



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD



# VOTERS' GUIDE

## 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Polls Open 7 AM/Close 8 PM

The League of Women Voters offers this free Voters' Guide to assist citizens in their decision-making as they prepare for the 2014 Primary Election. The League is a nonpartisan political organization that does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League works to promote political 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 were 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 failed 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 interactive Voters' Guide found online at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). Voters are encouraged to visit [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) for additional candidate and election information.

This Voters' Guide has been divided into separate Democratic and Republican sections to mirror the actual Primary Ballot. It contains responses only from those candidates who will be on the Primary Ballot. A separate 2014 Voters' Guide will be prepared for the General Election.

THE PRIMARY IS A CLOSED ELECTION. YOU MAY ONLY VOTE IN THE PARTY IN WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERED.

This Voters' Guide may be downloaded from the LWV of Anne Arundel County website ([aa.lwvmd.org](http://aa.lwvmd.org)).

*THE LEAGUE THANKS ALL CANDIDATES WHO SUBMITTED ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONNAIRES.*

## 2014 Maryland Primary Election: Voters' Calendar

Tuesday, June 3	Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation
Thursday, June 12-19	Early voting. Voting centers open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 17	Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail or fax*
Friday, June 20	Deadline to request an absentee ballot by download from website
Tuesday, June 24	Primary Election. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

\*Absentee ballots may be picked up at the AA Board of Elections prior to June 24. Completed ballots must be hand-delivered to the AA Board of Elections by 8 p.m. on Election Day, or postmarked June 24, 2014 and received by the Board Of Elections by 10 a.m. on July 7, 2014.

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

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)

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The League identifies and studies important issues, educates citizens, empowers voters, fosters dialogue, and advocates for positive change at the local, state and national level.

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*Thank You!*

## Maryland Governor / Lt. Governor

**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.

Salary: \$165,000.

Term: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

How Elected: Elected statewide as a team with the Lt. Governor.

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

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

Salary: \$137,500.

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?

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## Anthony G. Brown and Ken Ulman

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.

## Doug Gansler and Jolene Ivey

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

1. Qualifications: **In my 23 years serving Marylanders, first as Montgomery County State's Attorney and now as Attorney General, I have fought against gangs, domestic violence, and Bay pollution, and for civil and human rights like marriage equality. I have effectively led a 500-person state agency, and recovered hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars. My record demonstrates my qualifications to lead as Governor.**
2. Priorities: My priorities are: making our economy an engine for innovative business and jobs; closing our troubling gaps in achievement and healthcare; and cleaning up our state—safer streets, a healthier Bay, and less special interest influence. Our government should be responsive to the people, not the powerful, making sure no Marylander struggles to find work, get an education and healthcare, or stay safe.
3. Economy: I have a robust plan to attract new jobs to Maryland and help existing employers grow. It includes **small business funding, broader Job Creation Tax Credits, a "Buy Maryland" policy for state contracts, a tax-free period for manufacturing start-ups and proposals for more tech transfer.** It also includes proposals to close our skills gap, like tuition discounts for degrees in high-demand fields.
4. Budget: We cannot keep balancing our budget on the backs of working families. We must ensure that state **spending truly reflects our values: having the nation's best public schools, affordable higher education, and infrastructure to support a growing economy, with well-paying jobs. To do this, we can't keep spending more than we can afford and mortgaging our economy through higher taxes and more casinos.**
5. Redistricting: Instead of voters choosing their elected officials, politicians use redistricting to choose their voters. **Redistricting should be about voters, not politicians. Voters don't have real choices when district lines are drawn to protect incumbents. That's not right and that's why I support using a non-partisan independent commission to draw congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland.**
6. Environment: The biggest environmental challenges we face are Bay pollution, which puts natural and human health at risk, and climate change, which threatens our farms, shores and coastal communities. I will make Maryland a model for pollution-reducing renewable energy, fight special interests that block environmental progress and commit more resources to preserving open space and enforcing environmental laws.
7. Transportation: My main priority is improved mass transit options, like the Purple Line. Effective transit options are essential for job growth, community vitality, access to quality education and healthcare, and environmental stewardship. To fund them, we need to move past old methods like the gas tax, which is not sustainable in a world of fuel-efficient vehicles, and stop raiding our Transportation Trust Fund.
8. Education: I was the first to propose a universal pre-K plan focused on getting our neediest kids full-day pre-K. I also support policies to improve financial aid for higher education so more Marylanders can afford college and avoid costly debt. I strongly support our move to the Common Core, though during the transition we need to do more to train teachers on it and give it less weight in their evaluations.

## Ralph Jaffe and Freda Jaffe

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

1. Qualifications: As an experienced political science teacher who has created a non-conventional way of teaching students (documented in the Readers' Digest), I'm leading a movement to end corruption in Maryland politics and replace it with ETHICS. Check my website, [fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com](http://fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com)
2. Priorities: To really serve the people, listen to my constituents, and do what is right for the people, not for myself. To build trust and demonstrate integrity. To practice these 5 principles - refuse campaign contributions, serve one term only, serve free, keep away from paid, professional lobbyists, and tell the truth all the time
3. Economy: Let private enterprise take its natural course.
4. Budget: No tax increases. I will attempt to: Stop BGE from ripping off its customers, Abolish the Public Service Commission, Abolish the Maryland State Department of Education, Abolish the Maryland Stadium Authority, Stop nursing home rip-offs of their residents, Abolish the Maryland Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program
5. Redistricting: Get rid of all current politicians in the state legislature. Elect new representatives who will make a commitment to serve one term only. They will draw up the new district lines.
6. Environment: Elect new politicians who really care about our environment and will come up with programs to make life better for our citizens, will not lie about the environment, and will treat our habitat with more respect.
7. Transportation: Unlike our current crop of politicians who know it all, I am open to the suggestions of my constituents.
8. Education: Check my article, "The Jaffe Plan for Pre-K Education."

## Heather Mizeur and Delman Coates

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

1. Qualifications: **Some people run for Governor because they want the job. I'm running to do the job. I have the best vision, the best ideas, and the best track record of accomplishments, and I bring two decades of policy experience at every level of government. During my time in Annapolis, I have expanded health care, protected reproductive rights, safeguarded the environment, and brought jobs to Maryland.**
2. Priorities: Government should work for every family. Together, we will build an economy where families and small businesses earn more and are taxed less. We will ensure a great education for every child in every classroom.

And we will be smart on crime to make every neighborhood safe. We face big challenges but have amazing opportunities – **I'm the best candidate to help Maryland live up to her full potential.**

3. Economy: Families deserve an economy that works for them. My economic plan cuts taxes for 90% of families and seniors, provides small business tax relief, creates a living wage, strengthens workforce training, invests in school and transportation infrastructure, and streamlines our regulatory system to promote job growth. The **Baltimore Sun** dubbed our tax plan **"the most comprehensive" in the race.**

4. Budget: Being Governor means setting priorities and building a budget around them. My first priority will be middle class and small business tax cuts, workforce, and infrastructure. We also invest in pre-K, public safety, and the **environment. We fund these priorities by closing corporate and millionaire tax loopholes. I'm also the only Democratic** candidate with public and private sector budget experience.

5. Redistricting: Reforming the redistricting process is long overdue. The process of establishing our electoral districts is too important to leave in the hands of partisan politicians. By creating an independent, nonpartisan commission to create compact districts, we ensure effective representation for all Marylanders. My campaign is also the first in nearly twenty years to accept public campaign financing.

6. Environment: My leadership on the environment is why our campaign is endorsed by the Maryland Sierra Club and its 12,000 members. Together, we will take on our toughest environmental challenges, like protecting Maryland from dangerous fracking, combating climate change through clean energy production, cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay from runoff and other pollution, and rejecting the Cove Point LNG project.

7. Transportation: Commuters should not have to deal with crushing traffic that keeps them from their jobs and families. We want good roads and reliable public transit. As your Governor, I will make our transportation infrastructure a top priority. Our plan builds the Purple and Red Lines, rebuilds neglected roads and bridges, expands the Port of Baltimore, and invests in pedestrian, bike, and bus options.

8. Education: Our schools face big challenges and the next governor will have to address them. Our achievement gap is widening and educators are not given the freedom to teach. My education plan makes pre-K available for every child, improves access to child care and afterschool programs, moves us away from high-stakes testing, and strengthens education funding to recruit more educators and lower class sizes.

### Charles U. Smith and Clarence Tucker

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.

### Cindy A. Walsh and Mary Elizabeth Wingate-Pennacchia

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

1. Qualifications: I would say my #1 skill is SYSTEMS ANALYSIS. I am very good at seeing how things work, what is needed to make things work best, and how to implement and oversee things once in place thanks to management training at UPS in industrial engineering sharpening skills needed for administrative efficiency and effectiveness. I have worked for three decades in corporate and academic management.

2. Priorities: My platform is centered on returning to Rule of Law and public accountability in rebuilding a foundation for a healthy economy and quality of life for the citizens of Maryland. Privatization has taken public voice, transparency, and accountability across all government agencies and I intend to rebuild public structures that promote citizen participation in government and policy.

3. Economy: We all know that globalization has consolidated US commerce and global corporations do more business overseas than domestically. A strong domestic economy must have small/regional businesses, public funding in communities must provide business opportunities to those living in communities, and wages/benefits for workers must allow a Living Wage so domestic workers fuel consumption.

4. Budget: The structural deficit in MD is created by loss of tax revenue for corporations/rich. Too much revenue loss from lack of corporate oversight of contracts, tax collection, and categorization of corps as private non-profits. Shareholder responsibilities as revenue, REIT designations, and tax exemptions have severely reduced government revenue. Meeting current expenditures will then be easily met.

5. Redistricting: Let's have free and fair elections. As a democrat I have the desire to win a majority but gerrymandering to get there compromises the very democratic process. Whether for party gain, race or class, urban vs rural, I will balance the desire to party majority with the freedom of representation. Dividing communities rather than winning with issues and debate undermines democracy.

6. Environment: Trans Pacific Trade Pact poses the greatest threat to the US environment today. It will allow cor-

porations to ignore all US labor/justice laws that cut into profits and that is especially true of environmental laws. A baseline data collection on the Marcellus Aquifer can give the public leverage in holding PA/WVA fracking accountable for safe drilling. Protecting the bay from invasive species.

7. Transportation: I am a strong supporter of keeping transportation public and building it strong and inclusive. I do not like public private partnerships and tolls for public roads and bridges. Increasing corporate and wealth tax revenue collection will create enough revenue for the Transportation Trust to fund needed projects. We do not need to soak the working and middle-class with taxes and fees.

8. Education: As an educator I support those fighting the current Race to the Top and Common Core policies. This is an attempt to privatize and vocationalize K-college and I will make it my priority to build strong, public education in MD. The nation had a crisis in funding and resourcing schools that affected achievement and that is where to start in reforms. Universal pre-K is good.

## Maryland 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?

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## Peter Franchot

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.

## Maryland 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?

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### Aisha Braveboy

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

1. Qualifications: As an attorney with 13-years of experience practicing law in Maryland and 8 years working with legal and policy issues in the House of Delegates, I am uniquely qualified to be Attorney General. I have a strong track record of delivering results for Maryland workers and consumers including leading the fight to raise the minimum wage and serving as Chair of the Consumer Protection Subcommittee.
2. Priorities: My priorities are reforming the juvenile justice system and implementing a comprehensive juvenile diversion program, holding banks accountable for the conditions of foreclosed properties that blight our communities and bring down property values, protecting the environment by enforcing environmental laws and regulations and aggressively prosecuting polluters and fighting fraud and deceptive acts.
3. Administration of Justice: Maryland should adopt a 24/7 court system and ensure that defendants have access to representation at every proceeding where their freedom and liberty is at stake. I would lobby the legislature to grant prosecutorial authority to the Civil Rights Division to combat heinous gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and religious based crimes.
4. Domestic Violence: As Attorney General, I would strengthen Maryland's domestic violence laws by advocating for enhanced criminal penalties for perpetrators of domestic violence. I would work with State's Attorneys to develop best practices for prosecutors to use in the prosecution of sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking and other crimes of violence. I would support gender-based hate crimes legislation.
5. Consumer Protection: As Attorney General, protecting the privacy of Maryland residents will be a top priority. I sponsored legislation that prohibits employers from requesting or requiring employees or applicants to disclose passwords for accessing a personal account. I would devote additional resources to the Internet Privacy Unit to fight identify theft, fraud, cyber-bullying and other internet based crimes.
6. Transparency: As Attorney General, I would advise state agencies engaged in the rulemaking process to seek more input from the public at large and the business community in particular. I would counsel state agencies that are promulgating new or revising existing regulations to regulate in a manner that imposes the least amount of costs on Maryland businesses and consumers.
7. Drugs: I was a leader in the effort to decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana that became law this year. The law is important because it treats marijuana usage as a substance abuse issue instead of a criminal justice problem. This legislation addressed racial disparities associated with enforcement of the law and will promote drug rehabilitation instead of mass incarceration.

### Jon S. Cardin

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

1. Qualifications: 12 years in the legislature 8 years as Chair of the Election Law Subcommittee General practice attorney specializing in criminal defense and civil plaintiff advocacy Passed tough laws to protect children from cyber-bullying and adults from "revenge porn" Passed bills requiring recycling in all State agencies, reforming Maryland's campaign finance laws and protecting overdose victims from death.
2. Priorities: A focus on making sure every Marylander is treated fairly and equally - especially those who are most vulnerable such as children, the disabled, the elderly and the impoverished. I will make sure women get equal pay

for equal work, that racial profiling is stamped out of our police departments, that your right to vote is fully protected and that environmental protection is a top priority for MD.

3. Administration of Justice: Our criminal justice system is broken. African Americans are arrested at much higher rates than their white peers and the school to prison pipeline dooms too many children to a life of unfulfilled potential. We must make sure criminal laws are not administered in racist ways and that we keep our children in school and out of prison. I am currently exploring comprehensive criminal justice reform

4. Domestic Violence: Unfortunately, the AG does not have direct proprietary authority. That being said, I will use the legislative wing of my office and the AG's bully pulpit to advocate for tougher penalties for domestic abusers, more services for victims and to make sure our laws keep pace with technology. Proud sponsor of legislation to enhance penalties for domestic violence in the presence of a minor.

5. Consumer Protection: Consumer privacy, particularly involving the internet, is the next frontier for AG oversight and enforcement. I will use my office to aggressively go after those who use the internet to steal identities and personal information. I will convene a cyber security task force upon being elected to address these new consumer dangers and make sure my office is proactively shutting down security threats

6. Transparency: Nearly all Government documents should be available to the public. I will endeavor to publish my office's activities online. In addition, the Public Meetings Act must have real teeth so that citizens can know when and how their elected officials conduct public budgetary business. I will continue to champion campaign finance reform and venture to get special interest money out of politics.

7. Drugs: I am a proponent of progressive drug policies. This session, I passed a Good Samaritan law to make sure no one has to make the choice of saving the life of an overdose victim or going to jail. This will save lives. I sponsored bills to decriminalize marijuana. We should spend precious law enforcement dollars on serious crimes, not racial profiling and crowding jails with low level drug offenders.

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## Brian E. Frosh

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.

## 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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### Paul Rundquist

**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 banksters. 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.

## C. A. Dutch Ruppensberger

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.

## Blaine Taylor

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

1. Qualifications: 1) Combat veteran, US Army 199th Light Infantry Bde., South Vietnam, 1966-67, CIB 2) Press Secretary, Congress, Capitol Hill, 1991-92 3) Elected SGA Senator, Towson State College, 1970-72 4) Press Secretary four winning campaigns, 1974-92: MD House, Senate; Baltimore County Executive; MD Presidential Primary 5) Baltimore City, County board and commission memberships 6) 12 books published
2. Priorities: 1) No more US wars without legal Congressional declaration of war, last was 12/7/41 2) Return to Constitutional government 3) Jobs Bill: Marshall Plan for America 4) End foreign aid, especially to Israel and Palestinian Authority 5) Reenter Space Race for national defense security 6) End Federal Reserve Banking system 7) No more debt to China 8) Pay national debt 9) Credit card reform
3. Economy: 1) Enact Federal Minimum Wage of \$ 10,10 an hour 2) Publish all salaries to enact equal pay for equal work re: women 3) Abolish all offshore banking 4) End gold leaving US shores 5) Jobs bill: Marshall Plan for America 6) One-time credit card debt wipeout, with no future usage allowed; banks write debt off taxes; credit card payors get tax credit 7) Pay national debt and reduce spending
4. Budget: 1) Domestic first, defense second: the Soviet Union bankrupted itself doing the reverse, and we're on our way there now 2) Without a strong economy, the US will fall from within 3) No more bogus US overseas wars, put returning US troop units on Mexican border and on Canadian if necessary; cooperate with Mexican Army to wipe out their drug lords and halt drug invasion of US, now underway; 0 debt
5. Tax Reform: Two possible approaches: 1) Flat Tax Rate for everyone: whatever it is, everyone pays that same rate of income tax, % 5, etc., across the board; 2) Alternative would be to abolish the 1913 Federal Income Tax altogether, replacing it with sales taxes on income spent: National Sales Tax would fund the Federal government, and State Sales Taxes would fund the State governments.
6. Campaign Financing: Repeal it if possible, although I don't think Congress has the power to override the US Supreme Court. If, however, there is a legal way to do this, it should be done. The only way to get the money out of politics is to get the money out of politics. Accordingly, I'd also abolish all PACs across the board, and regulate TV advertising via the Federal Communications Commission. We own the airwaves.
7. Immigration: All illegal aliens should be deported now to their countries of origin. Sending them westward to Mexico would rebuild the US rail industry and boost airline revenue. Deporting them by sea would boost the US Merchant Marine. US Army/Marines should be deployed on our frontiers to protect our national sovereignty, or we'll

continue being invaded by this foreign army. All laws enforced at all levels.

8. Environment: Fracking is not a viable option, as all it does is destroy the community environments using it. Natural gas and coal are just stop-gap solutions to avoid doing what we need to do: turn away from the fossil fuels of 1858, and adapt to the 21st Century, not the 19th. The corporations despoiling our air and water are criminal organizations and members should be imprisoned: indictment and conviction.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

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### Matthew Molyett

Campaign Website: <http://everyoneforcongress.us>

1. Qualifications: The members of the 114th Congress will have to address the current deficiency of US law concerning information security. As a Computer Security Engineer and former NSA scientist, I am trained to recognize the reforms needed to make our data, networks, and identities safe. As an Eagle Scout, I am qualified to lead the creation of these reforms.
2. Priorities: Repeal of 17 U.S. Code § 1201, Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems Expansion of Internet access across the nation, and begin investment in Gigabit Internet connections to every household Reformation of the drug prohibition that fuels the dangerous underground market that destroys the lives of so many Americans, especially in light of state reforms concerning marijuana
3. Economy: Affordable Gigabit Internet connections would level the education playing field by making free, top quality college educations available to every student and job seeker, preparing them for high paying, high skilled careers regardless of the school district to which they were born. Building that rapid increase in telecomm infrastructure will require a boom of manufacturing, installers, and techs
4. Budget: Top line, the priority should be a budget that is projected to reach a surplus in twenty years. Domestically, vast improvements in the telecommunications infrastructure is required, which will require prioritization within the budget. The defense budget needs to be streamlined based on force and technology requirements with a focus on projected 21st century warfare.
5. Tax Reform: Removal of most tax deductions and incentives, with an adjustment of the base tax rates to compensate. An increase in the standard deduction, removal of the child subsidy, and reevaluation of the treatment of marriage would go a long way to simplifying the tax code and making taxation understandable. Regulation and taxation of recreational drugs would provide a significant infusion into the taxes
6. Campaign Financing: Congress should reclassify organizations in a way such that tax-exempt organizations cannot engage in activities that are focused on influencing elections.
7. Immigration: I want to make sure the laws are there to help honest people quickly become citizens. Targeting the employers that generate demand for undocumented labor is the way to stop the increase in back channel immigration. Rewarding current workers for assisting the state is the way to locate the offending employers. We should further encourage immigration of inventors, scientists, and entrepreneurs
8. Environment: Water pollution from Hydraulic fracturing for gas extraction. I support the removal of the Safe Drinking Water Act's exclusion of hydraulic fracturing from UIC regulation under SDWA § 1421 (d)(1). Additionally, I would support all efforts to keep industries liable for the cleanup of all sorts of spills, leakages, and waste pollution.

### John Sarbanes

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.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

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### Warren Christopher

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

1. Qualifications: I am a single father and a U.S. Army Lt. Colonel (retired). I managed billion dollar budgets, led **thousands of troops into harm's way and brought them all home alive. As a former Chief of Staff for the Department of the Interior**, I understand how the federal government works and will leverage my experience to get the mission accomplished.

2. Priorities: **The three most pressing issues in Maryland's 4th Congressional District are jobs, access to education and veterans and their families.** These issues cut across gender and ethnic groups. I want to find ways to foster innovation, increase affordable housing appropriations for our families, seniors and veterans, and increase access to preschool education.

3. Economy: Women, African Americans and Latinos are disproportionately affected by the minimum wage. As Congressman, I will fight to raise the Minimum wage. But Marylanders deserve better than the minimum wage. I will work with other members of Congress to create an infrastructure bank, product incubators and invest in innovation clusters.

4. Budget: We must ensure our troops are adequately equipped. With that said, we should also eliminate redundant defense programs. We must also focus our attention on the high unemployment rates for the long term unemployed, African Americans and Latino Americans. We must invest in school renovations and in infrastructure projects.

5. Tax Reform: Chairman Camp and I will probably have disagreements on many things, but finding ways to lower the corporate tax rate by reducing loopholes without losing revenue is policy I support. One specific example is I support eliminating tax loopholes for large oil companies.

6. Campaign Financing: I do not agree with the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizen's United case. The Disclose Act is an important first step to limiting the influence of money in politics by holding people accountable for their actions. Congress should work to enact legislation aimed at limiting corporate influence in our elections.

7. Immigration: I support changes that encourage undocumented immigrants to come out of the shadows. I support a clear pathway to citizenship for undocumented workers once background checks are passed and all necessary taxes are paid.

8. Environment: A U.N. expert panel on climate change explained that modest action taken now could prevent further warming of the globe. To reverse this trend, we must invest in solar energy and invest in bio-fuel research. Additionally, we must safeguard our national waterways, stem pollutants in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and strengthen our national park system.

### Donna F. Edwards

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.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

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### Steny H. Hoyer

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.

## 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?

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## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21

### STATE SENATE DISTRICT 21

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Jim Rosapepe

*No response received by deadline*

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 21

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Ben Barnes

*No response received by deadline.*

Barbara A. Frush

*No response received by deadline.*

Joseline Pena-Melnyk

Campaign Website: <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 stu-

dent 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.**

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS 30, 30A, 30B

### STATE SENATE DISTRICT 30

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#### John C. Astle

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.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 30A

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#### Mike Busch

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.

### Laurie Sears Deppa

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

1. Qualifications: I have a very broad background & unique perspective having worked in both the public and private sectors. As a war veteran, a small biz owner/advocate & volunteer working w/ numerous organizations (40?), I have something in common with most everyone. Whether it's a Spanish speaker, a vet, a biz owner, a mother with kids in public school, (autistic child), suicide victim, organ donor - I relate!
2. Priorities: Jobs, environment, and being a new voice for the people. Providing skills and tools so people can gain their independence. Fiscal accountability, responsibility and transparency.
3. Economy: One of the most important initiatives is creating a more friendly small business government. Over 97 % of all employers in MD are small business. Growing & maintaining them are key to our economic health. We need to create a pro-business state that also attracts jobs and corporate headquarters. I have been a SCORE counselor (volunteer mentor who helps create jobs) and crowd funder.
4. Budget: Fiscal responsibility, transparency and accountability are key to my platform. Before we ask hard working families for money, Maryland needs to spend its money wisely. We as taxpayers have wasted millions of dollars on the healthcare exchange. As a small business owner, you learn that you test things before putting them on the market. We also must be held accountable to use revenues as promised.
5. Education: Universal Pre-k is a key base for creating an equal education playing field for all children. Common Core standards are key in preparing all of our students for success in life. I have a 2 year old and a daughter at Chesapeake High - education is a very important issue to me. Need to do more to level the disparities among minorities and to do more to help those with special needs, eg, autism.
6. Redistricting: Of course I support the redrawing of congressional and legislative districts. Maryland is one of the worst gerrymandered in the country.
7. Transportation: Asking people what their needs are first. My husband used to commute to No Va but there was no way to get there but drive and he couldn't ride share. Our elected officials must use the transportation fund as agreed and not raid funds and ask for more money from taxpayers.
8. Environment: We must enforce & reinforce the Stormwater Act and any other initiatives that will remediate & protect our natural resources. I want to leave a natural legacy for my children & grandchildren so they can swim in the Bay. I believe in a moratorium on fracking until additional studies, mandatory recycling, & composting (1/3 of all waste in landfills is natural or compost). I am a conservationist!

### Chuck Ferrar

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 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.

### Cheryl Miller

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

*No response received by deadline.*

### Ridg Mills

*No response received by deadline.*

### Gordon Smith

Campaign Website: <http://www.gordonsmith.us/>

1. Qualifications: I was born and raised in District 30-A so I know the area and issues very well. Due to my extensive time within the district I feel as if I have a solid grasp on the electorate's desires. My knowledge will be able to be utilized to best represent the district. Other personal, educational and professional experiences have allowed me to develop the required mettle for such a position.

2. Priorities: My top three, in order: economy, education and environment. Thereafter, ever present issues such as, but not limited to, public safety, responsible government and smart growth will be of the utmost importance.

3. Economy: Raising the minimum wage seems to be a smart approach at the current time. Additionally, addressing and scrutinizing public spending will also be a strategic focus. However, without having intimate knowledge of all of the details of the economic picture and what can be done from a delegate position, a lot of this task will remain unknown until presented with the appropriate information/data.

4. Budget: To highly scrutinize spending so as to effectuate the best possible results as based upon the wishes and desires of the electorate. As stated above this will need to be developed as more intimate knowledge is gained about the district and its needs.

5. Education: Efforts promoting/improving education is paramount to the success of District 30A. Common Core appears to be the best current route available for establishing education standards; therefore, I endorse it. Similarly, universal pre-K is an area that deserves focus and seems to be justified given the potential positives.

6. Redistricting: The current practice of redistricting is of concern given the polarization and imbalances that it potentially produces. Review and analysis needs to be done to ensure that districting is done so as to effectuate the most productive democratic system form of government possible, which includes, but is not limited to, districting by independent third parties.

7. Transportation: To ensure that a transportation system is in place to best situate citizens to fulfill their lives' demands. This includes safety, volume, traffic, infrastructure, and emergency preparedness/response. Funding for such initiatives should include local, state and federal contributions.

8. Environment: Restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and all that it supports, including focus on oysters, water quality and smart growth. Given District 30A's proximity to the Bay efforts for restoration will dominate any environmental focus. This is a huge issue that must be addressed at both the local and state level.

### Maria Triandos

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

1. Qualifications: My career in sports media, film production, and news has required me to work as part of a team, to research, negotiate, build relationships, compromise and problem solve. I have also been a business and property owner, commuter, consumer, member of my community for 42 years and have been raising a family with five children all in public schools in Annapolis.

2. Priorities: My priority is common sense legislation that will create jobs and strengthen our economy. New revenues will allow us to fund our needs in education, affordable colleges, alternatives for the non-college bound students, services for our seniors, public safety, transportation and the environment.

3. Economy: I will work across party lines to develop initiatives that will help businesses grow through a reduction

in tax burdens and investments in education and innovation for companies located in Maryland. Thriving businesses will result in an increase in jobs, enlarging the tax base and increasing consumer spending.

4. Budget: All proposals for State tax and fee increases should be placed on hold for at least 1 -2 years. Our focus should be on a strategy for reducing personal income tax and corporate taxes, resulting in more private businesses and more people in jobs.

5. Education: 5. Provide educators with sufficient professional development to ensure that they can deliver instructions aligned with the new standards and make pre-k available for all children in Maryland.

6. Redistricting: I support a comprehensive study of the redistricting process reviewing best practices from other states for consideration by our legislators and citizens. This study should also make recommendations for standards and processes that would be used to establish lines for congressional and legislative districts to promote fair and effective representation.

7. Transportation: Maintenance of our roads, bridges and transit systems will boost the economy by creating jobs in construction and related fields. The recent increase in the gas tax could provide \$4.4 billion in six years. As decisions are made we need to be strong advocates for our roads and transit needs. In addition, we must protect the Transportation Trust Fund dollars from being diverted in the future.

8. Environment: Our challenges include: making alternative energy options affordable; the development of an effective education plan regarding our environmental priorities for clean air and water; partnering with neighboring states for cleaning our waterways and preserving the ecosystem.

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 30B

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Michael J. Mcnelly

*No response received by deadline.*

Mitchelle Stephenson

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.

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS 31, 31A, 31B

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 31

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Anthony Scott Harman

*No response received by deadline.*

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 31A

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

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**Ned Carey**

*No response received by deadline.*

**Robert Haynes**

*No response received by deadline.*

**John Moran**

1. Qualifications: I currently serve as Police Lieutenant and Commander at the Support Services Bureau at UMBC. In this capacity I manage several employees and programs that are vital to the success and operations of the department. UMBC is a diverse community which has given me the opportunity to work with people from every segment of society. I understand the department budget and the effects of state legislation.
2. Priorities: 1. Dealing with crime in Brooklyn Park and Glen Burnie corridor. 2. Implementing Senior programs and improving the overall quality of life. 3. Creating jobs by encouraging businesses to re-locate into the vacant commercial properties in District 31 A. 4. Work with Federal housing and urban development to address vacant residential properties and build a new recreational center.
3. Economy: Tax breaks and re-location initiatives for new businesses. Give employers incentives to hire unemployed local workers and veterans. Increase recycling and bring awareness to the importance of recycling. Expand recycling facilities in District 31 A and encourage the hiring from local workforce. Focus on clean fuel and permit tax incentives for participating wind turbine and solar businesses.
4. Budget: Unfortunately, we are federally mandated by the Federal government to clean Chesapeake Bay so we will have to continue to fund this program. Hopefully, in the long run the bay will become cleaner allowing the crab population to return to normal levels. Otherwise, the State of Maryland would be required to pay a fine to the Federal government which is more than the current amount budgeted.
5. Education: I agree with funding for pre-Kindergarten programs. I would add these additional students to the elementary schools and focus on reading, writing and arithmetic and social skills. I would also incorporate a breakfast and lunch program which focuses on nutritional value and importance of regular exercise.
6. Redistricting: Focus on population in geographical areas and try to have the same number of citizens in each geographic area. Focus less on voter registration and keep neighborhoods in the same districts. Re-create these legislative districts over a 15 years based on the 10 year senses.
7. Transportation: Have the state of Maryland transfer their fleet vehicles to electric or natural gas wherever possible. Increase transportation availability to the airport, the stadiums and other high commuter locations. Provide cost effective transportation to Seniors to be transported to medical facilities and other required appointments. Provide discounted public transportation to Seniors and Veterans.
8. Environment: Enact legislation to control and monitor the disposal of prescription medications. Make all States and Counties accountable for the clean up of the Chesapeake Bay including funding for the programs required. In District 31 A I would focus on cleaning the Patapsco river and Marley and Nabbs creek. Enhance recycling program in North County providing a recycle bin for each household.

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 31B

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**Jeremiah Chiappelli**

*No response received by deadline.*

**Stan Janor**

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

1. Qualifications: As a practicing criminal defense attorney for nearly the last thirty years, over twenty of those as a supervising attorney in a large urban office, I feel I have a unique perspective on the issues that most directly affect society. Moreover, for about ten years, I regularly appeared before committees of the Maryland General Assembly and offered oral and written testimony on a variety of issues.
2. Priorities: I cite what I call the "3 Big Es" in my "stump" speech: Economy, Education and the Environment. I feel the state government, more so than the federal, can supply the most support to enhancing and preserving in all three areas. I also want to protect the constitutional rights of all citizens, supporting our public safety first responders-police, firemen, and EMTs-and promoting animal welfare.
3. Economy: 1) Increase the availability of credit and other supports for small business. 2) Increase in the minimum wage, as a start of a comprehensive effort in putting more money into consumer's pockets. 3) Corporate tax reform by lowering the actual tax rate, but also insituting "combined reporting" to make sure businesses are paying their

fair share for the actual economic activity within the state.

4. Budget: Drastic cuts in expenditures have been shown in many ways to do more harm to the economy than the supposed good that "stimulation" through tax cuts have provided. However, I am not in favor of any more tax raises of regressive taxes i.e sales taxes. Any further tax increases, if justified by extraordinary need, should center on the income tax, which is the major progressive tax.

5. Education: Support for education is a key pillar of my platform. While I favor the institution of the Common Core standards, their implementation has been mishandled and needs to be phased in gradually to allow the schools to properly train staff and assemble appropriate curriculums. Universal pre-K also needs to be phased in a similar fashion, with programs created in the neediest districts initially.

6. Redistricting: There probably needs to be national level reform of redistricting, perhaps through constitutional amendment, to have reapportionment done in the most non-partisan way possible e.g. appointed commission, with guidelines favoring keeping local governmental entities and other geographical demarcations in the same district as much as possible. The current system has led to much of the gridlock.

7. Transportation: 1) Increasing all forms of mass transit through out the state. 2) Current infrastructure needs to be properly maintained to ensure public safety. 3) Ridesharing and other programs designed to lessen the impact of autos need to be promoted. The major source of funds should continue to be the gas tax, but only using the trust fund for transportation projects, not general fund bailout purposes.

8. Environment: Cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed is most pressing. The economic impact of further degrading would be enormous. While the Stormwater Management Fee has been widely criticized, it does provide a dedicated revenue source for communities to take action. I would like to see programs where citizens and businesses could have those fees abated if they take their own remedial measures.

## Doug Morris

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.

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 32

### STATE SENATE DISTRICT 32

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### James Ed DeGrange

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.

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 32

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### Pamela Beidle

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

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.

## Spencer Dove

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

1. Qualifications: With 4.5 years experience as chief staff in the House of Delegates, I know how to operate a legislative office effectively. Most notably, I built offices with a reputation for top-notch constituent services, and the ability to affect legislative/public policy matters. Also, I am involved in my community and have grown up in this District, so I know what matters most to constituents.

2. Priorities: Building a world class education; creating quality jobs; supporting law enforcement, fire fighters, and emergency responders with training and resources; reforming and simplifying the tax code; modernizing transportation infrastructure for commerce and tourism; ensuring access to quality, affordable health care; and restoring, revitalizing, and protecting the environment.

3. Economy: Leveling the playing field between multi-state/national corporations and Maryland's small businesses via tax code reform. Making sure every school in Maryland is #1. Affording opportunities for workforce development and skills training for adults. Investing in Maryland's small businesses and emerging industries by allocating funding for capital programs (example: InvestMaryland).

4. Budget: Reforming the tax code to level the playing field between multi-state/national corporations and Maryland citizens. Prioritizing education, health, and public safety in the budget. Optimizing state expenditures by reducing waste, fraud, duplication, and abuse by various State agencies. To raise revenues, close exploited tax loopholes that don't benefit working Marylanders.

5. Education: Guaranteeing every student the best public education. Supporting teachers with adequate compensation and vital tools. Expanding programs for adult continued education/workforce development. Making sure that Common Core standards are implemented with the support and input of educators, parents, and students. Making pre-K truly universal while building schools to accommodate increased enrollment.

6. Redistricting: First, "redistricting study groups" to collect information on best-practices by other jurisdictions to write law favoring a fair redistricting process free from gerrymandering. Further, supporting politics-free independent redistricting commissions that will draw new district maps. Pushing requirements for public forums/hearings for citizen input as early as the Census data becomes available.

7. Transportation: Prioritizing transportation projects that have a direct and paramount impact on local, State, and regional commerce. These projects shall be paid for by Transportation Trust Fund money, which needs to be protected from raids to balance other budget areas. Beyond that, reducing gridlock to encourage residency, tourism, and commerce.

8. Environment: Protecting open space while balancing it with economic development that doesn't lead to "concrete jungles". Mandating investment in green technologies to mitigate negative environmental impacts for Cove Point and other projects. For "fracking", adopting policies that prevent destroyed land, tainted drinking water, adversely impacted health, and a diminished quality of life.

## Tonja Mccoy

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

1. Qualifications: **Master's Degree Political Science, Bachelor's Degree International Studies, Certificate in Mediation** and Community Economic Development. Administrator Trustee for A SUSTAINABLE YIELD farmland; Former Business

Owner; Legislative Intern; Political Internship in Washington DC; Student Senator in College; Former Women Commissioner Anne Arundel County; Volunteer for Presidential and local grassroots campaigns.

2. Priorities: 1. ADVOCATE for Education, Health, and Environmental issues 2. Pass Legislation for Public Safety Funds to be included in the operation plan of casinos in the State of Maryland. 3. Establish a line item in the State Budget for Education to "Eliminate the Achievement Gap" for all counties 4. Create a fair and balanced legislation that supports the Second Amendment and Gun Control
3. Economy: 1. Be more senior friendly by offering tax breaks TO THE ELDERLY 2. Create WAYS to ensure the ample supply of nontechnical jobs provide a livable wage in Maryland and find incentives to keep these jobs here.
3. Increase job readiness funds for Workforce Development. 4. EXPUNGEMENT OF OLD CRIMINAL RECORDS AND Integration OF nonviolent criminals who served their time and paid their DEBT TO SOCIETY.
4. Budget: A balanced budget THAT secures funding for social service programs as well as high tech programs. Work for funding to help the homeless population, mental health services, affordable housing, and creating job readiness skills and employment for a green economy. EXPAND The Chesapeake Cleanup and Tax Incentives for businesses who donate to nonprofits that support education programs.
5. Education: I support the Universal Pre-Kindergarten, increasing Vocational Courses at all high schools, text book funding for all students, and strong efforts to Eliminating the Achievement Gap in the State of Maryland.
6. Redistricting: Establishing a NONPARTISAN process to form an independent commission for redistricting.
7. Transportation: Support a Regional Transportation System light rail that would give us access to other counties along with additional resources to provide commuter access to jobs and RECREATION in District 32. A bus depot that would allow our younger generation more access to ground transportation getting to and from work and to college. Support a public awareness campaign on ridership.
8. Environment: Funding the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Coast Bay Trust Fund and to support the Bay clean up. A moratorium on fracking until the State completes a full-risk assessment study to determine if the residents, water, and wildlife can be safe while fracking is in process and its aftermath.

### Theodore J. Sophocleus

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.

### Steven D. Wyatt

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

1. Qualifications: My 20 years in the Navy taught me valuable skills that would be well suited for this position. The ability to think critically, educate myself, research thoroughly and to lead with integrity. I believe that I have the ability to listen to all concerns, understand what the issues are and the knowledge to create solutions for those problems.
2. Priorities: My priorities will be the priorities of my constituency. I have listened to many of them over the past several months, and they want real solutions to problems, not band-aid short term fixes. I will focus on job creation, our education system and military benefits for retirees that reside in our state.
3. Economy: I believe the business climate in our state is pretty bad, so making the process of opening and running a business a lot smoother would be a start. Next would be to encourage new companies to look at Maryland first for locations. Thirdly, I think educating our kids in way that makes them viable candidates in the work force will be a focus. Changing the climate is tough but can be done.
4. Budget: Many things could be at the top of the list but in general, when money is set aside for a specific purpose then it should be used for that purpose only. No more borrowing from dedicated funds to balance the budget. Our state government can be more efficient and effective and finding those will save our state enough money to meet our priorities elsewhere.
5. Education: I am in favor of Common Core, although I believe the standard is being rushed into usage. In regards to universal Pre-K, I believe there are plenty of programs out there for pre-k students and don't believe the school systems would be able to afford adding pre-k to our current school system, nor do I think it is needed.

6. Redistricting: I would support a non partisan group to draw these lines. In my opinion the reason we have such gridlock in our government is due to the drawing of district lines in such a manner that it causes voters to be forced to lean one way or the other with little room for compromise.

7. Transportation: My transportation priorities would be first to evaluate our public transit system and eliminate portions that are heavily underutilized. Secondly the demand on our bridges and roads are tremendous and our state has a transportation fund that can and should be used for maintaining this infrastructure, but far too often those funds are raided for other purposes.

8. Environment: The storm water management bill is a good step in the right direction, as I believe this is a big problem in our state. Cleaning up that issue over the long haul benefits us all. I would support any policy that cleans our waterways, discourages massive developments that would eliminate open green space and in general protects our water and air quality.

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 33

### STATE SENATE DISTRICT 33

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No Democratic candidates on ballot

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 33

*Democrats may vote for no more than 3*

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#### Kostas Alexakis

*No response received by deadline.*

#### Tom Angelis

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 work-force.

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

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.

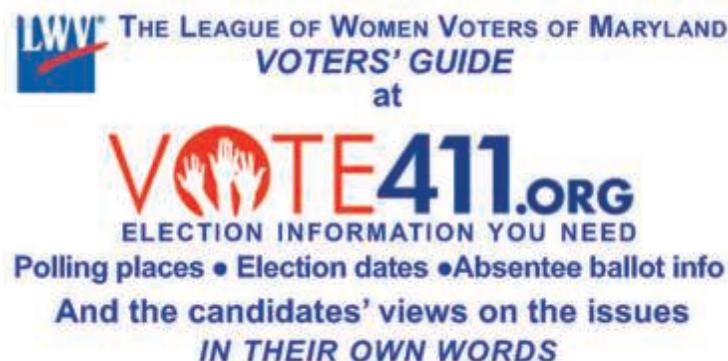
4. Budget: We have a constitutional requirement to balance the budget and a moral obligation to ensure adequate services to meet the needs of the underserved. Protecting education, providing universal pre-k, building schools, protecting our environment, creating living-wage jobs, encouraging sustainable 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.



## 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

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

1) 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.

2) 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 storm-water recovery.

3) 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.

4) 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.

## 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.

### District 1

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#### Pete Smith

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

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) 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.

## District 2

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

### Andy Werner

Campaign Website: <http://andywerner>

1) 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](http://www.andywerner.net)

2) 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.

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

4) 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

### Derick D. Young

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

1) How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office? My experience of a Student Advocate for several years have allow me to gain knowledge of what it takes to advocate for individuals who may not be able to stand up or speak out on issues that are important to them. If elected to the Anne Arundel County Council I will take that same tenacity and use it to advocate for District 2 residents.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? 1. Hold accountable business who continue to pollute our bay, streams and creeks. 2. Hire more environmental inspectors. 3. Protecting the Public by hiring more Police and Firefighters. 4. Funding education at a higher level. 5. Adding more school resource officers to combat bullying.

3) How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program? Build a coalition between business leaders and environmentalist in assuring that our water ways are being protected

4) What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County? I would solicit input form the business community, education community and residents. Once the data is collected, then I would make recommendation.

## District 3

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### Theresa Belinda Martin

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) 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.

## District 4

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

### Scott Hymes

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

1) How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office? As a long time community leader and environmental advocate and as a small business owner I have dealt with all of the challenges of doing business in Anne Arundel County. I have dealt with county bureaucracy and passionate constituents on complex issues. In my job as Local Govt Liaison, and outreach manager for the MD Dept. of Natural Resources I have worked with most County's personnel & issues.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? 1. Ensure that all students have a healthy/safe learning environment 2. Create a technology center in West County 3. Clean up waterways & grow responsibly 4. Help our returning veterans & intelligence personnel transition to our local workforce 5. Institute a mentorship program in the schools to help train students for careers 6. Restore & support our public services 7. Build 13th High School

3) How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program? At MD DNR's Chesapeake & Coastal Service, Restoration and Financing Division, we work and fund these types of projects and I understand the details. Working with Severn River Association and Severn RiverKeeper program, I managed some projects and know the challenges of dealing with bureaucracy. There is no one who knows the subject better who is running for office. From financing to construction

4) What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County? Make sure all of our schools have equal resources and support Bring back respect and dignity back to our county and make citizens proud of our local government again. Make sure that our new storm water utility fees will be used efficiently and effectively so we can have clean and healthy waterways. Ensure that all students have a healthy & safe learning environment Fix Rt.3 and 175

### Andrew C. Pruski

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

1) 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

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) 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 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 in to account pedestrian and bike access.

### Devin F. Tucker

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

1) How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office? I've worked as a commercial lines underwriter, served on non-profit boards, and currently work in philanthropy and community development. I've worked on a range of policy issues related to education, community development, and health. I believe I have the knowledge and skills necessary for addressing our county's challenges related to school construction and public safety.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? I am interested in finding better ways to make our school system more efficient since it consumes over half of our budget. Reducing waste in our school district is the first step in addressing our school construction needs and paying teachers more. I will work on improving staffing for public safety. I will also work on community revitalization in several distressed areas of District 4.

3) How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program? **I will work to get state facilities and other public institutions to pay a storm water fee as well. I'm also interested in**

working with faith-based institutions to contribute a bit more to storm water fees – this will require meeting with faith leaders and explaining how they could contribute positively to the health of the Bay in a way that is consistent with their faith.

4) What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County? Quality of life starts with: 1. preventing waste in our school district and preventing the school board from paying golden parachutes to superintendents upon their departure -it's the first step in addressing school construction needs; 2. working with Chief Davis to secure 200 additional officers to make our community safer; and 3. working with our fire department to ensure adequate staffing.

## District 5

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

### Patrick Armstrong

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

1) 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 an 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) 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.

### David Whitney

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

1) How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office? I have taught the U.S. Constitution Course and developed the only course available on the Maryland Constitution as well as the only course available on the Anne Arundel County Charter of at Institute on the Constitution. I have taught these to many citizens across our State and am committed to restraining County Government within its Constitutional boundaries and its limited purpose.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? Smaller Less Taxing and Less Intrusive Government. Civil Government should fulfill the task of securing our God given rights as indicated in the U.S. and Maryland Constitutions. Whenever civil government steps outside those boundaries established by We The People it is in violation of the contract We The People have ordained in establishing it. Reigning in out of bounds actions must be first.

3) How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program? **I will vote to repeal use of a "Rain Tax" in Anne Arundel County. I have spent countless hours fighting the rain tax** when it was being debated in the County Council in 2013 and the actions of Carroll County shows the way to accomplish the goal without taking one more dollar from the pockets of the County Tax payers. They built their storm water management program into the existing budget.

4) What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County? With Smaller Less Taxing County Government everyone will benefit. I will oppose new taxes, new fees, or tax increases. And I will oppose the addition of any new financial deficit to Anne Arundel County. I will oppose placement of speed cameras, red light cameras, or stop sign cameras in Anne Arundel County. I will draft county legislation that will defend the constitutional rights of the citizens.

## District 6

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

### Chris Trumbauer

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

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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 c7.5
- 2) continue to fight against sprawl on the Annapolis Neck and ensure any development of Crownsville Hospital is compatible with the surrounding communities.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.

## District 7

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

No Democratic candidates on ballot.

## Circuit Court Judge

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?

*Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

### Ronald A. Silkworth

*No response received by deadline.*

## 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?

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

## Anne Colt Leitess

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.

## 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?

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No Democratic candidates on ballot

## 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?

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

## Jacqueline Allsup

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.

## 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?

*Democrats may vote for no more than 3.*

### Nancy B. Hirshman

Campaign Website: <http://n/a>

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

## Anne Arundel County 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?

*Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

### Ron Bateman

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.

## Maryland Governor / Lt. Governor

**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.

Salary: \$165,000.

Term: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

How Elected: Elected statewide as a team with the Lt. Governor.

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

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

Salary: \$137,500.

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?

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*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

## David R. Craig and Jeannie Haddaway

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

1. Qualifications: For 34 years I was a teacher and vice principal. I have served as a city councilman and mayor, at the state level I was a senator and delegate, and am currently Harford County Executive. I am proud of my record as a steward of the people's money and have submitted 19 balanced budgets and reduced taxes numerous times. But I have also fully funded public safety and have built 7 schools in Harford.
2. Priorities: Reduce and or eliminate the excessive regulation within Maryland. We must encourage our citizens and not inhibit productivity. I would also seek to fix the current Healthcare exchange and implement and empower the private sector brokers to work to provide healthcare to our citizens. We do not need another bureaucratic solution. I would also stop the regulatory war on poultry and natural gas.
3. Economy: The personal income tax and cut the corporate tax to 4%. I would lower tolls and gas taxes, and eliminate the Rain Tax. My goal is to make MD competitive with its neighbors by expanding the tax base and providing an educated workforce, as well as a business climate that would attract employers. I also want to eliminate the sales tax on any item or product that is produced in Maryland.
4. Budget: I intend to cut spending by 3%. We need to audit our agencies and seek to eliminate duplication. I want to continue to fund education, the arts, as well as healthcare and many other areas. But I also realize that in recent years government has outgrown the citizens ability to pay for it. By cutting waste we can keep expenditures under **control and reduce the demand for ever increasing "revenues"**.
5. Redistricting: I believe that the House of Delegates should consist of 141 single member districts and that the Senate lines should be drawn in an equal fashion across the state - communities should not be divided to accomplish political advantages. The same holds true for Congressional lines. I would accomplish this by appointing a non partisan commission to determine the redistricting map.
6. Environment: The Bay and its health is always a challenge. But we must seek common ground with those who derive their living from the Bay and what is best for the environment. We must incentive business to be environmentally friendly and not always seek to penalize first.
7. Transportation: I think that transportation funds should go towards the construction of roads and bridges. Maryland's current lack of adequate transportation funding is not only inhibiting business but it is also having an impact on the quality of life of its citizens. I will not seek to raid the transportation to balance the state budget. As for mass transit, it needs to have a self generated funding mechanism.
8. Education: As a lifelong educator, I have taught classes as a teacher and managed and written curriculum as a vice-principal. Common Core must be done away with. It is a bad experiment that we cannot force upon our teachers and children. I also believe that the construction of effective schools across the state is most important as is empowering parents, teachers, students and locally elected school boards.

Ron George and Shelley Aloï

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

1. Qualifications: Not only do I have the unique combination of 40 years of success in the private sector, I also have done well serving these last 8 years in the legislature dealing with budget and tax issues, business, education, transportation, and election law. Built bi-partisan coalitions on many issues. I spent years volunteering in inner city, helping run-a-ways and push outs, giving me a unique perspective.
2. Priorities: On day one, I will commission independent audits of all state agencies to identify waste and duplication to better inform and direct state budgeting. Making sure state money goes to the people and programs who need it is my top priority, and my years of private business success give me a unique skill set to make that happen. I will go after the minority achievement gap and bring back trade schools
3. Economy: Build the private sector tax base. Bring back entry level and mid-level manufacturing jobs and import/export jobs, concentrating on Baltimore and our mid-level cities. Cut waste as shown in consecutive audits, without cutting programs. Get more money injected into the Maryland economy through tax breaks as economy builds. First year tax credits for entrepreneurship led job creation.
4. Budget: Eliminate waste and duplication without cutting from those it is intended to go to. Education money more direct to classrooms. Safety net for those in need. Restore money to mental health and disabilities. Infrastructure needs (mainly roads, bridges, transportation).
5. Redistricting: I was the lead sponsor of a bill last year for an independent bi-partisan/non-partisan commission with an emphasis on good government. It got some attention for its fairness. Redistricting should never be in the control of one party. No matter how objective they feel they are, they never are. What we have now is an embarrassment.
6. Environment: 1) Conowingo Dam is at capacity levels of nitrates, phosphorus and sediment. A federal dredging is warranted. While this may increase pollution into the bay during the project, the bay will then have a chance to last many decades before it is needed again, thus restoring much of the bay. Hurricanes and storms and "releases" at the dam are destroying the bay. 2) Update sewage treatment plants
7. Transportation: Maryland is far behind the needs for transportation. Back-ups on roads are non-productive and environmentally bad. I'll move quickly to get us from a reactive transportation plans to a pro-active one. Neglected roads and bridges must be restored first. Then plans for transit with emphasis in the Baltimore/Washington/ Annapolis/Frederick areas. . Lock box TTF. Gas taxes to Roads and Bridges 1st
8. Education: Common Core standards are sub-standard though well intentioned. My Masters in Clinical Psychology taught me learning disorders, and also taught me tremendous capabilities of an "average" brain. Things like rote learning, the classics, and virtue all help in the formation of thought. I only support pre-K for inner city children who have little family support, so they are not failing at the star

Larry Hogan and Boyd Rutherford

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 grass-roots 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.

Charles Lollar and Ken Timmerman

Campaign Website: <http://lollar4governor.com>

1. Qualifications: Charles Lollar is a U.S. Marine Corps officer and businessman, who has managed a \$23 million budget and 212 employees. Ken Timmerman is a nationally-recognized investigator and former president of the Maryland Taxpayers Association. They will bring business experience, executive leadership, investigative skills, and in-depth knowledge of the budget process, to root out corruption in Annapolis.
2. Priorities: First and foremost, to stem the exodus of Maryland families and businesses so we can turn around our economy and create jobs, by creating a fair and equitable tax structure that makes Maryland a more attractive place to live, raise a family, and invest.
3. Economy: We will eliminate the personal income tax over five years, so Maryland will attract businesses to invest here and families to lay down roots. We will establish enterprise zones in Baltimore city, and public-private partnerships to provide internships and job skills to high school students who want to enter the work place with a marketable skill, rather than attend a four year academic college.
4. Budget: **We will bring fiscal sanity back to state government. Over the past 7 years, the O'Malley-Brown administration has increased spending by 34%, while CPI has increased just 10%. Our Jan. 2015 budget will eliminate entirely the state personal income tax on low income earners, and drop the rate on families earning up to \$150,000/year from the current marginal rate of 4.75% to a flat 3%.**
5. Redistricting: We would like to see a nonpartisan redistricting commission to end political jerryandering, and will work with the legislature on this.
6. Environment: **We all want clean water and clean air. But we also want rational government that doesn't bankrupt businesses, drive farmers out of business, and harm Maryland first. We will work with Maryland's neighbors to reduce sludge discharges from the Conowingo dam, and will encourage public private partnerships to transform solid waste, including chicken manure, into usable energy.**
7. Transportation: We believe the Transportation Trust Fund should be spent on transportation projects that benefit the majority of Marylanders. We oppose the Purple line as currently envisaged because it has not been sufficiently funded. We favor innovation, including elevated Monobeam Monorail, a far cheaper, more efficient, less environmentally intrusive alternative to the current trolley-car style proposal.
8. Education: We oppose education policies air-dropped on our communities, whether from Washington, DC or Annapolis. We will return control over local school systems to locally-elected school boards, and will end Common Core. We believe state education dollars should follow the children, so parents have real options to failing schools. We prefer parental choice to state-imposed mandates.

## Maryland 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?

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## William H. Campbell

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 en-

sure 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 unsupported 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.

## Maryland 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?

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### Jeffrey N. Pritzker

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.

## 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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### David Banach

**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.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

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### Thomas E. "Pinkston" Harris

1. Qualifications: I'm highly educated with two masters degrees. I'm retired from my own business. Therefore I have experience creating jobs. More than Cong Sarbanes anyway.
2. Priorities: I'm excited about helping to move our country away from affirmative action. I support the Michigan anti-affirmative action law. I believe in compassionate action. We should help lift people to their potential regardless of color. I want to help build a color blind society
3. Economy: We need to cut taxes. Gov can't create jobs. People create jobs. Leave the money in the hands of the job creators. Get the Keystone Pipe line approved. That would create 30,000 jobs. We need to encourage some Americans to move to where the jobs are at. They have full employment in South Dakota and Wyoming because they're drilling there. We need to drill everywhere there's oil.
4. Budget: I believe in the penny plan. If we cut one penny from everywhere, we would have a balanced budget in 6 years. No cuts in defense our enemies would see us as weak and our allies would see us as unreliable.
5. Tax Reform: I believe in the flat tax. No deductions. No deductions. This would be the fairest tax
6. Campaign Financing: *No response received by deadline.*
7. Immigration: *No response received by deadline.*
8. Environment: *No response received by deadline.*

### Michael Jackson

Campaign Website: <http://democracy.com/electmichaeljackson>

1. Qualifications: Son and Grandson of Master Plumbers Educated St Johns College Annapolis 3 yrs formal 8 yrs total Trumpet Baritone and French Horn All State Band & Orchestra 6 yrs Enlisted US Navy Firefighting, jet engine engineering and Petty Officer Leadership training Landscaper Small Business Owner I am well rounded and knowledgeable; being of service to the most people. My intellect is very sharp
2. Priorities: Constituent Service Helping with VA, IRS, EPA etc are most important Creating Jobs by passing my initiative A Water Monetary Standard This addition to monetary policy will focus on maintaining the local economy with quantitative easing/tightening of infrastructure maintenance corresponding to water/sewerage processes A 2 trillion dollar initiative into the local economies over 20 yrs
3. Economy: I call this initiative Trickle Up Economics and will create a monetary standard based on water & sewer processes A water well is no different than a gold mine and there is a self-evident inalienable relationship between man, water, and the bathroom It will define the US dollar, eliminate the water and sewer user fees, and allow the Treasury to coin money at a 1:1 ratio in exchange for these services
4. Budget: Have an actual budget. Cut spending; shift spending, suspend inflationary growth. A balanced budget will not happen in one term but this is the path to a balanced budget. Defense: cut projects that portend that war can be pushbutton and maintain a military and foreign policy that concedes that no single ideology has ever proven that it alone could control the world not VA benefits
5. Tax Reform: Lower tax rates; anywhere and everywhere 5% after eliminating inflationary growth. Maryland has proven less revenues are collected when tax hikes occur during recession with the recent sales tax hike and bottle tax The tax code must be fluidic Rising in times of prosperity and Shrinking in recession The Fed should be required to report on the affect of the tax rate annually
6. Campaign Financing: Corporations should not be given the same status as an individual. It is an entity. Everyone inside a corp can spend their own money on speeches or run for office. We have seen recently the priorities of said corporations when faced with economical collapse; they simply fired everyone in sight. They have, do, and will stand up for themselves and that; they should be able to do.
7. Immigration: The southwest border must be secured The USA has been built upon immigration. Never before have we experienced unfettered access as we now see in the southwest The only beneficiaries of this state of affairs are the drug cartels After that we can discuss normalizing existing illegal immigrants
8. Environment: We are part of the ecosystem The EPA should not be allowed to directly fine citizens who have complied with local and state permitting rules The State should be subjected to the fine after issuing permits causing an EPA violation Pollution is pollution and fines for polluting should be greater than the profitability of polluting by 5 or 10%

## Charles A. Long

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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## John R. Graziani

*No response received by deadline.*

## Greg Holmes

1. Qualifications: I am qualified to represent the people of the 4th District as a middle class citizen just as our founding fathers were qualified. I practice leadership every day as husband, father to 2 sons, business person, breadwinner, & as positive role model in my community and church. I learned the joys of service and entrepreneurship at a young age. Mentor to disadvantaged youth, coach. Founded RSI.
2. Priorities: My priorities coincide with families in my District. I will champion initiatives and vote for policies that encourage self-reliant economic prosperity, job creation and high academic standards for our diverse community of the 4th Congressional District. We must do a better job at helping employers flourish and create good paying jobs.
3. Economy: We must review and repair national policies that stymie global competitiveness. Reduce the world's highest corporate tax rate. America is more of a service, information based economy than ever. That strength, coupled with the return of manufacturing through tax credits will improve American competitiveness & which will get job growth going again which, in turn, reduces income disparity.
4. Budget: A large % of our families live, commute, and work in the defense industry. National defense is our #1 priority. I will work collaboratively and vote for programs in the defense industry. Domestic spending is good to help people in temporary, helping up situations. We need more training programs and limit time on dependency programs. Better Federal budget discipline is necessary.
5. Tax Reform: **America's corporate tax structure is the world's highest. Reduce this burden for small business and new developing businesses.** A reduction of 2% per year over 5 years would reverse the trend immediately. We need to encourage companies to move back to U.S. Offer tax credits. More business means more jobs and more opportunity.
6. Campaign Financing: Tax exempt organizations are not allowed to function chiefly as political action commit-

tees. With Citizens, free speech was protected but disclosure of large donations to tax exempts is not required. The system could be abused by foreign interests. I would support legislation to require more disclosure about foreign interests and large donations. Unions should not coerce its members to donate.

7. Immigration: Immigration concerns us because it relates to national security, to jobs, economic prosperity, and WHO America will be. I stand for immigration policy that encourages the most productive immigrants to stay. I stand for practices that punish illegal entry. I want to discourage policies that invite illegal immigration. With surveillance technology, we CAN protect the borders and should.

8. Environment: EPA has done some good things: auto emissions, saving endangered species. But it is reaching too far, stagnating production and the economy. What appears to be a shut down of coal is dangerous to national security. Development of natural resources like shale oil deposits could be better. We need Keystone pipeline. The President has not offered adequate explanation about the delays.

**Nancy Hoyt**

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.

**George McDermott**

*No response received by deadline.*

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5**

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**Mark Kenneth Arness**

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

1. Qualifications: Physician, pilot, Airborne-trained combat veteran with 25 missions flown over Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan; accustomed to making life-and-death decisions on no-notice with limited information. As a ten-year resident of Calvert Co, attuned to the issues important to my future constituents. Father of two, devoted husband; member AOPA, NRA. Published Fellow, American College of Occupational Medicine.

2. Priorities: Term Limits: I am the only candidate to pledge to co-sponsor and vote for US Congressional term limits. The President’s term is limited; Congress’ are not. States that have adopted term limits enjoy significantly greater prosperity! I will vote for three House and two Senate consecutive term limits. I will vote for lower taxes and support revision of Obamacare, our 'National Insurance Disaster.'

3. Economy: We must give small- and medium-sized business an incentive to hire new employees and expand. To achieve consistent growth we need to reduce the tax burden on businesses as well as individuals. In Maryland, businesses are headed for the exits in search of more fertile ground where they can grow without tax strangulation. Wages improve when business is profitable; we need to foster economic growth!

4. Budget: We need to finally balance the budget. The Obama Administration's policy has been a typical mainstream Democratic, unimaginative tax and spend agenda, with progressively higher taxes and perpetually higher spending year-after-year. We have to control spending, not divert funds from key area like Defense to support social programs. Obama sent over \$10 Billion to Africa last year, and now we're short!
5. Tax Reform: We must simplify the tax code and restore child tax credits, as well as reduce income taxes across the board. The incumbent has voted against all these programs year after year for 33 years! We cannot tax America into prosperity! Greenspan said; "Whatever you tax, you get less of." You can squeeze only so much blood from stones before they break. When overtaxed, people quit work and revenues fall.
6. Campaign Financing: We need accountability and credibility in campaign financing oversight. We have the fox guarding the henhouse now; each Congressional chamber has oversight on financing activities for its own campaigns. My opponent has accumulated a war chest of millions, virtually insuring his continual re-election and a perpetual incumbency! PAC funding is virtually unlimited as it falls outside Congress' scope.
7. Immigration: We need firm resolve and enforcement with compassion of our immigration policy. The incumbent has voted to give blanket amnesty to any illegal immigrant who can jump the line. He supports weak National security and porous borders. We need to control immigration without inhumanity; images of mothers torn from their children for deportation are shocking. I support border security with social equity.
8. Environment: Global warming is real and represents a clear danger to all nations of our world with coastal and low-lying land. Wide swings in climate from bitter cold to unseasonal heat are signs of the damage already done. It is unclear whether we have yet reached the tipping point, however. I support clean alternative energy sources, including the Cove Point Liquid Natural Gas facility, solar and wind power.

### Chris Chaffee

*No response received by deadline.*

### Tom Potter

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

1. Qualifications: **I've been working for more than 30 years in many different capacities; Vice President, Manager, Project Superintendent on Federal installations, etc...** None of those jobs was made easier by more government. **I managed a productive and diverse staff, adhered to the various laws that our current congress doesn't have to abide by and produced \$1.2 Billion in profitable loans.** I understand profit.
2. Priorities: Government needs to do less, with less. My priorities would be to assess the efficacy of funding programs in areas that the federal government has no business being and I would stand in the way of excess spending. The quid pro quo and hyper spending in Washington has got to stop. I would also champion a plan to remove the capital gains tax to spur private investment.
3. Economy: **Jobs are the answer to reducing income disparities. The quote "I never worked for a poor man" has never been more appropriate than today.** I am a supply side economics guy; it worked to create the longest boom of **jobs from the 1982 until 2007 and we've abandoned it to chase income equality. Foolish. Income equality is a straw man argument.** There is no such thing. Get to work America.
4. Budget: The domestic priority would be repealing Obamacare. It's a drain in every sense of the word. Even an increase in medicare spending would be better than the mess that's been created. The top defense projects would be securing our borders, improving military readiness and guarding against an EMP or nuclear attack.
5. Tax Reform: I would be for ultimately eliminating the IRS, in short, because they are out of control and replacing the tax code with a simplified version of a flat tax would make them obsolete. Of course there would be exemptions, but those exemptions would be more geared toward economic growth rather than punishment.
6. Campaign Financing: The money in campaign finance has been a free for all since 1976 when campaign funding was declared "free speech." **The George Soros and Koch brothers funded organizations on the right have supported both sides of the aisle. I say let the PAC's run wild and give the people an opportunity to be a more informed electorate.** The genie is out of the bottle. Congress needs to get out of the way.
7. Immigration: Enforcing current immigration laws would be a good start. End the illegal of sanctuary cities. **Repeal the 14th amendment (it wasn't enacted for anchor babies). Make immigration less of a free for all and more of a targeted enterprise; allowing the best and the brightest to come to America. We are full of "tired, poor, huddled masses yearning to breathe free."**
8. Environment: **The most significant environmental threat to the country is the EPA's use of regulation to stymie business, coerce citizens and threaten freedom.** Everybody knows that pollution is wrong but strangling business and confiscating private property for the sake of a tortoise or a smelt fish is worse. Revolutions were started over less intrusive government.

## 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?

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## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21

### STATE SENATE DISTRICT 21

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

No Republicans candidates on ballot.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 21

*Republicans may vote for no more than 3.*

#### Katherine M. Butcher

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

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

*To read questions, see page 42*

#### Eric Delano Knowles

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

1. Qualifications: As an Air Force Veteran, I've sworn to defend the Constitution and the ideal expressed in the document. As someone who's worked all types of jobs from McDonalds to handling millions of dollars of equipment in the Air Force to relating to people on a nightly basis as a Bartender, I bring the values of the hard working individual who will never be 'above us' as our legislators feel they are today.

2. Priorities: Saving the taxpayers money. Restoring the supremacy of the 4th amendment here in Maryland. Term Limits for all positions in Government. Connecting with constituents, making the legislative process transparent and within reach of each individual - giving all Marylanders a voice in their own governance.

3. Economy: The best way to strengthen the economy and increase jobs is to reduce the tax burden on the individual and businesses. Maryland jobs are going to other states that offer less of a tax burden to do business. Prosperity and Taxation are polar opposites, but our legislature believes otherwise. Marylanders need to have the capital they need to create opportunity, it's time for government to help this.

4. Budget: My priorities are to start managing the public's money much better than we have done in the past. Marylanders should feel let down that their government spent millions of their dollars on a Health Exchange website that didn't work and had to be scrapped... and paid for again. This is a gross mismanagement of their money and trust. We all deserve better.

5. Education: I would like to create an environment where the teachers and the parents have more of a say over the curriculum of their children rather than a National standard. I believe that 'choice is freedom and freedom is choice' so if the local school districts wished to adopt Common Core because they believe it is the best, they should be free to do so... but not forced.

6. Redistricting: Maryland's 3rd Congressional District (for which I was last year's nominee) has become the laughing stock of the nation. This is due to the hyper-partisan process of handling this responsibility. I would like to see a commission formed that will handle this much more responsibly.

7. Transportation: First we should maintain what we have. If we have a need for new construction, I would be willing to study it and see if it is truly a necessity. However, as of right now the focus should be on lowering the budget, not searching out ways to increase it. The tax burden is high enough on families in Maryland already.

8. Environment: As a former Outdoor Environmental teacher, I am well aware of the environmental issues we face here in Maryland. However, the notion that we can just tax people for their runoff and the rain that falls on their property is absurd. However, this does leave the next legislature in a position where we can reduce this tax burden with real solutions such as rain barrel and living roof tax reductions.

#### Don Quinn

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

*Republicans may vote for no more than 2.*

*To read questions, see page 42*

Genevieve Lindner

*No response received by deadline.*

Herb McMillan

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

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

*To read questions, see page 42*

Jim Fredericks

*No response received by deadline.*

Seth Howard

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 31A

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

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Bryan W. Simonaire

*No response received by deadline.*

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 31A

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

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Terry Lynn DeGraw

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

*Republicans may vote for no more than 2.*

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Brian A. Chisholm

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

1. Qualifications: I've spent my entire career in the private sector working as a small business owner and a mortgage professional specializing in loans for America's heroes and veterans. This has given me a front row seat and watched us cripple our children and future generations with unsustainable debt that will have a drastic effect on MD. That being said I do not believe it is too late but we must act right now

2. Priorities: I will fight tirelessly for lower taxes and fees and for the complete elimination of the state income tax.

This elimination has created extraordinary economic growth and jobs in all nine states where it has been enacted and it will have the same effect here in Maryland. We have far too many good people and great natural resources to be driving generations of Marylanders out of the state.

3. Economy: The elimination of the state income tax because it not only helps Maryland tax payers but it dramatically helps small business owners. 96% of all small business owners are pass through businesses that pay their business income on their personal returns. This would create a large incentive to keep the jobs and small business owners here but encourage other businesses to come to Maryland.

4. Budget: We must create an economy within Maryland that creates more revenue through more jobs and prosperity. This must be driven through less senseless regulations, taxes and fees. We would then go through our budget and make sure the vital services of government are funded such as schools, police, fire fighters, roads and public safety then start to eliminate all the waste fraud and abuse.

5. Education: I believe any curriculum that is derived from a centralized federal government system may be well intentioned but will ultimately lead to the decline of our education system. I believe Common Core will prove to be a utter failure if ever implemented fully. I think most teachers and administrators would agree that direct interactions between a teacher and the student is the most effective.

6. Redistricting: Abandon single-member plurality arrangements and adopt proportional representation

7. Transportation: I would put a freeze on all speed and red light cameras until they have all been audited to show near 100% accuracy. The budget is large enough now so I would push for a freeze in all tolls and fees for the next 4 years.

8. Environment: I support the total cleanup of the sediment and buildup of pollution surrounding the Conowingo Dam. I would also halt the theft of money intended for the Chesapeake Bay foundation for the general fund. The money that is designed to go to the cleanup and care for the Chesapeake Bay should go where it was intended.

### Paul William Drgos Jr.

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

1. Qualifications: I am a computer programmer by trade. I have four children the oldest is in college and the youngest is in elementary school. I have seen the problems our District faces. I have been to my children's school and dealt with the insanity there. I have the ability and knowledge to not only know when something is a bad bill, like the rain tax, but to fight against it and take the message to the airwaves

2. Priorities: Repeal the rain tax Eliminate the income tax Reduce government spending Repeal SB 281 Increase the liberties and freedoms to that which our Constitution entitles us

3. Economy: The first is to reduce regulations and taxes. The regulations and taxes in this state prevent new businesses from forming and drive old businesses away. The recently passed minimum wage hike will cost Maryland jobs. We need to stop picking winners and losers based on political influence and do what is best for the entire state and its citizens.

4. Budget: The budget has increased by nearly \$10,000,000,000 since Governor O'Malley took office. Too many times representatives from District 31B agreed to these expenditures. We have a capital budget increasing. Residents of Frederick should not be paying for concession stands in Pasadena and residents of Pasadena should not be paying for concession stands in Frederick. Lower spending, lower taxes.

5. Education: Common core, while a laudable idea, has been executed poorly. While I understand the need to teach children the ability to think for themselves and problem solve, areas like 3rd grade math are not the proper forums for such learning. Teach them the basics. Universal Pre-K is another idea that sounds good in theory but will perform poorly in execution.

6. Redistricting: Redistricting is a mess. The referendum in 2012 was so poorly worded that a lot of people I talked to would have voted against it if they knew what it meant. The fact that a map was not included was horrible. We need something like they have in Iowa where all of the Congressional districts are squares. Ocean City and Deep Creek should not be in contiguous Congressional Districts

7. Transportation: We need a balance transportation approach the recognizes the current state of affairs. More roads will inevitably fill up, but mass transit will sit empty and be a great boondoggle if not done right. The gas tax needs to be lowered to help working class Marylanders, but all agencies must be audited so that we know where the money goes. The Transportation Trust Fund must stop being raided.

8. Environment: The Bay is the lifeblood of this state. But we must acknowledge that much of the pollution in the Bay is from Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Delaware. The Rain Tax is not going to fix this. A chicken tax is not going to fix this. We need workable solutions and regional partnerships to correct the issues. Fixing the Conowingo Dam would be a good start.

### Don Dwyer Jr.

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

1. Qualifications: I have 12 years of experience as a Maryland Legislator. I was first elected in 2002 and I served on the House Judiciary Committee for 10 of the 12 years.

2. Priorities: 1. To continue to protect and defend the Constitutional rights of those who elect me. 2. To continue to oppose any legislation that is unconstitutional. 3. To continue research into what is really killing the Chesapeake Bay

4. To continue to protect individual Property Rights 5. To continue to hold elected officials accountable to their Oath

of Office 6. To continue to support small Business

3. Economy: 1. I will support all legislation that provides real tax credits for businesses that expand employment. 2. I will support all legislation that reduces the regulatory burdens placed on Maryland's businesses 3. I will support all legislation that provides incentives for job training skills 4. I will support any legislation that provides tangible benefits to businesses willing to locate here

4. Budget: My only priority is to support a budget that for one year, does not include nearly a billion dollars in growth.

5. Education: Regarding Common Core, I do not and will no support a curriculum where according to a representative from the State Board of Education stated to members of the legislature that  $2 + 2$  no longer has to equal 4 to be considered a correct answer under the common core philosophy of education.

6. Redistricting: I would force those in authority to abide by the Constitutional restrictions pertaining to natural boundaries and that the be compact in form as it states in the Maryland Constitution.

7. Transportation: I would simply require that the "trust" be returned to the transportation trust fund. Stop raiding the fund and use the proceeds as intended.

8. Environment: The preservation of the Chesapeake Bay. I will continue research into what is really killing the Chesapeake Bay. Regarding policy, I would insist that when fines are collected for environmental infractions, that the money collected be used to actually remediated the effected area as opposed to being diverted to overhead expenses.

## Nicholaus R. Kipke

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 to 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.

## Gus Kurtz

*No response received by deadline.*

## Faith M. Loudon

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

1. Qualifications: I have been active in District 31 for over 30 years, Volunteered in the schools, PTA president , Chesapeake Middle School, Community member Chesapeake High School IMSProgram, Active in church, Youth Choir Director, Served on AA.County Children's Council, Elected to Republican Central Committee, Community Liaison for Delegate Victoria Schade, District Representative for Senator Bryan Simonaire

2. Priorities: Restore Integrity and Trust in our leadership. Eliminate Burdensome Business Regulations and Taxes to encourage Job Growth. Cut Income Taxes on Individuals and families, Expand Charter Schools so parents and students can focus on education that is best for them.

3. Economy: Eliminate Burdensome Business Taxes and Regulations. This will encourage Job Creation, Cut Taxes on Individuals and Families over the next 4 years. Tax cuts have historically resulted economic growth and increased tax collections. **Repeal O'Malley's Sales 20% tax increase .**

4. Budget: Have a 4 year moratorium on the expansion of state Government, Form an oversight committee to investigate all of the state departments to get rid of waste. If we get rid of redundant programs we will not need to heavily tax our citizens. Revenues increase when you lower taxes.

5. Education: **I believe education is more effective if run by the local government with insight from the students' par-**

ents. Bureaucracies in DC do not understand the needs of our children. Pre-K should be an option for the parents to decide.

6. Redistricting: U.S. Constitution gives this power to the states, Md. Constitution, Art.III, Section 4- Each legislative district shall consist of adjoining territory, be compact in form, and of substantially equal population. Given natural and political boundaries. Therefore the 2010 Redistricting does not follow the Md. Constitution. I would work with a bi-partisan committee to overcome this.

7. Transportation: **Md's biggest Transportation problem is lack of money, This is because money has been misdirected** out of Transportation Fund, We need to END this practice, Results are undue congestion and subsequent cost, a disproportionate share for mass transit into DC, and misdirected funds into underused mass transit system, Solution keep money in Transportation Fund,use to relieve congestion and repair roads

8. Environment: The condition of the Bay. See that New York and Pennsylvania clean up the Susquehanna River before it flows into the Conowingo Dam, With bipartisan support make sure the bill introduced to dredge the Conowingo Dam is done, Clean up the Baltimore Harbor. Have shore plantings that keep soil from eroding into the Bay.

Meagan C. Simonaire

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.

David Lee Therrien

*No response received by deadline.*

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 32

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 32

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

*To read questions, see page 42*

Larry Barber

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 clean up 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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### Mark Angell

*No response received by deadline.*

### Joseph Fioravante

*No response received by deadline.*

### Jesse Mayer

*No response received by deadline.*

### Tim Walters

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

*No response received by deadline.*

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 33

*Republicans may vote for no more than 3.*

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Jamie Falcon

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

1. Qualifications: I have a long track-record of service. I am a former Navy Rescue Swimmer and I now train the lifeguards of Ocean City. I have a masters in economics and I am finishing a Ph.D. in Public Policy. I have taught economics, adjunct and full-time, at the college level, for nine years. I've been an economic advisor to Delegate Ron George. I've also taught high school math in Maryland Public Schools.
2. Priorities: The highest priority is to stop the current erosion of the tax base. If this is not remedied, state resources will be increasingly less available to address other priorities.
3. Economy: I will vote in favor of, or cosponsor, any tax decreases. I will also seek opportunities to streamline permitting processes for businesses and to responsibly cut regulation. I will support any opportunity to audit state agencies to find excessive spending or to consolidate agencies to benefit employers and employees.
4. Budget: Tax rates are too high. A high priority is to end the practice of raising taxes for trust funds and then shifting that money into the general fund where 7% is spent on "other" and 25% is still spent on health, where costs continue to exceed inflation (spending per Budget Highlights; Maryland.gov). Residents have experienced significant tax rate increases without significant service increases.
5. Education: I want the implementation of Common Core to stop. As a social scientist, it disturbs me to see a national standard for something people find so important. A national standard, not only counters the spirit of the 10th Amendment, it eliminates the ability for education economists to test standards across states to determine best practices going forward. My answer to the later part cannot fit here.
6. Redistricting: I believe if the 2012 referendum had not been worded as it was, a ruse I believe, voters would have rejected Maryland's redistricting. I also believe redistricting is a driver to America's discontent with the political process as evidenced by consistently low approval rating of Congress over the past decade. Each state needs to act responsibly in redistricting and Maryland's leadership was not.
7. Transportation: I would like to see the Transportation Trust Fund not raided. Generally, I prefer improvements to reduce congestion on existing roads rather than the construction of new roads. To me, this is an environmental issue and a land-use issue.
8. Environment: Maryland officials have to work with the region toward the protection of the Chesapeake Bay. I support aquaculture and sustainable commercial fishing. I fish, hunt, and dive in, and on, the Bay (I am a PADI Divemaster). Incidental petroleum drippings, emissions and storm-water runoff can be mitigated by sound transportation practices that are currently not sufficiently addressed (see #7).

Jeff Ferguson

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

1. Qualifications: I bring more than 40 years of practical experience which includes being the CEO and/or President of three different MD companies. Academically, I possess a MBA from Wharton & a DMgmt from Case Western Reserve. I intend to use my practical & academic experiences to demonstrate how private/public partnerships can solve issues. Most importantly, I love MD & want to help make its future secure.
2. Priorities: We deserve greater transparency & an understanding of where & how our money is being spent. Reduce taxes; encourage business growth through reducing or eliminating existing regulations & sunseting outdated regulations; search for marketplace solutions to solve issues & problems; & bring about greater transparency so that the public can see what is occurring in the General Assembly.

3. Economy: I have seen too many friends, neighbors & associates leave MD because they have seen their business & lifestyle strangled by regulations & tax increases. I will work for sunseting regulations after 10 years so that they must be renewed if still appropriate; advocate for tax incentives for initiating new businesses; and, help to foster enterprise zones within the state.
4. Budget: Maryland does not have a revenue problem. It has a distinct spending problem. Tax collection has grown 32% in the past 7 years. We need to make better use of the \$'s collected. Moving the Dept. of Housing out of Annapolis for political purposes only & wasting more than \$125M on a failed health care website are not good uses of public taxes collected. We need greater fiscal accountability.
5. Education: We would never allow a new drug to enter the market without being vetted by the FDA. Why are we implementing a total cultural change to our education system without Beta testing it first? We should slow down the implementation of Common Core & gain buy-in from the affected groups if it is to succeed. Use research studies & data to determine the value of Pre-K schooling for its implementation.
6. Redistricting: We should implement an independent commission to redraw both the legislative & congressional districts to preserve neighborhood integrity. Our largest counties should have direct congressional representation & not broken into 4 districts as Anne Arundel is currently. Have NO politicians involved in the work of the commission & provide NO veto power to overturn what the commission recommends.
7. Transportation: The infrastructure needs repairing. Use the recently increased gas tax & a portion of the sales tax to fund. Institute a master plan to implement mass transit systems to augment current plans. This would include both bus & rail lines. Do not allow either the Governor or the General Assembly to take moneys generated & designated for mass transit systems to be used for other department shortfalls.
8. Environment: Water & bay issues are significant & personal for most Marylanders. We should divide our issues by derivation - regional/externally generated & those totally caused by the state. Deal with them accordingly using a multi-pronged approach. Engage the Feds & use the regional coalition of contiguous states to deal with regional issues. Use state resources to address internally derived issues.

## Jeff Gauges

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

1. Qualifications: Both my profession and my prior public service opportunities center around listening to people and working with them to best address the issues that are facing them. My interest in public service has been life-long. I was elected to the local board of education at the age of 21 and have always enjoyed advocating for people. It would be an honor to serve District 33 in Annapolis.
2. Priorities: First and foremost, to demonstrate that I respect the fact that the legislative seat I have been privileged to fill always belongs to the people of the 33rd District, by honorably serving my fellow citizens and jealously guarding their tax dollars. I want to establish regular channels of communications to put constituents in contact with their government every day, not just every four years.
3. Economy: I strongly support dismantling the anti-small business climate that has been allowed to flourish in Maryland. Pointless regulation and never-ending taxes and fees kill small businesses, which produce the vast majority of jobs in our economy. Small business is the engine that drives our economic success and we must encourage entrepreneurs to start their businesses in Maryland, and to stay here.
4. Budget: Maryland now spends more than \$9 Billion more in its Operating Budget for FY 2015, than it did in FY 2007 - an approximate 30% increase over the last 8 years. There is no reason we can't freeze state spending and reduce it. We must also practice fiscal responsibility by ending the practice of raiding funds dedicated to specific uses and shorting our pension contributions to "balance" budgets.
5. Education: I do not support Common Core. On the subject of universal pre-Kindergarten - which generally equals free daycare, I believe tax dollars should go to educate, and not babysit, students. We also must reverse the trend of eroding local control of our schools and restore meaningful discipline to the classroom so that those who want to learn, can learn, in a safe environment, conducive to learning.
6. Redistricting: The only change needed with regard to redistricting is for it to be carried out in an honest manner that respects the dictates of redistricting such as observing natural boundaries, keeping communities together and making districts as contiguous as possible. The current congressional districts, which honor none of those principles, are an embarrassment and a slap in the face to all Marylanders.
7. Transportation: We need to respect the Transportation Trust Fund and practice enough fiscal discipline not to raid or undermine it to "balance" the budget or afford other "priorities." We must keep up on maintenance of roadways rather than allowing a costly bubble to accumulate. Additionally, public transportation initiatives must have a long-range and efficient focus.
8. Environment: The most significant challenges revolve around the bay and storm water run-off. We all want a clean bay, but years of throwing money at the project has accomplished nothing. We need to do a better job of coordinating what we spend, public and private, where possible and we must hold other states that contribute to the problem accountable, rather than Maryland taxpayers footing the entire bill.

Nora Keenan

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

1. Qualifications: I have as background in customer service and constituent services. I have worked, testified and volunteered at the state legislature.
2. Priorities: Repeal the rain taxes. Lower taxes. Support and defend our constitutional rights.
3. Economy: Tax breaks for Maryland based businesses. Repeal minimum wage law.
4. Budget: Lower the budget by making cuts in current government spending. Revenue increases by getting more money from outside sources such as increased tourism.
5. Education: I am in support of universal kindergarten. I would support the elimination of common core. Anne Arundel county schools recently did not make the top 40 Maryland schools according to U. S. News and World report. A close look at the current school deficiencies is needed.
6. Redistricting: A bipartisan committee that does not answer to the Governor or political party is needed. Gerrymandering is rampant in Maryland. District lines should be logical and unified.
7. Transportation: Too much of the transportation money is disproportionate in favor of mass transit. More money should h o to roads and road maintenance.
8. Environment: Cleaning and maintaining the bay needs to be a priority.

Tony McConkey

*No response received by deadline.*

Sid Saab

*No response received by deadline.*

Cathy Vitale

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 with 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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### Laura Neuman

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

1) How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office? My extensive history of job creation and economic development, both in the private and public sector, as well as my past year of service as County Executive, are what prepare me for the duties of this office. I have turned failing companies around, helped start-ups in a tech incubator, and served as CEO in a public-private partnership recruiting new businesses and growing companies in Maryland.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? My priorities will be to continue to advance Anne Arundel as we have done over the past year, focusing on fiscal responsibility, jobs, and making government more transparent and accountable. We will continue to keep taxes low, spend wisely, cut costs in creative ways, and create jobs by making it easy for companies to move and grow in Anne Arundel.

3) What are the greatest challenges facing Anne Arundel County? Bloated state budgets and unfunded mandates such as the Rain Tax continue to waste local taxpayer dollars, while our county only gets back 28 cents on every dollar taxed by the State. We continue to embrace cutting-edge technologies to provide the best services at the least cost. To stimulate the economy we will continue to reduce the unnecessary burden of regulations on businesses and citizens.

4) What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County? I will fight for our fair share of taxpayer revenue to fully fund our transportation needs and educational priorities. **I believe a locally elected school board can provide accountability in our students' education and I support** comprehensive zoning reform to create transparency and give communities an equal seat at the table.

### Steve Schuh

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

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) 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.

## 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.

## District 1

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

### Bill Heine

1) 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.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? My three priorities would be the restructuring/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..

3) 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.

4) 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.

## District 2

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

### John Joseph Grasso

*No response received by deadline.*

## District 3

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

### Derek Fink

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

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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

4) 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 our 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.

### Bob Legge

*No response received by deadline.*

### Millard T Snowden Sr.

1) How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office? I've lived in Anne Arundel County most of my life. I'm currently a community liaison for the Glen Burnie area for Del. Schuh for the last two years. I've been an officer and on the Board of Directors for the North County Republican Club since 2007. I've attended almost all County Council meetings since November 2010. I ran and operated my own business in the electrical industry from 1988 to 1993.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? My priority would be to try to limit the expansion of local government into people's lives. The Rain Tax is a good example of local government passing a morally wrong tax on the backs of taxpayers. People today are strapped enough with taxes and fees at all levels of government, and any help I can establish at the local level, I will try to do. Another example, is the Critical Areas bill, where th

3) How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program? I am against the Stormwater Management Program, because I believe it is an illegal tax on the people of Anne Arundel County. This Raintax bill is based upon rainfall on your property which the owner has no control of the rain. It has also hurt businesses in this county and will prevent other businesses from starting a business in this County. I tried to petition a referendum on this bill but was d

4) What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County? I like to make it more business friendly in this county. In order to do that you need to provide incentives to businesses. One example would be a tax credit package that could be arranged with the county and the state, to draw in big businesses to this county. Bills like the Raintax is a disincentive for businesses to come to our county. Also, with smaller businesses, we need to make it easier to

## District 4

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

### E CHI KE Anyanwu

1) 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.

## District 5

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

### Joseph M. Campbell

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

1) How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office? I have served in the local and federal governments for over 30 years. I was a police sergeant for 25 years and served with the FBI as an Investigator until my retirement in 2012. I have seen how government operates and the mismanagement within. I have been a small business owner in Severna Park for 19 1/2 years.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? Education, Public Safety, the "rain tax". I would like to control some of the wasteful spending so that those dollars may be used to enhance our school system, hire more police officers and firefighters, give people a better quality of life that we sought when we moved here.

3) How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program? Since the legislature failed to act on this matter and it is State Law we have to look at alternatives. This district has many conscientious residents so why not reward them with tax credits for their efforts in reducing the runoff from their homes and communities. Giving credits for using rain barrels, rain gardens, and controlling stormdrain outlets.

4) What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County? Try to get our fair share from Maryland Live to enhance our educational system, and police and fire departments. I would look for ways that we could recoup a larger share of the profits and dedicate them to that end. Try to identify and control wasteful spending so that that money could be used more efficiently. Give the people a larger say in how their government is run.

### Maureen Carr-York

Campaign Website: <http://www.maureencarr-york.com>

1) How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office? My education and professional experience in nursing and law provide a basis for dealing with health, public safety, planning/development and public works. My experience as a member of the Board of Education and as PTA member, sports booster and CAC Chair have prepared me for the school issues. Years as GSPC President, bringing neighborhoods together on issues of shared concern have done the rest.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? The top priorities of county government are public safety, education, roads and transportation, environmental management, and planning, zoning and development. I will support reasonable levels of staffing and employee development and restore respect for those who provide our most important services. At the same time, I will demand consistently high performance and efficiency to keep costs down.

3) How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program? Management of runoff during storms is critical. There are practices that should be enforced. However, the scheme

mandated by the state is poorly considered, expensive, heavy with administrative costs and limited to only 10 jurisdictions. Our council's response to the mandate made things worse, with excessive fees and questions are being asked about priorities in projects. I would start over.

4) What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County? I believe we need to allow our citizens more freedom and choice and that begins with allowing them to keep more of their money. We must study every department to look for economies that can pay for needed services without constantly creating new taxes or raising existing ones. Residents who feel secure in their finances, unafraid of being taxed out of their homes, enjoy a high quality of life.

Dick Ladd

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

1) How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office? I am the incumbent with 4 years experience.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? Continue providing responsive constituent services and paying attention to community needs and concerns. Continue seeking methods to reduce the backlog of unfunded operational obligations and capital asset capacity increases and modernization requirements.

3) How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program? As the Program gets established, assure that the fee credit and appeals process is understood, fair and responsive. Seek State and Federal payment for their facilities not operating on their own separate NPDES permit. Keep the County Program expenditure rates synchronized and aligned with those of other Bay quality stakeholders. Monitor program maintenance efforts of residential swales.

4) What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County? Within available funding, focus on modernizing and recapitalizing County infrastructure. Particular attention is needed for our educational, public safety, recreational and library facilities plus the County road networks; seek increased State funding of their road network and bridges which provides the County wholesale, backbone road structure. Monitor AACPS magnet and Common Core program interface

Michael Anthony Peroutka

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

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.**

4) 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.

Jack Norman Sr. Wilson

Campaign Website: <http://www.democracy.com/jackwilson>

1) How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office? Running a small business for 20 years should qualify a person to sit on the Council. Dealing with budgets, payrolls, and the daily problems of being in the construction business also I believe having good common sense is most important.

2) If elected, what will be your priorities during your term of office? Land management to me is a very high priority to making sure we have the infrastructure to support growth. We seem to over develop and then scramble to catch up. This includes water, sewage, safety, roads, and education.

3) How will you assure the fair and effective administration of the Stormwater Management Program? The present stormwater bill in my opinion needs to either be repealed or changed. Everyone in the county uses the roads and enjoys the bay but the property owners are the ones that foot the bill. I think we should get relief on our property taxes and every citizen should pick up the tax this seems fair. Also I have problems with how some of the money is to be spent.

4) What changes or initiatives will you support to enhance the quality of life for all in Anne Arundel County? The best way to provide quality of life is for the government to stay out of peoples lives. Who am I as a councilman to tell you what your quality of life should be. We should provide safety, education, roads and utilities and stop passing laws that put undue restrictions on the people of this County

## District 6

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

### Dean Matthew D'Camera

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

1) 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.

2) 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!

3) 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.

4) 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.

## District 7

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

### Michelle Corkadel

*No response received by deadline.*

### Jerry Walker

*No response received by deadline.*

## Circuit Court Judge

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?

*Republicans and Democrats may vote for no more than 1.*

### Ronald A. Silkworth

*No response received by deadline.*

## 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?

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

## Wes Adams

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.

## Richard Simmons

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

1. Qualifications: Maryland Bar (2000) US District Court Bar (2000) University of Baltimore, JD (1999) Loyola College - Baltimore, BA (1991) Police Officer Annapolis City (1993) Anne Arundel County Police Department (1995) Attorney Office of the Public Defender (2001) Attorney Law Office of Richard A. Simmons (2003-Present) Annapolis, MD
2. Priorities: The restoration of lives through government-community cooperation. Identify and fully, yet fairly, prosecute individuals that commit violent crimes, crimes against police officers, sex offenses, and crimes against children, elderly and the weakest among us. To encourage prosecutor to look solutions instead of convictions.

## 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?

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

## Robert P. Duckworth

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.

## Gregory D Mauchline

*No response received by deadline.*

## 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?

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

## Nancy Almgren

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

1. Qualifications: My background is in management, Estates & Trusts with a history of committed service to Anne Arundel County. I'm a former small business owner and retired VP in the investment industry. I've unselfishly served my community and will continue to do so in this important position.

2. Priorities: My priority is to educate the general public in regard to their current decisions for their future after-death wishes. I will treat both the staff and clients of this department with respect and dignity and I promise to do this as a full time manager. My focus is to reach as many people as possible because proper planning will mitigate the extra pressure in a painful time.

## Lauren M. Parker

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?

*Republicans may vote for no more than 3.*

## Phyllis Beardmore

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

1. Qualifications: As an educator in Anne Arundel County for 46 years, I have been called upon to make innumerable judgments concerning students, parents, programs and administrations. My ability to balance needs and make sound, yet difficult decisions, have been finely honed resulting in many positive outcomes.

2. Priorities: My first priority would be to listen carefully to the facts presented in a case and use a common sense approach to make a fair and sound decision. I am sensitive to the importance of confidentiality and would serve with a commitment demonstrating both compassion and wisdom.

Rose Brooks

Campaign Website: <http://brookscotch@comcast.net>

1. Qualifications: 32 years Constituent Services. 12 years Md, Genl. Assbly. Aide to Senators. 12 years A.A. Cty Council Aide to Councilmen. 8 years A.A. Co, Circuit Ct. 4 years in Adm., 4 years assisting Judges in the Court Rm. I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to assist so many people over the years. It has been challenging as well as rewarding. I would like to continue this service as Judge of Orphans Ct.
2. Priorities: First, to uphold the oath of office. Use my past court room experience to improve methods of how we operate, where possible. Heirs, who come before the Judges of Orphans' Ct. must feel that our decisions are fair and just. Although we must follow the laws of the land, not being an attorney, is an asset. It give us the opportunity to use common sense and compassion when making decisions.

Judith L. Duckett

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.

Mike Jacobs

1. Qualifications: I am the father of six wonderful children and husband of 16 years. Owner of a business for 22 years in AA county serving the entire east coast. I currently serve on the Amusement licence commission, Baltimore Harbor dredging committee, President of the Lake Shore Athletic Association and serve on the board for the Panthers Athletic club. I formerly served on the Ft. Smallwood advisoryboard.
2. Priorities: Reestablish this position as a civil service position for the people and not being so concerned with the money. As you may or may not know the three sitting judges tried to legislate themselves a 55% pay raise with a 3% yearly increase for life. I am the only candidate to oppose both House and Senate bills and ultimately defeating both.

Nancy C. Phelps

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.

Michael J. Ragland Sr.

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

1. Qualifications: I have been drafting Wills and Trusts and administering Estates in different Counties in this State for over 40 years. I have researched the law and written legal memorandums during the same time period. I have chaired tribunals for the Maryland Health Claims Arbitration Commission and the Board of Property Review. I have served as a Settlement Conference Officer, Mediator and Facilitator.
2. Priorities: I would bring a Clerk of the Register of Wills Office back into the Court room as required by Statute. I want to insure that the Rules of Procedure are followed. I want the Judges to understand the decisions of the Apellate Courts as well as the Estates and Trust Statute.

Alan Rzepkowski

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.

Valerie Vollmers

*No response received by deadline.*

### Anne Arundel County 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.

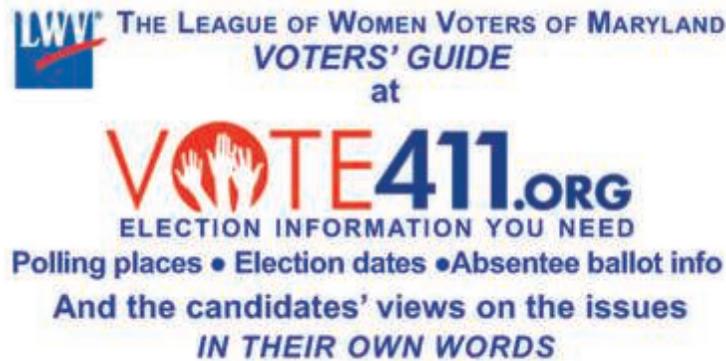
Questions Asked of Candidates:

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?

*Republicans may vote for no more than 1.*

Joseph James Delimater III

*No response received by deadline.*



## Party Central Committees

Duties: The party central committees make and guide policies of the party, finance state campaigns, and recommend candidates for state-sponsored positions. Should a vacancy occur between the primary and **general elections in the party's nominations for statewide office or the U.S. Congress, that party's central committee is empowered to fill the vacancy.** When a vacancy occurs in the General Assembly, the **departing official's central committee recommends replacements for appointment by the Governor.**

Salary: None

How Elected: Elected by the members of the party in the June primary.

Questions Asked of Candidates:

1. Qualifications: How do your qualifications and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
2. Priorities: What should be the priorities of the party?
3. Filling Vacancies: If the Central Committee is called upon to choose a candidate to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly or other office, what would be your criteria for selecting the replacement?
4. Open Primary: Would you support opening the party's primary to voters who have not chosen a party affiliation on their voter registration?

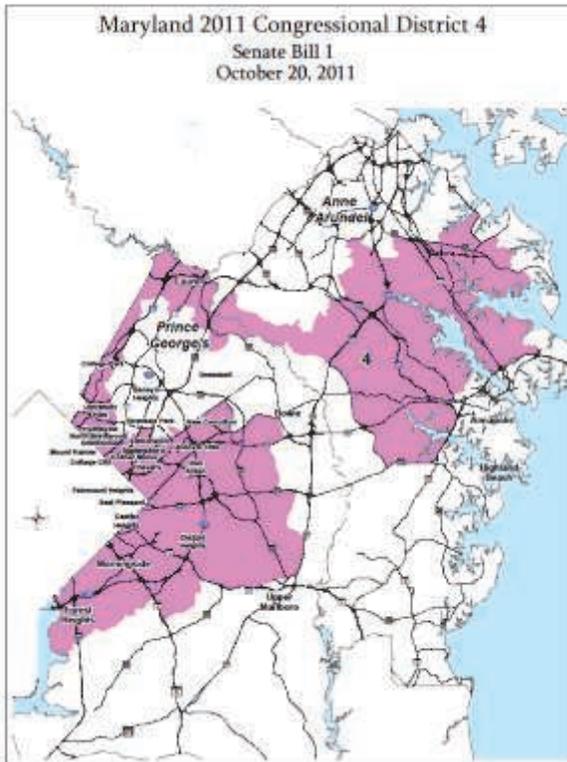
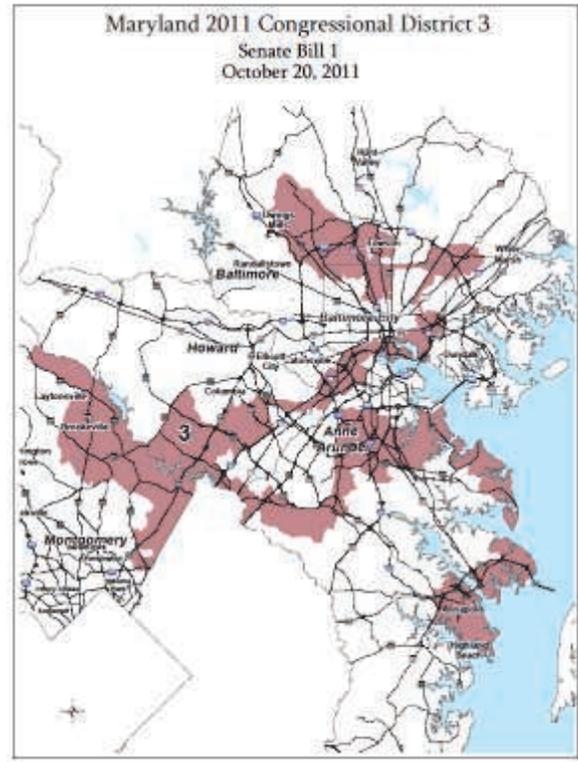
The names of party Central Committee candidates are listed below; additional information may be found online by visiting [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org). Candidate names in bold print had responded to the LWV questionnaire at time of publication.

Democratic Candidates	MD District	Republican Candidates
Eric Stanton Masten	District 21 Vote for one	Katherine M Butcher; Charles Gast
Ashley Heffernan; Anne S Klase; Vivikka M Mollidrem	District 30 Vote for three	James Appel; Marty Farrell; Kemp W. Hammond; Gregory D Mauchline; Don Quinn
Christine Davenport; Anthony Scott Harman; Robert Haynes; Brian Sanders; Collin Wojciechowski	District 31 Vote for three	Christopher Casey; Faith M. Loudon; Elizabeth Lucille Myers; Michael Anthony Peroutka; Josh Phelps; Brad Pumphrey; Jerry Shandrowsky; Nathan Volke
J. Sandy Bartlett; Tryphenia A. Ellis-Johnson; Andrea Muriel Jones-Horton; Kathleen Anne Shatt	District 32 Vote for three	James J. Butler Sr.; Kevin Murphy; Wayne Smith; David P. Starr
Betsy Bury; Torrey Jacobsen; Judith P. Moylan-Forman; David Whitney	District 33 Vote for three	Amalie Elizabeth Brandenburg; Andrew Counterman; Nora Keenan; Amy Leahy; Susan McConkey; Matt Pugh; Anne Elizabeth Rutherford; Charlotte Kingsley Weinstein

# Congressional Districts

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# Legislative Districts

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