

# **VOTERS' GUIDE**

## **2020 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2020 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

### **PRIMARY ELECTION ALTERED DUE TO PANDEMIC**

To safeguard the public's health during the COVID-19 pandemic, Maryland adopted a comprehensive plan which will significantly impact the way most citizens vote in the 2020 primary election. The State Board of Elections will conduct the election by mail. For those who are unable to vote by mail, Anne Arundel County will operate four in-person voting centers on Election Day, Tuesday, June 2, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., to ensure all registered voters can exercise their fundamental right to vote.

### **KEY CHANGES TO NOTE**

- ⇒ **Primary Election Day Changed to June 2**
- ⇒ **Ballots Sent/Returned Chiefly by Mail**
- ⇒ **No Early Voting Centers For In-Person Voting**
- ⇒ **Four In-Person Voting Sites on Election Day**
- ⇒ **Online/Mail Deadline to Register or Update Info May 27**
- ⇒ **Register to Vote at In-Person Voting Centers June 2**

### **PLEASE SEE INSIDE COVER FOR DETAILS**

### **RESOURCES FOR VOTERS**

To review voter registration record, request replacement voter notification card, identify voting district, view sample ballot, learn the status of absentee or mail-in ballot, or receive other assistance from the State Board of Elections:

[voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch) **1-800-222-8683**

To register as a new voter or update name, address or party affiliation (by May 27):

[voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration)

To request absentee ballot delivery by mail (by May 26) or by download (by May 29):

[elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html)

For information about access for voters with disabilities:

[elections.maryland.gov/voting/accessibility.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/accessibility.html)

For candidate photos and updates, personalized ballots, candidate forum dates and other election information from the League of Women Voters:



# HOW TO VOTE IN MARYLAND'S 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

## MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS

In early to mid May, the Board of Elections will **mail a ballot** and **postage-paid** return **envelope** to the address listed on the registration record of all eligible, **active** voters.

Registered voters who have missed voting in the past four years or whose mail has been returned to the Board of Elections may be deemed **inactive**. To ensure timely receipt of a ballot, voters are encouraged to **verify** their **registration record** with the Board of Elections (see cover). **May 27** is the **deadline to update** a voter registration record and receive a mail-in ballot.

A Maryland registered voter may choose to vote absentee instead of by mail-in ballot. The absentee ballot can be delivered electronically (downloaded and printed) or mailed to a different address than the one listed on the voter's registration record. **May 26** is the **deadline to request mail delivery of an absentee ballot**; the last day to **request an absentee ballot by download** is **May 29**. Return postage is not provided for absentee ballots.

## VOTING BY MAIL & PARTY AFFILIATION

Registered voters will receive a Republican or Democratic ballot if they are affiliated with one of those parties. (See inside back cover to learn about Maryland's closed primary system). Voters not affiliated with the Republican or Democratic party will receive a ballot by mail only if there is a nonpartisan contest, such as a Board of Education election, in their voting district.

## RETURN BALLOT BY MAIL OR SECURE DROPBOX

The Board of Elections mailing will contain instructions for marking the ballot and completing the return envelope. **Follow the instructions carefully.** Seal the voted ballot in the envelope and be sure to **sign the oath**. Keep a record of the date the voted ballot is returned.

**To be counted**, a **voted ballot** must be accompanied by a **signed oath** and the **return envelope** must be **postmarked on or before June 2 or deposited in a secure dropbox no later than 8 p.m. on June 2**. **Dropboxes** will be located at in-person voting centers (see below) and at the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections, 6740 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21060, **from May 21 through June 2**. Voters are encouraged to return ballots before the deadline.

**Protect your vote.** Seal the envelope. **Sign the oath.** Observe the deadlines. Put the return envelope directly in the U.S. mail or in a Board of Elections dropbox. Do not allow another person to collect your ballot.

## LIMITED IN-PERSON VOTING

Due to the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, voters are strongly encouraged to use in-person voting only if it is not possible to vote by mail.

Voters who need to use a ballot marking device, those registering to vote for the first time, and those who did not receive a ballot but believe they are registered, will be able to vote on Election Day, **June 2, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** at in-person voting centers. Locations are listed below.

**Odenton Regional Library**  
1325 Annapolis Road, Odenton 21113

**Glen Burnie Regional Library**  
1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie 21060

**Severna Park Community Library**  
45 W. McKinsey Rd, Severna Park 21146

**Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center**  
273 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis 21403

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Anne Arundel County Board of Elections**

**410-222-6600**

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

**[aacounty.org/elections](http://aacounty.org/elections)**

**League of Women Voters® of Maryland**

**410-269-0232**

**[info@lwvmd.org](mailto:info@lwvmd.org)**

**[lwvmd.org](http://lwvmd.org)**

**[FB@lwvmd](https://www.facebook.com/lwvmd)**

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### ***About the League of Women Voters® Voters' Guide***

The League of Women Voters has a long history of impartially reporting the verbatim responses of candidates on topics of interest to voters. **The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization and never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.**

All eligible candidates are invited to participate. Responses appear exactly as entered by the candidate through an online interface. Answers end when the pre-established 400-character limit is reached. Candidates who have not responded by the print deadline, and those who wish to revise their responses, may do so at any time and their updated information becomes accessible to voters 24/7 via the League's interactive website, [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

Candidate submissions are current as of March 10, 2020. Due to space limitations, candidate photos and responses from candidates for party convention delegate are omitted from this *Voters' Guide*. This information may be found on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). A separate *Voters' Guide* will be prepared for the 2020 General Election.

Copies of this *Voters' Guide* may be requested by emailing [votersvc@lwvaacmd.org](mailto:votersvc@lwvaacmd.org); it is also available as a printable download on the League's website, [lwvaacmd.org](http://lwvaacmd.org).

LWVAAC relies on the generosity of our community to support nonpartisan voter service activities like this *Voters' Guide*. If you appreciate the League's work, please consider making a tax-deductible donation on our website, [lwvaacmd.org](http://lwvaacmd.org).

LWVAAC thanks Anne Arundel County and the candidates who seek to serve her.

### **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

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

**TERM:** Four years. Limit of two terms.

**BASE SALARY:** \$400,000 per year.

**Criteria for participation by presidential candidates:** The League of Women Voters of the United States, through the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF), established the following criteria to determine which presidential candidates to invite to respond to LWVEF's *Voters' Guide* questionnaire:

- The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President;
- The candidate must have met the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Election Commission's website.
- At least two candidates from the same party must have met the preceding criteria.

At publication time, only one candidate running for the Republican Party's nomination for President had met the LWVEF criteria listed above. Therefore, no Republican presidential candidates have yet been invited to participate. Any candidates meeting the LWVEF criteria after the print deadline for this *Voters' Guide* will be invited to participate and their responses will appear online at **VOTE411.org**.

## QUESTIONS

**ELECTIONS AND VOTING:** What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?

**COMMON GROUND:** Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.

**IMMIGRATION:** What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?

**GUN VIOLENCE:** Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?

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### Republican Candidates

(Vote for no more than 1)

#### **Donald. J. Trump**

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

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

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/realdonaldtrump](https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump)

**Other Instagram:** [instagram.com/realdonaldtrump](https://instagram.com/realdonaldtrump)

This candidate was the only Republican to meet the LWVEF criteria for participation by the print deadline. See the full description of the invitation process above.

#### **Bill Weld (campaign suspended)**

**Campaign Website:** [www.weld2020.org](http://www.weld2020.org)

**Campaign Facebook:** [facebook.com/govbillweld](https://facebook.com/govbillweld)

**Campaign Twitter:** [@govebillweld](https://twitter.com/govebillweld)

**Campaign Instagram:** [instagram.com/govebillweld](https://instagram.com/govebillweld)

This candidate did not meet the LWVEF participation criteria by the print deadline.

**Democratic Candidates**

(Vote for no more than 1)

**Michael Bennet (withdrawn)****Campaign Website:** [www.michaelbennet.com](http://www.michaelbennet.com)**Campaign Twitter:** @MichaelBennet

This candidate did not meet the LWVEF participation criteria by the print deadline.

**Joe Biden****Campaign Website:** [joebiden.com/](http://joebiden.com/)**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/joebiden/](http://www.facebook.com/joebiden/)**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/JoeBiden](https://twitter.com/JoeBiden)**Campaign Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/joebiden/](http://www.instagram.com/joebiden/)**Campaign YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/joebiden](http://www.youtube.com/joebiden)This candidate's responses are available on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).**Michael Bloomberg (withdrawn)****Campaign Website:** [www.mikebloomberg.com](http://www.mikebloomberg.com)**Campaign Twitter:** @mikebloomberg

This candidate did not meet the LWVEF participation criteria by the print deadline.

**Cory Booker (withdrawn)****Campaign Website:** [www.corybooker.com](http://www.corybooker.com)**Campaign Twitter:** @corybooker

This candidate did not meet the LWVEF participation criteria by the print deadline.

**Pete Buttigieg (withdrawn)****Campaign Website:** [peteforamerica.com/](http://peteforamerica.com/)**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/petebuttigieg1/](http://www.facebook.com/petebuttigieg1/)**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/PeteButtigieg](https://twitter.com/PeteButtigieg)**Campaign Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/pete.buttigieg/](http://www.instagram.com/pete.buttigieg/)This candidate's responses are available on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).**Julian Castro (withdrawn)****Campaign Website:** [www.julianforthefuture.com](http://www.julianforthefuture.com)

This candidate did not meet the LWVEF participation criteria by the print deadline.

**Tulsi Gabbard (withdrawn)****Campaign Website:** [www.tulsi2020.com/](http://www.tulsi2020.com/)**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/TulsiGabbard/](http://www.facebook.com/TulsiGabbard/)**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/TulsiGabbard](https://twitter.com/TulsiGabbard)**Campaign Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/tulsi/](http://www.instagram.com/tulsi/)**Campaign YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCBTNyrZoiTweJ1PZsJgdWTA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBTNyrZoiTweJ1PZsJgdWTA)This candidate's responses are available on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).**Amy Klobuchar (withdrawn)****Campaign Website:** [amyklobuchar.com/](http://amyklobuchar.com/)**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/amyklobuchar/](http://www.facebook.com/amyklobuchar/)**Campaign Twitter:** @amyklobuchar**Campaign Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/amyklobuchar/?hl=en](http://www.instagram.com/amyklobuchar/?hl=en)**Campaign YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCZZ4\\_LJnkeGnbiqQPKYDTaA/featured](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZZ4_LJnkeGnbiqQPKYDTaA/featured)This candidate's responses are available on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).**Deval Patrick (withdrawn)****Campaign Website:** [www.devalpatrick2020.com](http://www.devalpatrick2020.com)

This candidate did not meet the LWVEF participation criteria by the print deadline.

## **Bernie Sanders (withdrawn)**

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

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/berniesanders/](http://www.facebook.com/berniesanders/)

**Campaign Twitter:** BernieSanders

**Campaign Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/berniesanders/](http://www.instagram.com/berniesanders/)

**Campaign YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCH1dpzjCEiGAt8CXkryhkZg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH1dpzjCEiGAt8CXkryhkZg)

This candidate's responses are available on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

## **Tom Steyer (withdrawn)**

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

This candidate did not meet the LWVEF participation criteria by the print deadline.

## **Elizabeth Warren (withdrawn)**

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

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ElizabethWarren/](http://www.facebook.com/ElizabethWarren/)

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/ewarren](https://twitter.com/ewarren)

**Campaign Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/elizabethwarren/](http://www.instagram.com/elizabethwarren/)

**Campaign YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCrj-0FxK19tgUR2EbHkBBGg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrj-0FxK19tgUR2EbHkBBGg)

This candidate's responses are available on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

## **Marianne Williamson (withdrawn)**

**Campaign Website:** [www.marianne2020.com](http://www.marianne2020.com)

This candidate did not meet the LWVEF participation criteria by the print deadline.

## **Andrew Yang (withdrawn)**

**Campaign Website:** [www.yang2020.com/](http://www.yang2020.com/)

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/andrewyang2020/](http://www.facebook.com/andrewyang2020/)

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/AndrewYang](https://twitter.com/AndrewYang)

**Campaign Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/andrewyang2020/?hl=en](http://www.instagram.com/andrewyang2020/?hl=en)

**Campaign YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCriIuQZpMi6gEt\\_2P7xKCww](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriIuQZpMi6gEt_2P7xKCww)

This candidate's responses are available on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

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**Duties:** Representatives make laws along with the members of the Senate, and may conduct investigations on issues of national importance. Laws that impose taxes always begin in the House of Representatives. Representatives can recommend that the Senate remove from office a public official accused of a crime.

**Term:** Two years

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

**How Elected:** Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland has eight of the 435 Representatives, based on the state's population in the 2010 Census.

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

## QUESTIONS

**GOALS:** Why are you running for this office?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## District 2

### Republican Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

#### **Scott M. Collier**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Tim Fazenbaker**

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

**Campaign Facebook:**

[@fazenbakerforcongress](https://www.facebook.com/fazenbakerforcongress)

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/america1timfaze](https://twitter.com/america1timfaze)

**Campaign Instagram:** [Timfazenbaker](https://www.instagram.com/timfazenbaker)

**Campaign Email:**

[Press@timfazenbaker.com](mailto:Press@timfazenbaker.com)

**Campaign Phone:** (410) 929-7430

**GOALS:** I am running in hopes of making my state, and by extension my nation, a better place for my children to live. As a father of five, I want to know that I did my part to ensure that our children will have the opportunities to live the best lives possible. It is my deepest desire to stress to members of the House of Reps that we must insist on putting American kids first, no matter the push-back.

**IMMIGRATION:** Undocumented individuals are putting an unnecessary strain on our school systems, economy, health care system, and law enforcement agencies and members of our government are allowing this to happen. We need to put a stop to this thievery and make sure that any person who comes into our country, and who gets to benefit from what we have to offer, does so legally, through a Merit-Based system.

**HEALTH CARE:** Americans should not be forced to give up their better, and possibly cheaper, insurance in favor of a mandated universal health care option. Government health care plans, however, should offer an a-la-carte style in tandem with the health care they may already have. Additionally, the government should consider implementing a catastrophic healthcare option for those faced with emergency situations.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The government should be responsible for taking care of public lands, parks, and water ways. The government, however, should not pass

excessive environmental regulations which are an unnecessary hinderance to individuals and corporations. Often, these regulations produce indirect expenses to consumers for something that is not scientifically proven.

**GUN SAFETY:** I am in favor of constitutional carry. This means that I believe American citizens who legally obtain guns have the right to carry firearms without restrictions. It is a God given right to defend ourselves and protect our family members. Legislators should become more creative in keeping criminals off the streets and stop hassling law abiding citizens over this issue.

**ECONOMY:** The strength of our economy all starts with education. We need to not only embrace manufacturing jobs, high-tech jobs, and blue collar jobs, but we need to educate individuals about each type. Furthermore, we need to stop subsidies that are geared to benefit certain corporations. We need to re-think opportunity zones and consider the use of tax incentives, not direct American tax increases

**DISCRIMINATION:** I plan on doing my part to bring identity based policies and politics to an end. There should not be quotas based on race, gender, or any other nominal factor. We need to collectively work to bring an end to racism, as well as reverse racism. We only know who we are, or what we are, because society tells us.

**STUDENT LOANS:** While I do support college enrollment, I strongly support apprenticeships that assist in training individuals. In doing so, these programs would limit flooded fields - especially those in the social sciences. I plan on fighting to eliminate non-defaulted loan structures. Since the govt backs student loans, loan agencies are protected from individuals filing bankruptcy and have their debt reduced.

## **Rick Impallaria**

No response received by deadline.

## **Genevieve Morris**

### **Campaign Website:**

[morrisforcongress.com](http://morrisforcongress.com)

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

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/morris\\_congress](https://twitter.com/morris_congress)

No response received by deadline.

## **Johnny Ray Salling**

No response received by deadline.

## **Jim Simpson**

### **Campaign Website:**

[www.jimsimpsonforcongress.com](http://www.jimsimpsonforcongress.com)

**Campaign Facebook:** [facebook.com/james.simpson./749185](https://www.facebook.com/james.simpson./749185)

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/jamesmsimpson](https://twitter.com/jamesmsimpson)

### **Campaign Email:**

[jim@jimsimpsonforcongress.com](mailto:jim@jimsimpsonforcongress.com)

**Campaign Phone:** (424) 425-4478

**GOALS:** This is a critical election year. I believe our nation is at a crossroads. Either we continue along the path of eventual cultural and political suicide the Left has led us on, or we turn our nation around. I have studied these issues for over 30 years. I believe it is time to jump in and make whatever contributions possible to help avert disaster and restore our nation to sanity and prosperity.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration needs wholesale reform. 1 million legal aliens arrive annually, but less than 15% for employment purposes. Most are chain migrants from the 3rd world. 400 languages are spoken in increasingly chaotic public schools. Illegal immigration is unfair to legal immigrants, brings crime, drugs, and excessive welfare use; while undermining legitimate small businesses and depressing wages.

**HEALTH CARE:** The misnamed ACA drove insurers out of business, forced policyholders to lose preferred doctors, and skyrocketed premiums and deductibles for ACA insured. It should be abolished. There are many other effective ways to cut costs. But our deteriorating health (e.g. epidemic obesity) is a major reason for growing healthcare costs. I will launch a national campaign to promote proper diet and fitness.

**ENVIRONMENT:** America has some of the cleanest water and air in the developed world. Russia and China are despoiling environments more than any other, but we have zero control over them. Some environmental issues remain, but few are addressed correctly. The agenda is often

driven by monied interests (e.g. the Chesapeake Bay Foundation), which constantly fundraise while doing little to solve the problem.

**GUN SAFETY:** Laws restricting legal gun use facilitate crime because they prevent self-defense by law-abiding Americans. Shootings in "gun-free zones" prove it. This is also true in inner cities, where legal self-defense is almost impossible. Crime has declined overnight in jurisdictions where it is allowed. Current laws against illegal guns are not enforced. Why add new ones? Enforce current law!

**ECONOMY:** This question illustrates a widespread but profound ignorance of economics. It assumes that anytime there is an income gap, someone else is gaining at our expense. Utterly FALSE. If someone else is gaining, it's because they have become more productive, which benefits all while hurting no one. Should an income gap matter to you if your economic circumstances are improving? Growth policy helps all.

**DISCRIMINATION:** This concept has been misused and misinterpreted and is polarizing our society. Politicians are incentivized to support one group over another to gain votes, putting us at war with ourselves. As MLK envisioned, we should judge by content of character, not any other aspect. Preferences and set-asides make bigoted presumptions about people, with government as enforcer. We are better than that.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Lending institutions are incentivized to offer student loans, even in the face of higher risk, because, like IRS debt, student loans cannot be written off in bankruptcy. Lenders would be more careful and colleges less inclined to push student loan debt without this incentive. Also, college expense has rapidly exceeded its value. Federal subsidies should be slashed & valueless majors abolished.

## Blaine Taylor

**Campaign Website:** none

**Campaign Facebook:** facebook.com/blainetaylor

**GOALS:** Since 1969, I've foreseen the divisive national situation we now have that might spark a second civil war if not checked, that has been my overall goal

since then. As Congressman, I'd work to reverse the former by working with all Members, and appealing to the innate goodness of our people.

**IMMIGRATION:** US Armed Forces should join with those of Mexico to destroy our common drug cartel enemy that dominates our national frontiers. We intervened militarily in Mexico in 1916, and should do so again now for the common benefit of both peoples. Our own so-called "sanctuaries" violate Federal laws, such as at Towson University, and should be abolished. Police forces should comply with the Federal ICE.

**HEALTH CARE:** As with Social Security since 1935, the Affordable Care Act can also be reformed, expanded, and improved. People happy with their current, private insurance should be able to keep it. A Public Option should be available to those who seek it. Veterans should have dental care added to their benefits.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The bottom line for the planet is, "If you can't breathe, nothing else matters." Unless we can persuade India and China to change course and work with us and others, little that the rest of us do will matter enough. I will serve in Congress to achieve the above, as well as all else that I can see will help here.

**GUN SAFETY:** I support the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution, as well as all current gun laws. The death penalty should be returned for all convicted murderers. Mandatory sentencing for all other gun crimes should be restored, with no judicial leniency permitted.

**ECONOMY:** I support the Maryland Minimum Wage increase to \$ 15 an hour. The reported Federal minimum wage of \$ 7.25 should also be raised to \$ 15. Congress passed an equal pay for equal work law in 1955. The President should sign that into law.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I would introduce legislation to abolish them all.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Abolish it all in 2021. Issue tax credits to both lenders of those monies and those graduates who've already paid their debt. Investigate how the current situation was allowed to happen, starting with where and when.

## Democratic Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

[Refer to p. 7 for candidate questions]

### **Michael Feldman**

**Campaign Facebook:** facebook.com/Michael-Feldman-645751275886146/

No response received by deadline.

### **Jake Pretot**

**Campaign Website:**

www.jakepretot.vote

**Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/jakepretot

**Campaign Twitter:** twitter.com/jake\_pretot

**Campaign Instagram:** instagram.com/jakepretot

**Campaign Email:** jake@jakepretot.vote

**Campaign Phone:** (240) 505-0297

**GOALS:** Americans are tired of politicians, tired of partisan politics and tired of inaction. Washington dysfunction is worse today under 18 year career politician leadership. As an Army Veteran I understand how to accomplish the mission for Americans irregardless of political affiliation. We need to get back to basics in Washington, solving problems to improve the lives of all Marylanders and Americans.

**IMMIGRATION:** The President has focused resources and money on treating the side effects of failed foreign policy instead of addressing the root cause of why people are fleeing Northern Triangle Central American countries for the United States. Increase safety and economic stability in that region and we won't have a mass immigration border problem. We must also create an independent Article 1 immigration court

**HEALTH CARE:** My wife Jenn, a type 1 diabetic for 30 years, said to me, "Jake, if we weren't married, I don't know how I would survive." The Affordable Care Act was a godsend for hair stylists and other trade professionals, but it wasn't enough. I will work to strengthen the ACA, add a public option plan, eliminate co-pays for chronic disease maintenance drugs and drive down healthcare costs.

**ENVIRONMENT:** It is the federal government's role to invest money in clean energy R&D. We must be the

international leader in green technology and environmental policies to address global warming. Trump's 2020 proposed budget slashes EPA funding by 31% to \$6B. I would increase funding from \$8B to \$10B and restore environmental enforcement at the federal level, because pollution knows no state borders.

**GUN SAFETY:** Americans own 17 million assault rifles, so banning these weapons won't have an impact. Homicides with rifles is 3% and handguns 65%. Criminals with handguns is the problem. We must plug the loopholes for the legal sale of unregistered 80% complete ghost guns kits. Laws must require the secure storage of guns to prevent theft. Gun violence criminals must be taken off the street and locked up.

**ECONOMY:** The Trump tax cuts have added to the gap by giving more money to large corporations and billionaires while hurting middle class Americans. I will push to repeal the cuts and update the tax code to tax corporations and billionaires at a fair rate. We must provide more money for small business startups and skilled labor training. Fixing our public schools will lay the foundation for this prosperity.

**DISCRIMINATION:** People can't be told not to discriminate against others due to unconscious bias. I'm a firm believer that people must walk a mile in another person's shoes before cultivating empathy for that other person or group. People must be exposed to different people and cultures. I would introduce legislation requiring common learning core curriculum for all schools receiving federal money.

**STUDENT LOANS:** While I was in the Army stationed at Walter Reed and living in Maryland, I had to take out a student loan to help pay for tuition and living expenses like food and electricity. I understood I could pay it back with the return on educational investment after earning my master's degree. I would reform the current Student Loan Forgiveness Program and help borrowers victimized by unscrupulous schools.

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

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

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

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

**GUN SAFETY:** I support banning assault weapons and high capacity magazines, background checks for gun and ammo purchases, no-fly-no-buy and tougher penalties for straw purchases. People convicted of certain hate crimes, as well as domestic abusers, should not be allowed to buy guns. I have introduced

legislation to stop the cycle of gun violence by providing hospital-based interventions for recovering victims.

**ECONOMY:** The middle class needs to make more money, which is why I support extending tax cuts for the working class, as well as a minimum wage increase.

Congress needs to address paid leave and advance robust "Buy American" provisions as well as workers' rights to help strengthen the working class. I support investing in infrastructure to create jobs, as well as tax incentives for small business.

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

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

## District 3

[Refer to p. 7 for candidate questions]

### Republican Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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No response received by deadline.

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**GOALS:** I want to be an advocate for the Baltimore Maryland region by: promoting macro-economic growth development, and

promoting legislation that defends middle class values and Constitutional rights, securing federal funds to rebuild and construct new infrastructure, and create a culture of accountability, transparency, and respect for the rule of law.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support the full-enforcement and expansion of all e-verification and I-9 compliance laws that holds employers accountable, the permanent denial of citizenship to criminal illegal aliens, and the denial to undocumented persons social welfare programs and assistance. Congress needs to fix our broken immigration system that honors Americans and those that properly participate in the legal pro

**HEALTH CARE:** The ACA has serious fiscal challenges and this must be remedied in a bipartisan effort. Americans need access to safe drinking water and nutritious food as preventative medicine. Debt-swaps, tax-relief, restrictions on PPO/HMO/EPO monopolies, & pro-bono programs need to be introduced to reduce runaway costs and health professionals changing careers.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The government should reverse its preference for the fossil fuel sector and for corporate polluters. The EPA must be de-politicized and empowered to protect the air, water, and vital environmental standards. We must make our country as green as possible promoting sustainability, recycling, and renewable energy and eco-friendly development.

**GUN SAFETY:** We need a national database wherein all gun purchases are vetted. All persons guilty of using a gun for a crime must be denied the right to buy or own a gun for no less than 10 years. We must make harsh examples of persons who commit violent crimes with firearms.

**ECONOMY:** The income disparity in the USA can be brought to heal by the introduction of economic reparative programs for Blacks and other impoverished Americans. Our poor people deserve the same support that illegal aliens receive from the Office for New Americans and DACA all over America.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We must end all discrimination against women via the effort of a vocal minority to eliminate their Title 9 protections and immunities.

Homeland Security must be empowered to fight racial domestic terrorism and other extremists. Last, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 must be fully defended and implemented.

**STUDENT LOANS:** We must end the student debt crisis by allowing Americans to file for bankruptcy, to amortize their debts by performing community services, and/or fully waiving the debt just like our "too big to fail" businesses, trading houses, and banks were allowed to do. America cannot grow if it's young who represent the future are debt slaves!

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**GOALS:** To serve the interests of the country, state and the 3rd Congressional District by providing everyday life experience to the job of legislating!

**IMMIGRATION:** Enforcement of our borders and our laws. However, I do support a path to citizenship based on service in the military, foreign service or civil service or the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps. For others, a path to legality, but not citizenship.

**HEALTH CARE:** Eliminate and replace it with a state based plan to allow the states to design and implement their own plans according to their own needs with support from the Federal government.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I believe we can use the tax code to make financially rewarding for private firms to use clean fuels and being good stewards of the environment.

**GUN SAFETY:** Expand mental health checks and firearms safety certification.

**ECONOMY:** Use the tax code to make it profitable to raise employee wages

**DISCRIMINATION:** Current legislation is appropriate; however, we do need more aggressive enforcement of current laws.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Abolish them and allow them to be discharged through normal bankruptcy procedures.

## Democratic Candidates

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**GOALS:** I am running to represent Maryland's 3rd congressional district because our current representative has served 7 terms (nearly 14 years!) and I believe that is enough—we must have term limits. While I have lived in the 3rd district, I have neither seen nor heard from our representative. The time for absentee representation is over. We deserve passionate, engaged, and energetic representation.

**IMMIGRATION:** The unconscionable cruelty exhibited by the US towards immigrants and refugees must come to an immediate end. In Congress, I will protect the DREAMers by codifying DACA and ensuring a path to citizenship. It is time for the US to implement humane policies that safeguard the lives of our fellow human beings, many of whom are escaping circumstances most of us are not capable of comprehending.

**HEALTH CARE:** We must either protect and continue to improve the ACA by adding a public option and trying harder to make it work for all Americans, or we must have Medicare available to all of us. The current health care system in this country is an abomination. Its complexity and corrupt, profit-driven private insurance company-benefitting model, at the expense of human life, is criminal and must end.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The US should be the world LEADER in addressing the global environmental crisis. The federal government's current position on global warming is pathetic, dangerous, and inexcusable. Once in Congress, I will pass legislation that will help eliminate our reliance on fossil fuels, which are responsible for polluting our atmosphere and contribute directly to the global environmental crisis.

**GUN SAFETY:** The NRA will not bully me. We can defend the Constitution AND enact

sensible gun laws that can save the lives of our children and loved ones. We must ban assault weapons, conduct universal background checks, restrict magazine size, provide for a waiting period, impose criminal penalties on individuals who do not restrict access to firearms, and institute robust national mental health counseling.

**ECONOMY:** The federal minimum wage has been \$7.25/hr since 2009. Before that, it was \$5.15/hr. These numbers are real—and they are indefensible. The minimum wage must be raised—incrementally over time—to at least \$15/hr. Research has shown that even slightly higher wages decrease rates of suicide and crime. Increasing the minimum wage to a more humane amount will have far reaching and positive effects.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Federal anti-discrimination laws must be updated to explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression. For example, transgender women of color are a highly vulnerable population and are considered disposable in this society. We must implement anti-discrimination initiatives in public schools nationwide to stop these human rights abuses.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I know firsthand how burdensome student loan debt is. I support federal legislation to relieve the 43 million borrowers of their collective \$1.4 trillion in student loans owned by the US Department of Education. The suffocating debts incurred in the pursuit of education are an unjust tax on the continued growth, evolution, and ingenuity of America's students and the future of our country.

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

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

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

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

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

**ECONOMY:** The key to addressing income inequality is fixing our democracy so that

economic power does not equal political power. We need to reverse decades of tax cuts for the wealthy and big business and reinvest those revenues in our people – including by reducing the financial burden of health care, housing and education. We must focus on economic justice and building wealth in marginalized communities.

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

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

## District 4

[Refer to p. 7 for candidate questions]

### Republican Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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**GOALS:** My goal is to bring our district together to examine national issues from all sides. MD4 is closer to Capitol Hill than any other US district, but our position on the national stage is just "whatever the democrats want". We have to get back to nuanced politics – speaking reasonably and listening to each other. I have proposals to move us in that direction

without needing national legislation.

**IMMIGRATION:** As with most issues, I believe the most important thing for our district is to have a capacity for independent thought. As things stand, our immigration policy will either be the "D" brand or the "R" brand. We have no way to consider what our district's long term legislative agenda should be. We need to understand what immigration policies would be best for our businesses and citizens, and why.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would hold district forums in which we could hear from advocates and walk through the details of the meaning of that vote. As a district, we support expansion, but it is unclear how we would break out on more nuanced questions. For all issues, in the rare event our vote determines outcome, we should know what amendments to offer to meet our district's interests, no matter who represents us.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government should fund research and provide data for forecast models. The federal government should not tell people how to think. If our district's interests call for aggressive environmental standards, we have the right to use our seat in Congress to push for those. The federal government should compensate any US companies or individuals who are harmed by federal actions.

**GUN SAFETY:** Short-term: Understand the problem here in the district. Separate out the suicides, known-to-shooter, and anonymous gun crimes. Mid-term: The district may mostly agree on universal background checks. If not, why not? Can we craft a policy that gains consensus in our diverse district? Long-term: National service. Americans operate potentially lethal cars. Give us basic "driver's Ed" for guns.

**ECONOMY:** Not that I doubt it, but the "growing income gap" question assumes we know that the gap is growing. We can only be certain it has grown and we can look at projections of where it will go in the future, like we do with hurricanes. Our district will be best served if we can make use of economic forecast models to ground these discussions. We need consensus on facts for progress on factual questions.

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

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

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

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

**HEALTH CARE:** We need to stop the attack on the affordable care, Social Security, and Medicare and Medicaid which are being ripped off by disreputable corporate interest. Their lawyers and a truly corrupt judicial system and political system that is

## Democratic Candidates

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

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

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

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

heavily invested in the corporations to keep the keep them in office. Crackdown on waste fraud and abuse and adopt meaningful legislation say no to fraud.

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

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

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

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

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

build a clean energy infrastructure, and cut energy waste in homes, businesses, and factories.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will work to pass the Equality Act, fight for greater

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

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

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

**IMMIGRATION:** I would change separating children and families.

**HEALTH CARE:** Leave as is.

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** Better communication between minorities and police.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Lower interest rates and tuition.

## **District 5**

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### **Republican Candidates**

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**GOALS:** We have strayed from the Constitution. US citizens and resident aliens dont receive all of their Constitutional rights and aren't given their inalienable rights as they're written. No federal or state law should be written or ratified if it infringes a persons rights. Term limits in government at all levels is necessary to triumph over tyranny and corruption. Taxing elderly on their homes is wrong

**IMMIGRATION:** As a Veteran,US citizen and a layman. Immigrations a privilege for those with special skills that benefit the host nation. Its not to be used as a mechanism by any nation, political party, corporate coalition or the wealthy to lower wages of skilled/unskilled labor to increase profits or exert social control. Patriots fight for freedom they don't run away to other countries to get it for free.

**HEALTH CARE:** US citizens and Resident Alien tax dollars shouldn't be used for medical care/treatment of people illegally in the US from anywhere in the world. Affordable Care is a good idea but not if it bankrupts the US and mortgages our children's future. I have tried to read and understand it but it is so big and confusing. I worry Law's this big are used to steal tax dollars and divert them to others.

**ENVIRONMENT:** a clean environment should be everyone's goal. There are several sectors in clean energy that can boost our economy and create thousands/ millions of high paying blue collar jobs. Tax incentives to go clean/green but only on sound proven technology.

**GUN SAFETY:** Harsh penalties for violent armed offenders and especially brutal crime in nature, the death penalty only in uncontested cases when there is overwhelming evidence. All people in the world have a 1st amendment right to life and liberty and the 2nd amendment is the tool to defend it. Disarming any people around the world is the fastest way to

enslave them. Sic Semper Tyrannis.

People deserve freedom

**ECONOMY:** halt the majority of immigration. allowing 1 million people per year to immigrate to the US is artificially lowering wages in unskilled labor jobs. Forcing people to flood into the skilled labor jobs, lowering those wages as well creating a domino affect. Benefiting those who own those companies and have the power to hire, set hourly wages and salaries.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The EEOC has authority to investigate and enforce anti-discrimination laws. It is my belief that the reason discrimination in the work place continues is because EEOC employees/investigators are derelict in their duties. The reason this might be the case is because these agencies are so large there is no accountability.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Allows those with this problem to work off their debt in the Peace Corps, the US Military or as a volunteer in the First Responders Reserves (Fire, EMS, Police, Parks & Recs, etc...etc...etc...) for a specified number of years equivalent to the amount of debt owed. On another subject the elderly age 65 & up with one home should be exempt from property taxes they live on a fixed income.

## Lee Havis

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**GOALS:** To address the problem of a dysfunctional Congress, more committed to the special interests of career politicians, rather than the people. Needed are members of congress who represent the interests of ordinary citizens. Key issues that I support as a distinction from the current 40-year incumbent, Steny Hoyer: citizens first, freedom not socialism, and responsible spending for a sound economy.

**IMMIGRATION:** Needed is greater security at southern border especially,

including building a wall to deter illegal entry. End chain immigration and birthright citizenship for children of illegal aliens in the country. End government support for illegal aliens. Provide immigration laws that favor those who are self-sufficient and who will most contribute to the well-being of the American economy.

**HEALTH CARE:** Repeal Affordable Care Act. Replace with support for free market competition in insurance industry to improve quality and drive down premiums through individual choice of doctors and services. For those in poverty, allow doctors to provide them treatment and care at no cost to patient, doctors being compensated through personal tax deductions.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Assure policies that support clean air and water. Protect wildlife habitat through care of national parks and open space. Support global plans and activity to reduce pollution of oceans, wildlife habitat, and land management, especially as achieved through voluntary non-governmental means that are proven most effective.

**GUN SAFETY:** Support gun possession by law-abiding citizens within the bounds of the 2nd amendment. Work against "gun free" zones that invite gun violence due to assurance of unarmed law-abiding citizens. Oppose 'red flag' laws that threaten gun confiscation from law-abiding citizens without full and fair judicial hearing. Improve character development of youth through better public education.

**ECONOMY:** Support job creation for low income and unskilled workers through support for free market enterprise. Improve quality of public education through greater choice and competition in the non-government sector. Oppose any increase to "minimum wage" that prevents low skill workers from gaining on-the-job employment to upgrade skills. Support vocational training that leads to higher wage earning.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Eliminate race-based discrimination, such by ending 'affirmative action' for government benefits. Expand better character and ethical development in children by supporting parent choice in public education. End discrimination and censorship of higher education institutions

by removing the recognition of private accrediting agencies as a means to qualify for student loans and benefits.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Short term, adjust loan payment schedules based on appeal for good cause. Long term, make the student loan program more accountable for repayment by establishing private banks as the main source of funds. Private banks then only grant loans based on a higher assurance of their repayment than the current federal government provides.

## **Kenneth Lee**

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**GOALS:** I am running for office to make a difference in my community. I am tired of the same old politics.

**IMMIGRATION:** If I could change immigration policy, I would make the existing immigration laws followed and enforced.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would vote to eliminate the Affordable Care Act. I feel that private industry would better manage and lower health care costs.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I think the government should move swiftly on disasters and work in coordination with organizations that specialize in environmental concerns.

**GUN SAFETY:** I feel that gun violence can be reduced by stricter penalties imposed on criminals and people using guns illegally. Enforcing our laws would reduce criminal activity in general. I also feel open carry for law-abiding citizens would reduce gun violence.

**ECONOMY:** I support the current administration's economic policies. I think wages are rising and things are going in the right direction.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I feel that we should not judge people based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or disability. I feel people should be judged on their abilities, and their accomplishments, and their willingness to perform. Initiatives based on these things only divide people more.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I feel when given the opportunity to further your education responsibly, the loans would not be burdensome. Reducing the value of an education by giving it away free is not the answer. Not all classes are relevant to all careers.

## **Chris Palombi**

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**GOALS:** The divisive politics in our nation's capital has led to the lack of preservation of individual rights and freedoms for all citizens, as well as reckless spending of taxpayers' money. For too long the constituents have been ignored and taken for granted and it is time for a change. We need fresh and invigorating representation not hampered by special interests and national political aspirations.

**IMMIGRATION:** Congress needs to act on improving conditions at our border, to know who is coming in, and to better streamline the process to allow those who wish to enter our nation legally. We live in the greatest nation on Earth. It's no wonder why so many wish to immigrate here seeking the American Dream and a better life. Legal immigration is a huge benefit to our nation.

**HEALTH CARE:** Since passing of the ACA, over regulation has led to sky rocketing costs and lack of options for health insurance coverage. Consumers should have choice in health insurance. Pre-existing conditions need to be covered. Transparency in health care costs will open a competitive market; increasing quality of care while lowering costs will benefit consumers.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Chesapeake Bay and other local waterways are a huge economic and environmental benefit to our area that we need to ensure are protected. It's no secret that a lot of the Bay's pollution comes from surrounding states and needs to be addressed at a

federal level. We need innovative approaches (like carbon capture technology) and reasonable trade deals to assist lowering emissions globally.

**GUN SAFETY:** Every American has the right to protect and defend themselves. The right to bear arms shall not be infringed. There are many factors that contribute to gun violence. We need to address mental health as a nation to combat violence. We need to question these medications and side effects.

**ECONOMY:** I am an advocate for free market principles and stand with pro-growth policies. It is the free market that will better promote a healthy competitive economy, and empower individuals to more opportunities and jobs.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I am all for equality of opportunity. If we want to battle discrimination, we need to embrace what Dr. MLK Jr said and judge each individual "by the content of their character" and not put individuals into arbitrary groups. Federal non-discrimination laws should always take into account religious and liberty protections. Liberty for all.

**STUDENT LOANS:** One of the factors that contributes to the skyrocketing costs of higher education and student debt is how federal financial aid has been exploited by Colleges to their benefit. It has contributed to continued raising costs and that's something that needs to be looked into. In regards to college debt forgiveness, and the federal debt at \$23 trillion dollars, we have to ask, 'is it affordable?'

## **Doug Sayers**

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**GOALS:** I strongly believe in protecting our Bill of Rights which are restrictions on the government. Our Bill of Rights and our Conservative values are under attack and these are our individual rights and our founding principles in our US Constitution. We need a Representative

that will get Federal Transportation funds to Maryland. I ask for your vote on 28 APRIL and visit [www.SayersForCongress.com](http://www.SayersForCongress.com).

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

**HEALTH CARE:** First, we need to ensure Medicare and Medicare remains fully funded. The ACA law was poorly written and there is a lot of litigation at SCOTUS. The ACA law is on life support by SCOTUS and without a replacement to the ACA law in the near future SCOTUS will likely overturn the ACA law. In the short term, we need to work to cover existing health conditions and work to reduce patient drug costs.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We need to continue have diversity in America's energy sources while protecting the environment. In Maryland, we have a coal plant dumping coal sediments into the Potomac River. This 40 year coal plant needs to upgrade and upgrade to a cleaner energy like natural gas and enlarge in capacity. This type of improvement that is good for local residents, the environment, and the energy company.

**GUN SAFETY:** We have a right to bear arms in the 2nd Amendment and I will protect this right. We should encourage our youth to take hunter and gun safety courses to understand gun safety to prevent accidental shootings. We should require background checks for all weapon purchases and close any loopholes in current laws. I support the Red Flag efforts if a citizen shows an irrational behavior pattern.

**ECONOMY:** The United States' economy is doing great with record low unemployment for Hispanic, Asian, and African Americans. I will support President Trump's vision to put America First, which will continue to spur new investments into the America economy. America has more jobs available than citizens on unemployment. This is the type of robust economy that will help close the wage gaps in society.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I want everyone to

live their best life. My initiatives are basic in nature. We are all America citizens and we all have the same Bill of Rights. We need to enforce the current laws on discrimination versus over regulating individual liberties.

**STUDENT LOANS:** To pursue happiness in America, sometimes an individual requires financial assistance. The federal aid programs need to remain at 0% interest rate while an individual is in college or trade school. I would like to see a loan repayment program for college or trade school graduates that are hired into a federal job and agree to remain for 8 to 10 years.

### Democratic Candidates

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[Refer to p. 7 for candidate questions]

#### **William A. Devine III**

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**GOALS:** To Retire Steny Hoyer.

**IMMIGRATION:** I would not allow sanctuary cities.

**HEALTH CARE:** Affordable Care Act is not Affordable. I will vote to have Health Care affordable for ALL.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Federal Government should work more with other Nations to reduce pollution.

**GUN SAFETY:** School Safety will be my top priority.

**ECONOMY:** Increase the working class wages. Higher Taxes for Big Corporations.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination has no place in our society. I would enact more training classes for Corporations and any individuals that need it.

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

#### **Vanessa Marie Hoffman**

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**GOALS:** We are on the brink of extinction. The US has a responsibility to be an example of what it means to be a steward for life, peace, and prosperity on Earth. This country needs to reclaim its status as a leading world power, but replace its reputation for war, racism, sexism, poor education, crumbling infrastructure, poor economy, bad political policies, and excessive waste/pollution.

**IMMIGRATION:** Increase immigration by 3-7% and offer permanent protections to present our immigrant populations if they choose to live here, build our economy, pay taxes, prove to be upstanding people with moral and ethical centers that will progress rather than regress humanity, they then deserve protection, and if desired, a path to citizenship. We need to build our economy and we need more people to do so.

**HEALTH CARE:** Regulations need to be implemented on how much one can raise the value of or decrease the accessibility to the necessities people need for basic survival. Just as there is rent control there needs to be regulations on the increasing costs for food, clothes, shelter, transportation, medicine, education, etc., and the decreasing wages and workable hours for employees in relation.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government's role is to implement and enforce logical, moral, and ethical, socially, racially, and scientifically sound laws and regulations that MUST be designed for the preservation, restoration, recreation, and proper stewardship of our natural and human environments that focuses on the most beneficial and sustainable protocols of usage, reusage, and disposal of our wasted resources

**GUN SAFETY:** I believe that EVERYONE buying a gun should be given an affordably priced proper background check prior to each purchase, or exchange. EVERY gun bought, presently owned, or sold should be registered in a database that keeps all records, indefinitely, of all purchasers and sellers, and a regular collection and updated untouched digital copy of each gun's signature bullet barrel markings

**ECONOMY:** We need to adequately regulate companies, stop the corporate

socialist state instead establish the democratic socialist state that provides equal equity to all human citizens and their property, starting new US based corporations, we need to increase education, decrease living costs, stop wasting resources, increase wages, improve public transit, lower healthcare, get intellectual property back...

**DISCRIMINATION:** We need policies that make it so every person has equal and equitable access to healthcare, education, consumables, food, jobs, transportation, voting, and entertainment. No one is less than we are all just different. The more bio diverse the planet is the healthier mentally, physically, and emotionally we all are.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Students should be able to pay back loans through gainful employment in the civil service sector for a mandated period of time after which the school loan is forgiven and the student is free to leave for the private sector or other countries.

## Steny H. Hoyer

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

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

**HEALTH CARE:** I was a leader in passing the Affordable Care Act, which has expanded health care coverage to 17 million Americans. I will continue to fight

for universal coverage including a public option in the ACA marketplaces, as well as expanding opportunities for those under 65 to buy into existing health programs, such as Medicare. I brought to the Floor legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs.

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

**GUN SAFETY:** After countless tragedies, including shootings at the Navy Yard, Great Mills High School, and the Capital Gazette, I was proud to bring to the Floor of the House legislation to provide comprehensive background checks and close loopholes on gun purchases. I also support red flag laws, magazine limits, outlawing bump stops, and other steps to make our communities safer.

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** Throughout my career, I have supported legislation that ends discrimination including leading the fight for the Americans with Disability Act. This Congress I supported legislation to address criminal justice reform and to ensure LGBT Americans are protected under our civil rights laws. I am an original member of the Black Maternal Health Caucus to address health disparities for women of color.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I support the College Affordability Act, that will provide relief to current borrowers by allowing lower monthly and total repayments, placing distressed borrowers in income-based repayment plans, letting borrower's

default be removed from credit scores, and strengthening oversight of loan servicing. This bill also strengthens the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program and broadens eligibility.

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**GOALS:** I am running for Congress because regular people deserve real representation. I am tired of career politicians working for the people at the top and leaving everyone else to fight just to survive. There are policy and priority changes we need to make for regular people to thrive: Medicare for All, the Green New Deal, affordable housing, labor rights, and criminal justice reform.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support: Abolishing ICE; A path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States; A path to citizenship for Temporary Protected Status holders; Increasing funding for legal services for undocumented people and individuals seeking asylum in the United States; Expanding accepted justifications for seeking asylum to include gang and domestic violence.

**HEALTH CARE:** I support: Transitioning every American uncovered by the Veterans Health Administration or Indian Health Service onto one Medicare insurance plan over the course of two years; Mandating that Medicare cover prescription drugs, primary care, maternity care, vision and dental care, reproductive healthcare, doctors' visits, and lab services; Capping the price of prescription drugs at \$200.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I support: Mobilizing on a national scale to ensure that, in the next

ten years, 100 percent of domestic electricity demand will be supplied by clean, renewable and zero-emission sources; Upgrading every building in the United States with state-of-the-art green technology to maximize energy efficiency; Guaranteeing access to clean air, clean water, and other natural resources for all Americans.

**GUN SAFETY:** I support: Universal background checks; A federal ERPO law; Licensing regulations that require training for safe use and storage; Setting the minimum purchase age of 21; Ending the creation, marketing and sale of guns that enable the killing of a large number of people; Establishing a federal trust that will grant funding for any local evidence-based gun violence prevention programs.

**ECONOMY:** I support: Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 for all workers, including tipped employees; Repealing so-called "Right to Work" laws; Mandating that publicly-traded companies using profits for stock buybacks direct a commensurate sum toward wage increases; Taxing the value of estates over \$1 billion at an 80 percent rate; A wealth tax of 2 percent on assets greater than \$50 million.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support: Passing the Equality Act; Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act for Equal Pay for Equal Work; Removing the subminimum wage exemption which allows the exploitation of American workers with disabilities; Increasing funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services; Prohibiting the use of stop-and-frisk programs; Prohibiting the use of quota-based tickets and arrests.

**STUDENT LOANS:** I support debt-free public college. The federal government should provide matching funds for state higher education appropriations, directed toward ensuring all students can graduate without taking on debt. Unlike tuition-free public college, the debt-free college commitment would cover student spending on fees and room and board, in addition to tuition.

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

**SALARY:** \$174,433, effective July 1, 2021.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. The General Assembly determines the number of judges in each circuit and county. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office. Each newly appointed Circuit Court judge then must stand for office at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. One or more other qualified members of the bar may also run to fill the vacancy. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots.

## QUESTIONS

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

**COURT NEEDS:** What are the greatest challenges facing Maryland's court system and how can these be addressed?

**REPEAT OFFENDERS:** What can the courts do to reduce recidivism?

**DISCRIMINATION:** What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that bias will influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

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### Candidates

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#### **Wes Adams**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the former AA Co. State's Attorney and a community leader with over 25 years of legal experience in both criminal and civil law. My experience as a top trial lawyer, teacher of judges and lawyers and Business Partner of the year with our public schools is unique and the combination of legal knowledge and community involvement ensures that I will make fair, tough and just decisions.

**COURT NEEDS:** Finding the balance between accountability, second-chance rehabilitation programs, addressing mental health issues as a cause of crime and equal application of laws. I have a proven track record of using alternatives to incarceration - such as veterans and drug courts, addressing mental health and addiction - to help combat these issues.

**REPEAT OFFENDERS:** One portion of the

puzzle in addressing recidivism, includes sentencing models that attack the cause of criminal behavior - like a drug court. Those programs must come with accountability to help effect long term behavioral change. Using education, mental health counseling & job training in combination with graduated sanctions creates an atmosphere of skill development needed to break the cycle.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Training judges about implicit bias, to ensure that a complete, fair record of evidence is placed before the decision makers. Providing an opportunity for all to be adequately represented in the courtroom. Allowing for a complete examination of jurors prior to their selection, as well as providing them neutral jury instructions that compel a decision based on the facts of a case.

#### **Pamela Alban**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prior to my appointment to the bench, my experience was as a prosecutor for 23 years - the

majority of which in the Special Victim's unit. I had the opportunity to give a voice to the most vulnerable of victims in our county and to fight to hold the most dangerous of predators accountable. It taught me the value of hard work, preparation and compassion. Those skills serve me well on the bench.

**COURT NEEDS:** I think one of the greatest challenges our courts are facing is the lack of public confidence in the justice system. I believe public confidence can be increased by retaining qualified, vetted judges with the right demeanor, work ethic and experience. Also, educating the public about the appointment process and the qualifications of sitting judges will increase their confidence in the system.

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

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

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experiences are very vast and different than the other judicial candidates. I have worked in the public school system, private industry and have been a lawyer for almost 22 years. These experiences prepare for the duties of a circuit court judge because they have

enriched my life such that I will be a judge who will treat all people with fairness, respect and dignity.

**COURT NEEDS:** The greatest challenge facing Maryland's court system is the lack of access to the court system for all. This issue can be addressed by the judges by encouraging all attorneys and members of the legal community to provide pro bono services on a regular basis.

**REPEAT OFFENDERS:** The courts can help to reduce recidivism by instituting more drug court programs and justly deciding criminal sentences with due consideration of both defendants, victims and the community.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The one major step that the Courts can take to reduce the risk that bias influences the outcome of legal proceedings is that every judge treats all litigants and parties with respect and dignity thereby setting an example for all involved in the legal community.

## **Elizabeth Morris**

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

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

**REPEAT OFFENDERS:** There are currently a number of programs in Maryland courts aimed at reducing recidivism, including Drug Treatment Court. The mission of Drug Treatment Court is to improve our community through enhanced public safety by

providing judicially supervised treatment to substance abusing offenders, thereby reducing the social and economic cost of criminal activity.

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

## **Rob Thompson**

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

**COURT NEEDS:** Maryland courts are improving access to justice through the implementation of technologies designed to insure more efficient case flow and trial management. For example, the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) now allows parties to send documents and receive documents from the court 24 hours a day via Internet. We are constantly striving to make the courts more accessible to all Marylanders.

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

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

## **Richard Trunnell**

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### **QUALIFICATIONS:** After a

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** The Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to perform their duties impartially and without bias, prejudice or harassment. We as judges must hold those who appear before us to the same standard. It is also

important for judges to be fully vetted and be required to take part in regular continuing judicial education, regarding all forms of bias, once they are appointed to the bench.



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# Party Convention Delegates

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Delegates are elected from each Congressional District to represent the local political party at its national convention. A presidential candidate's name appears in parentheses after the convention delegate's name only if the delegate has been approved by the candidate's campaign. Each state party determines the number and distribution of elected delegates attending the convention.

## Republican National Convention

Maryland will send a total of 38 delegates to the Republican National Convention, which is scheduled to be held August 24-27, 2020 in Charlotte, NC. Each of the eight Maryland Congressional Districts will elect 3 delegates and 3 alternates. The presidential contender receiving the greatest number of votes in each District will receive the votes of all of that District's delegates. In the Republican primary election, each voter may vote for up to 3 candidates for delegate and 3 candidates for alternate.

In addition to the 24 delegates elected by the voters, 11 at-large delegates will be selected at the Maryland Republican Convention by members of the State Republican Central Committees or their proxies. The votes of at-large delegates will be allocated to the presidential contender receiving the greatest number of votes in the primary statewide. Finally, three party leaders (the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, and the chairman of Maryland's Republican Party) will attend the convention and vote by virtue of their positions.

## Democratic National Convention

Maryland will send a total of 119 delegates and 8 alternates to the Democratic National Convention, which is scheduled to be held August 17-20, 2020 in Milwaukee, WI. Male and female delegates will be elected separately. Each of the eight Maryland Congressional Districts will elect 7, 8 or 9 delegates, for a statewide total of 65 delegates. In Anne Arundel County, Districts 2 and 3 will elect 4 male and 4 female delegates each; District 4 will elect 5 male and 4 female and District 5 will elect 5 female and 4 male delegates. Delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be selected based on the proportion of the primary election vote won in their Congressional District by the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged.

In addition to the 65 delegates elected by the voters, 23 party leaders and elected officials (PLEO) will be delegates by virtue of their positions. Finally, the Democratic State Central Committee will select 10 additional party leader (PLEO) delegates and 21 at-large delegates. Additional details about the delegate selection process are posted on the Maryland Democratic Party website.

## Candidate Information

Candidates for Party Convention Delegate were invited to submit responses to two questions for inclusion in the League's online *Voters' Guide*, [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** What factors are most important in determining whom you will support for president?

To hear from these candidates in their own words, please go to:



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

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

**Base Salary:** \$8,000 per year.

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

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

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

## QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## District 2

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

The two candidates for the District 2 Board of Education position will appear on the Maryland **general** election ballot only. Their responses are printed here as a courtesy.

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

**AREA OF NEED:** Safety and equity are top priorities. Everyone has the

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

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

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

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

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

**CIVICS EDUCATION:** Preparing all students to be good citizens is a goal. Anne Arundel County requires the Global Community Citizenship course. Many students would like to have a course that

would teach some very basic strategies about being a good citizen, and I believe that we should develop and implement those courses to teach our students about their local, state and federal responsibilities.

**Raleigh Turnage Jr.**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served in Education since 1992. Currently, I hold a Teaching Certificate thru June 2021 with the following endorsements: Generic Special Education, Administration I and II, Superintendent, and Reading (6 Credits).

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

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

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

**ATTRACTING AND RETAINING**

**TEACHERS:** I would attract and retain high caliber teachers by providing a more competitive compensation package that includes a minimum salary increase of 10% or more and additional focused professional development. They should be able to work in a clean, safe and orderly environment.

**BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS:** I would give highest priority to the Blueprint recommendations which include \$1.1 Billion dollar increase in State school

funding and it recommends a 10% increase in teacher salaries over the next three years: 200+ new community schools to help close opportunity gaps between low-income students and their more affluent peers.

**CIVICS EDUCATION:** I believe that all students need to have a full year of civics education that includes an understanding of our Constitution of the United States and its three branches of government. My initiative would be to understand the process of making laws in our democracy.

## District 3

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a teacher for 42 years, I retired 2014 but rehired 2016 - 2017 school year. Since then I have been working as a long term substitute. I am one of founders and now the president of the foundation for educational excellence that provides warm clothing for students, glasses, and scholarships for students and grants for teachers , I was the vice president of TAAAC Gov. relations chair.

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

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

**SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT:** I would support any legislation that would protect kids. Working in the schools for so many years I see first hand what these external

forces do to kids. That is why we need more support for students in our schools counselors and psychologists. If you hear a student has been picked on it really gets to you.

### **ATTRACTING AND RETAINING**

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

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

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

**Corine Frank**

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No response received by deadline.

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No response received by deadline.

## District 6

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a teacher for 13 years, the past 7 of which have been right here at Annapolis High School. In this role, I have seen firsthand how our priorities and policies have impacted students. I have seen where we are doing well, and where we can improve. I have also been a vocal advocate for teachers and students in past budget hearings, and I am an active member of TAAAC.

**AREA OF NEED:** Our biggest area of need is overworked and underpaid teachers. Our students deserve the best education we can manage, and we know that our teachers are competent and willing. However, their classes are too large and their salaries too small (so many are working multiple jobs!) for them to truly provide the focused, individualized level of instruction they want to deliver.

**ACADEMIC EQUITY:** Firstly, we need to overhaul the transportation system so that all students can reliably get to school at a developmentally appropriate time. We also know that students need to see themselves in their own future in order to achieve. By expanding career and technical opportunities in partnership with local businesses, we can give more students that chance.

**SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT:** We need to allocate more funding for counseling and social work positions in our schools. We can also improve teacher planning time so that regular collaboration with counselors and parents is more practical. I would like to invite various community organizations to regularly meet with Board members or present at Board meetings so we can hear about additional ways we can support our communities.

**ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS:** We need to increase our salary scale, and then we need to honor it. We need to listen to teachers when they tell us they are overworked and need more planning time to do their jobs well.

We need to ask for more teacher positions to lower class sizes. Finally, we need to advocate more for administrator positions so that they can better support their teachers.

**BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Increasing teacher salaries is my highest priority. By elevating the teaching profession, we can attract a larger pool of candidates and choose highly-qualified and passionate people who right now literally cannot afford to teach. Following this, I am most excited about the expansion of career and technical education opportunities.

**CIVICS EDUCATION:** I would love to facilitate inviting local elected officials to speak to our students about proposed laws or initiatives that impact them. I would also be interested in what teachers are already doing in their own classes to encourage civic engagement (such as letter-writing and mock elections), and discuss how we might share particularly effective practices that already exist.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CIVICS EDUCATION:** All extracurriculars

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

**Scott Shaffer**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a former senior advisor to County Executive Laura Neuman, I analyzed the school system's operating and capital (construction) budgets, as well as the state of Maryland's education funding formulas.

**AREA OF NEED:** The greatest area of need is our aging/failing school facilities and infrastructure. Kids can't learn in run-down school buildings lacking basic heat and air conditioning, and with lead-contaminated drinking water. I will direct all available funding towards clearing the construction backlog.

**ACADEMIC EQUITY:** This requires smaller class sizes so teachers can give more personal attention to individual students. AACPS currently has too much administrative bloat. We could reduce the student:teacher ratio by reallocating half of the Central Office staff to classroom/teaching positions.

**SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT:** Let's start by providing modern, well-maintained classrooms that provide a conducive environment for learning. Give teachers greater autonomy over their classrooms, so that they can tailor their teaching methods to what works best for their students. Expand extra-curricular and after-school activities that allow students to explore their interests.

**ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TEACHERS:** Teacher pay should be based on performance, like the private sector, and not merely a function of how long they've taught. Tenure favors those who do the bare minimum (and don't rock the

boat) over those who would seek out more innovative teaching methods. I will propose a performance-based bonus structure to replace the tenure-based pay grades.

**BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Kirwan Commission recommendations were made in a vacuum, without budget constraints or solutions for how they should be funded. The recommendations need to be prioritized and phased in over time. Requiring a \$6,000 per family tax increase to implement everything at once is a non-starter.

**CIVICS EDUCATION:** I support a financial literacy class for high school students to ensure they enter the workforce knowing how to manage their personal finances, credit, and investments. For college applicants, this would also include guidance on application forms and student loans.

## **Joanna Bache Tobin**

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

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

**ACADEMIC EQUITY:** After school activity buses allowing all children to meet with teachers. Curriculum: growing the Global

Citizenship Course, and including more local history highlighting the contributions of African Americans and Latinos in our community. Hiring a more diverse teaching force. Measures: increases in equity of graduation rates, participation in high-level classes, and college and job acceptances.

**SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT:** Implicit bias training for teachers and hiring a sufficient number of counselors, social workers and psychological staff to identify at-risk students and implement interventions. Collaboration between the schools and service providers to address hunger and homelessness. Employing social and emotional development curriculum early, as well as the Global Citizenship Course at high schools.

### **ATTRACTING AND RETAINING**

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

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

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

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Am I registered to vote?**

In Maryland, registration is permanent as long as you continue to live in the state and keep your current address. To verify your status and your address, go to [voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch), or call the Board of Elections.

When you first register to vote or change your registration (name, address or party affiliation), the Board of Elections will mail you a Voter Notification Card. If you don't receive a card within three weeks or the information on the card is incorrect, contact the Board of Elections.

## **Am I eligible to register to vote?**

To register, you must be at least 16 years old, a U.S. citizen and a Maryland resident. You must not be under court-ordered ineligibility to vote due to mental disability, nor convicted of buying or selling votes. If you have been convicted of a felony, you must have completed serving any prison sentence.

## **How and when can I register, change party or update my address?**

For the June 2 primary election, you may register to vote or change your registration information online or by mail up until Wednesday, May 27. Please see front cover.

If you are not registered to vote in Maryland, you may register and vote at one of the in-person voting centers on Tuesday, June 2. Please be prepared to comply with any social distancing requirements that may be in place and bring identification showing your name and current address, such as an MVA-issued license or bank statement.

## **Who can vote in the 2020 Maryland Primary Election?**

Registered voters must be at least 18 years of age on or before the General Election, November 3, 2020, to vote in the primary.

In Maryland, a voter must be affiliated with a political party to participate in that party's primary election. Maryland currently recognizes three political parties: Republican, Democratic and Bread and Roses. The State Board of Elections issues ballots for the Republican and Democratic primary elections only. The deadline to affiliate with a party for the 2020 primary election is Wednesday, May 27.

All registered voters participate in the primary election when there is a contested race (more than two candidates) for a nonpartisan office such as the Board of Education.

## **Is my ballot kept secret when I vote by mail?**

**YES!** Your voted ballot remains in the sealed envelope while the Board of Elections authenticates the signed oath and verifies that you have not already voted. The ballot is then separated from the envelope and transferred to a different area for counting.

## **My place of residence has changed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Can I vote in the Maryland 2020 primary election?**

If you are registered to vote in Maryland and recently changed your residence because of COVID-19, you have until May 27 to update your address and receive a ballot.

Ballots are not forwarded with other mail. If you applied for an absentee ballot to be mailed to your previous address, contact the Board of Elections to update the address where you want the ballot sent. If you are unable to change your absentee ballot delivery, you may be able to vote a provisional ballot at an in-person voting center (see inside front cover for locations).

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**For more answers about this year's primary:**

**State Board of Elections 2020 Primary Election Voter Guide**  
[elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/index.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/index.html)