board of Public Works (with the Governor and Treasurer), what criteria would you use for evaluating capital projects that are subject to approval by that Board?

### Peter Franchot

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.franchot.com>

**1. Qualifications:** As Comptroller, I have worked to make it far easier and more secure for Marylanders to file their taxes, and to ensure that most taxpayers receive their refunds within three business days. I have also worked to ensure that everyone is paying their fair share of taxes and, as a member of the Board of Public Works, I have strongly opposed the wasteful and inappropriate spending of taxpayer dollars.

**2. Priorities:** My office will continue to promote electronic tax filing, which saves millions in processing costs and enables us to issue tax refunds within three business days. We will also continue to take every possible step to safeguard taxpayer information. I will also work with our state leaders to enact real procurement reform, to ensure that taxpayers are getting the best possible value for their money.

**3. Revenue System:** My office has recaptured more than \$3.6 billion in delinquent taxes during my time as Comptroller, and we will continue to use both technology and skilled professionals to collect money that rightfully belongs to the State. I have also been a leading advocate of the federal Marketplace Fairness Act, which would require all retailers who conduct business in Maryland to collect the state sales tax.

**4. Response to Changes:** We cannot sustain our investments in vital priorities such as better schools and safe neighborhoods without a culture of fiscal responsibility. This is why I have fought against excessive spending and mounting levels of debt. The worst thing we can do is take more money out of the pockets of consumers, which is why I have consistently opposed new, higher tax increases amidst a weak economy.

**5. Board of Public Works:** I will continue to require true bid competition to ensure that we are getting the best deal possible for our money. I will demand that bid evaluations are conducted in a fair, predictable manner, and that all vendors are competing on a level playing field. I will hold agencies accountable for failures like single-bid and retroactive contracts, as well as expensive, short-term contract extensions.

### **William H. Campbell**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://whcampbell2014.com>

**1. Qualifications:** The Comptroller is Maryland's Chief Financial Officer (CFO). I have over 15 years of successful experience as CFO for the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Amtrak. I have been responsible for budgets of \$ 65 billion (B), and 225,000 employees. These are far greater than Maryland's \$39 B budget and 70,000 employees. I have also been Vice Chair of the NASA Audit Committee.

**2. Priorities:** Correcting the chronic audit problems in the Revenue Administration Division that collects our taxes. Saving and reforming our grossly underfunded Teachers and State employee pension, and retiree healthcare funds (currently underfunded by \$41 B). Improving Maryland's financial management, stewardship and transparency to ensure that our finances comply to the very highest professional standards.

**3. Revenue System:** I would reform the State's Board of Revenue Estimates (BRE) to ensure that accurate and defensible financial projections are used to develop annual State budgets, rather than the inaccurate and unsupportable estimates currently used. I would fix the chronic audit deficiencies that have plagued the Revenue Administration Division which collects our taxes since 2006. This is unacceptable performance

**4. Response to Changes:** The Comptroller is the Chair of the Board of Revenue Estimates and has failed to provide adequate leadership to ensure that accurate revenue figures are provided for budget preparation. We have consistently enacted annual budgets with 3-4% spending increases, when 1.5% growth has been the norm. This deliberate structural budget deficit adversely affects our ability to respond to crises!

**5. Board of Public Works:** The Board of Public Works has consistently failed to perform basic leadership by failing to question the appropriateness of many projects, such as the Maryland State Center Project, replacement of the State Police helicopter fleet, over priced slot machines, and a loan to renovate a successful sports bar. Many projects, i.e .the State Healthcare exchange did not comply with procurement regulations.

### **Anjali Reed Phukan (WRITE-IN)**

**Party:** Unaffiliated

**Campaign Website:** <http://anjali4md.weebly.com>

**1. Qualifications:** First, I have faith in God, per article 37 the MD Constitution's Declaration of Rights. Born in DC and raised in MD, I graduated from Trinity in DC Summa Cum Laude. I then passed the CPA exam and received an MBA from American in DC. I also have a recent Masters in Information systems with a 4.0 GPA from UMBC, and years of experience in auditing/compliance of both accounting records and systems.

**2. Priorities:** Reduce tolls and interest for personal tax filers who didn't under pay in the prior year. Find more funding for MD's Education and Emergency Management needs. Increase accessibility by having forms outside our offices when closed and more business forms file-able on line. Open a second Comptroller local office on the Eastern shore so each local office in the state handles three counties.

**3. Revenue System:** I think we need to stop giving exclusive tax breaks to select big businesses. They may bring revenue here, but if they aren't spending it here (as they may live and vacation elsewhere), then it seems to put more burden on our infrastructure. And, I think we need more speed cameras to slow down wreckless automobiles, which put undue stress on our roads that already need more maintenance to support.

**4. Response to Changes:** I think we do need to start investing in our citizens via encouraging our citizens to do volunteer work with the state. I also think we need to look at understanding and using global currencies, such as bit-coin. In addition, we can create bonds, and issue loans which generate interest. I also think we need to put more value in our quality of life, which does not need to revolve around a dollar.

**5. Board of Public Works:** I would look at the costs verse the needs of citizens to work and enjoy life, as well as public safety and emergency management. I also want to inquire with more vendors in the cost estimation phase, and consider expected future long term upgrades. I think it may be good to re-evaluate contractors, and their needs, on a regular basis, for long duration projects. I like to measure twice, cut once.

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## **Attorney General**

**Duties:** The Attorney General represents the State of Maryland in all legal proceedings. The Attorney General serves as legal counsel to the Governor, the legislature, and all State departments, boards and most commissions.

**Salary:** \$137,500.

**Term:** Four years, no term limit.

**How Elected:** Elected statewide.

**Website:** <http://www.oag.state.md.us>.

**Questions Asked of Candidates:**

1. **Qualifications:** How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. **Priorities:** If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?
3. **Administration of Justice:** What recommendations would you make to the General Assembly for improving the administration of justice in Maryland?
4. **Domestic Violence:** What policies would you implement in the Office of the Attorney General to address the problem of domestic violence?
5. **Consumer Protection:** What policies would you implement in the Office of the Attorney General to protect consumer privacy, particularly with regard to credit and debit card accounts?
6. **Transparency:** What policies would you recommend to increase the transparency of decision-making by Maryland government agencies?
7. **Drugs:** What are your views on drug policy, including decriminalizing specific drugs?

**Brian E. Frosh**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.brianfrosh.com>

1. **Qualifications:** I chair the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. I have led many landmark laws through the Senate, including toughest in the nation gun safety law, laws protecting victims of domestic violence, laws protecting consumers from frauds and identity theft. I am the author of the Maryland Recycling Act and many other environmental initiatives. I have practiced law in Maryland for more than 35 years.
2. **Priorities:** I will stop the NRA from overturning or undermining the Firearm Safety Act. I will crack down on gun traffickers, protect Marylanders from identity theft, protect vulnerable adults from financial exploitation and children from online predators, and I will make sure that every man, woman and child in our state has clean air to breathe and clean water to drink.
3. **Administration of Justice:** We need to focus upon violent offenders, gangs, abusers of children and vulnerable adults. Decriminalization of possession of small amounts of marijuana is a commonsense measure. We need to overhaul our inefficient, and often unfair, pretrial system. We need to give offenders, when released from prison, a fair shot at re-entering society.
4. **Domestic Violence:** I sponsored the law that enables victims to get the protection they need from our courts without having to prove abuse by clear and convincing evidence. I will work with our courts, law enforcement officials and the General Assembly to ensure that every call for help is answered promptly, victims get the shelter they need and abusers are prosecuted.
5. **Consumer Protection:** I sponsored the law that gives the Attorney General authority to prosecute identity theft. I will use it to protect Marylanders whose accounts have been hacked or credit card information misused. I will crack down on cheats, frauds and scams over the internet, telephone or in person.
6. **Transparency:** I sponsored the law that gives all citizens the right to sue to enforce the Open Meetings Act. As Attorney General, I will make sure that all state agencies abide by the law. I will encourage the agencies to reach beyond the letter of the law to ensure that proceedings and decisions are transparent and open and government officials are accountable.
7. **Drugs:** I support decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana. 30% of the prisoners in our state are incarcerated for drug offenses. It is vitally important to make drug treatment more widely available – inside our prisons and out. Likewise, it is important to make mental health care more accessible. Sufferers from mental illness cycle through our jails and prisons for lack of treatment.

**Jeffrey N. Pritzker**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://PritzkerforAttorneyGeneral.com>

1. **Qualifications:** Honors Grad - U of MD Law School; 40 years experience in all aspects of legal practice; extensive law office and business management experience; nominated by Judgeship by Judicial nominating commission; common sense approach as attorney for the people of the State of Maryland, not the politicians.
2. **Priorities:** Immediately investigate healthcare rollout debacle, including direction to Special Prosecutor to investigate contract procurement and related matters; bring action to recover \$200 million of wasted tax payer monies; file suit to declare illegality of Federal EPA foisting rain tax on Maryland citizens; call for repeal of useless and detrimental regulations which are strangling Maryland businesses.
3. **Administration of Justice:** Expand arbitration and mediation services of Attorney General to assist consumers in resolving disputes with businesses, saving time, trouble and expense of attorneys and courts; recommend speedier trials in Circuit Court civil matters, as well as, reasonable limitations on discovery to reduce expenses for all parties; expand conciliation, mediation, and arbitration opportunities through AG office
4. **Domestic Violence:** Recommend a revision to current District Court system, in which domestic violence petitions are given only cursory consideration due to the high volume. Investigate possibility of

specialized court to handle domestic violence petitions.

**5. Consumer Protection:** Hold credit card companies responsible for damage caused to Maryland citizens arising out of breach of privacy issues; expand consumer protection through mediation and arbitration within the Office of the Attorney General for dispute resolution, without time and expense of attorney participation.

**6. Transparency:** All decision making bodies, should and must be open to the public. Information belongs to the people of Maryland, not the politicians. Tax increases should be voted on solely in the year which they are to take effect - not in future years, so as to escape the wrath of the public. Place signs on gas pumps indicating amount of Maryland taxes.

**7. Drugs:** The recent marijuana decriminalization may have been somewhat premature. I would have waited one year to see the results of the actions taken by other states; a review of sentencing parameters are in order. Expungement should be possible for misdemeanor marijuana possession after a period of good behavior.

### Leo Wayne Dymowski

**Party:** Libertarian

**Campaign Website:** <http://Vote4Leo.org>

**1. Qualifications:** Trial attorney for 25 years. Involved in civil and criminal litigation during that time. Involved in criminal justice system for 25 years. Know the system better than my opponents. For the last 11 years, I have been deciding who should be paroled from prison. Most importantly, I have not been dependent on special interests to win elections, as have my opponents coming from the legislature.

**2. Priorities:** Will use the influence of the office to end the drug war. The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate in the world, at the same time we have the highest usage of marijuana and cocaine in the world. Urban areas are battlegrounds as drug gangs fight for turf. We must take the profit out of drugs through decriminalization. I will fight to restore our 2nd amendment rights. Gun ownership is a right.

**3. Administration of Justice:** Judges should be appointed for merit, not political pull. 3/4 of inmates in Md. Prisons are in for nonviolent drug offenses at the cost of \$38,000 a year. Violent criminals should be our priority. Addicts belong in treatment not prison. Too many resources go into nonviolent, victimless crimes. We should focus on those who hurt others.

**4. Domestic Violence:** By putting violent domestic abusers in prison, we will send a loud and clear message that society will not tolerate such behavior. By letting law abiding citizens get gun carry permits, instead of just politicians, as is now the case, victims will no longer have to wait for the police to get there to protect them. Every citizen will have the means to protect themselves. Police can't be everywhere.

**5. Consumer Protection:** Businesses that do not protect these accounts are open to civil litigation and in certain cases may be open to criminal prosecutions as well.

**6. Transparency:** The citizens need to take the first step by voting for candidates who have been beholden to special interests for years. Our current corrupt system rewards those who favor politicians with campaign contributions in exchange for state contracts, jobs, etc. Only by electing those untainted by these contributors, can any real difference be made. Incumbent politicians are the privileged class.

**7. Drugs:** All drugs should be decriminalized. We cannot even keep drugs out of prisons, how can we keep them out of a free society without losing our rights. Taking the profits of drugs away by decriminalization will eliminate the drug dealers who have a profit incentive to addict as many as possible. Too many lives are ruined from drug convictions. Job and educational opportunities are ruined forever.

## US Representative

**Duties:** Representatives share responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided for in the U.S. Constitution. They may also conduct investigations on issues of national importance. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives. Representatives have the responsibility for determining whether a public official should be tried if accused of a crime.

**How Elected:** The United States is divided into 435 Congressional districts that are reapportioned after each decennial census. All seats in the House of Representatives are up for election in every even-numbered year. A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and must have been a citizen for at least 7 years.

**Website:** [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov).

**Term:** Two years, no term limit.

**Base Salary:** \$174,000.

### Questions Asked of Candidates:

- 1. Qualifications:** How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
- 2. Priorities:** If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?
- 3. Economy:** What policies would you support to improve job growth, strengthen the national economy, and reduce income disparities?
- 4. Budget:** What should be the priorities for the federal budget among domestic and defense programs?
- 5. Tax Reform:** What areas of the tax code are most in need of reform and what changes would you support?
- 6. Campaign Financing:** How should Congress respond to the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Citizens United case to permit corporations and unions to contribute to tax-exempt organizations that often function as political action committees?
- 7. Immigration:** What changes, if any, would you support in immigration policy?
- 8. Environment:** What are the most significant environmental challenges facing the nation and what policies would you support to meet those challenges?

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

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### C. A. Dutch Ruppertsberger

**Party:** Democratic

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

**1. Qualifications:** I began my career as a prosecutor and managed a payroll in my private law practice. I have served in elected office for more than 27 years, including as Baltimore County Executive, where I managed a workforce of 20,000 including teachers and earned three AAA bond ratings for strong fiscal policy. I have served six terms in Congress and have developed a reputation for working across party lines.

**2. Priorities:** The issues that matter most are jobs, securing the nation, creating more opportunities for advancement through better education and training, protecting our most vulnerable populations like seniors and veterans as well as getting our country's fiscal house in order.

**3. Economy:** We can create jobs by relieving businesses of unnecessary regulations, increasing exports, boosting manufacturing and providing tax incentives for businesses to grow and hire. We must invest in the cyber, clean energy and healthcare industries and ensure these jobs span all educational and skill levels. We must raise the minimum wage and balance our current tax code to reduce income disparity.

**4. Budget:** We must promote job creation and reduce government waste. Our defense budget should focus on protecting our troops on the frontlines and taking care of our veterans when they return home. Domestically, we should focus on the basics: rebuilding our aging transportation system, public safety, education and medical research. Both budgets must invest in cybersecurity - our country's greatest threat.

**5. Tax Reform:** Our tax code needs to be rewritten and simplified. We must close unfair loopholes for special interests and end tax breaks for companies that are already highly profitable. We must preserve tax deductions - like the mortgage interest deduction - that American families rely on. We can help businesses grow by decreasing capital gains tax, creating new tax incentives and eliminating the estate tax.

**6. Campaign Financing:** The Supreme Court's ruling on Citizens United allows a flood of unlimited and unaccountable money into elections. This is wrong. Unions, businesses and individuals who want to influence an election with their wallets should have to disclose who they are. I am currently cosponsoring a Constitutional Amendment that would effectively reverse Citizens United.

**7. Immigration:** I support thoughtful comprehensive immigration reform over amnesty. We must secure our borders and crack down on businesses who hire illegal immigrants at the expense of American workers. I support a pathway to citizenship for some illegal immigrants who pay all back taxes, learn about their new country and pass a citizenship test, among other requirements. I also support a limited Dream Act.

**8. Environment:** Reducing our reliance on unstable nations for oil and slowing the effects of climate change are among our most pressing environmental needs. All options must be on the table – including wind, solar, responsible nuclear and domestic natural gas – to reduce our carbon footprint and create jobs. I am also committed to passing legislation to limit pollution and reduce run-off into the Chesapeake Bay.

### David Banach

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.davidbanachforcongress.com>

**1. Qualifications:** As a Veteran and a Corporal of Marines I learned how to: lead others, keep my oath, discharge duties, solve problems, ability to communicate, work under pressure, work with others even if I do not like them, and always follow the orders of my superiors. To me, my superiors would be the People, and the Constitution. As a Political Scientist I know the Constitution, and how government operates.

**2. Priorities:** To uphold my oath to protect and defend the Constitution. To speak in Congress as if the People were speaking through me. To represent everyone in the district and not just those who elected me. To protect the rights and liberties of all citizens. To create an amendment to the Constitution that would invoke term limits for Congress, and propose a bill to cut the salaries of members of Congress.

**3. Economy:** Continue to support inflation adjusted minimum wage. To make it illegal to pay a woman less than a man if she has the same experience, time, and works the same position. To roll back the income tax so people have more money to spend. Focusing on our own citizens first, and making sure they have jobs, before worrying about illegal immigrants. And cutting spending to pay off our National Debt.

**4. Budget:** Our own people should be the main focus. Reduce DoD spending and cut foreign aid, in order to focus on our communities and rebuilding them. Eliminating government contracts to companies who get paid more than triple what our troops get paid, for doing the same job. Protecting the United States; by bringing our troops, and their money, home from foreign lands, and closing our bases overseas.

**5. Tax Reform:** Taxing the rich more is a proven non solution. What is "fair share"? Being forced to pay the government money you worked hard for is not called "fair share", it is called theft. Abolish the income tax so that people can keep all the money they worked for. Repeal the property tax so that home ownership is more easily affordable, and passing on property doesn't cost the inheritors a fortune to keep

**6. Campaign Financing:** I agree with it, partially. A cause can have no voice without money. If the cause can't reach anyone, how will things change, or people be informed? It is a necessary evil, but it can be good. A PAC can help a pro-life or pro-choice group get a voice that can be heard. Money is money no matter where it comes from, and it helps spread information. People can make their own choices, and decisions.

**7. Immigration:** Tighten up the border. A loose border is a national security threat. Change how immigration works by eliminating the need to illegally immigrate. Make the process faster, because no one should have to wait years to become a citizen. We need to live up to what it says on the Statue of Liberty, and continue to hold the lamp "beside the golden door".

**8. Environment:** Create a need for green energy. Have government lead the way by installing solar panels, and other green energy power sources, to power government buildings. This would save the tax payer millions of dollars every year. As green energy jobs are created, and demand rises, slowly wean America off fossil fuels. The jobs created by green energy should be balanced with the fossil fuel jobs eliminated.

### Ian Schlakman

**Party:** Green

**Campaign Website:** <http://ian42.com>

**1. Qualifications:** I'm a technology & cybersecurity entrepreneur. I'm experienced helping organizations stop hackers & have consulted on complex licensing, privacy, & regulation issues. I am proud of my work with economic justice groups that really think outside the box. I've worked on alternative, local & virtual currencies projects. It's time for a Congressman that knows the Internet & that we need a new economy.

**2. Priorities:** We need to protect and help grow the Internet with Net Neutrality and an Internet bill of rights. The NSA is an utter failure as a responsible, accountable government agency. We need to stop its unconstitutional overreach immediately. We need to completely rethink welfare and enact a Universal Basic Income. We need to end all subsidies of out of date energy technology & only invest in renewables.

**3. Economy:** I would lead the call in congress for medicare for all. As a technology business owner, I know first hand how hard it is for US companies to compete when they need to pay & worry about their employees having health insurance. This is an unnecessary burden on businesses. I would also enact a Universal Income program to immediately stabilize our economy equally & ease the rising cost of welfare.

**4. Budget:** American defense superiority can be maintained even with cuts of up to 50%. Significantly withdraw American troops from overseas bases. Congress should redirect defense spending toward local infrastructure projects, social support programs such as Medicare-for-All, Universal Income, & an energy infrastructure based on decentralized renewable sources such as solar & wind power.

**5. Tax Reform:** Americans deserve control of their own tax dollars. We need to trust citizens, not the government, to determine how our welfare dollars are spent. The United States is ready for a Universal Income which can be enacted with a negative income tax. Congress should impose a financial transaction tax on trades of stocks, bonds, currency, derivatives, & other financial instruments (Robin Hood Tax).

**6. Campaign Financing:** Congress should pass a constitutional amendment declaring that only natural persons-not corporate persons-may make contributions to political campaigns. I do not accept contributions from political action committees, unions or corporations because these organizations should not be allowed to fund election campaigns.

**7. Immigration:** Kicking out hardworking, tax paying immigrants makes no sense. America needs hard workers & tax revenue. If you pay taxes, you should have a path to citizenship. Families should never be broken up because a parent is undocumented. Making college more accessible to all youth equally (including immigrant youth) is vital to innovating our economy.

**8. Environment:** Local communities & families are tired of government, big business, & the elites poisoning our water, land & air. We need to respect the environment & the communities that say NO to mountaintop removal, fracking & other poisons in their communities. The government should help communities instead of the elites who destroy the environment for profit.

## Paul Rundquist (WRITE-IN)

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.paulforcongress.org>

**1. Qualifications:** As a former intelligence analyst, I understand the critical role of the intelligence community in keeping us safe, and most importantly, understand where reforms need to be made.

**2. Priorities:** I will take steps to improve oversight of the intelligence community, protect the environment, and reform the militarization of the police, the failed war on drugs, and the systematic exploitation of Americans by our prison system, the largest in the world.

**3. Economy:** Income inequality has gone too far. Wages have stagnated for decades. The value created by the most productive American workforce in history has been gambled away in finance by executives and bankers. We need to raise the minimum wage, rebuild our infrastructure, invest in education, and prosecute the perpetrators of financial theft and fraud, no matter how big.

**4. Budget:** Passing a budget is my number one priority. Sequestration, continuing resolutions, and the shutdown have done severe damage to our country. I support protecting the nation, safeguarding the environment, keeping America working by investing in infrastructure, and funding important obligations like Social Security and Medicare.

**5. Tax Reform:** Capital gains should be taxed as regular income. Families, small businesses, and working professionals pay more than enough in taxes. Multinational companies, banks, and other large investors pay far too little. I support reforming the tax code to put more money into the hands of American families, and to end unethical loopholes for large interests.

**6. Campaign Financing:** I support legislation to demand openness and transparency in political funding. The Citizens United decision is bad for democracy.

**7. Immigration:** I support enforcement of existing immigration laws at the border and compassionate policies to prevent the abuse and exploitation of undocumented immigrants, especially those who came to the United States as children.

**8. Environment:** Climate change, pollution, and industrial accidents are the biggest environmental challenges facing our nation. Updated regulations are needed to ensure that we obtain the benefits of new technology, while maintaining careful control of waste, pollution, and risk to our greatest economic asset, our clean environment.

## Mark Gerard Shell (WRITE-IN)

**Party:** Libertarian

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.democracy.com/markshell>

**1. Qualifications:** Experience in private sector manufacturing and banking and public sector experience at the USDA and IRS. I have experience managing budgets and executing strategic plans that includes improving operating efficiencies while reducing long term structural costs. I also have 3 master degrees (MBA, MSIS, MS in Finance).

**2. Priorities:** 1. Changes in the budget process to improve operational efficiencies and reduce costs 2. Reduce trade deficit 3. Reduce national debt 4. Improve the environment for businesses to operate 5. Research and development of alternative energy and improvements in energy efficiency

**3. Economy:** 1. Reduction of the trade deficit 2. Simplification of regulations and legislation to make it easier to start and operate businesses 3. Simplification of tax laws with a move to flat rate taxes 4. Reduction of national debt 5. Support business development 6. Support research and development

**4. Budget:** Government spending needs to be reduced. It is possible to reduce spending, while actually improving services. This is accomplished by changing the way the federal government creates and manages budgets. I want to create a 4 year budget cycle that encourages cost savings and does not penalize agencies for under-spending (no end of fiscal year spending sprees).

**5. Tax Reform:** The whole tax system needs an overhaul and I fully support flat rate taxes. The

current tax system is too complicated and creates a lot of non-value-added work. If we are looking to improve efficiencies, this is one area to focus on. In addition to a flat rate tax system, I would like to allow tax payers to select where a portion of their taxes go to.

**6. Campaign Financing:** I would like to see restrictions on the amount of money a campaign can raise and/or spend. I believe the overspending on campaigns leads to overspending when elected. The high level of campaign spending masks the real issues and often delivers messages that confuse voters. I want to limit campaign contributions to US Citizens.

**7. Immigration:** The immigration processes need to be reformed in order to attract people with talents and skills that can contribute to the success of the country. While I understand many people were brought here as children and are "undocumented", I do not believe they should have a path to citizenship that is different from anyone else who is trying to immigrate to this country.

**8. Environment:** I believe safe and sustainable drinking water is the most significant challenge. Take the chemical spill in West Virginia and how that affected drinking water on a large scale. We need more protections on our sources of drinking water to prevent these kinds of large scale contaminations.

### Joseph Jean Sperber (WRITE-IN)

**Party:** Unaffiliated

*No response received by deadline.*

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

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### John Sarbanes

**Party:** Democratic

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

**1. Qualifications:** Prior to entering Congress, I had nearly 20 years of experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. I worked with the MD State Dept of Education, represented non-profit hospitals and senior living providers and championed efforts to protect consumers and ensure fair treatment in the workplace. This prepared me well for the diversity of issues one must manage as a member of Congress.

**2. Priorities:** My legislative priorities include advocating for campaign finance reform so that we can get special interest money out of politics; implementation of health reform with a focus on making sure there are enough doctors and nurses to provide quality care; and leading efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and protect the environment, including encouraging environmental education for kids in K-12.

**3. Economy:** One of my top priorities in Congress is creating jobs for Americans. We can get our economy moving again by literally rebuilding America – schools, parks, roads and public transportation are in desperate need of repair. We can spark a resurgence in manufacturing – “made in America” once more – if we rebuild here at home and invest in innovation and technology.

**4. Budget:** While we must make tough choices between competing priorities, we should do this in a thoughtful way, being careful not to compromise the core values that have sustained American progress – ensuring opportunity, strengthening community and promoting private enterprise and innovation. That means using common sense to judge which initiatives should be scaled back, preserved or scaled up.

**5. Tax Reform:** The tax code should reflect our nation’s values— encouraging private enterprise and innovation, strengthening communities and ensuring that the shared costs of government are distributed equitably. Changes to the current tax structure must be undertaken with the greatest caution so as not to cause unanticipated consequences for American taxpayers or compromise the Nation’s overall fiscal outlook.

**6. Campaign Financing:** We must fight for a government by the people, not bought and paid for by big money special interests. That’s why I introduced the Government By the People Act which would amplify the voices of everyday Americans by empowering grassroots supporters, providing a tax credit for campaign contributions and supporting candidates when they are up against Super PACs.

**7. Immigration:** I support a policy that considers both national security and economic interests, as well as the need to provide a fair, legal and humane framework for people who want to come to America. I support improved border security and law enforcement, a focus on punishing employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers, and a practical approach to addressing undocumented workers currently in the country.

**8. Environment:** The government can do many things to slow the rate of climate change: invest in clean energy technologies; cap and reduce greenhouse gases; require utility companies to generate energy from renewable sources; develop capabilities to capture and store carbon emissions; and advance smart grid technologies so electricity is delivered efficiently.

### Charles A. Long

**Party:** Republican

**1. Qualifications:** I have four college degrees, BA from Carleton College, a BSEE from Johns Hopkins, a Masters of Administrative Science from Johns Hopkins, and a PhD from Indiana University. I've worked in

for-profit corporations (Chicago Bridge and Iron), government laboratories (Brookhaven National Laboratory) and 32 years as senior staff at Johns Hopkins University. I was the go-to guy to "fix it" at Hopkins.

**2. Priorities:** First priority is to bring the national budget under control through better tax policies and surgical expense cutting. Second priority is to make the Affordable Care Act affordable to middle and low middle class families. Third priority is to adequately support wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Fourth is to give Maryland Republicans adequate congressional representation.

**3. Economy:** We need to retain qualified masters and PhD graduates especially in Biotech in Maryland. Maryland has a brain drain problem. We need to promote quality grants and contracts awarded to Maryland researchers, give brief tax incentives for companies to relocate in Maryland, and encourage more aspiring students to engage in internships and temporary employment at these new companies.

**4. Budget:** A large part of the defense budget is retirement for military personnel. We need to carefully scrutinize and possibly curtail very expensive high-tech military toys that are never used except in training. A large number of lower-tech and less expensive hardware is better for the type of confrontations we encounter. The domestic so-called "entitlement" programs need review with an eye on abuse.

**5. Tax Reform:** The entire tax system needs reform. We need to return to a system similar to that instituted in 1986 which ushered in 14 years of prosperity. The present system is so riddled with special interest tax incentives and bits and pieces of exemptions, exclusions, and work-arounds, that nobody can understand it. Sometimes it even seems self-contradictory.

**6. Campaign Financing:** The Supreme Court decision could, and should, be used in Maryland to bring more funds to Maryland if Maryland were a "purple" state. Unfortunately the Republicans write us off and the Democrats take us for granted. If Maryland were a swing state like Florida or Ohio, then these organizations would spend more funds in Maryland giving more Marylanders good paying jobs.

**7. Immigration:** People over 16 living in the North American Continent should be given a work permit (with a tax ID number, not a Social Security number) allowing them to work anywhere in the North American Continent, and pay taxes where they work. These people should obtain driver's licenses and passports in the country of their citizenship and vote by absentee ballot if they want to vote.

**8. Environment:** Clean water is our most pressing immediate environmental problem. We need to separate so-called "grey water", industrial waste water, sewage water, and agricultural run-off water just as we separate trash for recycling. We need to redirect water from where we have too much, i.e. Louisiana, to areas where we have too little (West Texas, North East New Mexico, South Eastern Colorado) etc.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

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### Donna F. Edwards

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.donnaedwardsforcongress.com/>

**1. Qualifications:** I represent Maryland's 4th CD and serve on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Science and Technology Committee where I am ranking member on the Space Subcommittee, and am an executive member of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. I am also the chair of the Democratic Women's Working Group and co-chair of the bipartisan Women's Caucus.

**2. Priorities:** Job creation and economic growth are my top priorities. I am also fighting to promote public policies that ensure women's equality and economic security. Also, we continue to see the erosion of our democracy through rulings by the Supreme Court allowing our airwaves to be flooded with millions of dollars. I reintroduced a constitutional amendment to reverse the flawed Citizens' United decision.

**3. Economy:** I sponsored H.R. 3537, to increase and make permanent the R&D tax credit and increase the domestic manufacturing tax credit to spur innovation and create jobs. With Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, I am championing a women's economic agenda to increase the minimum wage, ensure affordable childcare and promote work and family balance that will boost the national economy and reduce income disparity.

**4. Budget:** For the long-term fiscal health of this nation, we must reduce the deficit and balance our budget. However, that must not come at the expense of the well-being of working families and our nation's most vulnerable. We must make the necessary investments in such things as education, unemployment insurance, Pell grants, infrastructure, and our social safety net until the economy is fully recovered.

**5. Tax Reform:** Tax reform should reflect our national priorities and so it is important that all options are on the table. For example, I sponsored H.R. 3537, which would permanently increase the R&D tax credit and increase the domestic manufacturing tax credit to spur innovation. This would help create good-paying jobs here in America, and help lay a foundation of prosperity for future generations.

**6. Campaign Financing:** I was the first Member of Congress to offer a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's flawed Citizens' United ruling. I support other legislative approaches

including the Disclose Act, the Fair Elections Now Act, and the Government By The People Act. However, the Supreme Court made it clear that only a constitutional amendment will address campaign finance permanently.

**7. Immigration:** Without question, the current system is broken. Finding a workable solution to the issue of immigration is critical to the nation's future. Changes to our immigration system cannot be done in a patchwork approach with varying state laws. It is imperative that the federal government take the lead on comprehensive immigration reform that allows our nation to be competitive in the 21st Century.

**8. Environment:** The U.S. must lead efforts to reduce climate change as it will devastate our weather and coastal regions. Yet we see those protecting industry interests while undermining environmental protections. We must work together. I introduced legislation to incorporate green infrastructure practices into stormwater management and successfully fought efforts to weaken environmental review of water projects.

## Nancy Hoyt

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.nancyhoyt.com>

**1. Qualifications:** I have owned a small business since 1995. I understand what it takes to create jobs in both government and private industry. I am educated and experienced as an Infection Preventionist, epidemiologist and Healthcare Administrator. I understand how the healthcare industry does and does not work to provide healthcare services.

**2. Priorities:** Restore an economy that creates jobs. Lower taxes and keep money in the people's pockets. Provide healthcare services that the people want, not what Government wants. Improve Government programs with fiscal accountability. Strengthen our Nation security. Empower people and not politicians. Ensure our Constitutional rights as citizens are protected.

**3. Economy:** Lift Government mandates that keep Small business from creating jobs and providing people with incomes that would raise them out of poverty and break their dependency on government programs. Decrease taxes so people can spend their own money on things they need and want. This would strengthen our National economy.

**4. Budget:** Funding should not be redirected to support one government program or one function over another. Fiscal responsibility and accountability needs to be applied across all government programs. Cut funding to all departments by 1-3% annually and continue until our National Debt is paid. Stop overspending and wasting our money.

**5. Tax Reform:** The Federal Tax Code is over 4 million words long and is too complex to ensure compliance. The administration of the IRS is out of control, the IRS too big, and the agency needs to be reorganized. I support decreasing taxes, and improving oversight on wasteful Government spending.

**6. Campaign Financing:** Congress should do nothing. The Supreme Court ruled this type of spending is a form of speech and is therefore protected by the Constitution, even if the speaker is a corporation.

**7. Immigration:** I support immigration reform but not as one huge comprehensive legislative package. Each issue should be separately addressed and written so that the Bill's merits can be read within one hour. Identify the underlying causes of undocumented immigration, determine appropriate remedies, and enact measures that support and protect all people.

**8. Environment:** Economic prosperity and environmental protection must advance together. Environmental regulations should be based on science, and not political agenda. We should ensure that environmental policy meets the needs of localities and that federal spending actually helps rather than harms the environment. The efficacy of environmental regulations needs to be evaluated.

## Arvin Vohra

**Party:** Libertarian

**Campaign Website:** <http://votevohra.com>

**1. Qualifications:** As an entrepreneur with a degree in Mathematics (Brown University, B.S. 2001), I know how to make intelligent and strategic decisions. If elected, I will sponsor legislation to cut Federal spending to 1992 levels and eliminate the income tax, strengthening the economy, eliminating cronyist privileges, and allowing you to keep the money you earned.

**2. Priorities:** 1. I will sponsor legislation to cut federal spending to 1992 levels and eliminate the income tax. 2. I will sponsor legislation to end the War on Drugs, eliminate the DEA, and release all nonviolent drug "criminals" from prison. 3. I will sponsor legislation to downsize our 17 spy into one tiny, accountable one, repeal the Patriot Act, and protect your privacy and dignity.

**3. Economy:** I will sponsor legislation to cut Federal spending to 1992 levels and eliminate the income tax. This will: 1. Increase disposable income, dramatically boosting economic and job growth. 2. Attract entrepreneurs and innovators from around the world. 3. Remove the subsidies and loopholes given to huge corporations, allowing small businesses to compete fairly with big business.

**4. Budget:** I will sponsor legislation to: 1. Cut military spending by 60% or more 2. End the War on Drugs, eliminate the DEA, and release all nonviolent drug offenders from prison. 3. Downsize the NSA, repeal the Patriot Act, and protect your privacy. I will work to dramatically cut both defense and domestic spending, making our country safer, our economy stronger, and our individuals freer.

**5. Tax Reform:** I will sponsor legislation to cut federal spending to 1992 levels and eliminate the income tax. Instead of being forced to pay for counterproductive Federal programs we don't want, we will be able to support businesses, charities, educational programs, and the arts in the way each of us sees fit.

**6. Campaign Financing:** I will sponsor legislation to make government so small that it is incapable of granting anyone any special favors of any kind. At that point, corporations and unions would have no incentive to attempt to buy favors. That is the only way to get dirty money out of politics. Make the government too small to grant anyone any special favor, so there are no special favors to buy.

**7. Immigration:** I will sponsor legislation to dramatically open the borders. We should attract the entrepreneurs and innovators who create jobs and build the economy. At the same time, I will sponsor legislation to dismantle the welfare state that attracts those who come to America for its welfare instead of its opportunities.

**8. Environment:** Individual ownership of land is the surest way to protect the environment. If an individual or charitable organization owns parkland, for example, they will do whatever they can to protect their valuable asset. The Audubon Society, for example, insists on safe practices when drilling is done on their land, and it works. Publicly owned land lacks that protection (as we saw with the BP disaster).

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

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### Steny H. Hoyer

**Party:** Democratic

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

**1. Qualifications:** For over 30 years in Congress, I have been an effective leader who works in a bipartisan way and always puts Maryland families first. I continue to fight tirelessly for economic development, have helped create and save nearly 23,000 jobs in the district, and am dedicated to ensuring all Marylanders have access to middle class opportunities.

**2. Priorities:** I remain focused on job creation and economic opportunity for all through the Make It In America jobs plan, an initiative I'm leading to boost manufacturing and strengthen the middle class. I also remain focused on protecting our military installations and federal facilities, as well as bringing the new, consolidated FBI headquarters to Prince George's County.

**3. Economy:** I'm leading a jobs plan called Make It In America, which focuses on creating the best conditions for American businesses to manufacture their products, innovate, and create well-paying jobs here in Maryland and throughout the country. I also believe Congress must raise the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 so workers and their families can better access middle-class opportunities.

**4. Budget:** Our budget should reflect our priorities by supporting investments in job creation, opportunity for all Americans, and a strong defense. It should also take a balanced approach to putting our nation on a fiscally sustainable path.

**5. Tax Reform:** I support comprehensive tax reform that simplifies the tax code, brings jobs back to the U.S., and strengthens American competitiveness.

**6. Campaign Financing:** In the wake of the Citizens United decision in 2010, I support changing the system by enacting legislation that would require disclosure and transparency in political fundraising and campaign spending. Citizens should know who is communicating with them, i.e. be able to "consider the source."

**7. Immigration:** I am a proud co-sponsor of H.R. 15, a comprehensive immigration reform bill that provides a pathway to citizenship and strengthens our border security. I continue to urge House Republicans to allow a vote on this bipartisan legislation. Fixing our broken immigration system is not only good for our economy, but it's the morally right thing to do and is supported by the majority of Americans.

**8. Environment:** Climate change is having a substantial impact in the form of deadly storms, melting arctic ice, and rising temperatures. Not only does this affect our environment, including the Chesapeake Bay, but it also impacts our economy and security. I support regulating greenhouse gas emissions, investing in innovative, clean-energy technologies, and embracing an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

### Chris Chaffee

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

### Dennis L. Fritz (WRITE-IN)

**Party:** Unaffiliated

**1. Qualifications:** I am a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant. Throughout my career I have been a servant of the people. The last 10 years of my military career I advocated for and represented over 100,000 service members and their families. The last six years I have been a key advocate for Wounded

Warriors. I understand the service of representing fellow citizens and fighting to improve their quality of life.

**2. Priorities:** Taking care of Americans first. Working with other Members of Congress securing our borders because not doing so is a security risk. "Charity begins at home" - lifting our fellow citizens out of poverty before sending money and jobs overseas or hiring non-citizens before Americans. Preserving and improving the benefits of our veterans and war wounded. Keeping us out of costly unnecessary wars.

**3. Economy:** Less foreign aid and spending more money at home on infrastructure (roads, bridges, schools) which will create jobs. Raise the minimum raise so that an individual can purchase the basic needs of food, shelter, transportation, health care, and yes, some entertainment, based on the cost of living where one resides. Middle Class tax cuts. Will support the construction of the keystone pipeline.

**4. Budget:** Our first priority should be balancing the budget because that will save us a lot of money from the interest we pay on our huge debt. We need to take care of Americans first and fund lawful programs such as Social Security and Medicare before sending aid and support abroad. We need to cut our defense budget to the level it truly takes to defend our nation, not removing leaders we don't like.

**5. Tax Reform:** We need to lower the corporate tax rate. We are currently losing revenue from corporations who have moved their headquarters overseas. Let's get some of that revenue back by compromise. I will support lowering the tax rate of any corporation that will guarantee they will create living wage jobs here at home. We get additional revenue and jobs for Americans and they get a lower tax rate.

**6. Campaign Financing:** Accept it, even though I disagree with the decision. We have a system of checks and balances with three branches of government. A judicial review by the Supreme Court, the final authority on the interpretation of the Constitution said it was unconstitutional to ban what they considered free speech by corporations and unions.

**7. Immigration:** First step is to secure the border immediately to stop the flow of additional illegal immigration. Realistically we don't have the resources to round up an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants which our government allowed in. I will support for those already here a pathway to citizenship if they go through a background check, have not committed a violent crime, learn English, and pay taxes.

**8. Environment:** I worry about greenhouse gas pollution. I will support continued fueled efficient improvement in vehicles.



## State Senate and House of Delegates

**Duties:** State Senators and Delegates constitute the General Assembly, and share responsibility for enactment of the state's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

**Salary:** \$45,207, annual base.

**Term:** Four years, no term limit.

**How Elected:** The state is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district elects one State Senator and three Delegates, for a total of 141 Delegates. Following the 2010 census, districts were redrawn, changing boundaries and the legislative districts of some voters. Check your sample ballot for your current legislative district.

**Website:** <http://www.mlis.state.md.us>

### Questions Asked of Candidates:

1. **Qualifications:** How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. **Priorities:** If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?
3. **Economy:** What initiatives would you support for strengthening Maryland's economy and increasing jobs?
4. **Budget:** What are your priorities with respect to expenditures and revenue sources for Maryland?
5. **Education:** What education policies would you support, particularly with regard to Common Core standards and universal pre-Kindergarten?
6. **Redistricting:** What changes, if any, would you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines?
7. **Transportation:** What are your transportation priorities and how should they be funded?
8. **Environment:** What are the most significant environmental challenges facing Maryland, and what policies would you support to meet those challenges?

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21

### STATE SENATE DISTRICT 21

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#### Jim Rosapepe

**Party:** Democratic

*No response received by deadline*

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 21

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#### Ben Barnes

**Party:** Democratic

*No response received by deadline*

#### Barbara A. Frush

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** 21st District Democratic Team

**1. Qualifications:** I have served in the House of Delegates for 20 years. My proudest moments were my bills to get tobacco out of the hands of children and out of every indoor workplace. I Chair the Environment Subcommittee of the House Environmental Matters Committee and Chair the Joint Committee on Critical Areas and Coastal Bays. I am a past Chairman of the Prince George's County Delegation.

**2. Priorities:** The Chesapeake Bay has been one of my biggest priorities. I also am an animal rights advocate and have received a number of awards for both these priorities. I serve on the Commission on Aging and providing adequate for our senior citizens

**3. Economy:** I believe the economy and jobs start with an excellent school system. We need our citizens to be well educated and ready to enter the job market.

**4. Budget:** Educating our citizens, providing adequate housing, protecting the elderly, growing our economy, taking care of our vulnerable citizens and protecting the environment.

**5. Education:** I am strongly in favor of pre-k. As one who is a legislator and a grandmother, I have seen the huge benefit of pre-k.

**6. Redistricting:** I was not part of the redistricting process but I feel it needs to be restructured.

**7. Transportation:** I strongly favor mass transportation and am part of the Purple Line Caucus.

**8. Environment:** First and foremost, I believe fracking is detrimental to Maryland. I am a strong advocate for the Chesapeake Bay, open space, critical areas, and anti-pollution measures. I have been called a "tree-hugger" on many occasions. But once our beautiful forests are gone, it will be too late.

### Joseline Pena-Melnyk

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** [http:// www.votejoseline.com](http://www.votejoseline.com)

**1. Qualifications:** Maryland House of Delegates 2007 to present, College Park City Council 2003 to 2006, Member of Prince George's and Arundel County Delegations; Health and Government Operations Committee; Chair of the Prince George's Bi-County Committee; Chair of the House Mental Health Committee; Black Caucus and Women's Caucus; Baltimore Revitalization Task Force; Member of Governor's Well Mobile Advisory Board.

**2. Priorities:** My priorities include continuing to push for improved schools which help to strengthen our communities and increase the ability of our citizens to be productive and competitive. I also will continue to be very involved in health care issues, including working to reduce obesity and diabetes which, if not controlled, will impose a great cost in reduced health and high health care expenses.

**3. Economy:** Investing in our roads, bridges, sewage treatment facilities, and other essential infrastructure benefits all Marylanders while giving an immediate boost to employment. To keep Maryland strong over the long-term, we need to continue to support and build excellent schools to attract families and businesses and produce well-trained, productive citizens. I voted for the minimum wage bill.

**4. Budget:** I am proud that Maryland has a balanced budget and one of the highest credit ratings of all the states. This is a testament of the strength of Maryland's economy and sound fiscal management. We clearly need to be prudent and limit budget increases so as to lessen the impact on taxpayers. But we need to do that while keeping up the elements that make Maryland strong and attractive to businesses.

**5. Education:** This session, the General Assembly passed a package of bills designed to ease this transition and provide maximum stakeholder input as the process moves forward, by delaying the use of State assessment-based student growth measures in teacher/principal performance evaluations until the 2016-17 school year and a legislative oversight process has been established. I also support Universal pre-K.

**6. Redistricting:** We should evaluate using an independent, non-partisan committee to draw the district lines after the census. This is likely to produce the fairest results.

**7. Transportation:** Transportation spending should be focused first on adequate maintenance of existing roads, bridges and transit. Then, any money available for expansion should be focused on projects that discourage sprawl and improve transit options. Unlike many other states we have increased the gasoline tax to provide money for this infrastructure.

**8. Environment:** The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure that we must protect and help it to recover. Recreation, tourism and fishing centered around the Bay are a major driver of the state economy. And its importance as habitat for numerous species of birds and fish should not be underestimated. I would support policies that control runoff pollution which contaminates the Bay's waters.

### Katherine M. Butcher

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://katherinebutcher.com>

**1. Qualifications:** I have a BS in Medical Technology, worked in and supervised clinical labs so I understand issues involved with the health care industry. I experienced the torment of knowing that the local public school wasn't serving my children. I homeschooled them 3-12, and 1-12. Studying Sowell's Basic Economics with them, I learned the laws of economics and the effects of policy on the economy.

**2. Priorities:** I'd support legislation to give parents choices in their child's education. I'd push for more charter and vocational schools. I'd work to lower taxes. I would work to promote strengthening the family unit as it is the basis of our society.

**3. Economy:** I'd support reduction of the regulation on small business. I'd support initiatives to lower taxes and fees to give people more money back in their pockets. This should stimulate demand for products which would improve businesses' bottom lines. More business would bring us more hiring, jobs would be created. More people working, i.e. more taxpayers, would increase revenues for the state.

**4. Budget:** My priority would be to reduce our expenditures. In our families we do not budget by starting with the number we spent on any line item and then adding a percentage to determine this year's amount to spend. It's ludicrous that we just assume the amount of money the state needs must always increase.

**5. Education:** I believe in more parental choice in their child's education. Since each child is unique I disagree with any curriculum that claims it can be used universally. I believe Common Core should be abandoned. We should work to make education a local issue again. Studies have shown that Head Start has demonstrated questionable outcome in education, therefore I would not expand such a program.

**6. Redistricting:** We cannot draw lines that divide neighborhoods. As my district is currently drawn, my neighbors across the street are in a different district. I live on a cul de sac street in the middle of a development. This is preposterous. I would like to see lines drawn without consideration of political parties of the residents, just total number of voters.

**7. Transportation:** My transportation priority would be better roads and road maintenance. The taxes, tolls and other revenues currently collected for the purpose of transportation should be placed in a true

lock box so that these funds could not be used for other purposes.

**8. Environment:** A significant environmental challenge is to keep the bay healthy. For this, I believe we need to dredge the Conowingo Dam to prevent the sediment from flowing into the bay when big storms hit the area. We need to honestly recognize the impact of windmills and solar panels on birds and establish policies that accept this truth.

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS 30, 30A, 30B

### STATE SENATE DISTRICT 30

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#### John C. Astle

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.johnastle.com/>

**1. Qualifications:** In my time in the Maryland legislature, I have been honored to represent my constituents and provide them much needed constituent services. As a Veteran, a former police officer, and longtime Annapolitan, I believe that my background uniquely situates me to best represent the needs of the Annapolis area and southern Anne Arundel County.

**2. Priorities:** We must continue to provide businesses with the resources they need to succeed while expanding funding for critical services including education, and public safety. We must also continue to look for places to cut in the budget, without sacrificing our essential services on which our communities rely.

**3. Economy:** Maryland's economy is motivated by the knowledge-based economy. We must continue to provide incentives to get the best and brightest individuals and businesses to move to Maryland through tax credits, a high quality public education system, improved public transportation, and a tax environment that incentivizes job creation.

**4. Budget:** I have continually voted against tax increases, and will continue to do so. While we have done a great job cutting wherever possible and passing a balanced budget every year, we must do more to be fiscally responsible while funding education and other worthwhile investments.

**5. Education:** I have consistently supported increased funding for education, including investing over \$1 billion in school construction in the last four years alone. This past year, I joined members of both parties to expand access to Pre-K education. Concerning Common Core, I am confident that with our parents, teachers, and administrators working together, we will be able to properly implement Common Core.

**6. Redistricting:** I support making certain that the process of redistricting, like all processes in the legislature are open and transparent with full input from all citizens and interested parties.

**7. Transportation:** I support a lockbox on the Transportation Trust Fund to make certain that transportation funding is going to our priorities such as local roads and bridges. In addition, I strongly support both looking at more mass transit options for Anne Arundel County, as well as a third span for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

**8. Environment:** We must continue to protect our bay from pollution, and work to preserve our numerous precious natural resources. As a fisher and conservationist, I know that we must have clean water and clean air if we are to have a thriving ecosystem. It is why I have supported wind energy and other alternative energy policies to best prepare for the future.

#### Don Quinn

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://votedonquinn.com>

**1. Qualifications:** The child of a single mother teacher, I have owned businesses most of my life giving me the skills to balance a budget within the needs of society. As a combat veteran I am committed to being a servant leader who upholds the Constitution and Bill of Rights for all. As a father I am actively involved in, and committed to improving, education. I am a lifelong supporter of social causes and advocacy.

**2. Priorities:** Create opportunity by encouraging business and job growth to lower taxes in a responsible manner. Educational excellence, partnering with teachers and parents. Address social challenges like human trafficking, domestic violence, and a sustainable environment. Protect our Constitutional rights and those guaranteed to all citizens under the Bill of Rights. Represent the will of the people, always.

**3. Economy:** We need to encourage businesses to relocate here using incentives, tax breaks, and making Maryland's business climate more attractive. This will encourage economic growth and grow the tax paying base. Ideas like local crowd funding and making Maryland a hub for green manufacturing to create jobs in manufacturing (and research) deserve exploration as a State/Private Enterprise partnership.

**4. Budget:** Creation of jobs, growing the tax paying base in order to reduce taxes, quality education for all students, stronger laws protecting women and children, a systematic plan to clean the Bay, ways to reduce financial burdens on seniors (including taxes) are just some of my priorities. By increasing the tax

base we can afford to fund education, bay clean up, and social issues without increasing taxes.

**5. Education:** I support slowing down Common Core to test it, and if it meets the standards of those tests, rolling it out one or two grades at a time so that children and teachers have time to plan and adapt. Parents and teachers need to be more involved in the curriculum creation. We need to explore ways to offer pre-K without increasing the tax burden. An audit would show how to maximize education dollars.

**6. Redistricting:** I would advocate strongly to redistrict the current heavily Gerrymandered State. Personal interests should never trump public service, as it has done in District 30. An independent, non-partisan commission should be in charge of the redistricting and the results should be transparent for public scrutiny and public comments before being adopted through a resolution.

**7. Transportation:** We should aim for the highest standards of public transportation, serving those who need it most and encouraging its use because its faster, cheaper, and more convenient. We can fund improving transportation with current funds, if we take the time to balance our budget in a fiscally responsible way with people who understand a balance sheet (business minded individuals) in the legislature.

**8. Environment:** Cleaning the Chesapeake is the largest priority for Maryland today. We need to create accountability with a five year plan and benchmarks, responsibilities, local contractor roles, and a budget which can never be reallocated. All this should be open for public scrutiny and aimed at reducing the pollution in the bay exponentially over the next 5 years in a systematic, logical, and low cost manner.

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 30A

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### Mike Busch

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://speakerbusch.com>

**1. Qualifications:** I was a history teacher and coach by profession, I was encouraged to run for office by the parents and children I taught and coached. Elected in 1986, I have a long track record of building consensus and working for improvements in education, job creation, public safety and environmental protection.

**2. Priorities:** Improving education, our schools have been ranked number 1 for 5 years in a row but there is always more we can do. Protecting the gains we have made preserving the Bay and continuing to promote policies that improve the Bay so that every Maryland can safely enjoy it and protect the tourism and waterman jobs that come from it.

**3. Economy:** It starts with a well educated work force, so investments in Higher Education and our public schools. I have helped to pass business development programs, worked to leverage our federal assets such as Fort Meade which is now the State's largest employer, and raised the Minimum Wage which rewards work and puts more money in the pockets of working families.

**4. Budget:** We have a constitutional requirement to balance the budget and it is a responsibility I take very seriously. We need to fully fund education, keep tuition affordable for our public universities, invest in infrastructure, maintain and protect the best healthcare delivery network in the county, and protect our environment.

**5. Education:** I supported the pre-Kindergarten bill this year which provides for a competitive grant program to expand pre-Kindergarten. It is the first step to get the state to universal pre-Kindergarten in the State. I supported several bills this year that addressed the implementation of Common Core to ensure teachers and students were given the support as the standards are implemented.

**6. Redistricting:** I am open to looking at specific proposals, this is an issue nationwide and if we are to see real change we need national reform.

**7. Transportation:** I supported the transportation funding increase last year, to provide us with the revenue to make much needed repairs to our roads and bridges. I also supported the "lockbox" which will go to voters this election to ensure that we know the funding that is raised for transportation goes to transportation projects.

**8. Environment:** I have been a life long supporter of environmental protections, the Chesapeake Bay must be protected so our children and grand children can enjoy it's natural beauty but also for the jobs in tourism, recreation, and the waterman jobs it provides. I have supported investment into renewable energy project to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

### Chuck Ferrar

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.chuckferrar2014.com>

**1. Qualifications:** For more than 22 years I have worked and served the community of Annapolis and the County philanthropically and as a public servant. My sound relationships with elected officials at the state, county and city levels afford me the opportunity to bring common sense consensus building to address and support local issue and projects. In 2010, I served on the county council for Council District 6.

**2. Priorities:** Education, Economics, Environment, Housing, Health and Transportation: school construction funding, universal pre-K and teacher support. I lobbied for minimum wage increase and I support small business growth. Smart growth, no sprawl. Workforce/accessible housing for first responders, educators and seniors. Outpatient treatment facility for underage drug abusers. Mass Regional Transit Authority

**3. Economy:** Adequate training and placement for the development of green and cyber security jobs. Partnership with trade schools and community colleges to equip students for the workforce. Support small businesses access to capital, business development and expansion for existing companies. Continue seeking ways to streamline the permitting, procurement and certification process for small businesses

**4. Budget:** I would support a comprehensive corporate tax reform effort. There should be a level playing field for any company that does business in the state of Maryland. Setup stronger oversight and compliance to ensure that special earmarked funds to the respective projects initially identified. (i.e., gas and storm water fee funding)

**5. Education:** I support universal pre-K and think the process should be expedited for all children. I also support common core in theory, however I believe the implementation of it should be slowed down to allow educators and students the preparation time to absorb it gradually into the system.

**6. Redistricting:** The process should be non-partisan and computerized similar to the League of Women Voters (LWVMD) proposed four years ago.

**7. Transportation:** I support the development of a Mass Regional Transportation Authority that could be funded through the gas tax, and strictly earmarked and dedicated to this particular project.

**8. Environment:** Clean and safe water, Fracking and land preservation. I would continue seeking funds to support the clean-up of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. I would support the study of fracking and its impact on the environment and have strong regulations in place to protect the water from contamination. I am a strong supporter of water and land conservation and responsible development.

### Genevieve Lindner

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

### Herb McMillan

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://herbmcmillan.com>

**1. Qualifications:** I've served as in the US Navy for 26 years, served as an Annapolis Councilman for 4 years, and as a state delegate for 8 years. I've also served as President of the Maryland Taxpayers Assn, PAL Hawks Football Coach, PTA President, Tutor at Bates Middle School, a Homeowners Assn. Boardmember, and Naval Academy Foundation Boardmember. My breadth of service and experience serves our district well.

**2. Priorities:** 1. Reduce spending. Maryland's budget has grown from \$29.3 to \$39.5 billion in 8 years. This is unsustainable. 2. Reduce taxes on Maryland small businesses and families. Taxes and fees have been increased 80 times in the last 8 years, and Md has the 20nd highest income tax in the US 3. Create private sector jobs that pay good wages (see 1 and 2 above)-can't create jobs if gov taxes excessively

**3. Economy:** Maryland's unemployment rate has increased as the US unemployment rate has decreased because Maryland has taken overtaxed the private sector. We've lost over 8000 businesses in the last 8 years; and Maryland now ranks 3rd in foodstamp sign up rates-13.5% of Md is on foodstamps. The private sector creates jobs and growth, not government; we must nurture it, not shackle it. Reduce spending and taxes.

**4. Budget:** Cut \$300 million in tax credits that have more to do with cronyism than jobs. Cut disparity grants, which have cost almost a billion dollars over the last 8 years; AA county received none. For every state tax dollar collected in AA county, 74 cents is spent in another county--the 4th worst return in Maryland; we get \$4500/pupil in state aid; the state average is \$6500. We need to get our fair share.

**5. Education:** Common Core needs to be phased in thoughtfully, not rushed. Teacher's and students need time to adapt to a new curriculum. I supported the expansion of pre-Kindergarten this year.

**6. Redistricting:** A commission composed of equal members of both parties should do redistricting. The current system perpetuates the worst kind of politics.

**7. Transportation:** We need to spend more of our Transportation Trust Fund Dollars on Roads. 88% of Marylanders drive cars, yet 50% of our transportation dollars are spent on mass transit. Also, We need a lockbox for this fund, ( which I proposed) so that money cannot be taken from it and used for other budget items.

**8. Environment:** We've spent over \$15 billion on the Bay and have very little to show for it. We need consistent, scientific policies that are equitably funded and applied. The Rain Tax is inequitably applied and fails to address pollution caused by farm runoff. A statewide fee to address storm and farm runoff, similar to the flush fee, makes more sense. Spreading out the costs would lower the fee and be fair.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 30B

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#### **Mitchelle Stephenson**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.mitchellefor30b.org>

**1. Qualifications:** I'm a candidate with a deep practical knowledge of the unique character and issues of this new legislative district, having covered it as a writer, reporter and editor for a number of years. In addition, I have served as an education advocate for Anne Arundel County Public Schools and PTA for a dozen years.

**2. Priorities:** Schools and education, keeping development in check to preserve our community's agricultural and rural legacy and jobs/local economic development.

**3. Economy:** We need to level the playing field for small business. Closing the corporate reporting loophole and putting in place initiatives to help small business and manufacturing grow. This can be by assisting businesses who have trouble with red tape and regulatory issues. In addition, we need to provide incentives to lure manufacturing jobs back to Maryland.

**4. Budget:** In my meetings with voters, one thing is clear: middle class Marylanders have a sense of being nickled-and-dimed by recent increases in fees and taxes. Government pays for vital services that we all enjoy, including top-tier schools and infrastructure. Nobody wants their car careening off the Bay Bridge, or their tires blowing out in potholes, but we need to balance how we pay for these things.

**5. Education:** I support the principle standards rolled out in Common Core. That said, the implementation has been rocky. We need to prepare our children to compete globally. Increased academic rigor is just one leg of the stool. We also need to ensure that we are looking to career readiness. We can also look to ways to make college more affordable. Students are graduating with burdensome debt.

**6. Redistricting:** We should more closely follow geographic and county boundaries in drawing congressional and legislative district lines.

**7. Transportation:** It used to be that America took great pride in public works projects. The great bridges of America—the Chesapeake Bay, the Verrazano–Narrows, the Golden Gate—are just a few of the amazing architectural and engineering wonders of our great country. I'd like to see the state and federal government work together to prioritize repairs, upgrade infrastructure and improve safety.

**8. Environment:** Stormwater management, cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay—and other Maryland lakes and tributaries are at the top of the list. But we also have emerging issues like rising water levels, flooding and water allocation. We should provide incentives for Marylanders to use solar and geothermal in their homes and businesses.

#### **Seth Howard**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.SethforDelegate.com>

**1. Qualifications:** Vice President of the South Down Country Club and Pool Member, BCAB (Business and Community Advisory Board for Southern High school) Member of the South County Chamber of Commerce Member of the American Legion Lodge in Mayo Veteran, U.S. Marines & U.S. Army Happily married with a daughter Southern High school Local small business owner (over 9 years) South County homeowner

**2. Priorities:** 1. Jobs 2. Education 3. Environment

**3. Economy:** I will sponsor legislation to enable crowdfunding. This will enable or local businesses to grow using more locally raised funds, providing more localized jobs and opportunities, also the community will have more of a vested interest in its local businesses success.

**4. Budget:** Expenditures - We need to create more incentives for start up businesses, these incentives should also be used to help create job growth in established businesses as well. Revenue - There is no need for additional revenue sources. We need to prioritize existing revenue to programs that grow businesses and provide jobs. This will generate additional revenue for the state.

**5. Education:** I would support programs that are coordinated through parents, teachers and administrators that uniformly benefit our students and prepares our students for the job market.

**6. Redistricting:** A bipartisan commission should be established by constitutional amendment that takes away the total authority from the political parties and places that authority in the hands of the citizens of the state.

**7. Transportation:** There already is a fund for transportation projects. These funds should be locked so they cannot be raided to balance the operating budget. These types of funds should only be used for the intended purpose our citizens supported.

**8. Environment:** The government should lead by example and not continuously burden our farmers, businesses and families with policies like the "rain tax". The state should first develop a plan and then prioritize funding to correct the states own violations of current storm water regulations before mandating that its citizens repair the failures of government.

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS 31, 31A, 31B****STATE SENATE DISTRICT 31**

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**Anthony Scott Harman**

**Party:** Democratic

*No response received by deadline.*

**Bryan W. Simonaire**

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 31A**

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**Ned Carey**

**Party:** Democratic

*No response received by deadline.*

**Terry Lynn DeGraw**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.terrylynndegraw.com>

**1. Qualifications:** As a life long resident of Glen Burnie, I am faced with the same issues as every resident. I will listen to the people and be a voice in Annapolis.

**2. Priorities:** Less Government, lower taxes, better schools, reducing crime and protecting the rights of the citizens.

**3. Economy:** I will support initiatives that foster businesses and keeping people in MD verses creating taxes and policies that make businesses and residents flee the state.

**4. Budget:** My priority is to properly research the budget with respect to expenditures and revenue sources.

**5. Education:** I am currently meeting with educators regarding common core in order to get the facts and make informed decisions. I will support policies that task our educators with our children's education, not our Government.

**6. Redistricting:** Congressional and legislative lines should be drawn based on population, not on political gain. The point of redistricting is to support shifts in population, not political favor. I would support changes based on population shifts.

**7. Transportation:** Transportation has its own revenue and that revenue should go a long way in supporting it. My priority would be to ensure funds are allocated appropriately, not raided.

**8. Environment:** The biggest environmental issue here in MD is the Chesapeake bay, the root cause must be addressed instead of simply putting band aids on the less impactful issues. I support policies increasing fines for major polluters.

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 31B**

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**Jeremiah Chiappelli**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.votechiappelli.com>

**1. Qualifications:** My education has been in political science and the law. My work experience has been varied but I am currently self-employed in the practice of law. My job is dealing with the Maryland laws and how they affect individuals. I think that this makes me very qualified for office.

**2. Priorities:** Jobs. Everything in the world is getting better, which is fantastic and I hope to help things improve. However, for people without a job or a job that does not pay a living wage, they are being left out. The old ways of creating jobs have stopped working and we need to find new ways.

**3. Economy:** Any tax breaks to be explicitly tied to job creation with follow-up. Smoothing out regulations to enable people to start their own businesses.

**4. Budget:** I would like to reduce taxes but in a way that would allow the State to maintain the high quality of services that it provides, such as education. There is a sense that taxes are not fair and I would like to simplify the tax code to address these concerns.

**5. Education:** I would support evidence-based education policies which lead to greater student achievement.

**6. Redistricting:** I would like to see districts that reflect a geographically distinct area rather than the current gerrymandering.

**7. Transportation:** Maintaining and strengthening our current infrastructure. Is it too early to be thinking about self-driving cars and their infrastructure and insurance requirements? Because I would like

to start thinking outside the box on transportation issues.

**8. Environment:** See answer number 7. Our current transportation model has a very significant collective impact on the environment and a new model would go a long way to improving the environment. I would also like to see a de-centralized energy grid which would help make green power sources economically viable.

### **Doug Morris**

**Party:** Democratic

**1. Qualifications:** At present I work for an association that represents over 150,000 small business trucking firms throughout North America. I assist members in a wide variety of issues and have seen the negative impact of government regulations and taxes on these businesses. I am seeking office to help small businesses and to instill fiscal responsibility, something that is missing with our current politicians.

**2. Priorities:** 1. Lessen tax and regulatory burdens on small business 2. No tax increase period - cut waste from the existing budget. 3. Lower the tax burden for all MD citizens - MD's budget is 39 billion dollars and PA's budget is 28 billion dollars obviously we need to trim the waste and spend the taxpayers dollars wisely.

**3. Economy:** 1. Lower taxes for all MD businesses and provide tax breaks for adding additional employees. 2. Encourage businesses to provide decent wages and benefits for all their employees with their tax savings. 3. Assist those companies who have been historically cornerstones of MD to stay in MD and help them achieve their goals by limiting taxes and nonsensical regulations.

**4. Budget:** Cut the budget by eliminating waste. Go line for line in the budget and target waste and abuse.

**5. Education:** I do not support common core. I support proactive curriculums that are supported by the teachers who teach the programs.

**6. Redistricting:** Congressional districts should reflect common sense boundaries. The districts that require a congressional member to hop, skip and jump all across the state to listen to their constituents does not serve the best interests of the communities.

**7. Transportation:** MD should have the best public transportation system in the United States considering it is next to Washington, DC. The transportation system should be funded by already existing funds and the fund should not be raided to balance the states budget, If the transportation fund was utilized for what it was intended we would have the best bridges, tunnels and public transportation in the U.S.

**8. Environment:** I firmly support clean air and water and it must be done through a common sense approach with the assistance of a number of public and private entities.

### **Nicholaus R. Kipke**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.kipke.com>

**1. Qualifications:** For the last eight years I've served in the House of Delegates. During that time I was assigned key roles including serving as the Ranking Member of the Health & Government Operations Committee and in 2013 being elected as the Minority Leader. In private life I am married and live in Pasadena, work for a factory representation firm, and am very active in the community.

**2. Priorities:** Maryland desperately needs to make our tax, toll, and fee structure more competitive with surrounding states. Currently Maryland is losing many taxpayers to places like Florida, North Carolina, and nearby places such as Sussex County, DE and York County, PA. Tax reform is my #1 priority.

**3. Economy:** This session I was the Republican sponsor of a bipartisan bill to require that state regulations be implemented quarterly instead of throughout the year at random times. This level of predictability will aide employers. Going forward we need to find ways to reduce energy costs as they are higher here than many of the states we compete with for jobs.

**4. Budget:** The state budget is growing way too dramatically, outpacing natural revenue growth. We need to restrain the overall growth rate so that tax increases are not needed. Taxes are already too high here.

**5. Education:** I oppose much of Common Core and would prefer to see maximum local control of education.

**6. Redistricting:** Politically drawn maps are a major concern for me. This session I supported efforts to reform the process by allowing there to be a non-partisan commission appointed to draw district lines.

**7. Transportation:** I supported a measure that passed that makes it harder for future governor's to divert road tax money raised by the gasoline tax to other initiatives. This will ensure that road taxes be dedicated to actual transportation projects, maintenance, and improvements. Also, the local share of road tax money must be restored.

**8. Environment:** The Conowingo Dam is a major source of bay pollution. We need to ensure that the federal government in conjunction with Pennsylvania and Maryland develop a plan to remove sediment and debris from the dam so that it does not reach the bay. This year I supported House and Senate Resolutions to do this but unfortunately despite passing the senate unanimously remained stalled in the House.

**Meagan C. Simonaire****Party:** Republican**Campaign Website:** <http://www.MegSimonaire.com>

**1. Qualifications:** As a citizen participant I have provided testimony and requested legislation dealing with the growing Human Trafficking problem, prohibiting politicians from raiding dedicated funds, working on the litter problem and modifying the school board to reduce the political partisanship. I have also provided testimony opposing the attacks on our 2nd amendment rights and the burdensome gas tax increase.

**2. Priorities:** First thing is to get politicians to start listening to the people instead of to a given party, power structure or lobbyist. Then spending needs to get under control, so we can stop increasing the tax burden on people. Once we do that, then we need to build the Maryland economy so the revenues will come in and we can start lowering taxes. I would also continue my work on my previous initiatives.

**3. Economy:** Maryland needs to reign in it's out of control spending and focus on competing with surrounding states in a competitive manner. That means stop raising taxes; such as, gas tax, sales tax, income tax, alcohol tax, etc. We cannot compete with neighboring states if we give our businesses an unfair playing field. We have some of the best business men and women, but Maryland needs to support them.

**4. Budget:** Maryland does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. Spending must be balanced and responsible. Each dollar should be reviewed and reevaluated before the next budget is adopted. Audits continue to show waste and abuses of taxpayer's money. Politicians need to treat the taxpayer money as they treat their own money and then they would spend it wiser!

**5. Education:** Common Core standards have been thrust upon the people and schools, and they both are rightly complaining. I have serious reservations about the new standard. It needs to slow down and be evaluated better, because there are a lot of concerns with this new system. We need more parent involvement with Common Core before any further action is taken.

**6. Redistricting:** Partisanship needs to be taken out of redistricting. It is a slap on the face to the people of Maryland and I am ashamed how it is done to promote one party over another one, without consideration to the people and communities it affects.

**7. Transportation:** The road systems are an absolute mess, because politicians have raided and overwhelmingly reduced support to the counties. It doesn't take long before one hits a pothole because the maintenance money has been raided. Money collected for the Transportation Fund should be protected. It's time to have honest politicians, that when they say a fund is dedicated, then it is off limits for raiding.

**8. Environment:** The Chesapeake Bay is the biggest challenge facing our environment. Unfortunately, millions of dollars of dedicated funds have been annually raided by politicians. The burdensome and unfair Rain Tax was created because the money was gone. The 2nd big issue is the Conowingo Dam and its negative impact it is having on the quality of the bay. I am the co-founder of the annual Chesapeake Bay Summit.

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 32****STATE SENATE DISTRICT 32***Vote for no more than one candidate.**To read questions, see page 17***James Ed DeGrange****Party:** Democratic**Campaign Website:** <http://www.eddegrange.com>

**1. Qualifications:** It has been my honor to represent my community in the Maryland Senate since 1999. I've spent my entire life and raised my family in Northern Anne Arundel County. I've had the privilege of being a small business owner, community volunteer and state and local legislator. These experiences and the lessons that I've learned along the way, help me to better advocate for my community in Annapolis.

**2. Priorities:** 1) Creating educational opportunity for all students 2) Growing our job market in Anne Arundel County and Statewide 3) Providing safe neighborhoods and affordable housing 4) Facing and overcoming Anne Arundel County's transportation infrastructure maintenance backlog 5) Reducing the tax burden on Maryland residents

**3. Economy:** Maryland must do more to create jobs and give businesses incentives to locate here. In the past I have supported numerous business tax credits and will continue to advocate for the expansion of these credits and the creation of new innovative programs to bring businesses to Maryland.

**4. Budget:** As a State Legislature we have a responsibility to provide essential services without placing a burdensome tax liability on state citizens. As a legislator, my budget priorities lie in these essential services including but not limited to: our education system, our public safety agencies, and our transportation infrastructure.

**5. Education:** Every Maryland student deserves the best education that they can possibly receive regardless of where they go to school. We must provide educators with every tool possible to ensure that

aim is reached. I support Universal Pre-Kindergarten and I believe that Common Core standards must be carefully put in place with clear and definitive opportunities for parental involvement.

**6. Redistricting:** We must continue to work to ensure that state residents have a 'seat at the table' in the redistricting process. Increasing public involvement and transparency in the process of drawing legislative districts is something that must be done to restore confidence in congressionally mandated redistricting efforts.

**7. Transportation:** As a state, we face a tremendous backlog of delayed transportation projects. In Anne Arundel County this problem is very evident in the areas surrounding Fort Meade and BWI Marshall Airport. Catching up with this backlog and finding ways to reduce traffic congestion are critical priorities that must be funded through greater protected contributions to the Transportation Trust Fund.

**8. Environment:** Based on our geography, one of our greatest priorities will always be the preservation of the Chesapeake Bay. A greater cooperation between state, local and federal officials to meet our shared preservation goals is of the utmost importance. In addition, we must focus on finding a way to increase the use of clean energy sources and energy efficient products and activities in our daily lives.

### Larry Barber

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.BarberListens.com>

**1. Qualifications:** Having served in the US Army for 21 years means I have worked with people of different backgrounds to achieve common goals. I have been a Platoon SGT in the Army, I am currently the Commander for the American Legion in Anne Arundel County and also a delegate to the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Association (for last 6 years). This shows a track record of leadership and service to community.

**2. Priorities:** Our state does not have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem. Our state budget needs to stop running deficits each year and what funds we spend should be spent wisely and to the benefit of Maryland citizens. Serious changes to eliminate or reduce several taxes are in order. As a Veteran I also want to be an advocate for Veterans affairs, we Vets usually get ignored by the legislature.

**3. Economy:** Eliminate or reduce any fees and/or regulations that hinder business growth. When businesses leave Maryland, the jobs they provided go with them. As evidence of the poor business environment in Maryland, watch TV where New York advertises "move your business to NY and pay NO taxes for 10 years". Last year I remember a commercial by Texas Governor Perry encouraging businesses to move to Texas.

**4. Budget:** Stop running deficit budgets, stop subsidizing "illegals" to the tune of about \$1 Billion per year. Use designated funds like the Transportation Fund for Transportation projects. Funds from Federal Govt for Chesapeake Bay to be used on cleanup of the bay and not diverted to general fund. Fiscal responsibility! I would love to see a moratorium on bills for a "state debt", for 1 year, or more.

**5. Education:** I went to grad school in the 1960s. I've not heard anyone describe how "Common Core" is different from when I went to school. Before I would support such a change, I would like someone to explain and justify why "Common Core" is better. This stuff that has happened, where they teach the test is garbage. I'm not sure why we need pre-K. I turned out OK without it.

**6. Redistricting:** Redistricting is a joke. We need to keep it simple. As an example take Anne Arundel County. For state Districts (like 32) make it along known lines like West to I295, South to MD Rt 32, East to MD Rt 2 and North to I695. AS for US Congressional districts for here the same boundaries could be used, or something like all of AA County North of MD Rt 32. Keep it simple!

**7. Transportation:** As stated above, Transportation Fund should be used for Transportation projects ONLY! These funds should NOT be diverted to the General Fund as often happens. Here again fiscal responsibility should be applied. If we do this, we will truly know what we have to work with and can then allocate funds to priority projects. If a project is bypassed this year, it becomes a higher priority next year.

**8. Environment:** As stated above we get federal funds to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, they get diverted to the general fund to often. This must stop, use the funds for cleanup. In AA county we already have 3 taxes/fees earmarked for Bay cleanup. Press for EPA to pressure Pennsylvania and others to cleanup their tributaries to the Chesapeake and perhaps build a filtering dam at the Susquehanna River entrance.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 32

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### Pamela Beidle

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://pambeidle.com>

**1. Qualifications:** 8 years on the Anne Arundel County Council 8 years as a State Delegate Business owner with 7 employees, Bank Director BS in Business Administration from Towson University Completed UM School of Local Governance Fellow

**2. Priorities:** As a member of the Environmental Matters Committee I will continue to work on issues

that benefit our environmental health. I have worked on a bill to license and regulate Common Property Managers, and I will continue to pursue that legislation. School Construction funds for Anne Arundel County will be an important priority for my next term as well as transportation funding for AA County.

**3. Economy:** I served on the Business Climate Work Group and the Maryland Tourism Board. In 2014 I sponsored a Bill to encourage new Cyber Companies in Maryland. The Bill passed. I will continue to pursue opportunities that bring jobs to Maryland.

**4. Budget:** I do not serve on the Appropriations Committee, but I do support the budget. I continue to be concerned about the structural deficit and I think Maryland should be looking closely at spending and possible waste. As a State we want to do good things for people, especially our lower income families, but we do need to monitor our spending so that we do not continue to out spend revenues.

**5. Education:** Universal Pre-K is important if we want our children to be ready to learn in Kindergarten. However, most of our schools in Anne Arundel are over-crowded, so I am not sure where we can place the children. Common Core should increase the achievement of our children, but teachers need more time to be prepared for the new curriculum requirements.

**6. Redistricting:** I think we should have bipartisan committee to do the redistricting. I do support changes in the current process. I would like one Congress representative for Anne Arundel County.

**7. Transportation:** Seems that we continue to build roads, and Anne Arundel is getting a great deal of funding for widening of roads, such as Route 295 and Route 175. However, we need improve our transit systems in Anne Arundel and build a new garage for the Odenton Station. I think the new garage could be funding by parking fees. The increase in gas tax should help to fund transit and road improvements.

**8. Environment:** The most significant issue continues to be improving and protecting the Chesapeake Bay. With the increase in Flush tax for our Waste Water Plant improvements and the Stormwater Utility fee for the retrofit of stormwater devices, we should see major improvements in the future. We have also limited new septic systems & funded the replacement of current septic systems. I have supported all of this.

## Mark S. Chang

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.markchang2014.com>

**1. Qualifications:** For the past 7.5 years, I worked with the citizens and communities on a daily basis in the district by serving them most recently as a legislative aide for State Senator Ed DeGrange and previously as a community relations representative for Anne Arundel County Government. The communities in the district and myself have built a long-lasting partnership that will help us make our state great.

**2. Priorities:** My priorities include strengthening our business community, long-term job creation in the global economy, a strong education system for all students to compete in the global marketplace, investing in our transportation system, safe communities, and equal opportunity for all demographics.

**3. Economy:** I would support tax incentives for businesses to invest in Maryland and provide businesses the resources to make doing business in Maryland easier. I would also support programs to invest in our workforce to prepare them to compete in the global economy. In my district, the cybersecurity industry is a vibrant part of the economy, and it's important to support it's long-term growth.

**4. Budget:** It's important for our state's operating and capital budgets to meet the diverse needs of our citizens. Targeted and efficient investments are important during this economic recovery. It's also important to balance the financial responsibilities of families and businesses and their contributions to the state's revenue sources.

**5. Education:** As a lifelong resident of Maryland who grew up in the Glen Burnie High School feeder system and University of Maryland Baltimore County, our state's education system at all levels is an important investment in our economy. I support measures to provide a high quality education at the earliest ages, higher education, and continuous education. Stakeholders need tools to succeed in programs.

**6. Redistricting:** During any redistricting process, it's important for communities with shared values to be able to join together in their representation at state and federal levels. I support redistricting processes that keeps communities with commonalities together to strengthen their causes. It's important for communities to collaborate and build relationships to work together with their elected officials.

**7. Transportation:** It's important for our state's transportation system to keep our citizens and businesses moving forward. Revenues dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund should be preserved and targeted to invest in an efficient transportation system for all parts of Maryland. The additional \$10 million dollars approved by the General Assembly this past session for potholes repair is a vital investment.

**8. Environment:** All aspects of the environment (air, water, and land) are important for an environmentally sustainable quality of life for our state. I support measures that promote good environmental stewardship by businesses and citizens that also reduce the financial and regulatory burdens on the stakeholders.

### Theodore J. Sophocleus

**Party:** Democratic

**1. Qualifications:** Eight (8) years of constituent service on the Anne Arundel County Council and seventeen (17) years in the Maryland House of Delegates. My professional career strengths are Budgets & Management.

**2. Priorities:** Constituent Service Disabled & Handicap Programs Education Environment

**3. Economy:** Support Small Business Encourage Maryland companies to be contracted for State projects Control taxes to affordability

**4. Budget:** Limit expenditures to income Avoid increase in taxes Prioritize spending Insure Proper funding for education Protect the integrity of our counties

**5. Education:** Pre-kindergarten is essential to a strong educational commitment. The Common Core decision should be made by educators with the input of the community for best results

**6. Redistricting:** An expansion of citizen involvement in the process with a possible ballot question approval.

**7. Transportation:** A mass transit system must be developed to accommodate the growth in our state. It must be easily available and located properly. The Transportation Trust Fund must be put in a lock box and used for what it was intended.

**8. Environment:** Pollution of both the air and water. The bay initiatives must be adhered to in order to save our bay and waterways. New energy sources, solar, nuclear and wind, must be encouraged. The environmental Trust Funds should only be used for the reasons they were established. No exceptions.

### Mark Angell

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

### Joseph Fioravante

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

### Tim Walters

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://waltersfor32.com>

**1. Qualifications:** I am a Program Manager for a DoD contractor and I am responsible for managing the cost, schedule, performance and risk of multiple projects nested in my \$40M program. As a retired Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) from the Navy I understand the need for problem analysis and full solution development. I fundamentally understand everything is connected and bills cannot be legislated in a vacuum.

**2. Priorities:** 1. Prioritize our requirements. 2. Eliminate the MD individual tax and reduce the Small Business tax by 3% 3. Freeze the state budget and begin reducing it by eliminating growth in government, reducing waste, and exercising better contracting strategies 4. Repeal SB281 5. Require transparency in all committees 6. Reinforce and empower communities vice pushing government on them

**3. Economy:** 1. Prioritize our requirements. 2. Eliminate the MD individual tax and reduce the Small Business tax by 3% 3. Freeze the state budget and begin reducing it by eliminating growth in government, reducing waste, and exercising better contracting strategies 4. Review all taxes, lower or remove other taxes that are not relevant, helpful or counter to other taxes.

**4. Budget:** Freeze the state budget and begin reducing it by eliminating growth in government, reducing waste/duplication which pays for tax cuts. This frees up citizens' money and allows them to spend more which increases sales tax revenues. Require all State agencies to publish the % of every dollar that goes to its intended purpose in common sense language and easily accessible.

**5. Education:** Still studying common core at this time. Universal Pre-k is just one more step to turning over our children to the government. Studies are varied on the impact but the reality is that the most informative years are before the age of 4. Do we start earlier then to "ensure" success? How about we keep students in school full time throughout high school first.

**6. Redistricting:** Common Sense: Push to redo the districts by following natural geographical landmarks, roads, neighborhood boundaries, etc. This was not intended to assist political parties and shape elections as it has been done in the past. Neighbors should be voting together, not driving past a polling place to get another one.

**7. Transportation:** 1. PRIORITIZE! 2. Not try and do all projects at once. 3. Fund them with existing funds. 4. Better contracts and monitoring of contract for compliance.

**8. Environment:** Control population growth impacts through a consistent zoning approach around the Bay and other wetlands, parks, etc. Then balance the prioritized requirements with all other aspects such as business development, tax burdens, other state's responsibilities, etc. Agressively monitor the agencies that are chartered to protect or manage the environment.

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 33****STATE SENATE DISTRICT 33**

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**Edward R. Reilly**

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 33**

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**Kostas Alexakis**

**Party:** Democratic

*No response received by deadline.*

**Tom Angelis**

**Party:** Democratic

**1. Qualifications:** My employment includes U.S. Senate aide, sergeant on the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D. C., sales representative, Maryland real estate agent, Director Recreation and Parks in Anne Arundel County, English and Social Studies instructor in Baltimore City, and a college professor of English. I have a Masters/Education degree, Bachelor/Government degree, and Associate/Law Enforcement.

**2. Priorities:** My priorities would be to learn the will of my constituents through constant contact and support their positions in the legislature. Primarily, the major issues I would focus on are economic progress for all segments of my constituency, educational achievement at all levels, and law enforcement to include community policing.

**3. Economy:** The economy can only be strengthened when the work force prospers. Ultimately, business incentives, combined with employment opportunities, must be enhanced to offer avenues to increasing the Maryland economy completely. This must be accomplished on a coordinated effort of the business community and the general workforce.

**4. Budget:** Fiscal accountability must be a primary goal for all aspects of the Maryland economy. Surely, this should begin with all government agencies and extend to the private sector when applicable.

**5. Education:** With education the involvement of parents and guardians must be a top priority of an educational system. To achieve this educational systems must explore both traditional and nontraditional methodologies. When the family structure of a student is totally involved academically, the opportunity for student success increases immensely.

**6. Redistricting:** Redistricting should be established by a nonpartisan committee of state level community professionals and individuals who have little or no allegiance to the political process. This would increase the likelihood of more equitable and rational congressional and legislative districts.

**7. Transportation:** Transportation priority must be with work place transportation. To this end satellite based work sites, flex time opportunity, and four day work weeks will aid in reducing transportation burdens on the environment. If this assists in reducing transportation congestion other concerns of transportation could be addressed with similar innovative concepts.

**8. Environment:** The Chesapeake Bay is one of our greatest natural resources and we must continue to explore innovative methods to meet the challenge of providing for its total health. Again, both the government and the business community could act in tandem to achieve this goal.

**Henry Green**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://henrygreen2014.com>

**1. Qualifications:** Service to community is my lifelong mission. After 15 years as pastor to Heritage Baptist in Annapolis, and 33 years of ministry, I am ready for new challenges. As an educator, past member of Maryland Legislative Compensation Commission, Governor's Energy Transition Team, State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, and current member of CareFirst BlueCross/BlueShield Board, my record is clear.

**2. Priorities:** I believe in investing in education and in those who protect and serve because they are the twin pillars of a resilient community. I will be a voice for economic recovery, responsible environmental stewardship, and ethics in government. Our citizens deserve a higher standard from their elected leaders. Service, justice, fairness, and beneficial work for all will define my ethical guidelines.

**3. Economy:** Making a comprehensive investment in infrastructure adds jobs and increases property values. Building new High Schools in Crofton and Severna Park must be the top priority for District 33. I support Cove Point and believe Maryland is best suited to regulate the environmental issues while offering much needed jobs in our state. Small businesses should have the same advantage as large corporations.

**4. Budget:** We have a constitutional requirement to balance the budget and a moral obligation to ensure adequate services to meet the needs of the underserved. Protecting education, providing universal pre-k,

building schools, protecting our environment, creating living-wage jobs, encouraging sustainable infrastructure projects, and continuing support for our top level healthcare providers are essential.

**5. Education:** I support Thornton, maintenance of effort, increased pay for educators, two new high schools in District 33, and universal pre-kindergarten. Common Core standards must be well aligned with curriculum to ensure accurate educator evaluations based on student assessments. Maryland has the #1 public school system for a reason, but we still must close the achievement gap and encourage local innovation.

**6. Redistricting:** Unless federal guidelines mandating all states draw lines without consideration to political party, our broken system will continue. Leadership on this issue begins at the federal level. This issue is related to campaign finance reform. Since 1996, I have acted and actively supported efforts for change at the federal level. Sadly, recent SCOTUS decisions have discouraged change in campaign reform.

**7. Transportation:** I am in favor of protecting the transportation trust fund and looking for ways to enhance our public transportation system. Coalitions with billions are ready to begin a Maglev project connecting Washington, D.C. with Baltimore. This, and enhanced public bus service to low income communities, will help meet our growing needs. I am prepared to lead in meeting this challenging infrastructure need.

**8. Environment:** The impact of climate change is very real. Protecting our Bay, clean air, and a continued support for renewable energy are our top three environmental priorities. A clean Bay is good for the economy and means jobs in tourism and for watermen. I support policies to protect water resources, reduce emissions from fossil fuels, encourage forestation, and offer wind/solar projects my complete support.

### Tony McConkey

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

### Sid Saab

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

### Cathy Vitale

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://cathyvitale.com>

**1. Qualifications:** A success Delegate has good listening and advocacy skills. As a twenty five year attorney, mediator and a local official representing Severna Park, Crofton, Crownsville, Millersville, Arnold, Broadneck and Davidsonville, I have successfully used my skills to promote issues on behalf of my constituents. My law background enables a better understanding of proposed laws and how to improve them.

**2. Priorities:** Legislation that repeals burdensome taxes and fees, repealing/replacing common core educational mandates, reintroducing legislation that will allow alternative financing for school construction. I will continue my legislative endeavors to provide more transparency of governmental actions and strengthen the ethics laws as they apply to elected officials.

**3. Economy:** Businesses need certainty. I will continue to work on legislation that doesn't add new regulation to Maryland businesses. It is important that Maryland begins to realize that small/midsize businesses are the strength of our communities and would like to see a prominent role by the state to aid new businesses and reward through incentives, those businesses that keep their work force w/o layoffs.

**4. Budget:** Utilize DLS audit information to propose amendments and reductions to spending department by department; require proof of performance standards before increasing department budgets; explore funding methods within available resources to restore construction funding for schools and highways.

**5. Education:** Local authority for public schools w/input and involvement by parents. I don't support Common Core- it does not permit individual strategies for success. I support programs that provide tools for learning (such as AVID) and believe it should be taught at all levels. Not all students are ready for school at 4 yrs old. I do not support universal pre-k. Parents should decide when child is ready

**6. Redistricting:** I support an independent committee to draw congressional and legislative districts rather than a Committee appointed by the governor. There must be a process that requires a vote on the district lines after timely public hearings that give taxpayers a chance to voice their opinion on the districts BEFORE the maps are drawn, not after

**7. Transportation:** The Transportation Trust Fund should have a real lock box that provides funding for local and state highway projects. Priorities should include restoring to local governments the level of highway user money previously available to take care of our roads and infrastructure.

**8. Environment:** Bay clean up is certainly the most significant challenge. I do not believe however that the Rain Tax is going to have any positive long term benefit, as it fails to address the source, it only restores the end point. I have and will continue to advocate, as I did on the Council for incentives to be given to residents and business owners who correct the source of pollution (their own properties)

## County Executive

**Duties:** Enforcing the laws of Anne Arundel County; proposing the annual operating budget for the county; and overseeing the branches of county government.

**Salary:** \$130,000.

**Term:** 4 years; limited to two full consecutive terms.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

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### George Johnson

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.georgefjohnson.com>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** I bring the vision, leadership and experience needed to establish forward looking priorities. For 19 years I've led County and State agencies, optimizing use of tax dollars, maintaining public safety and supporting our wonderful quality of life. I manage a \$40 million budget as head of the Natural Resource Police and for 12 years as County Sheriff I expanded services without increasing costs.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** Experienced executive leadership is essential to County economic recovery. We need to increase County revenues through economic revitalization, not tax and fee increases. Our teachers need a competitive wage. Our schools need a construction, repair, and upgrade plan reflecting our County's growth. We need to partner with State and Federal agencies to lower taxpayer fees for stormwater recovery.

**What are the greatest challenges facing Anne Arundel County?** Leadership in government that works with our communities, our businesses and our residents. Growing our economy and broadening our tax base without congestion and sprawl. Expanding employment with particular attention to meeting and exceeding educational demands for higher wage jobs. A transportation system that encourages people out of their cars and moves workers where the jobs are.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** I will meet 21st Century challenges through strong partnerships and cooperation. Many issues--like transportation, environmental management and economic growth--benefit from working with neighboring jurisdictions, state/federal partners, business and community groups. Innovative solutions, funding and cost saving measures, best practices available through partnerships benefit government efforts.

### Steve Schuh

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.steveschuh.com>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** Ever since my childhood growing up in Crofton I have spent my entire life here in Anne Arundel County. I raised my two children here, built businesses, served as a two-term State Delegate, and turned around nonprofits. I have an extensive background in finance, education and business management. I received a 100% pro-business and 100% pro-environment rating in the same year as a legislator.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** My first priorities are always to reduce taxes and increase efficiency. I will reduce fees to increase job creation and new business formation. We must work together to bring our public schools from good to great, and reform our school construction program by building smaller schools that are more affordable and able to serve students in their own communities.

**What are the greatest challenges facing Anne Arundel County?** The level of taxes, fees and regulation is too high, which stifles economic activity and frustrates citizens. There is too much disparity in achievement in our schools. Gangs and drug abuse are growing threats. Service to citizens can be slow and unprofessional. Our waterways are sick and need to be restored. All of these challenges can be met with the right leadership.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** Cut property taxes. Reduce impact, capital connection and permitting fees. Hire more police officers with competitive salaries. Reform county departments to reduce turnaround time and costs, and improve courtesy and responsiveness to citizens. I plan to take a hands-on role in overhauling our codes that govern these processes with an eye toward increasing efficiency and providing better service.

**The League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County invites you to a public forum featuring the candidates for County Executive, Monday, October 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Congregation Kneseth Israel, 1125 Spa Road in Annapolis. Moderator: Susan Kopen Katcef, Broadcast Bureau Director, Capital News Service.**

### County Council

**Duties:** The County Council is the elected legislative body of the county and is vested with the law-making power thereof, including all such powers as may heretofore have been exercised by the General Assembly of Maryland and transferred to the people of the county by the adoption of the county charter.

**Salary:** \$36,000.

**Term:** Four years; limited to two full consecutive terms.

**How Elected:** By the qualified voters of the councilmanic district in which the member resides, during the same election year as members of the General Assembly.

### Council District 1

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

#### Pete Smith

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.votepetesmith.com>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** For eighteen months, I had the honor to serve as the Councilman for District 1 within Anne Arundel County. I was appointed in March of 2012 and served till September of 2013. In addition, I have served this nation in the United States Marine Corps for over 16 years as an Active Duty service member and currently as a reservist.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** My priorities, if elected, would be to focus on Education, Public Safety, and Small Business. These components are the essential functions of any successfully community/county.

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** I would ensure that Anne Arundel County complies within the law and utilize funds as prescribed. I would also focus on a results and data driven effort to effectively apply projects to most impacted areas first.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** I would ensure that opportunities to excel are available for all citizens and businesses within the county. These resources would be monitored and distributed equitably. For example, Inspection & Permits would be revamped to ensure timely resolution for customers. A focus of effort would be placed on economic improvement for all citizens.

#### Bill Heine

**Party:** Republican

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** I have experience both in the military and in the civilian sector planning and meeting financial objectives and balancing finance sheets. I also have experience making decisions that impact short and long term goals. My background and education has helped me prepare for this role where I can impact my community in a positive way through the decisions that I make.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** My three priorities would be the restructure/repeal of the rain tax, improving our school system, and ensuring a well balanced budget that would be utilized for improving the overall health of our community..

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** I believe that the program needs to be restructured in order to be successful. Taxing based on permeable surfaces to me does not seem like a viable option. Instead the burden of this program should be placed on companies who are directly impacting the Chesapeake through the creation of pollution. Any residual costs should be handled by the new tax influx in our area from population growth.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** I believe that in order to improve the quality of life in an area you must first start with the school system. Working to improve our school system and ensuring that they have their needed budget and access to programs will have the secondary effect of improving our community. This will encourage new residents and businesses to move into our county instead of other alternate locations.

### Council District 2

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

#### Andy Werner

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://andywerner>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** As a businessman, father, coach, volunteer and friend I feel my life experiences have prepared me to listen, learn and put into action solutions. At the local level of government true compassion and love for the community is imperative. For more info on my background and initiatives please visit my website

www.andywerner.net

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** My top priority is to serv the community I would represent with integrity & honesty. I will work on making sure our children receive a top notch education and that our streets are safe. I am looking at bringing local government back to the community.

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** Since I am new to the way government programs are administered I woul have to monitor, review and evaluate to assure fairness and effective handling is acheived.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** Education is the key to enhancing the quality of life in any community. I would start by trying to bring back the D.A.R.E. program to our elementary schools. I will also look into a mentor program utilizing our talented High School Students. As mentioned in the answer to question 1, I am prepared to LISTEN, LEARN & DO what is best for the comunity I have called home for over 53 years

### John Joseph Grasso

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

### David Sgambellone

**Party:** Libertarian

**Campaign Website:** <http://ElectSgambellone.org>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** I am a Computer Engineer. I have served on my Church Council Most people would consider my lack of traditional experience – such as a law or political science degree - as a disadvantage. However I think it is my greatest asset. I am a regular citizen who is unhappy with the way the government is being run. I think there are many other regular citizens like me and I will represent them very well.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** My first priority is going to be the economy. The best thing government can do for the economy is get out of the way! This means de-regulating and especially cutting taxes! The new 'Rain Tax' is the worst of them all and needs to be repealed. While I can't officially repeal it as a county councilman the council does have full discretion on how it is enforced – or even if it is enforced at all!

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** By doing my best to eliminate it. This legislation is not only grossly unfair to an already overtaxed populace, but runoff is responsible for a mere fraction of the pollutants in the Chesapeake bay. The main problem is the Susquehanna River shed. The EPA and state government are advocating that we spend hundreds of millions of dollars to on something that will don nothing to solve the problem.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** 1. I'll do my best to lower taxes. This will not only effectively give a raise to every citizen of the county and will also encourage businesses and stimulate the economy. 2. By limiting government role to the protection of life and property rights, Maryland will be able to thrive and prosper as never before.

## Council District 3

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

### Theresa Belinda Martin

**Party:** Democratic

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** I would say that my qualifications are, first of all I have worked with the public over twenty-seven years, I am a people person, I enjoy working with people. I have a AA Degree in General Studies for AACC, I have a BS in Social Work, from Bowie State College, and a Master Degree from the Family Bible University. I have also worked with the Youth over seven years.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** To help families that in need, to work with our youth and our seniors. To address situation that arise to check policy to find out what can be done how changes can come about.

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** To again find out what are the laws and policy that are in effect, and how this situation can be addressed.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** First of all to find out what are the issues that would stop the quality of life for Anne Arundel CO. and priorities those issues and start from there.

### Derek Fink

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.derekfink.com>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** I am the current County Councilman from District 3, representing Pasadena and parts of Glen Burnie. In addition, I own and operate a small business in the County and employ about 350 people. I know firsthand the burdens and pressures to make payroll, pay taxes and to comply with the thousands of Federal, State and local regulations.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** Fiscal matters will continue to be a top priority of mine if reelected. After a devastating five year run in which we had to furlough employees to balance the County budget, the economy is starting to recover. I believe the county needs to focus on rebuilding our infrastructure while continuing to provide the services our citizens expect from the county.

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** I voted against charging residents a storm water fee. I believe we could have imposed no additional tax on County residents and still completed these projects. In fact, a large portion of the fee is being used to pay the salaries of the 54 people hired to administer the program. Since we have the new revenue in the County, I believe we should spend more money on projects and less on administration.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** All of us know families with husbands or wives that are either out of work, underemployed or have simply given up. Some families have even moved out of our area. This is heartbreaking and destroys the fabric of a community. Only by getting a handle on our fiscal matters can we create a County of low taxes and great services, which are a key to jobs and a great quality of life.

## Council District 4

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

### Andrew C. Pruski

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.andrewpruski.com>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** As past President of the AA County Board of Education, I have been a strong advocate for schools. In addition, I have served in leadership roles on the AA County Democratic Central Committee, AA County Board of Appeals, and as the President of the Four Seasons Community Association in Gambrills, MD. I volunteer as a coach in the Gambrills Odenton Recreation Council and I am a member of several PTA's.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** My three major priorities are support for education, finding ways to improve our local economy, and protecting our environment. One particular issue that I have been advocating for is to find a venue to hold high school graduations in Anne Arundel County. We waste tax payer dollars and lose revenue having graduations outside of our county. We have to find smart ways to generate additional revenue.

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** Many residents are upset about having to pay another fee. Recently I attended a Watershed Stewards Academy meeting where this issue was discussed. The public is demanding greater transparency and accountability with this program. One suggestion I have is to create a map of current projects and show where money is being spent. Residents need to be aware that these fees are being put to use wisely.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** AA County has seen great growth and development, especially in West County. One of our major concerns is inadequate public services including schools, police, and fire. It is important that these issues be addressed. I am a strong believer that there are ways to raise revenue and not taxes. We also need to support transit oriented development that takes into account pedestrian and bike access.

### E Chike Anyanwu

**Party:** Republican

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** My first qualification is my zeal to work hard for the citizens of Anne Arundel County. I am not a career politician but I am willing to represent those without a voice to speak for them. For five years, I was a Community Representative for Delegate Don Dwyer, Jr., where I worked with communities to understand their needs. I serve the community as a Bus Operator and truly understand their needs.

*No response received by deadline to other questions.*

## Council District 5

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

### Patrick Armstrong

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.armstrongforcountycouncil.com>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** I am what you would call an "Average Joe." I do not have any special qualifications that one would say makes me a natural county councilman. I do, however, feel that as a ordinary member of the community I can bring a lot to the council. The decisions that are made affect all the residents of our county and I will judge each issue with careful consideration.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** I will push a continued, expanded focus on school modernization and physical improvement as well as new school construction. As one of the wealthiest counties in the country we can find a way to make every school worthy of our kids. We can do better. I will also focus on funding for police and firefighters and closing their budget gaps. Protecting the environment is also an area I will focus on.

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** I will work with county leaders to make sure a plan is in place to administer this program in a way that is open to the public and available for audit if necessary. Like all government programs it must be easy for citizens to access information about how the SMP is run and to be able to put pressure on elected officials to be accountable to these programs.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** Improving schools enhances the lives of everyone in the community. Even those who do not have children understand that kids are a part of the community as well. Having good schools isn't good enough, we need to do more to make schools a place where kids are comfortable and able to learn, and where the community can come together in partnership as teachers, parents and students.

### Michael Anthony Peroutka

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://peroutkaforcouncil.com>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** I am knowledgeable about what God, the US Constitution, and our State and local governing documents say is the purpose of civil government. I have taught classes on these topics for years as co-founder of the Institute on the Constitution in Pasadena, Maryland.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** My priorities will be --- in this order --- to honor and glorify God, the US Constitution, and our State and local governing documents. This means obeying all these valid authorities, what they say is the purpose of civil government and doing nothing they do not authorize.

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** I will do everything possible to repeal the "rain tax" since it is a perfect example of what our Founders called "pretended legislation," which is to say not a valid law at all. Taxes that are illegal should never be forced on the people of Anne Arundel County.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** I will work diligently to repeal all "laws" that are not in conformity to the true purpose of civil government as defined by God, the US Constitution, and our State and local governing documents. This would greatly enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County.

## Council District 6

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

### Chris Trumbauer

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.chistrumbauer.com>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** I have spent my professional and public service career trying to make a difference for my community. I've worked for small business and run a nonprofit organization. During my first term on the County Council, I've been a strong advocate for our education system, our environment, good government and our community's quality of life. I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of District 6.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** In a second term, I hope to build on our successes. We need to complete our school construction projects, increase our public safety workforce and improve our transportation choices. The greater Annapolis community is very special, and I will continue to fight against sprawl on the Annapolis Neck and ensure any development of Crownsville Hospital is compatible with the surrounding communities.

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** Clean water is important to our economy and our communities. The county's stormwater program will implement hundreds of projects across the county to reduce flooding and manage polluted runoff. The revenue is kept in a dedicated fund which cannot be transferred or raided. I will ensure the program is very transparent and accountable, with a citizen advisory group and County Auditor keeping watch.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** As our county continues to grow, we need to invest in public safety and transportation to provide the quality of life that our residents expect and deserve. I support prioritizing funding within the budget to hire additional police and firefighters to keep us safe, and more teachers to reduce classroom size for our students. We must also make smart land use decisions to protect our communities.

### Dean Matthew D'Camera

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.deandcamera.com>

**How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?** I am a former AA County Policeman, Volunteer Fireman, and Veteran. I have 18 years of exp in business as president of the insurance division of a publicly traded company and owner of a small business in Annapolis. I am active in many community organizations. My experience will enable me to support a government that operates like a business while meeting the compassionate needs of our community.

**If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office?** Make Anne Arundel Maryland's FIRST CHOICE To LIVE, To WORK, To EDUCATE and To PLAY. I will support a diverse education system that makes our schools Maryland's BEST. I want to SPEND 5 CENTS of every tax dollar better and more efficiently (5 CENTS is = \$70MM annually). I will support innovation in county operations that lead to more efficient use of our resources. Accountable to you!

**How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program?** That SMP is not currently FAIR as 10 jurisdictions are burdened with the states obligation. I will support a property tax reduction in the amount equal to the rain tax. This will enable the current funds to go to the bay while making the impact on the tax payer neutral. If we spend 5 CENTS better we have more than adequate resources to fund our share of the bay clean up.

**What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County?** I support innovation in government that makes our services cost effective and impactful to our citizens. A diverse education platform to include expanded charter schools, home schools and other education outlets. Our school system should be an economic driver attracting/retaining new people. A fair and efficient business environment that balances our need for economic growth with our environment.

## Council District 7

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

### Jerry Walker

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

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**Thank You!**

## Judge of the Circuit Court, Circuit Court 5

**Duties:** Judges preside in the Circuit Court, which is a trial court of general jurisdiction covering major civil cases and more serious criminal matters. Circuit Courts also may decide appeals from the District Court and certain administrative agencies.

**Salary:** \$144,908.

**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. The winners of each primary (equal to the number of seats to be filled) advance to the general election ballot, but without party designation.

### Questions Asked of Candidates:

1. **Court Needs:** What is the area of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?
2. **Access to Justice:** What actions, if any, would you propose to provide individuals with more understanding of and access to the judicial system and legal assistance?

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

### Ronald A. Silkworth

*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.

**Salary:** \$154,108 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 Court is composed of 13 judges: six at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

### Questions Asked of Candidates:

1. **Court Needs:** What is the area of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?
2. **Access to Justice:** What actions, if any, would you propose to provide individuals with more understanding of and access to the judicial system and legal assistance?

*Vote Yes or No for continuance in office.*

### Kevin F. Arthur

*No response received by deadline.*

### Andrea Leahy

**1. Court Needs:** The ability to administer justice fairly and efficiently in the midst of growing caseloads and shrinking budgets. Current technologies should be employed to resolve cases more efficiently, so long as it is ensured that elderly and low-income litigants have access to such technologies or retain the option of traditional case filing.

**2. Access to Justice:** Judges should support the Access to Justice Commission's efforts. Litigants must be able to understand their rights in order to exercise and protect them; so supporting methods to provide basic legal knowledge—whether through volunteer courses, detailed step-by-step guides, or simple explanations of rights—is imperative.

### State's Attorney

**Duties:** The State's Attorney's office serves as the county's chief law enforcement agency, prosecuting all criminal cases ranging from traffic offenses to capital murder. The State's Attorney heads a team of prosecutors, victim advocates, case managers, investigators and other administrative staff to seek justice in criminal cases that occur in this county.

**Salary:** \$160,000.

**Term:** 4 years; no term limits.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

**Questions Asked of Candidates:**

1. **Qualifications:** How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. **Priorities:** If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

### Anne Colt Leitess

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://AnneArundelAnne.com>

**1. Qualifications:** For the past 24 years I've represented the citizens of this county as an Assistant State's Attorney, prosecuting violent criminals. In June 2013 I was appointed by the Circuit Court Judges over 8 other candidates (including my current opponents) to replace the retiring State's Attorney. I am a leader in the community and of an office of over 100 employees dedicated to making the county safer.

**2. Priorities:** Since taking office, I established a community outreach program dedicated to educating community and school groups through presentations to help prevent them from becoming victims of crimes themselves. I work closely with the police in combating distracted and impaired driving and regularly meet with business and neighborhood associations to discuss strategies to guard against crime.

### Wes Adams

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.electwesadams.com>

**1. Qualifications:** I am a career prosecutor, successful division leader & mentor. I have completed over 100 murder prosecutions & supervised over 500 murder investigations. As Chief Homicide Prosecutor in Prince George's County, I have lead my division to a 93% conviction rate & helped decrease homicides 58% over the past 6 years. In 2011, I was awarded the Governor's Citation for Crime Victims Rights.

**2. Priorities:** Holding repeat offenders responsible and closing the revolving door of criminal justice. Improving training so that prosecutors are ready, willing & prepared for trial. Building police-prosecutor relations to improve the quality, integrity and fairness of the investigations and prosecutions brought before the court. Building community partnerships & keeping kids out of the criminal justice system.

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### Clerk of the Circuit Court

**Duties:** The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the office that performs many administrative duties for the Circuit Court including the maintenance of court records. Other duties include recording of deeds and collecting taxes and fees based on property transactions, issuing licenses for fishing, hunting, sales of liquor and marriage. The office also performs civil wedding ceremonies, processes passport applications and swears in commissions appointed by the Governor.

**Salary:** Determined by the Maryland Board of Public Works, based on the volume of business.

**Term:** Four years; no term limits.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide every four years during the gubernatorial election.

**Questions Asked of Candidates:**

1. **Qualifications:** How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. **Priorities:** If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

### Robert P. Duckworth

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://Friends of Bob Duckworth>

**1. Qualifications:** I have served as AA County Clerk of Court since 1994. As such I have carried out the ministerial duties of this office with modern court management experience, judicial knowledge and administrative efficiency.

**2. Priorities:** My top goal is to serve the bench with fair, equitable and efficient management of every individual court case. My immediate Clerk priority is to move the courthouse from a paper operation to a 21st century electronic court.

## Register of Wills

**Duties:** The Register of Wills assists the general public with administrative processes concerning estates of deceased persons. The Register collects Maryland inheritance tax on estates and probate fees; maintains all records of wills and estates of deceased persons; acts as clerk of the Orphans' Court; and safeguards wills of living persons.

**Salary:** Determined by the Maryland Board of Public Works, based on the population of the county.

**Term:** Four years, no term limit.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

### Questions Asked of Candidates:

1. **Qualifications:** How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. **Priorities:** If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

## Jacqueline Allsup

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.jacquelinebooneallsup.com>

**1. Qualifications:** As both educator and community leader, I have worked to achieve a quality of life for others and to bring about positive social and community change. I received my BSN and Master of Science Degree in Nursing Administration from Bowie State University. Currently, I serve as a full time professor of Nursing at the Anne Arundel Community College. My slogan is "Family First."

**2. Priorities:** • Provide a highly trained and professional staff to serve the public. Enhance their skills with training opportunities and fill any vacancies with professionals with experience and expertise to fill any vacancies. • Continue to automate office functions to provide timely, efficient outcomes for the public with the highest degree of integrity.

## Lauren M. Parker

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.laurenparker.org>

**1. Qualifications:** Drafted Wills & Trusts for 25 yrs as atty-No job training needed-7.5 yrs experience as Register-Achieved 2 perfect State Legislatv. Audits-Staff & I work together to exceed public expectations-public satisfaction rating 99.34% & Atty. Satisfaction rating 95.61%. Created website for public for Case info & online order system. Outreach programs created to inform club & civic groups regarding estates.

**2. Priorities:** Maintenance of the well trained, knowledgeable, compassionate, computer savvy staff guaranteeing you efficiency & virtually no waiting time. Now testing public credit card capability to begin in July, 2014. Begun the transition to paperless office to save the public supply & storage costs. Preparing project plan for e-filing of estate paperwork. Continued excellence thru caring public service.

## Judge of the Orphans' Court

**Duties:** Orphans' Court is Maryland's probate court, and also has jurisdiction over guardianships of minors. The main job of the Orphans' Court is to supervise the handling of estates of people who have died, with or without a will, while owning property in their sole name.

**Salary:** \$29,000.

**Term:** Four years, no term limit.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

**Qualifications:** Candidates for Orphans' Court Judge must be citizens and county residents for at least 12 months before their election. Anne Arundel County does not require Orphan's Court judges to be lawyers.

### Questions Asked of Candidates:

1. **Qualifications:** How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. **Priorities:** If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

*Vote for no more than three candidates.*

## Nancy B. Hirshman

**Party:** Democratic

**1. Qualifications:** Sometimes, when people enter a courthouse, misunderstandings or misgivings about the process create impediments to accomplishing their task. My 30+ years of training and experience as a mediator and problem solver provide me with the skills to communicate effectively and to elicit and comprehend underlying issues and concerns. My goal is to provide efficient service within existing policies.

**2. Priorities:** To learn as much as possible about Orphan's Court policies and protocol, and to understand my responsibilities as a judge. I want to observe how staff interacts with one another and the public, and strive to cultivate a productive working relationship. The ultimate goal is to have a well-run office. When I feel sufficiently knowledgeable, I hope to contribute ideas or suggestions for improvement

### Judith L. Duckett

**Party:** Republican

**1. Qualifications:** I have served the citizens of Anne Arundel County with compassion and integrity from 1990 to 1994; 1998 to 2002; and 2009 to 2014. I was appointed by Governor Martin O'Malley to complete the term of a retiring Judge in 2009 and was re-elected in 2010. I am skilled in dealing with the emotions of grieving families and at handling matters of the court expeditiously and professionally.

**2. Priorities:** I will allow for all people to be fairly heard in a less intimidating setting and assure that their probate matters are dealt with professionally. Due to the continuing fluctuations of Maryland estate law, I will continue to participate with the Conference of the Orphans Court Judges that acts as a advisory group to the courts.

### Nancy C. Phelps

**Party:** Republican

**1. Qualifications:** I have proudly served as an Orphans' Court Judge for Anne Arundel County since 1999. I was appointed the Chief Judge by Governor Martin O'Malley due to my experience, professionalism and knowledge of estate and probate matters. I am the President of the Maryland Association of the Judges of the Orphans' Court (MAJOC) and have received numerous citations.

**2. Priorities:** Consistency and dedication to the court ensuring that the probate matters are dealt with expeditiously, fairly and effectively. I will continue to keep my skills updated and apply appropriate laws in order to resolve various disputes. I take the duties and responsibilities of the Court seriously and professionally and always have the best interest of all citizens within Anne Arundel County.

### Alan Rzepkowski

**Party:** Republican

**1. Qualifications:** The purpose of a Judge of the Orphans' Court is to administer the estate of deceased persons. As a self-employed business person, I possess organizational and interpersonal business skills that will benefit the Court. I have also served eight years on the Republican Central Committee and five as its Chairman. This experience demonstrates my ability to effectively manage and run an organization.

**2. Priorities:** My priority will be fairness in the decision-making that is required of a Judge. I will also work to improve the technology and efficiency of the office to ensure cases are handled efficiently and in a timely manner. Expanding the use of the current technology that is available to complete the work of the Court will also be a priority.

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## Sheriff

**Duties:** The Anne Arundel County Sheriff's office is responsible for enforcing the law, providing security for the courtrooms and operating the county jails. The sheriff carries out court orders, delivers summonses, deals with protective orders and other injunctions, and executes bench warrants.

**Salary:** \$128,064.

**Term:** Four years; no term limit.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

**Questions Asked of Candidates:**

1. Qualifications: How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. Priorities: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

### Ron Bateman

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.sheriffbateman.com>

**1. Qualifications:** As a 34 year decorated law enforcement executive, I have an in-depth working knowledge of the crime issues in the county. As a former commander with the county police department and the sheriff for the last 8 years I have developed some of the most recognized and innovative crime reducing strategies in the country along with instituting an aggressive and successful Domestic Violence Unit.

**2. Priorities:** Continue with our excellent service rate on Protective and Peace Orders in the Domestic Violence Unit along with providing our prompt notifications to our victims; continue to aggressively seek out wanted Dead Beat parents who are behind in child support; continue with our persistent efforts to serve arrest warrants, to include using the newspaper, television, etc to round up the criminals.

### Joseph James Delimater III

**Party:** Republican

*No response received by deadline.*

## Board of Education District 32

**Base compensation:** \$6,000 per year

**Membership:** The Board is comprised of nine members: five adult Members, each of whom resides in a different legislative district (Districts 30, 31, 32, 33, and that part of District 21 that lies within Anne Arundel County); three adult Members appointed from the county at-large; and one Student Member, who is a regularly enrolled senior year student of good character and in good standing in a public high school. With the exception of the Student Member, all Board Members must be registered voters of Anne Arundel County and may not be an employee or contractor of the Board.

**Selection:** The adult Members are appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County. The Student Member is elected to the Board by the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC) and confirmed by the Governor.

**Term of Office:** The eight adult Members are appointed to serve for a term of five years beginning July 1 after appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualifies, subject to the approval or rejection of registered voters at the next general election following appointment. The Student Member serves for a term of one year, and continues to serve after graduation and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

**Duties:** The powers and mandatory duties of the Board are divided into executive, legislative and quasi-judicial responsibilities. They 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.

**Questions Asked of Candidates:**

Discuss your qualifications and contributions to the Board of Education.

What are Anne Arundel County's two most pressing education issues and how would you address them?

*Vote Yes or No for continuance in office.*

**Teresa Milio Birge**

*No response received by deadline.*

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*Vote For or Against the amendment to the Maryland Constitution.*

### Question 1

#### **Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 422 of the 2013 Legislative Session)**

#### **Transportation Trust Fund – Use of Funds**

(Amending Article III by adding Section 53 to the Maryland Constitution)

Limits the use of Transportation Trust Funds to the payment of principal and interest on transportation bonds and for constructing and maintaining an adequate highway system or any other transportation-related purpose. Also prohibits the transfer of Transportation Trust Funds into the General Fund or a special fund of the State, except for: (1) an allocation or use of highway user revenues for local governments or (2) a transfer of funds to the Maryland Transportation Authority or the Maryland Transportation Authority Fund. Transportation Trust Funds may be used for non-transportation related purposes or transferred to the general fund or a special fund only if the Governor declares a fiscal emergency and the General Assembly approves legislation, by a three-fifths vote of both houses, concurring with the use or transfer of the funds.

**Origin of the Ballot Question:** In 2013, the Maryland General Assembly passed SB 829, which proposed a constitutional amendment that would place restrictions on the transfer of funds from the Transportation Trust Fund to other funds. In order to become law, it must be approved by a majority of voters state-wide.

**Present Practice:** Current law requires the use of Transportation Trust Funds (TTF) for purposes related to transportation including state highways, motor vehicle administration, BWI Airport, Port of Baltimore and transit services. Revenues allocated to the TTF include motor fuel taxes, vehicle titling taxes, vehicle registration and a portion of rental car sales, corporate income taxes and federal aid. A percentage of the TTF revenues are distributed to local governments to develop and maintain local transportation projects. Revenue may not be transferred or diverted from this fund to the general fund or any other special fund unless legislation is enacted to authorize the diversion and the TTF is repaid within 5 years.

Often a Governor will submit a budget that is not in line with previous legislation passed by the legislature so the governor will also submit a Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) that contains language that alters previous legislation, sometimes for a limited period of time, in order to enact a balanced budget. In recent years, a significant portion of the local share of highway user revenue has been diverted to the general fund to help balance the State's budget. This was done with the consent of the General Assembly through the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2009. Before this act was passed, the formula that allocated highway user revenues required 70% to go to the Maryland Department of Transportation and 30% to local jurisdictions. This 2009 BRFA and BRFAs passed in 2010 and 2011 reduced the local share of highway user funds and transferred a portion of those revenues to the general fund. In 2013 and 2014, there was no language in the BRFA to require the transfer of Transportation Trust Fund revenue to the general fund. A simple majority is all that is required to pass a BRFA.

**Proposed Change:** This amendment to the Maryland Constitution would prohibit the transfer of funds from the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund through simple legislation such as a BRFA. The only way that revenue from the Transportation Trust Fund could be used for General Fund or Special Fund purposes would be if the Governor declares a Fiscal Emergency and the transfer is approved by a three-fifths majority of both the Maryland Senate and House.

**Pros:** By making it harder to use Transportation Fund Revenue for anything other than transportation, it would be far less likely that these funds would be used for anything other than the purpose for which they were collected. Transportation infrastructure is important for safety and economic development.

**Cons:** A minority of members of the General Assembly could block the transfer of Transportation Fund Revenue to the general fund or other special funds, even if the governor declared a fiscal emergency. General fund revenues go towards programs such as education, health care, public safety and environmental protection.

**A vote for the constitutional amendment means:** It would be more difficult to use monies raised for transportation for anything else because it would require a declaration of a fiscal emergency and a three fifths vote in each chamber of the General Assembly.

**A vote against the constitutional amendment means:** If the governor recommends a transfer of funds from the Transportation Trust Fund to the general fund or another special fund, it could be done by a majority vote of both Houses of the General Assembly.

*Vote For or Against the amendment to the Maryland Constitution.*

## Question 2

### **Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 261 of the 2014 Legislative Session) Special Election to fill Vacancy in Office of Chief Executive Officer or County Executive**

(Amending Article XI-A, Section 3 and Article XVIII, Section 2 of the Maryland Constitution)

Authorizes charter counties to provide for special elections to fill a vacancy in the office of chief executive officer or county executive, and exempts a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of chief executive officer or county executive of a charter county from the constitutional requirement that elections for State and county officers be held on a specified four-year cycle. Under existing law, charter counties may only authorize special elections to fill vacancies on the county council.

**Origin of the ballot question:** The 2014 session of the General Assembly passed legislation proposing a constitutional amendment to: 1) permit, but not require, Baltimore City and counties that have adopted charter home rule to provide that a vacancy in the office of County Executive would be filled by a special election; and 2) permit the holding of such a special election at a time other than the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in years that the Governor is elected. Because the proposal would amend the constitution of Maryland, it must be submitted to the voters at this election for approval. The amendment would affect Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Talbot, and Wicomico counties and, after a new charter goes into effect on December 1, 2014, Frederick County.

**Present Practice:** Although the Maryland constitution permits charter counties to fill vacancies in County Councils by special elections, there is no such provision for filling a vacancy in the office of County Executive. Provisions for filling vacancies vary among the counties, with some providing that another official would succeed to the position in the event of a vacancy and others providing that the County Council may choose a replacement.

**Proposed Change:** The amendment would permit charter counties to change their charters to provide that a special election would be held to fill a vacancy in the office of County Executive.

**Pros:** Because the County Executive plays a significant leadership role in county government, the voters should have the right to choose the person who will exercise the powers of that office. If special elections are appropriate for filling County Council vacancies, they are even more appropriate for the more powerful position of County Executive. Although special elections may be costly, the General Assembly has given counties the option to conduct such special elections by mail, which would be less expensive.

**Cons:** Special elections may be expensive – holding a special primary and then a special general election may cost as much as \$1 million in larger counties. Holding special elections requires time, and the delay in naming a County Executive could disrupt the functioning of executive departments until the successor was elected. Having an automatic succession to office or allowing the County Council to choose a County Executive to fill the remainder of a term of an Executive who resigned or died in office avoids this delay and uncertainty.

**A vote for the constitutional amendment means:** The Maryland constitution would be amended to permit charter counties to enact laws to require that a vacancy in the office of County Executive would be filled by a special election.

**A vote against the constitutional amendment means:** The Maryland constitution would not be amended and the current law would continue to apply, which would mean that special elections to fill County Executive vacancies would not be permitted and such vacancies would be filled by County Council appointment or the alternate succession process designated in the jurisdiction's charter.

## General Election Ballot Checklist

To save time, mark this checklist before you go to the polls. **Vote for one candidate unless indicated otherwise.** Abbreviations: Dem = Democratic Party; Rep = Republican Party; Lib = Libertarian Party; Grn = Green Party; Con = Constitution Party; Una = Unaffiliated; Jud = Judicial; N = Nonpartisan

### Maryland Governor / Lt. Gov

*Vote for no more than one pair of candidates*

- Anthony G. Brown and Ken Ulman (Dem)  
 Larry Hogan and Boyd Rutherford (Rep)  
 Shawn Quinn and Lorenzo Gaztanaga (Lib)  
 Charles U. Smith and Clarence Tucker (Dem) WRITE-IN

### Maryland Attorney General

- Brian E. Frosh (Dem)  
 Jeffrey N. Pritzker (Rep)  
 Leo Wayne Dymowski (Lib)

### US Representative District 2

- C. A. Dutch Ruppensberger (Dem)  
 David Banach (Rep)  
 Ian Schlakman (Grn)  
 Paul Rundquist (Dem) WRITE-IN  
 Mark Gerard Shell (Lib) WRITE-IN  
 Joseph Jean Sperber (Una) WRITE-IN

### US Representative District 3

- John Sarbanes (Dem)  
 Charles A. Long (Rep)

### US Representative District 4

- Donna F. Edwards (Dem)  
 Nancy Hoyt (Rep)  
 Arvin Vohra (Lib)

### US Representative District 5

- Steny H. Hoyer (Dem)  
 Chris Chaffee (Rep)  
 Dennis L. Fritz (Una) WRITE-IN

### Maryland Senate District 21

- Jim Rosapepe (Dem)

### Maryland House District 21

- Vote for no more than three*  
 Ben Barnes (Dem)  
 Barbara A. Frush (Dem)  
 Joseline Pena-Melnyk (Dem)  
 Katherine M. Butcher (Rep)

### Maryland Senate District 30

- John C. Astle (Dem)  
 Don Quinn (Rep)

### Maryland House District 30A

- Vote for no more than two*  
 Mike Busch (Dem)  
 Chuck Ferrar (Dem)  
 Genevieve Lindner (Rep)  
 Herb McMillan (Rep)

### Maryland House District 30B

- Michelle Stephenson (Dem)  
 Seth Howard (Rep)

### Maryland Senate District 31

- Anthony Scott Harman (Dem)  
 Bryan W. Simonaire (Rep)

### Maryland House District 31A

- Ned Carey (Dem)  
 Terry Lynn DeGraw (Rep)

### Maryland House District 31B

- Vote for no more than two*  
 Jeremiah Chiappelli (Dem)  
 Doug Morris (Dem)  
 Nicholas R. Kipke (Rep)  
 Meagan C. Simonaire (Rep)

### Maryland Senate District 32

- James Ed DeGrange (Dem)  
 Larry Barber (Rep)

### Maryland House District 32

- Vote for no more than three*  
 Pamela Beidle (Dem)  
 Mark S. Chang (Dem)  
 Theodore J. Sophocleus (Dem)  
 Mark Angell (Rep)  
 Joseph Fioravante (Rep)  
 Tim Walters (Rep)

### Maryland Senate District 33

- Edward R. Reilly (Rep)

### Maryland House District 33

- Vote for no more than three*  
 Kostas Alexakis (Dem)  
 Tom Angelis (Dem)  
 Henry Green (Dem)  
 Tony McConkey (Rep)  
 Sid Saab (Rep)  
 Cathy Vitale (Rep)

### County Executive

- George Johnson (Dem)  
 Steve Schuh (Rep)

### County Council District 1

- Pete Smith (Dem)  
 Bill Heine (Rep)

### County Council District 2

- Andy Werner (Dem)  
 John Joseph Grasso (Rep)  
 David Sgambellone (Lib)

### County Council District 3

- Theresa Belinda Martin (Dem)  
 Derek Fink (Rep)

### County Council District 4

- Andrew C. Pruski (Dem)  
 E Chike Anyanwu (Rep)

### County Council District 5

- Patrick Armstrong (Dem)  
 Michael Anthony Peroutka (Rep)

### County Council District 6

- Chris Trumbauer (Dem)  
 Dean Matthew D'Camera (Rep)

### County Council District 7

- Jerry Walker (Rep)

### Judge, Circuit Court

- Ronald A. Silkworth (Jud)

### Judge, Court of Special Appeals At-Large

- Vote Yes or No for continuance in office*  
 Kevin Arthur (Jud)  
 Andrea Leahy (Jud)

### County State's Attorney

- Anne Colt Leitess (Dem)  
 Wes Adams (Rep)

### County Clerk of the Circuit Court

- Robert P. Duckworth (Rep)

### County Register of Wills

- Jacqueline Allsup (Dem)  
 Lauren M. Parker (Rep)

### County Judge of the Orphans' Court

- Vote for no more than three*  
 Nancy B. Hirshman (Dem)  
 Judith L. Duckett (Rep)  
 Nancy C. Phelps (Rep)  
 Alan Rzepkowski (Rep)

### County Sheriff

- Ron Bateman (Dem)  
 Joseph James Delimater III (Rep)

### Board of Education District 32

- Vote Yes or No for continuance in office*  
 Teresa Milio Birge (N)

### Ballot Question 1

- Vote For or Against (circle one)*

### Ballot Question 2

- Vote For or Against (circle one)*