

The League of Women Voters of the Mid-Shore

Voters' Guide

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Federal Offices

UNITED STATES SENATE

DUTIES: Senators share the responsibility with Representatives for enactment of the nation's laws as provided for in the U.S. Constitution. They may also conduct investigations on issues of national importance. The Senate is charged with ratifying treaties established by the President and confirms Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges and foreign ambassadors.

SALARY: 2010 annual base salary is \$174,000

TERM: Six years

HOW ELECTED: The Senate consists of 100 members, two from each state. They are elected by the states at large and serve for 6 years. One-third of the Senate is up for election every two years. A Senator must be at least 30 years of age and must have been a citizen of the United States for at least 9 years.

THE ISSUES:

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for this office and what methods would you support to address the federal budget deficit?

FOSSIL FUELS: What should be done at the federal level to reduce our use of and dependence on fossil fuels?

IMMIGRATION: What changes, if any, do you support in regard to immigration policy?

CORPORATIONS/ELECTIONS: What do you think is the proper role of corporations in elections?

EDUCATION: What role should the federal government play in public education?

SECURITY: What are the most important steps towards assuring the short- and long-term security of our country?

Vote for one candidate from your party.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

BARBARA A. MIKULSKI
Campaign Website:
www.senatorbarb.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have proudly served the people of Maryland in the U.S. Senate since 1986. I meet the day to day needs of my constituents and the long term needs of the nation; a leader in health care, promoting innovation, creating opportunity and bringing jobs in Maryland. I am seeking re-election.

BUDGET: Tough choices must be made. The bipartisan debt commission is developing proposals to balance the budget. In the mean time, I have supported efforts to reduce waste, fraud and abuse in the federal budget. I have supported the Pay as You Go Law, which requires new spending to be offset by spending

FOSSIL FUELS: It is essential that we decrease

our reliance on fossil fuels. I support a sensible energy plan that promotes alternative energy efficiency and reduces global warming. Energy independence is important for our national security and future job creation. I absolutely oppose drilling off coast.

IMMIGRATION: I believe that comprehensive immigration reform must protect our borders, protect American jobs and not penalize those who have played by the rules. It is important that we adopt a sensible approach to dealing with the illegal immigrants who are currently in the country.

CORPORATIONS/ELECTIONS: The law does not allow direct contributions in Federal elections. I support the law.

EDUCATION: It is primarily a state and local issue, I fight each year to increase funding for special education to ensure success in school and life. I have fought to make higher education more affordable by increasing student aid, creating a tuition tax credit and creating a national funding service program.

SECURITY: My goal is to be safer, stronger and smarter. My foreign policy principles are treat your allies with respect, deal with our enemies with resolve and fight terrorism relentlessly. I support a strong military. That means providing the resources, technology and necessary training.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

ERIC WARGOTZ
Campaign Website:
www.wargotz.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a commissioner and a doctor, I have learned that listening and being accountable is of paramount importance. As an elected official I kept the promises I made. I am the only U.S. Senate candidate who has actually cut taxes, cut the budget, cut government, and increased accountability and transparency.

BUDGET: Government waste, abuse, incompetence, and fraud are threatening our future. I will work to institute fiscal discipline, vote against deficit spending and bailouts and against pork-barrel earmarks. I support a balanced budget amendment and increased accountability. We must lower taxes and create jobs.

FOSSIL FUELS: We need to continue to develop more energy sources and find innovative ways to use less energy. We should continue to invest in wind, solar, clean coal, biofuels, nuclear energy, as well as oil and natural gas. This will reduce dependence on Middle Eastern oil and create thousands of jobs here at home.

IMMIGRATION: Safeguarding the homeland is the federal government's greatest responsibility and

complacency is the Nation's greatest threat. I will fight to ensure our Nation remains safe, free and prosperous. We must secure our borders. We must enforce existing immigration laws; no rewarding illegal behavior.

CORPORATIONS/ELECTIONS: The role of corporations in the election process will continue to be debated. I do concur with the most recent decision by the Supreme Court.

EDUCATION: Every State Constitution mandates that public education be provided. Perhaps the only role the Federal government should play in education is one of ensuring that the States provide what they are required to provide.

SECURITY: A strong national economy with lower taxes, job creation, a strong dollar, less energy dependence on foreign oil and renewed confidence in our federal government will enhance our national security. I support security policies based on principles of not appeasing terrorists and no civil trials for them.

GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE

KENNISS HENRY

NOTE: Natasha Pettigrew, the original Green candidate for this seat, died on 21 September 2010. Kenniss Henry was appointed by the Green Party to fill the vacan-

cy. Pettigrew's responses are included here as being representative of the Green Party positions. Please see their website: www.mdgreens.org for additional information.

Campaign Website:
www.natashaforsenate.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Per Article I, Section 3 of the United States Constitution, I have attained 30 years of age, have been a citizen of the United States for 9 years, and I am an inhabitant of the state by which I would be chosen. I have been a United States citizen and Maryland resident all of my life.

BUDGET: I strongly support decreasing the Pentagon's budget, ending earmark spending, and retooling the Federal income tax structure to benefit the People instead of corporate America. Additionally, we must end corporate welfare and aggressively eliminate Federal waste among the agencies.

FOSSIL FUELS: There needs to be encouragement and support for states to build wind farms, make solar panels less cost-prohibitive, and aggressively implement research into hydropower. Development of effective bike lanes also needs to be done on a large scale. Many people would drive less with safe bike lanes.

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All candidate responses received

by press time appear in their entirety. Complete responses for all candidates also appear on the LWVMS website at <http://midshore.lwvmd.org/> and on the State League's website at <http://www.lwvmd.org/>

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IMMIGRATION: Many immigration laws are either not enforced or not enforced equally among all immigrants. We, as a country, need to decide if we are going to enforce immigration laws equally. If not, the laws need to go and we go back to the days of "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses..."

CORPORATIONS/ELECTIONS: Corporations have no role. By allowing corporations an even larger role the United States Supreme Court has ensured that the People do not matter. Corporations can continue to buy candidates who best represent their interests, as opposed to the interests of our communities and the United States.

EDUCATION: The Federal Government should not usurp the power of the states to educate their citizens. However, the Federal Government should be allowed to support states' curricula development appropriate for producing future Americans.

SECURITY: The United States must perform its due diligence, conduct internal independent audits, and assure that Congress is responsible for any declarations of war. We also need to maintain stringent border patrol and ensure staffing to conduct adequate port inspections.

CONSTITUTION PARTY CANDIDATE

**RICHARD SHAWVER
QUALIFICATIONS:** Article 1, Section 3. I believe in the Constitution and want to

keep this country a Republic.

BUDGET: Article 1, Section 8. Congress must obey their oath.

FOSSIL FUELS: Hydroelectric plants. Clean burning coal plants.

IMMIGRATION: Article 1, Section 8. Illegal were felons, could not become citizens.

CORPORATIONS/ELECTIONS: There no proper role.

EDUCATION: None, it's the States' role.

SECURITY: Article 1, Section 8.

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES US REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

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

SALARY: 2010 annual base salary is \$174,000

TERM: Two years, no term limit

HOW ELECTED: The United States is divided into 435 Congressional districts that are reapportioned after each decennial census. All seats in the House of Representatives are up for election in every even-numbered year. A Representative must be at least 25 years

of age and must have been a citizen for at least 7 years.

**QUESTIONS
QUALIFICATIONS:** What are your qualifications for this office?

BUDGET: What methods would you support to address the federal budget deficit?

FOSSIL FUELS: What should be done at the federal level to reduce our use of and dependence on fossil fuels?

IMMIGRATION: What changes, if any, do you support in regard to immigration policy?

CORPORATIONS/ELECTIONS: What do you think is the proper role of corporations in elections?

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SECURITY: What are the most important steps towards assuring the short- and long-term security of our country?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

**FRANK M. KRATOVIL
JR.**

Campaign Website: www.kratovil.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I've seen why Washington is broken. Too many care more about politics than about common sense solutions. To fix Washington, we need more independent leaders. I'm proud to be one of the most independent members of Congress. I've opposed \$6 trillion in wasteful spending and fought to crack down on Wall Street. I'll always put the 1st district first.

BUDGET: As a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, cutting spending and get-

ting control of the deficit have been my top priorities. My first act in Congress was to work to block a Congressional pay increase. I wrote a bill to mandate 2% reductions in spending and voted against \$6 trillion in spending, while backing a Pay-Go law and a balanced budget amendment.

I support investing in new domestic energy sources like solar and wind technology to end our dependence on foreign oil. We must also protect the Chesapeake Bay, which is one of Maryland's treasures and is critical to our economy. It supports thousands of jobs and preserves our way of life. That is why I've secured \$33 million to clean up the Bay.

IMMIGRATION: Our first immigration priority must be enforcing the laws currently on the books and taking steps to ensure that illegal behavior is not rewarded. I've fought to secure our borders and written legislation to crack down on employers who hire illegal workers. I oppose amnesty for those here illegally.

CORPORATIONS/ELECTIONS: In light of the Citizens' United court ruling, we must update our laws to include common sense safeguards that allow individuals to express their rights without giving corporations, particularly foreign-owned corporations, to unduly influence our elections. In doing so, we must ensure we are not infringing on Americans' First Amendment rights.

EDUCATION: As the father of 5 children, I

believe investing in education is key to our continued prosperity. To improve our schools, we must work together to recruit and retain high quality educators in Maryland. I will continue to advocate for adequate and equitable funding for education as a shared responsibility among local, state and federal government.

SECURITY: As a member of the Armed Services Committee, our nation's security is one of my top priorities. That's why I've introduced a bill to more severely punish white-collar crimes that finance terrorist activities. I've also fought to honor our veterans' service by ensuring them access to the benefits they've earned including mental health services.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

ANDY HARRIS
Campaign Website: www.andyharris.com
- No response received by deadline. -

LIBERTARIAN PARTY CANDIDATE

RICHARD DAVIS
Campaign Website: www.davis4congress.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Delegate to Maryland State Dental Association 1986-1992; Lifetime as a Concerned American citizen.

BUDGET: Require Balanced Budget; Drastic Reductions in Federal Spending including elimination of Federal Departments including Education, Energy, Labor, and Major Parts of Health & Human Services and

Housing and Urban Development.

FOSSIL FUELS: Remove all subsidies from all forms of energy production and allow supply and demand to establish price levels which will ultimately force more efficient use and conservation.

IMMIGRATION: We need a comprehensive, functional guest-worker program so workers who are truly needed can get work visas. Then we need a thorough national discussion to reach some consensus as to how many people our economy and our environment can support. Then we can decide how many, if any, permanent immigrants to accept.

CORPORATIONS/ELECTIONS: For-Profit Corporations should have no role in elections. Corporate subsidies, tax preferences, and any other preferential or discriminatory treatment by government should be eliminated.

EDUCATION: None. Education should be locally controlled as there is no Constitutional role for the Federal Government in education. The Federal Department of Education should be abolished.

SECURITY: 1. Minimize interference in other countries' international affairs. 2. A reduced, well-trained and equipped career military with greatly enhanced and broadened reserves limited to actual DEFENSE functions. 3. Improved intelligence functions and cooperation. 4. Greatly reduced Presidential power to deploy troops without Congressional Declaration of War.

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State Offices

GOVERNOR

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

SALARY: 2010 and 2011 annual salary of \$150,000 (same as current salary as proposed by Governor's salary Commission)

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team with the Lt. Gov.

LT. GOVERNOR

DUTIES: The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor and is elected jointly on a ballot with the gubernatorial candidate. The Lieutenant Governor fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability and carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor.

SALARY: 2010 and 2011 annual salary of \$125,000 (same as current salary as proposed by Governor's salary Commission)

THE ISSUES:

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for the office of Governor?

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: What are your running mate's qualifications for the office of Lt. Governor?

ENERGY: How should Maryland address its future energy needs?

EDUCATION: How should state government work with local governments to solve the crisis in funding for public K-12 education?

ECONOMY: What measures to stimulate

Maryland's economy would you propose?

BUDGET: Even accounting for the beginnings of an economic recovery, the projected budget shortfall for next year is \$1.5 billion. What are some of the specific spending cuts or revenue increases you would support to balance the budget?

CHESAPEAKE: What more can/should be done by the state to protect the Chesapeake Bay system and its resources?

TRANSPORTATION: What are your transportation priorities, and how should they be funded?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

MARTIN O'MALLEY | ANTHONY G. BROWN
Campaign Website:
www.martinomalley.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Martin O'Malley is a fearless, intelligent public servant who always puts people before politics. As Governor, Martin O'Malley has a proven record of delivering results for our small businesses and families. And with him in office, we will Move Maryland forward.

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: Anthony Brown has a distinguished career in public service. After serving our country as an army Colonel, he was elected to the state house and served as House Majority Whip. Now, Anthony is the highest ranking elected official in the nation ever to have served a tour of duty in Iraq.

ENERGY: To move forward, we must conserve our existing resources while investing in alternative energy. That's why I set a goal for energy savings of 15% by 2015, implemented a tax exemption for residential solar installations and asked the federal government to remove barriers to off-shore wind production.

EDUCATION: Education

is key to moving us forward and that's why my administration has fully funded Thornton, investing \$5.7 billion this year alone and a record \$1.3 billion for school construction. We need to build on this progress with smart investments and reforms to keep our schools ranked #1 in the nation.

ECONOMY: Our focus is on creating, saving and maintaining jobs. With strategic tax cuts for small businesses, public-private partnerships and investments in the new economy, we will emerge from the national recession faster than most states. But we must continue to move forward by investing to create jobs.

BUDGET: Working together, we have restored fiscal responsibility, cutting \$5.6 billion in spending while maintaining our shared priorities. Our schools are ranked #1, our Bay is recovering and our violent crime rate is at a 35 year low. We must continue moving forward with a smart, fiscally responsible budget.

CHESAPEAKE: Thanks to the creation of the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund, innovative partnerships with stakeholders and high waste reduction goals, our Bay's health is the best it's been since 2002 and our crab population is at a 10 year high. But more needs to be done to restore our cherished resource.

TRANSPORTATION: Our transportation agenda has and will continue to focus on creating jobs and improving the quality of our life and the environment while keeping our families safe and secure. With the purple line, ICC and improvements at the Port of Baltimore, we will continue to build a system for the future.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

ROBERT EHRlich JR. | MARY KANE

Campaign Website:
bobehrllich.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I led Maryland out of a recession and a budget deficit once and I will do it again. I have 3 simple priorities: more jobs, lower taxes, and less spending. As a state lawmaker, U.S. Congressman, and Governor, I have always believed in being honest with the citizens I serve.

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: Mary Kane is a working mother, a small business advocate, and a former prosecutor. As the daughter of immigrants, she has a unique understanding of the unlimited possibilities available to families if government serves the interests of the people.

ENERGY: I have three goals. First, ensure that energy supplies are affordable and reliable. Second, diversify energy supplies so that we are less dependent on foreign oil. Third, enact policies that encourage local energy companies to create jobs, including in our wind, solar, and nuclear energy sectors.

EDUCATION: As Governor, I increased public school funds by a record \$1.4 billion. As a result, high school AP scores were 2nd best in the U.S. and the achievement gap continued to close among African-American & Hispanic students, and students living in poverty. I will continue fully funding public schools.

ECONOMY: I will treat small businesses as a source of new jobs, not a source of new taxes. I will repeal my opponent's 20% sales tax hike, which hurts low and middle income families. I will improve Maryland's business climate, which currently ranks 45th in the nation, according to the Tax Foundation.

BUDGET: Maryland lost sight of its spending priori-

ties the past 4 years. I will reprioritize how government spends money, redirecting scarce tax dollars into programs that work and that help the most vulnerable in our communities. Ineffective programs that needlessly expand government will be reconsidered.

CHESAPEAKE: I will protect the Bay Restoration Fund, which Governor O'Malley raided by \$155 million this year by ensuring the Fund is used for its intended purpose: reducing pollution from wastewater plants. I will protect wildlife and work with watermen to ensure that our oyster and crab populations recover.

TRANSPORTATION: In my 1st year, I will restore 25% of the transportation funds Gov. O'Malley took from local governments that could have been used to repair roads. I will demand improved service on our troubled MARC system and invest scarce dollars to fix deteriorating road and transit projects statewide.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY CANDIDATE

SUSAN J. GAZTANAGA | DOUG MCNEIL

Campaign Website:
www.gaztanagaforgov.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have learned to listen to people and lead by motivation and example. I understand and accept the human limitations of government and leaders. I will work to ensure that the State performs well its necessary functions of protecting individuals from aggression and stops overreaching beyond that.

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: Mr. McNeil is a pre-eminent expert in Maryland electoral law and, beyond that, understands how the State government and its laws work. His service in the Army gives him credibility with patriotic conservatives, while he is also well respected in the peace

movement.

ENERGY: Any regulations imposed on energy producers should be for safety, not price control. When corporations and individuals see that they can save or even earn more by conserving fossil energy and developing alternative energy sources, Maryland's energy future will be brighter.

EDUCATION: If there is a crisis in public K-12 education, it's not a crisis in funding. Per pupil spending increases every few years, while quality continues to decline. Non governmental providers of educational services get better results at less cost. The answer to the "crisis" is there - we need only look.

ECONOMY: Stop using tax payers' money for corporate welfare. Eliminate the state sales tax and ease the tax and regulatory burden on Maryland's businesses.

BUDGET: As a short range measure, consolidate functions among the 92 large and small agencies of the Maryland State Government. In the long term, cut back on everything other than infrastructure, emergency response, and public safety.

CHESAPEAKE: Return to common law - land owners or tenants can sue individuals or corporations for harm done to livelihood or quality of life. Sell the land under the Bay to private owners, with the stipulation that anyone can cross the Bay at will, so long as they leave it as good as they found it.

TRANSPORTATION: Open transit operations to private competitors. Second, fund transportation through user fees, not general funds. Third, tolls or user fees must be used by the service that collected them, and not diverted to other transportation systems. This will let the money go where the demand is greatest.

GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE

MARIA ALLWINE | KEN EIDEL

Campaign Website: www.allwineforgovernor.org
QUALIFICATIONS: I am a long-time community organizer, peace and justice activist and outspoken advocate for economic justice and utility re-regulation. I ran for State Senate in 2006, receiving 11% of the vote and for Baltimore City Council President in 2007, receiving 17% of the vote city-wide.

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: Ken Eidel has over 20 years exp.as owner/mgr of computer consulting businesses, community organizer for 30 years, tireless advocate for people with disabilities, member of Frederick County Commission on Disabilities, Fred City Health Comm., formerly with Frederick City Neighborhood Advisory Council.

ENERGY: State agencies must purchase renewable energy for government sector creating large, profitable market for already existing technologies; Create state sustainable energy plan; State-owned bank will jump-start move to renewable; Reregulate BGE; Residential Green retrofit program. No CC3, Cogeneration.

EDUCATION: As Governor, I will not cut public education and through

increased revenue as outlined below, will keep that pledge; Support coalitions such as the Fair and Green Schools Initiative to reduce disparities in facilities funding & provide jobs; Public education must be fully funded, tuition-free K-16.

ECONOMY: Create state-owned bank funded by tax revenues & pension contributions, making direct loans to our communities, small businesses, partner w/private banks, contributes % of profits to state's general fund; Create Green New Deal - provide union jobs immediately using local alternative economic models.

BUDGET: Close corp. tax loopholes, increase corp. tax rate, end flat income tax rate, institute real progressive tax reform increasing marginal tax rate on higher earners; pass Medicare For All saving millions immediately; Time to Tax Wall Street and Invest in Our Streets.

CHESAPEAKE: Political will, sense of urgency is key. Our Bay is our economy! Fully fund/staff MDE; Move from CAFOs of all types to sustainable, small farms; Develop programs for sustainable farming practices, nutrient management; Strict local planning to limit sprawl; Use steady-state model to limit growth.

TRANSPORTATION: Inter-urban rail, light rail, high-speed rail. New tax revenue outlined above and shift from funding roads (like the ICC boondoggle).

Rail is the future and Maryland should be leading, not lagging. Walkable, transit-oriented development is critical tool to ensure success of these transit projects

CONSTITUTION PARTY CANDIDATE

ERIC DELANO KNOWLES | MICHAEL HARGADON

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a Citizen, a Veteran, and I am directly effected by the government. I am duty bound to improve my world. 'The heaviest penalty for declining to rule is to be ruled by someone inferior to yourself' - Plato. I will no longer penalize myself in this manner.

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: My Lt. is qualified because he is the person that I personally trust to do the right thing as Governor should something ever happen to me. He will lead according to the Constitution equally as well as I would.

ENERGY: Maryland's choices on energy are too limited. I would encourage ALL forms of alternative energy.

EDUCATION: The Board of Ed. has stripped the parents (specifically the PTA) from their former role as the authority over their own childrens education. The state should lower all taxes and give the authority back to the ones who will be the best guardians over the standards of education, the parents.

ECONOMY: Lower taxes to all, to include businesses. Commerce is the only thing that will revive an economy, and people having more money in their pockets will give them more purchasing power.

BUDGET: A Constitutional Governor would cut government spending by much more than what it would cost to simply balance the budget. Constitutional Government is not instituted to feed, entertain and support us from cradle to grave. Doing otherwise robs us of our freedom of choice.

CHESAPEAKE: As an Environmentalist myself, and volutary at that, I believe that people should have a personal responsibility to take care of the environment they live in for their children to inherit. The state should lower taxes so that charity will be possible once again to provide for those who volunteer.

TRANSPORTATION: Roads should be maintained at a usable level, but in these difficult economic times families should not be made to shoulder any more burden for projects that are not an emergency. If the state comes out of the deficit, then options will be considered.

COMPTROLLER

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

SALARY: \$125,000 annual base (This is the current salary. A proposal by the Governor's Salary Commission to raise the salary in 2013 and 2014 was rejected by the legislature in 2010)

TERM: Four years, no term limit

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide

THE ISSUES:

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for the office of Comptroller?

IMPROVEMENTS: What improvements would you recommend for the Maryland revenue system?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

PETER FRANCHOT

Campaign Website: www.franchot.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I've kept my promise to be an independent, fiscal watchdog and to make my office a model for efficiency. I reward those who pay their fair share and collect from those who cheat. I've used my position to oppose wasteful spending and have promoted fairness towards women and minority-owned businesses.

IMPROVEMENTS: We can build upon cost-saving measures to become more efficient. We need to develop an economic vision that emphasizes Maryland's strengths. We also need a bipartisan top-to-bottom review of state spending inclusive of the private sector and we must not raise or enact new taxes during the recession.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

WILLIAM HENRY CAMPBELL

Campaign Website: www.whcampbell2010.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Two decades of successful senior financial executive experience in public and private entities that were experiencing financial distress. I was the Assistant Secretary & Chief Financial Officer(CFO) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, CFO for the U.S. Coast Guard, and CFO for Amtrak.

IMPROVEMENTS: We have done an inadequate job of enforcing our tax laws and regulations for many years. I am skeptical that the \$240 million (M) MITS project to enhance revenue collection and enforcement is being adequately managed. I have successfully implemented similar large, complex software solutions.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

SALARY: \$125,000 annual base (This is the current salary. A proposal by the Governor's Salary Commission to raise the salary in 2013 and 2014 was rejected by the legislature in 2010)

TERM: Four years, no term limit

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

THE ISSUES:

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for the office of Attorney General?

IMPROVEMENTS: What improvements would you recommend for the Maryland judicial system?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

DOUGLAS F. GANSLER

Campaign Website: www.ganslerformaryland.com

QUALIFICATIONS: For nearly two decades, I have fought crime and gang violence, safeguarded our children from Internet predators, targeted corporate corruption, prosecuted polluters, and protected Maryland consumers. MD Attorney General, 2006-Present; State's Attorney, 1998-2006; Assistant U.S. Attorney 1992-1998.

IMPROVEMENTS: I support eliminating judicial elections for circuit court judges. Judges selected by a nominating commission and gubernatorial appointment would stand for retention election, eliminating the need to raise campaign funds and the potential for judicial contests that turn on party, race or gender.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

None

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Maryland State Legislature

MARYLAND STATE SENATE

ABOUT THE OFFICE: State Senators share responsibility with Delegates for enactment of the State's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

SALARY: \$43,500

TERM: Four years, no term limit

HOW ELECTED: The State of Maryland is divided into 47 Legislative districts that are redrawn every ten years after each census. Each district elects one State Senator.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for this office?

PRIORITIES: What are your legislative priorities?

TRANSPORTATION: What are your transportation priorities, and how should they be funded?

BUSINESS TAXES: Do you support any changes in Maryland's business tax structure? If so, what changes would you endorse?

SAFETY NET SERVICES: In light of the cuts to services for vulnerable populations, legislation has been proposed to increase beer, wine and liquor taxes. Would you support this proposal or any other means to restore funds for these services? Please explain.

EDUCATION: How should state government work with local governments to solve the crisis in funding for public K-12 education?

ENERGY: How should Maryland address its future energy needs?

MARYLAND SENATE DISTRICT 36

Vote for 1 candidate

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

STEVEN A. MUMFORD
QUALIFICATIONS: I care and I know the people! A native of the Eastern Shore. Growing up and being educated in the public and private institutions here on the Eastern Shore.. Having worked in Caroline, Cecil Queen Anne's and Kent

Counties, I have established relationships with government and government officials in all District's on the Shore. Crossing party lines, I have a working knowledge of legislative activities. I am open and willing to work for the betterment of ALL the citizens in Dist. 36.

PRIORITIES: Quality JOBS! Increase funding for fire & rescue. Increase Highway User Fund Increase funding for the ARTS! Protection for our farmers.! Continued Cleanup of our Chesapeake Bay and tributaries. Horse racing incentives. Md. Film Tax Incentive increase! Restore Health Dept. Funding for Services

TRANSPORTATION: Increase public transportation from Kent Island to Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington D.C. Restore Highway User Fund. Funded by Public Service Fee.

BUSINESS TAXES: NO INCREASE

SAFETY NET SERVICES: NO INCREASES IN TAXES

EDUCATION: Funding through grants, private donors and foundations.

ENERGY: Continued research for more efficient sources!

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

E. J. PIPKIN
No response received by deadline. -

MARYLAND SENATE DISTRICT 37

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

CHRIS ROBINSON
BACKGROUND: Small business owner-lawyer, Cambridge, Maryland (1994-present). Chief of Staff to Member of U. S. Congress representing Maryland's Eastern Shore (1981-1990). Honors: Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence, Mid-Shore Pro Bono Project; past President Dorchester County Bar Association, former counsel Dorchester County Board

of Elections and Board of License Commissioners

PRIORITIES: Preserving the quality of life on Maryland's Eastern Shore while balancing the needs of agriculture and growth is the most important challenge facing the Mid-Shore. I will advocate policies that embrace traditional Eastern Shore values that reward hard work, respect our relationship with the land and water and our commitment

TRANSPORTATION: Here on the Mid-Shore we must ensure our basic infrastructure needs are met and provide rural communities with basic public transportation services that connect outlying areas with access to our towns and cities. Funding these basic needs is a responsibility of state, federal and local government.

BUSINESS TAXES: I support limited government and lower taxes. As a small business owner and lawyer, I strongly support tax policies that lower the tax burden on business. We need to provide incentives to business owners who provide vitally needed services in our communities and create good jobs for our citizens.

SAFETY NET SERVICES: I believe that increasing the tax on beer, wine and liquor has substantial merit. However, our first priority must be bringing state government spending under strict control. I will advocate reductions in spending before resorting to any tax increases.

EDUCATION: I come from a family of educators. And as a small business owner, I understand first hand the vital connection between job creation and a well educated work force. Parental involvement in each child's early education is essential. No amount of funding will change that fact....

ENERGY: We must focus first on energy conservation. Energy bills are sky-rocketing and families who least can afford it are pouring more and more of their limited disposable income into their utility bills and transportation needs. I strongly support tax policies that will encourage conserva-

tion and provide incentives to develop....

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

RICHARD F. COLBURN
BACKGROUND: I represent Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot and Wicomico counties and serve on the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental committee. Agriculture and Seafood are the two most important industries on the Eastern Shore. Most legislation related to these job providers goes before the EHEA committee where I am the ranking minority member.

PRIORITIES: Continuation of job creation and retention efforts. Examples: bipartisan effort to keep hospital in Easton (Emergency services and 1,100 jobs for Mid-Shore area); strong advocate for Shore businesses, particularly agriculture and seafood; labored to preserve \$2 billion Delmarva poultry industry (15,000 jobs); pushed for Shore broadband and downtown revitalization .

TRANSPORTATION: Dualization of Maryland Route 404 and a new Dover Bridge are my priorities and should be funded through the gas tax. Maryland needs a dedicated funding source for its two major mass transit systems so that important projects are not subsidized via the gas tax and cut from the budget.

BUSINESS TAX: The raising of the sales tax passed during the 2007 Special Session and the downturn of the economy have devastated businesses in Maryland—particularly those businesses on the Shore. I believe that the sales tax needs to be returned to 5%; therefore, I support former Governor Ehrlich's repeal.

SAFETY NET SERVICES: Economics 101 tells us that taxes should not be increased during a recession. We need to find other means to support essential services instead of constantly raising taxes.

EDUCATION: Teachers are the most important asset in any classroom. We need to hire and retain quality educators,

therefore, alternative pension plans and funding must be explored in order for current pension plans to be fully funded. The burden of teacher pensions is weighing heavily on both the state and counties.

ENERGY: We need to seek out more viable and sustainable energy options in order to address the energy crisis in this country. The State needs to do their part—including tax incentives for wind, nuclear and solar power, and exploration of other alternative fuel sources

MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ABOUT THE OFFICE

SALARY: \$43,500 annual base (this is the current salary. A proposal by the Governor's Salary Commission to raise the salary in 2013 and 2014 was rejected by the Legislature in 2010).

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: The State of Maryland is divided into 47 Legislative districts which are redrawn every ten years after each decennial census. Each district elects three members to the House of Delegates, for a state total of 141 Delegates.

DUTIES: Delegates share responsibility with State Senators for enactment of the State's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for this office?

PRIORITIES: What are your legislative priorities?

TRANSPORTATION: What are your transportation priorities, and how should they be funded?

BUSINESS TAXES: Do you support any changes in Maryland's business tax structure? If so, what changes would you endorse?

SAFETY NET SERVICES: In light of the cuts to services for vulnerable populations, legislation has been proposed to increase beer, wine and liquor taxes. Would you support this proposal or any other means to restore funds for these services? Please explain.

EDUCATION: How should state government work with local governments to solve the crisis in funding for public K-12 education?

ENERGY: How should Maryland address its future energy needs?

MARYLAND HOUSE DISTRICT 36

Vote for no more than three

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

ARTHUR HOCK
Campaign website: arthurhock.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a native of the 36th District. With forty-four years as a successful independent businessman and several decades of public service on local boards and volunteer organizations, I bring knowledge, experience and perspective. I will represent the 36th District effectively, independently and with a common sense approach.

PRIORITIES: If elected, I will promote jobs and economic growth, focus on funding education, infrastructure and public safety, work to clean up the environment and protect the viability of agriculture, promote fiscal responsibility, and provide common sense, bipartisan leadership.

TRANSPORTATION: As a fundamental responsibility of State government, transportation infrastructure should be funded with dedicated revenue kept separate from the General Fund. I will support investment in our existing road systems and construction of improvements that will result in safer travel.

BUSINESS TAXES: Any change in Maryland's business tax structure should be designed to encourage job growth and allow Maryland businesses to compete fairly with those based in other states. The value of jobs in tough economic times outweighs the limited revenue generated by overtaxing growing businesses.

SAFETY NET SERVICES: We have a responsibility to provide for our most vulnerable neighbors. The loss of the Upper Shore Mental Health Center is an example of why we need more effective representation in Annapolis. In these difficult economic times, tax increases on consumers should be a last resort.

EDUCATION: State government must prioritize education spending. The Geographic Cost of Education Index should be reevaluated to ensure that the local governments that can least afford it are not unfairly burdened by the cost of funding the Thornton Act. Teacher pensions must remain a State responsibility.

ENERGY: Maryland must lead in alternative energy technology development. Removing barriers to alternative energy producers will encourage innovation and job creation, will allow us to meet our growing energy needs, and will reduce both the financial and environmental costs of energy.

WILLIAM C. MANLOVE
QUALIFICATIONS: 4 terms County Commissioner Cecil Co. Lifetime farmer Several years industrial management

PRIORITIES: Jobs Education Transportation
TRANSPORTATION: Maintain roads and bridges. Continue mass transit efforts by user fees.

BUSINESS TAXES: Make Maryland more business friendly by reviewing all present taxes.

SAFETY NET SERVICES: Being next to Delaware, I oppose any tax that makes our businesses less competitive.

EDUCATION: Must look at all options and make hard decisions.

ENERGY: Get out of the way and let company do the job.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

STEPHEN S. HERSHEY JR.

Campaign Website: www.hersheyfordelegate.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am fiscal and social conservative whom stands for preserving

our Constitution, the principles of an economy based on free enterprise, smaller limited government and individual responsibilities. I am an experienced proactive business person. I am not a career politician concerned with calculated votes. I am not the status quo.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are to: reduce wasteful government spending through consolidation and refocusing priorities, lower taxes for Maryland families by being the fiscal conservative voice to fight the democrat controlled Annapolis and help create and attract jobs through economic development, tax cuts and decreasing regulations on our farmers and small businesses.

TRANSPORTATION: Priorities are to reduce commuting problems and ensure the safety of the Bay Bridge. Mass transportation systems should be self supporting. Subsidizing inefficient public transit systems with revenues from gas taxes and tolls while bridges and infrastructure supporting statewide travel are needed or are in need of repair is unacceptable.

BUSINESS TAXES: There are 23 business tax credits opportunities. These credits are cumbersome and do not solve the over regulation of small businesses. Cut the 8.25% corporate income tax which hurts Maryland's ability to attract and retain businesses. Lower taxes and more money in the hands of businesses will stimulate economic growth.

SAFETY NET SERVICES: I would not support any tax increases. If services need to be restored, they should be offset by spending cuts elsewhere. As taxes are increased, cost increases and demand decreases. Proponents of tax increases as a sole means to raise revenue are ill-advised; this usage tax would hurt small businesses.

EDUCATION: Education budget resolution can be successful only by people not conflicted with self preservation within the duplication of efforts in State and local education administration. Place less emphasis on the four year enrollment requirement. Promote early college admis-

sions and early admissions to approved vocational, technical or other postsecondary school programs.

ENERGY: Marylanders can address its energy needs without government involvement by taking personal responsibility and reducing its consumption. Electric bills, fuel costs are derived the same way, a unit cost times the usage. If one cannot control the unit cost inflated by government imposed taxes, one can certainly control its usage.

JAY A. JACOBS
Campaign Website: jacobsfordelegate.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a fiscal conservative. I bring proven, effective fiscal leadership at local, county and state levels to the table. I have been Mayor of Rock Hall for 11 years. I am a 4th generation, Eastern Shore resident. I have been a small business owner my entire career.

PRIORITIES: Reduce taxes - Reduce government spending - Reduce regulations - Reduce state debt - Re-establish Maryland as a business friendly state - Increase employment - Expand tourism - Support bay restoration and its industries - Support long term viability of farming industry.

TRANSPORTATION: I support the public/private partnership operations already in existence in all four counties of District 36. I encourage regional solutions to reduce costs and increase effectiveness. I am sensitive to the unique requirements of rural communities. I am opposed to a Bay span connecting the Upper Shore to Baltimore.

BUSINESS TAXES: Business taxes MUST be reduced. Bring corporate registration fees and income tax rates down. Bring state capital investment tax credit in line with federal tax structure and not sunset credit in 2011. Reduce sales tax. Restructure unemployment insurance rates. Eliminate punitive business regulations and associated fees.

SAFETY NET SERVICES: Taxes should not be increased. The citizens of Maryland are the 4th highest taxed in the Country. Our

State has plenty of money to assist our most-vulnerable population. It is a matter of priorities - not new taxes.

EDUCATION: There is no funding crisis. We are the 4th highest taxed State in the Country. It is an issue of priorities. And, in addition, I support reducing class sizes and I support reducing the number of \$100,000 plus school administrators.

ENERGY: Support the expansion of use and development of renewable fuel sources through tax incentives to businesses and individuals. Encourage co-operative solutions to all fuel sources and reduce exportation of Maryland produced energy.

MICHAEL D. SMIGIEL SR.
Campaign Website: delegatemike.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have a Juris Doctorate and a Bachelor of Arts in political science. I'm a member of the Judiciary Committee leadership and serve as Republican Parliamentarian. I've kept my promises to uphold the Constitution, vote against tax increases, cut spending and create private sector jobs.

PRIORITIES: To continue to keep my promises to uphold the Constitution, vote against tax increases, cut spending and create private sector jobs. I will also continue leading the charge for recognition of our Second Amendment rights and to pass legislation to protect our children from dangerous predators.

TRANSPORTATION: Route 404 safety issues are still a priority for the 36th District. Otherwise, returning the Counties' highway funding will be a priority. We need to be able to maintain our roads and bridges. The State needs to return the funding to local government

BUSINESS TAXES: I support lowering all taxes in order to make Maryland more competitive with neighboring states. We need to lower taxes for businesses so they have more capital to invest in expansion and inventory which will lead to more Maryland private sector jobs.

SAFETY NET SERVICES: No, I will not support a new

tax! "Designated funds" are rarely if ever actually protected and in fact this last session were all raided and put in the general fund. There are adequate funds available to protect the truly vulnerable.

EDUCATION: There is no crisis in funding for public K-12 education. We have been spending record amounts over the last few years as a result of Thornton. Maryland schools have been touted as being number one (1) in the nation the last two years!

ENERGY: We need to renew and increase our nuclear plants as well as embracing the new alternative technologies such as solar, wind, wave and clean coal technologies. I believe Maryland is already taking an eclectic approach to our future energy needs.

HOUSE DISTRICT 37A

Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

RUDOLPH C. CANE (no response)

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

DUSTIN MILLS (no response)

HOUSE DISTRICT 37 B

Vote for no more than two; select no more than one from each county

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

PATRICE L. STANLEY
BACKGROUND: B. A. in political science from Washington College. State and federal policy experience. Former member, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs; worked with nation's governors, mayors, state legislators, and other elected and appointed officials. Work experience: government affairs, civil rights, coalition building, human resources, procurement and contracting. MBE/WBE programs.

PRIORITIES: Strengthening cooperative

agreements, public/private partnerships and incubator programs in rural and underserved areas to attract diverse industries (i.e. hi-tech, bio-tech and green jobs). Investing in our public schools, vocational training, and community colleges to produce a well educated and trained workforce. Protecting the Chesapeake Bay while keeping our

TRANSPORTATION: Priorities: A ranking system to fund transportation projects by priority and/or need. Extending Metro bus services to Anne Arundel County and Kent Island. Improving local bus services in small rural cities. Encouraging the Department of Transportation to increase its use of LED for traffic and highway lights.

BUSINESS TAXES: Yes. I would support measures to provide tax incentives and tax breaks to business owners setting up shop within an existing industrial footprint, attract more sustainable industries like hi-tech, bio-tech and green jobs, and increase cooperative agreements, public/private partnerships and incubator programs in rural and underserved areas.

SAFETY NET SERVICES: I don't think we need to impose higher taxes on beer, wine and liquor to restore funds to these services. I think we should first consider cutting spending or reducing the size of some areas of state government before we implement new taxes.

EDUCATION: We can fund shortfalls in K-12 education by eliminating duplicative state and local services, extending length of service before tenure can be awarded to teachers, and working with our Congressional Delegation to pursue all viable options for grants available within the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture.

ENERGY: Consider giving renewable energy projects more weight in the comprehensive energy plan; a home energy revolving loan fund designed to help home owners pay down the costs of energy efficient appliance and renewable energy.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

ADELAIDE "ADDIE" ECKARDT

BACKGROUND: Advanced practice clinical nurse specialist – psychiatric – for 38 years within the psychiatric mental health facility. Understanding of health and state government personnel issues, budget implications, pension and health benefit issues. Two sons in the military and one self-employed provide understanding about both government and small business in Maryland.

PRIORITIES: (1) Improving Maryland's business climate – reducing both tax and regulatory burdens on existing businesses on the shore and providing incentives for new business.

(2) Fiscal responsibility and transparency in government.
(3) Assure access to health care for all citizens. Assure an adequate supply of health care providers as our Eastern Shore population ages in place...

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation Trust Fund should provide for roads and bridges and not focus on mass transit or used for the General Fund. Funding for mid-Shore Projects – Dover Bridge and Route 404. Review local highway user revenues and determine with local jurisdictions how to restore, if so determined.

BUSINESS TAXES: Immediate repeal of the corporate tax increase and the sales tax increase would provide partial incentives for business and for millionaires to return to Maryland and open or expand business. Review implications of the unemployment issues and implications not only on private business but not-for-profits as well.

SAFETY NET SERVICES: If this is referring to community health providers, HB1034, passed this year, would direct the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Cost Commission to determine a rate structure for community providers, and establishes the policy that when State employees receive cost of living increases, community providers do as well...

EDUCATION: Local jurisdictions working together with various groups could realistically determine a plan for each County with regard to priorities and corresponding funding—the pensions, health care, teacher incentives. An analysis of the cost implications of legislation passed each year with or without additional mandates to locals would provide useful data...

ENERGY: Diversification of our energy portfolio is critical to our economy and in our county—the additional nuclear power plant in Calvert Cliffs, continued exploration and use of alternative fuels—wind, solar, biofuels; tax incentives for individual and business use. Creative alternatives are being utilized—burning of trash or rubble...

JEANNIE HADDAWAY

Web Site: www.votehad-daway.com

BACKGROUND: Delegate Jeannie Haddaway is a Talbot County native and has served in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2003. She has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Salisbury University and has had work experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. She is the owner of a graphic design company called Dragonfly Designs.

PRIORITIES: My four top priorities are the economy, education, the environment and the Eastern Shore. These four E's were my platform in the last campaign and have been my focus during my tenure in the Maryland House of Delegates.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe that building a new Dover bridge and completing the dualization of Route 404 are important projects for our district. I also believe that as a rural area, we face challenges in public transportation that need to be addressed.

BUSINESS TAXES: The current tax and regulatory environment in Maryland have made it difficult for small businesses to survive and flourish. I believe that we need to remain competitive with our neighboring states in order to attract and retain jobs.

SAFETY NET SERVICES: I supported legislation that

passed and has been signed into law by the Governor that creates an income tax check-off for the DDA waiting list. Based on estimates from our current tax check-offs, Maryland could raise approximately \$1 million for this cause.

EDUCATION: State and local governments should work together to address funding for public K-12 education. The state should stop raiding local funds such as transportation and public safety, which has left counties and municipalities with fewer dollars. Public-private partnerships, energy conservation and resource sharing should also be encouraged to maximize savings.

ENERGY: Maryland must address current and future energy needs. It is going to take a balanced approach between generation, transmission and conservation. It is also going to take a blended portfolio of energy sources with a heavy focus on renewable.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION

Question 1

Constitutional Question (Senate Bill 26, Chapter 9 of the 2010 Session)

Maryland Constitutional Convention

Should a constitutional convention be called for the purpose of changing the Maryland Constitution?

Under Article XIV, Section 2 of the Maryland Constitution the General Assembly is required to ask the voters every 20 years whether a constitutional convention should be called for the purpose of altering the Maryland Constitution.

For a Constitutional Convention

Against a Constitutional Convention

BACKGROUND: The Maryland Constitution states that it is the duty of the General Assembly to "provide by Law for taking, at the general election to be held in 1970

and every twenty years thereafter, the sense of the People in regard to calling a Convention for altering this Constitution. If a majority of voters at such election or elections vote for the convention, the General Assembly must provide by law at its next session for the assembling of, and elections of delegates to, the convention."

Despite this, a constitutional convention has never been called pursuant to this article; None-the-less Maryland has held five constitutional conventions, in 1776, 1851, 1864, 1867, and 1967-1968. In the 1960's it was a U.S. Supreme Court decision that moved the Maryland legislature to call for a constitutional convention. The Court had decreed that Maryland must take immediate steps to reapportion itself or face a court-ordered reapportionment. In 1965, the Attorney General issued an opinion that the legislature could call a constitutional convention at any time and that the Governor could appoint a commission to study the need for constitutional reform. Governor J. Millard Tawes appointed a twenty seven member Constitutional Convention Commission in June of 1965. The commission recommended that the question be put on the ballot at the next election in 1966. The question was put forth at a special election on September 13, 1966, concurrent with the 1966 primary election. The result of the special election was an overwhelming vote in favor of calling a constitutional convention.

On June 13, 1967 Maryland voters elected 142 delegates to the constitutional convention of 1967-1968. They were elected from the same districts as Delegates to the General Assembly. After their election, the delegates were assigned to one of eight subject committees: Personal Rights and the Preamble, Judicial Branch, The Legislative Branch, The Executive Branch, Local Government, Suffrage and Elections, State Finance and Taxation and General Provisions. They worked from September of 1967 until January of 1968.

They drafted a proposed con-

stitution that was widely hailed as a model by political scientists, and the press. However it was soundly defeated in May of 1968 by a 2 to 1 margin. Because the document required an up or down vote, the votes of a wide variety of opponents added together to voice a firm dismissal. Some were merely opposed to change; others rejected particular provisions such as giving nineteen year-olds the vote and formal language making it illegal to discriminate. There was a well organized coalition of holders of "Courthouse offices" who would have lost their constitutional status in the new document.

Although the new constitution was overwhelmingly defeated in 1968, the process produced some important improvements which were eventually adopted as voter approved amendments. These included removing archaic, obsolete and duplicative language and biased references to religion, race and sex, setting the voting age at 18, clarifying absentee voting requirements, creating the office of Lt. Governor, empowering the Governor to organize the executive branch, outlining a new redistricting procedure, and a major rewrite of election laws.

The question of calling a constitutional convention was defeated when, as mandated, it was placed on the 1970 ballot. It was defeated again in 1990.

What happens if this passes? According to our current constitution if on November 2nd a majority of voters vote for a constitutional convention, the General Assembly, at its next session, must pass legislation defining the general structure/organization of the constitutional convention and how the delegates would be elected. It would then be the role of the delegates to draft a new Maryland Constitution to be placed before the voters for adoption or rejection.

PROS: The present constitution is considerably longer than the average state constitution and nearly twice as long as the United States Constitution and gets more unwieldy as each amendment is proposed and adopted.

Some believe that some of the amendments adopted over the years do more than just prescribe the basic framework for the system of government and should be removed. Major improvements to the structure of state government are more likely to be achieved through a constitutional convention than by amendments proposed by legislators who are elected through the political process.

CONS: There is no particular need for a state constitution to mirror the federal constitution in form or length. A constitutional convention is a long and expensive process and should not be undertaken unless the voters feel the need for a fundamental change in state government. There is no guarantee that the delegates would not be elected by special interest groups and the likelihood that voters will accept, in totality, a new constitution could render the whole process a waste of resources. Amendments proposed by legislators and approved by voters are a more practical way to achieve reform.

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment (Senate Bill 119, Chapter 480 of the 2010 Legislative Session)

Trial by Jury

Authorizing the enactment of legislation to limit the right to a jury trial in a civil proceeding to those proceedings in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$15,000.

(Amending Maryland Declaration of Rights – Articles 5(a) and 23)

Under Articles 5 and 23 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights, a party in a civil proceeding has a right to a jury trial where the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000. In cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed this threshold amount, a judge, rather than a jury, determines the verdict. The constitutional amendment would increase the amount-in-controversy limitation by providing that a party may not demand a jury trial in a civil proceeding unless the amount in controversy exceeds \$15,000, excluding attorney's fees if attorney's fees are recoverable in the proceeding.

- For the Constitutional Amendment
- Against the Constitutional Amendment

BACKGROUND: Currently civil cases may be heard by the District Court where only a judge presides as long as the amount in dispute does not exceed \$30,000. If the plaintiff files the case in the District Court and the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000, a defendant may demand a jury trial and the case must be transferred to the Circuit Court. The threshold for the right to demand a jury trial was changed to \$5,000 in 1992, and then to \$10,000 in 1998. During the 2010 session of the General Assembly, both chambers of the Legislature passed Senate Bill 119 by a three-fifths majority. This bill proposed to amend the constitution to say that a defendant in a civil proceeding would not have the right to demand a jury trial unless the amount in controversy is more than \$15,000 (excluding attorney's fees if those fees may be reimbursed as a result of the decision.).

What happens if this passes? – If a majority of voters vote for the constitutional amendment, the threshold for demanding a jury trial would increase to \$15,000.

PROS: If this passes, the state could save the time and expense involved in providing a jury trial for civil proceedings where the amount in dispute is between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

CONS: Defendants in cases where the amount in controversy is between \$10,000 and \$15,000, excluding attorney fees, would lose the right to demand a jury hear the case.

A vote FOR the Constitutional Amendment would raise the amount of damages entitling one to a trial by jury to \$15,000

A vote AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment would retain the amount of damages entitling a trial by jury at \$10,000.

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(House Bill 417, Chapter 481 of the 2010 Legislative Session)

Qualifications for Baltimore City Orphans' Court Judges Requires judges of the Orphans' Court in Baltimore City to be members in good standing of the Maryland Bar who are admitted to practice law in Maryland.

(Amending Article IV, Section 40 of the Maryland Constitution)

Under the Maryland Constitution, the voters of each county and Baltimore City elect three judges to the Orphans' Court of their respective jurisdictions, with the exception of Montgomery and Harford counties, where circuit court judges sit as the Orphans' Court. The judges must be citizens of the State and residents, for the preceding 12 months, in the city or county in which they are elected. The constitutional amendment would add an additional eligibility requirement for judges of the Orphans' Court in Baltimore City, requiring them to be members in good standing of the Maryland Bar who are admitted to practice law in Maryland.

- For the Constitutional Amendment

- Against the Constitutional Amendment

BACKGROUND: Orphans' court judges hear all contested matters regarding a decedent's estate, including validity of wills and legal questions involving transfers of property. The Orphans' court also supervises judicially probated estates; approves accounts, awards of personal representatives' commissions, and attorney's fees in all estates; and has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit courts in the guardianship of minors and their property. While many Orphans' court judges are attorneys, they are not required to be lawyers or members of the State bar.

What happens if this passes? If a majority of voters statewide as well as a majority of voters in Baltimore City vote for this Constitutional amendment, the additional requirement of being in good standing in the Maryland Bar and admitted to practice law in

Maryland will be applied to all Orphan's Court Judges in Baltimore City.

PROS: Baltimore City Orphans' Court Judges are the only such judges who serve in full time positions and they would be best prepared to carry out their duties if all individuals who seek this office are required to be fully trained and credentialed as attorneys in Maryland.

CONS: The Orphans' Court was designed as a lay court. Even though those who are elected to serve in this capacity in Baltimore City are almost always lawyers, passage of this law would change a tradition in existence since Colonial times.

JUDGE, Court of Special Appeals

DESCRIPTION: Judges preside in the Court of Special Appeals, the intermediate appellate court in Maryland. The Court reviews the actions and decisions of the Circuit Court and of the Orphans' Court in cases brought before it. The Court, usually sitting in panels of three judges, decides if the trial judge followed the law and legal precedent.

SALARY: 149,552 annual base, as of 7/1/08.

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

HOW ELECTED: When there is a vacancy on the Court of Special Appeals, the governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office, with the consent of the State Senate. Once appointed, the appellate judge holds the office until the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. At that time, the judge runs for an uncontested election for a ten-year term on their record (yes or no for continuance in office). No one is permitted to file against them. If the incumbent judge is approved, the judge faces another "retention election" every ten years to continue in office. If the incumbent judge is rejected by the voters, the post becomes vacant, and the governor makes a new appointment. The Court is composed of 13 judges: six at large and one each from seven appellate judi-

cial districts.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for this office?

JUDICIAL SYSTEM NEEDS: What is the area of greatest need in the Maryland judicial system?

LEGAL NEEDS: What can be done to provide individuals with wider and better access to legal help and the legal system?

AT-LARGE CANDIDATES

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

PETER B. KRAUSER

QUALIFICATIONS: During eleven years on the Court of Special Appeals, I authored hundreds of opinions for the Court in civil, criminal, administrative, and family law matters. As Chief Judge for almost three years, I expedited the appellate process for attorneys, self-represented litigants, and the Court, and established a mediation program.

JUDICIAL SYSTEM NEEDS: Our judicial system continues to need improvements in information technology to ease the burden on litigants and the courts and to expedite the resolution of disputes. We also need to expand mediation programs to reduce the cost, time, and stress involved in trials and appeals.

LEGAL NEEDS: We can improve access to justice in Maryland by making reduced-fee and free legal services more available, as well as expanding alternative means to resolve disputes. In addition, we need to improve our technology so that the Court's forms, rules, and decisions are more available to litigants.

ALBERT J. MATRICCIANI JR.

QUALIFICATIONS: Member of the Maryland bar since 1974; over 20 years of legal practice; almost 16 years on the bench; graduate of University of Maryland School of Law.

JUDICIAL SYSTEM NEEDS: Resources. In Baltimore City we desperately need a new criminal court building. Our Court fairs much better but there are always unmet needs. The most important thing is to be able to attract dedicated, bright, public servants to our court system.

LEGAL NEEDS: The organized bar has always responded well to requests for pro bono assistance, e.g., in the mortgage foreclosure debacle recently. Many courts have established collateral services to assist pro se litigants in presenting their claims and have expanded interpretation services for non-English speaking people. These are positive steps.

ALEXANDER WRIGHT JR.

QUALIFICATIONS: Before my appointment, I served as a Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge, partner in a major law firm, Assistant Attorney General, and Assistant Public Defender. I have 35+ years of combined judicial and litigation experience.

JUDICIAL SYSTEM NEEDS: A recent Gallup poll determined that 76% of Americans have trust and confidence in the judicial branch. In order to maintain that trust and confidence in Maryland, judges must work to make the system accessible and make sure that its decisions conform to the law.

LEGAL NEEDS: We must increase public awareness of the need for expanded access to justice and legal assistance to all residents through communication campaigns, education, workshops, and other activities. Also, we must increase support for self-represented litigants through the development of judicial bench books, self-help centers, online forms, and clinics.

CIRCUIT 1 CANDIDATE

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

CHRISTOPHER B. KEHOE

QUALIFICATIONS: A judge must respect all individuals, regardless of race, gender or economic circumstances, and be committed to treat all persons fairly according to the law. I believe I have those qualities, and the experience and knowledge to continue to serve as the Eastern Shore's representative on the Court.

JUDICIAL SYSTEM NEEDS: We are faced with ever-increasing numbers of persons who find themselves in court but cannot afford a lawyer. We must adapt to assure that persons rights and interests are recognized and respected while at the same time resolving cases in an efficient and just manner.

LEGAL NEEDS: People need to be educated about the law and the resources available to those who cannot afford a lawyer. Websites, brochures and other information sources can inform people about their rights and responsibilities and direct them to programs providing volunteer lawyers or lower cost legal services

Need Help Voting?

You may:

1. Have help with reading the ballot and making your selections.
2. Use the following features on the voting unit:
 - Audio ballot
 - Enlarged text
 - High contrast text
 - Adjustable screen to sit while voting
3. Bring someone to help you or ask the election judges for help.
 - The person helping you will need to complete a form.
 - If you bring someone to help you, your helper can't be your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union.
4. Review the sample ballot posted in this polling place.

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Caroline County Offices

COUNTY COMMISSION

QUESTIONS

BACKGROUND: What educational and professional background and interest areas do you bring to the position of County Commissioner, and what would you most like to accomplish as a Commissioner?

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: What are your views on restructuring the Commission representation?

BUDGET: In an era of decreased public revenues, how would you prioritize spending and what services and infrastructure needs would you deem critical to fund?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: What commercial development sectors do you regard as most appropriate for Caroline County and how would you balance these with quality of life and environmental factors?

POPULATION GROWTH: What residential and population growth rate level do you see as beneficial to Caroline County and where would such growth, if any, be most appropriate? Are there areas that should be excluded from residential growth?

AGRICULTURE: How would you preserve and support Caroline County's agricultural economy?

Vote for no more than three.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

JAMES BROWN

BACKGROUND: Bowie State graduate. Employed as a probation officer, Domestic Violence, Ander Management, and Drug Counselor for Latinos and Adolescents. Served on the Democratic Central Committee for 24 years. This background provides a broader perspective on the needs of the people and to bring a more civil approach

to government.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: Have supported five commissioners in the 2002 and 2006 elections. Continue to endorse the concept and application of five commissioners.

BUDGET: Priorities—Public Safety—more deputies on the road per shift, increased support for EMTs and the fire departments. Change the emphasis from "Maintenance of Effort" to Excellence of Effort" in public education.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Provide opportunity for jobs—there is no quality of life with no work. Obtain more light industry in the industrial parks; continue with the tourism emphasis. The Denton Wal-Mart will provide jobs.

POPULATION GROWTH: The new census figures will show an increase in population—35-40,000 residents. The existing Master Plan will have to adjust. Smart growth policies have to be maintained. Sensitive areas need to be excluded.

AGRICULTURE: Using Smart Growth policies, TDRs and Ag preservation.

MARTY GANGEMI

BACKGROUND: It is my opinion that I bring the best experience possible to the role of Commissioner. Not only did I grow up, attend Caroline County schools, 35 years an employee of Choptank Electric, and farmed. I will draw upon those experiences and those of my previous 4 years as Commissioner.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: Frankly, the biggest restructuring I propose is the elimination of political parties for commissioner candidates. We need people who will do the best for Caroline county. There should be no party considerations in county commissioner decisions.

BUDGET: I will prioritize the expenditures against anticipated revenues. My top priorities include educa-

tion and economic development. We need to have quality education, but we also need a place for those educated folks to work right here in Caroline County so they can "Live here, work here and play here!"

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: It is time to encourage re-use of abandoned, rundown properties. Not only is it environmentally responsible it is also a way to clean up blighted areas. We need to develop incentives such as expedited plan review, reduced submittal fees, property tax abatements, etc.

POPULATION GROWTH: The revenue collected from residential property taxes does not cover the cost of the County services provided to the residents. Therefore, we must focus more on economic development and bring in more business that will bring in more revenue and use fewer services.

AGRICULTURE: As a life-long farmer, property rights are important to me and will be a consideration of mine in matters dealing with land development. Agriculture Land Preservation is necessary to provide food for today, and for the future of America. For without food we fail!

TERENDA V. THOMAS

BACKGROUND: My background includes: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration; 48 total master's degree credits in Public Administration and Human Resources Management; a trained mediator; and over 20 years human resources management experience. I want to contribute to building/maintaining a workforce equipped to appropriately meet the needs and challenges of the County.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: I believe the current structure of three commissioners is problematic for two reasons: the impact absences could have on the conduct of business and the

lack of geographically diverse representation. I would like to see an increase to five commissioners, with a combination of geographically specific and at-large representation.

BUDGET: When developing the budget, the first priority would be those activities and items mandated by law and debt retirement; next would be areas involving public safety, education, county services, and health; and then other areas of interest. Infrastructure needs deemed critical are roads and bridges, solid waste management, and telecommunications.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Local availability of major shopping venues such as Walmart or Target, recreation/exercise outlets such as a YMCA, or even options for grocery shopping should be considered. Utilization of existing vacant, appropriately zoned properties should not adversely impact either the quality of life or the environment.

POPULATION GROWTH: Presently I think the population growth rate should be at a minimum because of its potential impact on county operations and services. Growth that does not include property owners whose tax dollars would enhance an already strained budget will further contribute to the limitations on county operations and services.

AGRICULTURE: I would support initiatives currently in place as well as carefully consider any recommended modifications or additions as they arise that further promote preservation. Promoting local produce at the various farmers' markets is a good idea, and further development of them and similar concepts would be encouraged.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

JEFF GHRIST

BACKGROUND: Jeff Ghrist is your conservative commissioner! Jeff is a graduate of NCHS and earned his B.A. in Economics from Salisbury University. Jeff's strong business management and economics background have served Caroline County well. Jeff would like to continue to provide great public service while maintaining our strong financial standing.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: Jeff strongly supports a 5 Commissioner board for many reasons, the most important being the elimination of a de facto partnership of 2 members dominating all decision making. Unfortunately, until revenues improve, Jeff is not prepared to make additional budget cuts or raise taxes to add more Commissioner seats.

BUDGET: Jeff Ghrist expects County revenues to continue to decline for several more years as property values continue to erode. Future spending must be capped. Tax rate increases should not be an option. Emergency services, education, infrastructure maintenance and economic development will be Jeff's priorities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Caroline County residents want more shopping and entertainment opportunities. To foster these opportunities we must develop a strong, comprehensive rezoning. This will begin in January. Often government stands in the way of progress when the cost of regulation is much higher than the benefits received. Reaching a balance is important.

POPULATION GROWTH: Population growth rates are generally determined by the market supply and demand for homes rather than government oversight. Local gov-

ernment, though, has the authority to take development rights from its residents. Because Jeff values our residents' property rights, he would not support taking away or giving additional rights to subdivide.

AGRICULTURE: The most significant agribusiness is irrational State regulation. The poultry industry is a target. More costly regulation might move this industry out of Maryland, leaving grain growers without a consistent buyer. Jeff will work with our farm bureaus and the Del Marva poultry industry to fight against expensive regulations.

WILBUR LEVENGOOD, JR.

See Candidate's website: <http://wilbur4carolinecounty.com/>

LARRY C. PORTER

BACKGROUND: Graduated North Carolina High School 1970, AA Degree, Chesapeake College, further studies, Salisbury State University. President - Cabell Corporation, life member, Denton fire company, former Mayor and Commissioner of Denton, treasurer and member of the Caroline County Board of Library Trustees. My goal would be to operate the County as a business.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: The goal of the County Commissioners should be to represent ALL citizens. I would support the retention of 3 Commissioners or the change to 5. Compensation for 3 Commissioners could be spread among 5, if that is the will of the people.

BUDGET: My priorities would be public safety, education, maintenance of roads and County structures. As a member of a Volunteer Fire Company for close to 30 years, I understand the importance of supporting our volunteers to make sure they have the proper funding to save OUR lives and property.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: As a developer of buildings in Denton Industrial Park, I have seen the value of small companies that provide secure jobs with comparable wages. The business must be diversified so as not to be adversely effected by violent economic swings in one area.

POPULATION GROWTH: Caroline County has grown over years with residential development occurring on the fringes of our municipalities. I would favor this trend, particularly as a way to preserve our agricultural heritage. Provision of water and sewer for future development and the methods of providing those facilities will be one of the biggest challenges for the future.

AGRICULTURE: I would work to preserve our agricultural heritage through adherence to planning and zoning guidelines, close consultation with Farm Bureau representatives, and a keen ear to the farmers who actually work the ground. I am very aware of the challenges and importance of our farming community.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

None

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

JONATHAN G. NEWELL
(no response)

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

SAMUEL STERLING WOODS

BACKGROUND: A native of Wilmington, DE, Sam grew up in the tri-State area along the borders of Delaware, Pennsylvania and

Maryland. Sam graduated from the University of Delaware in 2004 with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. He has worked with the Maryland State Police as a civilian crime technician since 2006. . . .

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

DALE MINNER

BACKGROUND: I was first elected Clerk of Court in 1982 and have served as President of the Maryland Circuit Court Clerk's Association. I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and have worked to modernize many aspects of the Clerk's office including land records, computerized indexes and case management systems.

REGISTER OF WILLS

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

CHARLES O. DAVIS, JR.
BACKGROUND: Charlie Davis is seeking a 5th term as Register of Wills. Charlie has served on many probate committees and was Past President of the State Association. Prior, he was a County Commissioner and is a graduate of North Caroline High School, Goldey Beacom College, and the University of Baltimore.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

JIM PHELPS (no response)

JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

Vote for no more than three

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

BEVERLY S. BLADES
BACKGROUND: Graduate Beacom Business College, major, Accounting. 42 years at Preston Trucking co., Inc. in a num-

ber of capacities, including Director of Data Processing, retired February 1, 1991.

QUALIFICATIONS: I feel that I am experienced in probate law for the past 19 years and can benefit the people OF Caroline County.

BEVERLY HIGNUTT
BACKGROUND: I HAVE LIVED IN Caroline County since I was three years old. I have worked in banking for the past 26 ½ years and recently retired from PNC Bank. I have attended Caroline High School. Have constantly attended classes on regulation, policy, product knowledge. Have worked as teller, head teller and assistant bank manager in Denton and Ridgley and retired as Financial Sales Consultant.

QUALIFICATIONS: I HAVE ALWAYS WORKED WITH THE PUBLIC PROVIDING CUSTOMER SERVICE. I HAVE WORKED WITH ESTATE ACCOUNTS. After all these years I will miss working the public and I feel this would be an opportunity to still work with the public and my past job knowledge would be an asset in this position.

MARY LOU PARSONS
BACKGROUND: Caroline County resident since 1969. Parent of Wendy Palmer and Parker Parsons. B.S. in Economics, College of Notre Dame. Everngams, retail and bookkeeper: 38 years State of Maryland; claims examiner, child welfare case worker, counselor and supervisor, Juvenile Services. Girl Scouts, PTA, Caroline Mental Health Foundation, Human Service Council.

QUALIFICATIONS: Orphans' Court Judges are tasked with resolving issues that arise at probate. They follow Maryland law regarding estates and guardianships. For 30 years I have evaluated cases and formulated recommendations for the Circuit Court. I have extensive experience in mediation and would use this to prevent further litigation.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

FRANCIS A. CALLAHAN, JR.

BACKGROUND: Graduated Caroline High School, basic and advanced accounting courses IAS, computer, psychology and sociology courses at Chesapeake College, 18 purchasing courses through Choptank electric and NAPM. Chief lineman, 17 years, purchasing agent six years. Board of Directors, 12th year current.

QUALIFICATIONS: Ethics Commission, current; Property Tax Appeals Board, six years; Solon Bennett Award, NAPM, USMC; Eagle Scout; WM Temple Lodge trustee, 16 years umpire, LL, 28 years. Because of my understanding of the requirements and responsibilities of Judge of the Orphan's Court and my ability and available time to take the position.

ROBERT TAYLOR

BACKGROUND: 12 years experience as Judge of Orphan's Court, eight years as Chief Judge. Member of Maryland Association of Judges of the Orphan's Court—attend regular seminars at State level. Graduate of Preston high School, retired field Superintendent, Dept. of Natural Resources, State of Maryland. Veteran of the United States Coast Guard.

SHERIFF

Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

RANDY BOUNDS
Web site: www.randy-boundsforsheriff.com

BACKGROUND: Former Maryland State Police Commander (Lieutenant) experienced in Administration, Budget Management, Criminal & Drug Investigations, Criminal Intelligence, Patrol Operations, Support Services, Crime Prevention, Community Policing, Crime Analysis, and Conflict Resolution. Managed investigators in 17 Maryland

Counties including Caroline. Will lead a Sheriff's Office that is forward thinking, energetic, and committed.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION: Public safety must always take priority as the core mission of the Sheriff's Office. Resources will be strategically utilized as effectively and efficiently as possible. Administratively, roles, rules, policies and procedures will be evaluated for value and purpose. Operationally, talents will be matched with well thought out goals and objectives.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: Law enforcement and the community it serves must be ever vigilant against the many challenges threatening our quality of life. Together, we must be proactive in our opposition to drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, underage alcohol consumption, school violence, and dangerous threats to public safety. For more, see [web site]....

OUTREACH: As a proud parent of two young adult daughters that have benefited greatly from a variety of extracurricular activities, I support initiatives that lend to the positive growth and development of all children and young adults. I believe that crime prevention is simply an inherent bi-product of quality program efforts

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

GEORGE BACORN
Web site: www.bacornforsheriff.com

BACKGROUND: 20 year law enforcement professional, all for the Town of Denton Police Department. Rose through the ranks to Deputy Chief of Police in 1999. Certified Law Enforcement Instructor. Decrease quality of life issues within the county by reinforcing a true Community Policing philosophy while restructuring the Agency to maximize effectiveness.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION: By restructuring the organization of the Agency resources could be redistributed to fulfill the Mission, which is making Caroline

County a safer place to live. Through this reorganization we can maximize our current resources, within current budget restraints, while providing enhanced service to our citizens.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: Drugs are the primary law enforcement issue within Caroline County, or region and the State. This is followed closely by quality of life issues, such as noise issues, loitering, etc. (adults and Juveniles), which can, in most cases be directly related back to drugs as the root cause.

OUTREACH: As part of the organizational restructuring I would have more Deputies on the street performing proactive outreach in our communities, including foot and bike patrols. Although this does not qualify as a "program" it does provide an avenue for our youth/young adults and Deputies to interact in a positive way.

REFERENDUM

Question A
Referendum by General Assembly (Senate Bill 964, Chapter 633 of the 2009 Session)
Selection of Board of Education Members

The members of the Caroline County Board of Education are currently appointed by the Governor. This proposal would amend the Education Law Article to provide that three members are elected and two members continue to be appointed by the Governor. The three elected members must reside in and be elected by the voters of the new Board of Education Districts that will be created by the County Commissioners. Please indicate whether you prefer the current appointment method or the proposed combination appointment and election method.

VOTE FOR:

A Board of Education Elected in Part by the Voters of Caroline County (3 members) and Appointed in Part by the Governor (2 members);

Or,
For a Board of Education Appointed by the Governor

Dorchester County Offices

COUNTY COUNCIL

Dorchester County.

QUESTIONS

BACKGROUND: What educational and professional background and interests prepared you for this office?

ENERGY NEEDS: How can Dorchester County most effectively address the energy needs of the County in an environmentally appropriate manner, incorporating alternative systems and conservation, while providing a greater degree of assurance the costs are balanced with benefits?

BUDGET: In an austere budget environment, what are your high and low priorities for spending?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: How should the County Council best support the economic revitalization of core business areas and economic recovery in Dorchester County?

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 001

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

JAY L. NEWCOMB

BACKGROUND: Born, raised and educated in Dorchester County. I am a life-time member of Church Creek Volunteer Fire Department and served 11 years as Chief. Having served 8 years on the Dorchester County Council, two of which I have served as Council President prove my dedication and proven leadership.

ENERGY NEEDS: I think the county would benefit with replacing the power plant in Vienna with a plant generating power from Green Energy.

BUDGET: Don't spend what you haven't got and don't spend unless you absolutely have to.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: By promoting the new Tech Park and promoting tourism and heritage is the best ways to support economic recovery in

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

GLENN LEVI BRAMBLE
(no response received)

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 002

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

WILLIAM NICHOLS

BACKGROUND: My sixteen years as a Councilperson has prepared me for this job. I've seen good and bad times. Knowledge of the budget is the most important thing you have to know to be an effective legislator. Lets face it, the citizens do not want their taxes raised.

ENERGY NEEDS: This is why we've the debate about the MAPP project. The citizens have spoken, they want their way of life and the beauty of the land preserved. No one is against generation of power, they want it done in a friendly way.

BUDGET: Cut all nonessential spending. There are still pockets of the good ol boy system. Wrong thinking. No matter who sits here in Dorchester, they are going to be faced with a daunting question, Where is money going to come from.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: There are some who think the services industry is a cure all. We need more manufacturing and technology jobs. We have taken steps with the tech park and retention of businesses. I will caution you government doesn't create job but government can facilitate the process.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

none

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 003

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

RICKY C. TRAVERS

BACKGROUND: Born (1956) and raised Cambridge. Graduated high school 1974. Worked entire life local family business now co-own and manage. Active firefighter and held offices in Rescue Fire Company thirty year. Past president and board member Chamber of Commerce. Active member St. Paul's Methodist Church. Five years Dorchester County Councilman.

ENERGY NEEDS: Currently use Geo Thermal systems in schools and we are reclaiming methane gases at landfill to eventually generate electricity. All lights in county office building will be replaced by energy efficient fixtures through grant money. Studying the placement of solar panels at landfill to generate power back to grid.

BUDGET: Highest priority is maintaining current services with no tax increase. Education and Public Safety have always been two of my highest priorities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: We need to be a business friendly county, providing incentives to remodel and rebuild in our business areas. Less fees, less red tape, and more tax breaks to help new businesses open or current businesses expand, bringing more jobs and future income to Dorchester.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

None

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 004

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

CHARLOTTE J. HUGHES

BACKGROUND: Primary and Secondary Education; Dorchester County Public Schools. Baltimore City

College advanced studies relating to Human Services. Baltimore School of Law - Legal Document Research, Legal Investigation, Legal Writing) Paralegal and Mediator. Employed by the State of Maryland Department of Human Services (16 years) Child Support Supervisor - Family Services...

ENERGY NEEDS: Dorchester County must join in addressing the state's energy shortage by supporting renewable energy development and conservation by aggressively promoting environmentally friendly and affordable Green House development projects in areas not relating to historic preservation. Support farming by spearheading efforts that promote renewable fuels such as corn and soy bean based fuels.

BUDGET: Preservation of relevant services provided by our Police, Fire and Education entities by implementing watchdog measures to eliminate waste.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Create an Economic - Promotion and Tourism Super-Team by combining our already existing resources within the Economic Development and Tourism Departments, which could better attract cutting-edge industries, boost our economy and create the 21st century jobs our residents deserve. Coordinate and Promote as a County Cheer leading Team every available. . .

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

RICK PRICE

BACKGROUND: 1977 Bachelors Degree, Salisbury University. 1975 Associates Arts Degree, Chesapeake College. Former 911 dispatcher, City of Cambridge. 2 time past president of North Dorchester Jaycees. Served on Republican Central Committee. High degree of interest in public service.

ENERGY NEEDS: Assuming that the question

refers to the County's consumption of power, lobbying for lowering rates through our legislators. Continue oversight of energy consumption within county facilities and fuel usage by county vehicles. Emphasis on research and evaluation of alternative energy sources, such as geo-thermal being used at two county schools.

BUDGET: High Priorities: Economic development. Public Safety. Maintaining the educational facilities. Lower Priorities: Improvements to the infrastructure. No new construction. Unfunded initiatives.

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 005

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

JEROME JUNIOR HARRIS

BACKGROUND: Graduate, Mace's Lane High School, lifelong resident of Dorchester County. State employee for 30+ years. I see a need for higher education for our next generation. I also have an interest in helping to establish programs to get youth off the streets.

ENERGY NEEDS: The energy needs of Dorchester County will be most effectively addressed by more efficient use of existing technologies as well as learning more about new technologies. We need to work towards apprising County residents of measures like recycling and more environmentally responsible use of resources such as gas and

electricity.

BUDGET: High priorities in budgeting must be items that best serve the general populace. Among these are education and public services. Special interests expenditures that benefit a small portion of the populace must be low priorities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: In supporting the economic revitalization of core business areas and economic recovery we must consider the feasibility of measures such as tax breaks to make Dorchester County an attractive option from a business perspective.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

THOMAS CRISFIELD BRADSHAW

BACKGROUND: My wife and I run a small country store and I am president of the Vienna Heritage Foundation. Both of these interests require working within their means. While there will always be "wants", in an economy like we are facing today, the "needs" are all that can be addressed.

ENERGY NEEDS: The County should be up on the latest in recycling programs. The capturing of methane gas from landfill facilities for electric generators should be used to the greatest degree possible. Also better utilize biofuels.

BUDGET: Given the fact that there are serious budgetary constraints, the council's main focus must be public safety and infrastructure.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: With US manufacturing on the decline, we need to be seeking new ways of bringing business to our county. We need to create an environment attractive to new enterprises by lowering or waiving some of the fees and taxes. We should also focus on Heritage tourism, as this brings money into the local economy without need. . .

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC PARTY
WILLIAM H. JONES (No response received)

REPUBLICAN PARTY
No candidate

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

ROBERT L. HANSON
B A C K G R O U N D : Assistant Regional Administrator for Parole/Probation, managing 170 employees and working on a daily basis with the Circuit Court to coordinate supervision programs. 25 years Planning/Zoning provides experience and knowledge in processing land records. Dorchester native, Salisbury University graduate (BA and Masters), Cambridge commissioner. Interests-Church, family, veterans, sports. Visit www.robhan-son.net.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

AMY J. CRAIG
BACKGROUND: Amy J. Craig has been employed by the Circuit Court as the Family Support Services Coordinator since 1998. She has been recognized by legal professionals and service agencies for exceptional service to those needing court related assistance. Ms. Craig has Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Social Work from Salisbury University.

REGISTER OF WILLS

Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

DORIS KEENE LEWIS
B A C K G R O U N D : Graduate South Dorchester High School and Goldey Beacom College. Elected Register of Wills 1974 with

several years law office experience. Have kept updated on laws pertaining to probate, trusts and estate administration which enables me to perform the duties of Register of Wills in a professional, compassionate and efficient manner.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

DAVID A. ROTHWELL (R)

B A C K G R O U N D : 12/26/60 Twelfth child of Robert J. and Florence L. Rothwell. Married father of two; Patricia 26, Nicholas 6. 27 yrs employment in communications industry at K&L Microwave. 169 credits between Essex, Wor-Wic & Sby. no degree. Non-credit Constitutional Study through Hillsdale College. Certified in World Class Manufacturing Techniques . Competent Toast Master: Toastmasters International. 7yrs Girls Softball Coach.

JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

DISTRICT 001
Vote for one

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

GEORGE ROBERT AMES, JR.
BACKGROUND: 25 years legal experience. 16 years Dorchester Orphans' Court Judge. 9 years Dorchester Court Commissioner . High School Graduate - Vocational Agriculture. College - A.A. Degree Humanities / Social Science, A.A. Degree Law Enforcement, A.A. Degree Ministry, Bachelor's Degree Ministry, Credits Masters Degree Ministry.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

No candidate

DISTRICT 002
Vote for no more than two

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES
CAROLYN I. TODD
B A C K G R O U N D : Presently serving third term as Judge of Orphans' Court. Education includes graduate of South Dorchester High School; studies at Chesapeake College, Delaware Tech & Community College, Salisbury University, Washington College and Jefferson School of Commerce. Employed thirty years with University of Maryland Cooperative Extension and Dorchester Board of Education.

CALVIN TRAVERS
BACKGROUND: Calvin Travers has been very active in our community and civic organizations while serving 18 years as Judge of Orphans Court, 16 of them as Chief Judge. He feels he is qualified for this very important office and is eager to serve the citizens of Dorchester County.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
None

SHERIFF
Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
JAMES W. PHILLIPS, JR.
BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS: I have been employed at the Dorchester Sheriff's Office since 1977. I started at the bottom and worked my way up through the ranks. In 2002 the citizens of Dorchester County elected me Sheriff. I have attended numerous classes in an effort to stay current with today's requirements.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
None

BOARD OF EDUCATION (NON-PARTISAN)

QUESTIONS ASKED
BACKGROUND: What are your qualifications for this office?

PRIORITY: How should the Board of Education deal with the population of vulnerable adolescents at risk for not completing the requirements for a High School diploma?

BUDGET: In dealing with the school district's operational budget, which areas would you explore for cost savings or expansion? Which, if any, areas should be protected from budget cuts?

ROLE: What kind of relationship should the Board have with its community? With its parents and families?

DISTRICT 002

LORRAINE T. HENRY
BACKGROUND: B.S., Morgan State University; MEd, Salisbury University. More than 30 years a certified teacher and Guidance Counselor; Appointed by Gov. Glendening to School Board, 2001-2006, elected 2006-2010; currently serve as Vice President of the Board; Legislative Rep. to State MABE Board .

PRIORITY: To improve the graduation rate including such efforts as expanded vocational programs at the New Career and Technology Center to open in 2011; monitoring student attendance; intensive middle school guidance curriculum.; review counselor's role in all schools; professional development to study the at-risk student; and improve Aternative Learning Center...

BUDGET: A major concern is to put "first things first" which means to use integrity and discipline to make well informed decisions. To recruit and retain a diverse quality work force and provide necessary materials is a top operational budget concern. To stay abreast of mandates, in

order to be in...
ROLE: A guiding point has been to develop positive parent and community support for learning. Efforts are made to encourage parent-involvement in all schools because this influences student behavior and achievement. The BOE and County Council have had a working relationship regarding major funding/budgeting issues; this facilitates trust.

DISTRICT 004

MICHELLE JACKSON
BACKGROUND: Former Board of Education member with five years experience; appointed to the Board in 2004, then elected for a four-year term in 2006. While serving, I gained experience with budget, school operations, setting policy, school construction, superintendent search process, state/federal legislation, and the everyday operation of our schools...

PRIORITY: The Board has put in place several plans of action for dealing with this group of students. While I was serving on the Board, there was evening and summer school available. This has actually been around for some time and helped several students graduate. There is also credit recovery...

BUDGET: Budget areas that should be looked at for expansion and teacher salaries and benefit packages. We need to retain highly qualified teachers in order for our students to be successful.

We need to maintain very competitive salaries in Dorchester County and use more budget for professional development and textbooks...

ROLE: The Board should have the kind of relationship with its community where it's more informative about educational issues. Stakeholders, local businesses, churches, etc. should all have a say or input into the decisions made by the Board, which should reach out to parents and families and educate

them and inform them...
GLEN PAYNE
BACKGROUND: I am a life-long resident of Dorchester County and an experienced public servant, having served 30 years with the Maryland state Police and also as a County Council member. I am familiar with legislative and budget procedures and have an awareness of local educational issues.

PRIORITY : There are numerous support agencies in the school system and community to address students at risk and to offer support for them and their families. We must instill in our youth that attending school daily and on time is mandatory and necessary for school, career, and life-long success.

BUDGET: Cost savings in areas such as fuel, utilities, and proper maintenance of equipment and upkeep of schools is important. Technology must be updated as much as budget allows keeping students competitive in the job market. Class size and safety issues should be protected from budget cuts.

ROLE: The Board's relationship with community, parents, and families should be based on communication and trust. Our website offers a wealth of information to the public and parents. As a current Board member, I can be easily contacted, and as my business card says, "Your child is important to me."

Talbot County Offices

COUNTY COUNCIL

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

BACKGROUND: What educational and professional background and interests prepared you for this office?

ENERGY NEEDS: How can Talbot County most effectively address the energy needs of the County in an appropriate manner, and at the same time incorporate alternative energy options and encourage energy conservation?

BUDGET: In an era of decreased public revenues, how would you prioritize spending and in what areas would you make cuts if necessary?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: How would you stimulate economic development in the light of the economic downturn and current unemployment?

LAND USE: How would you balance economic development, property rights, and environmental concerns?

Vote for no more than five.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

PETER L. COUNCELL

BACKGROUND: Easton High School graduate, major courses include vocational agriculture. Self-employed farmer, 1951 – present. Worked with Maryland Department of Agriculture and Talbot County Johnsongrass control, and as a conservation specialist. William Hill Manor bus driver. Former member, Talbot County Planning and Zoning Commission; past vice-president, Talbot County Farm Bureau, charter member, Talbot County Ruritans.

ENERGY NEEDS: I feel we can use wind power for energy.

BUDGET: We could make cuts for youth recreation and more supervision. Our youth need responsible working jobs to help them get a college education for better employment. We need to get confidence back into

our County people.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: I am for economic development and employment for all of Talbot County. However, we all need to work together as citizens and leaders to develop a plan that helps all of us.

LAND USE: We need economic development to create jobs in a weak market. Property rights are needed to protect farmers and land owners. We need more protection of our public waters, especially the Bay. People should be made to stop throwing trash in water and roadways.

THOMAS G. DUNCAN

BACKGROUND: Born in Talbot County and graduated Easton HS and Loyola College of Baltimore. Since retiring from the MD State Police, elected to Talbot County Council four times between 1986-2006 – with tenure interrupted by serving as Sheriff, 1993-2002. Well acquainted with major issues confronting the County in the future.

ENERGY NEEDS: Set the example by encouraging County agencies to be as energy efficient as possible with such measures as raising thermostats in summer and lowering them in winter, turning off unnecessary lights, reducing paper use, more efficient County vehicles and using vans or smaller school busses when appropriate.

BUDGET: Greatest strength is the commitment to efficient but affordable government – so have support of Talbot Taxpayers Association. A strong fiscal conservative, preached strict financial responsibility even before the present economic downturn. Would defer spending millions on Community Center until better time and use the savings for pressing operational needs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Here again, record speaks for itself. Keeping the Memorial Hospital complex at Easton is of vital impor-

tance. When others declined to get involved, Senator Richard Colburn and I succeeded by visiting and eliciting support of Governor, Comptroller, other officials and Town Councils of Easton, St. Michaels, Oxford, Trappe, Preston and Federalsburg.

LAND USE: My commitment to controlled growth and protection of our precious and irreplaceable environment is another strong suit. This must be done with the interests of property owners in mind. My past campaigns have been endorsed by the leading local conservation organizations such as Citizens for Sound Growth/Talbot Preservation Alliance.

PHILIP CAREY FOSTER

BACKGROUND: Experienced County Councilman—President (3) VP (3); Education—Easton High, Wooster College, Vanderbilt Law School; Attorney, Interior Department; Assistant, Deputy and State's Attorney for Talbot County; Member, Maryland House of Delegates; Former President, Talbot Bar Association and Talbot Soccer League; Youth Coach (27 years); active in many community organizations.

ENERGY NEEDS: I support energy sources that reduce costs and protect the environment - geothermal, green roofs, county windmill project, solar panels, turning off unused air conditioning, etc. I do have concerns with the plan to dig a power line trench up the Choptank River without knowing its effect on marine life.

BUDGET: As a fiscal conservative, I demand full value for every dollar spent. Every option to keep down costs must be explored. Declining revenues and state withholding of local funds combine to create a situation requiring experienced leadership for Talbot to continue to hold the highest bond rating on the Shore.

ECONOMIC DEVELOP-

MENT: I have worked tirelessly to retain Memorial Hospital in Easton as well as the Regional Postal Distribution Center. Local projects such as the St. Michaels carnival should be supported, not obstructed, by government. While supporting existing businesses we also need to bring stable, clean companies to provide good job opportunities.

LAND USE: Our strategy involves balancing the need to provide opportunity with the duty to preserve this wonderful treasure known as Talbot County. In doing so, we must be sensitive to the needs of the watermen and farmers who give this region its identity and carefully consider proposals for change before acting.

LEVIN "BUDDY" F. HARRISON IV (no response)

HILARY SPENCE

BACKGROUND: Following my interest and experience in community affairs, I was elected to the Talbot County Council in 1998 and again in 2002 and served as president of the Council for two years. I have a B.S. degree in health administration and a M.Ed. in educational management.

ENERGY NEEDS: Talbot County can implement energy conservation measures in all of its buildings, use bio-fuels to power its vehicles and insure that construction of new public buildings follow "green" guidelines. In addition, the county can pursue a county-wide, curbside recycling program to encourage residents to recycle.

BUDGET: Local government's primary responsibility is to provide vital services such as education, fire and police protection, disease control, and emergency services. Building projects not related to these services should be reconsidered during times of decreased revenues and the Council should have the authority to reallocate resources to meet operational expenses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Council members should take an active role in promoting the County's many assets to public and private investors to encourage new business development and expansion of existing companies. County departments responsible for permitting and licensing new businesses should facilitate the process to avoid unnecessary delays.

LAND USE: The State of Maryland has enacted strict regulations to protect acreage in the critical areas. By adjusting agricultural buffers, limiting densities, and enforcing existing zoning regulations we will continue to protect our fragile environment - Talbot's most valuable economic and quality of life asset.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

DIRCK BARTLETT

BACKGROUND: I have a political science degree from Denison University including internships with elected officials here and when I studied abroad in England. I have always been keenly interested in international, national, and local politics and land use issues. My career in the construction business has also helped me better understand

ENERGY NEEDS: We should transition our fleet of vehicles into alternative energy vehicles. We are adding a county wind turbine and solar panels into our Klondike Road facility and have incorporated a green roof on our new Senior Center. Our St. Michaels High School renovation included geothermal heating and cooling. Every opportunity....

BUDGET: Our greatest priority is public safety. While we need to be careful about fulfilling that essential mission, we need to try and make even these essential expenditures of government more efficient. We are looking at every cost in every budget and asking our department heads "Where

can we be more efficient"?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: It is not the government's role to use taxpayer money to stimulate the economy. The taxpayer can and should be left alone to make their own economic decisions. The economy will rise and fall as the markets dictate. Our goal as elected officials is to manage the county business environment....

LAND USE: On a fundamental level, I believe that a person's right to swing their arm ends where their neighbors' nose begins. For example, a homeowner does not have the right to pollute a river (which is not individual property, rather is shared property). A healthy environment is a collective benefit shared by all of us

ANDREW HOLLIS

BACKGROUND: Eleven years as Talbot County Manager, eight years as St. Michaels Town Manager. Also served four years as the County's Assistant Planning Officer, past member of the County Planning Commission, the County Housing Advisory Board and the County Public Schools Ethics Panel. Bachelors Degree in Urban Studies, concentration in Planning.

ENERGY NEEDS: The County should continue efforts towards developing demonstration projects such as the wind turbine project, strongly encourage geothermal and solar energy systems county wide and privately, and monitor the impact and success of these systems. The County Engineer should be encouraged to continue to pursue alternative energy options.

BUDGET: I would rely on my knowledge of County departments, their responsibilities to the public, and related costs to prioritize spending. My focus would be preserving funding for public safety, health and education. The new Council needs to launch a comprehensive review at all department levels and a prioritization of services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: At this time, the primary focus should be on retaining and supporting existing businesses and the jobs they supply. This calls for a commitment by each member of the Council to meet with business owners and managers to understand first hand their operations and the challenges they face.

LAND USE: Through the update of the County's Comprehensive Plan and the inclusion of a variety of community viewpoints and perspectives in that process. The role of the County regarding land use is based in Maryland law, regarding the requirement for a county comprehensive land use plan and supporting ordinances.

COREY W. PACK

BACKGROUND: I am a graduate of the University of Delaware, with a degree in Criminal Justice. I have been employed by the State [of] Maryland for over 15 years and last 8 as a supervisor for the Department of Parole and Probation. I am the former President of the Talbot Partnership Advisory Board....

ENERGY NEEDS: As Talbot County does not produce its own energy, we are faced with the task of controlling our usage as we have little control over the market price. While nationally less than 7% of our energy is in the form of renewable fuels, the county should continue the process of implementing....

BUDGET: Health and the public safety are the two areas that should be funded first. First responders, fire fighters, police and corrections officers and health care providers are crucial to the life of any community. Education would be next, how we invest in our students today will determine the quality of citizens....

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Talbot County is seeing its highest unemployment rate in decades (8%). Retaining, expanding and attracting new business is a key component to

reversing the unemployment arrow. I would continue working with the Economic Development Director to be proactive in addressing business owners' concerns. We need to look for ways to streamline the....

LAND USE: Personal property rights must be held in high regard, government should work aggressively to assure that property rights are protected. The health of the environment affects everyone, property owner and renter, therefore the cause of any action must be weighted against the impact to society at-large. Smart Growth initiatives and....

LAURA E. PRICE

BACKGROUND: As a small business owner in Talbot County, I know what it takes to run a successful business. I will bring to that knowledge, ability and dedication when administering the county budget. As wife and mother, I understand how to set priorities. I recognize what's most important in our children's education.

ENERGY NEEDS: I would be in favor of looking at all alternative energy sources and supporting those that can produce energy for the masses. At the same time, I strongly support maintaining and improving our existing sources of energy, which have proven for decades that they can provide low cost energy.

BUDGET: I would identify areas of wasteful spending in our budget, then re-prioritize how we spend taxpayer dollars. My priorities are: Sheriff's Department, emergency Services and Firefighters. Additionally, we must fund our schools so that we get the biggest bang for our buck so our children have the best education possible.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: I think we ought to encourage existing businesses to grow and expand enabling them to create more jobs by making the rules and regulations easier. Policies and procedures that

apply to businesses should be user friendly and not adversarial.

LAND USE: I am strongly in favor of the landowner who bought the property, maintains it and pays the taxes. Our U. S. Constitution guarantees property rights. I also support our comprehensive plan and zoning to insure that commercial and residential developments occur in the appropriate areas, so we can protect the environment.

CATHY WATTS

BACKGROUND: Professional background working for the United States Congress, Connecticut Board of Parole, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and the Maryland Republican Party. Roles included development of legislation, victim services, outreach and advocacy with veterans, political campaigns at many levels and leadership positions in educational and community organizations.

ENERGY NEEDS: Talbot County has initiated energy from biomass projects in the Department of Public works and has approved a pilot program of solar panels and wind turbines. Such programs need to be carefully monitored and cost-benefit studies done to determine impact and appropriate applications of alternative technologies.

BUDGET: Spending prioritization needs to occur within a strategic plan based upon realistic assessments of availability of revenue and human resources to ensure that we can provide essential services in public safety, public works, economic development and education without raising taxes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Review the economic development activity of the county, the towns and tourism for their specific goals to encourage a cooperative plan defining the ways we can support the current employment base and encourage new jobs consistent with our need to fill empty commercial space,

utilize the available labor pool and....

LAND USE: Working within the citizen-created Comprehensive Plan, I would recommend a citizen advisory group to develop creative strategies for economic growth. Balancing the economic needs with protection of property rights and environmental consciousness is a complex equation that our rural county will always face and requires developing consensus between competing interests.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

SCOTT G. PATTERSON
(no response)

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

None

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Vote for one.

QUESTION FOR CANDIDATES

What educational and professional background and interest areas do you bring to this position?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

MARY ANN SHORTALL: Incumbent Clerk of the Circuit since 1985, 25 years administrative experience in managing the Clerk's office, generating an annual revenue of \$8.7 million. Responsible for expenditures and procurement. Experience in working in every department of the Clerk's office, including land records, liens, business licensing, notary, child support, criminal . . .

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

JENNIFER LEIGH WILLIAMS: My legal education, combined with 20 years practicing law on the

Shore, provides an unequalled knowledge of the legal side of this office. My management and customer service training and experience will allow me to effectively and efficiently oversee operations of the office while focusing on service to the public.

REGISTER OF WILLS

Vote for one.

QUESTION FOR CANDIDATES

What educational and professional background and interest areas do you bring to this position?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

ALICE W. ANDERSON: With over 40 years experience and a proven record of dedicated public service in this specialized field, I am uniquely qualified to serve as Register of Wills. I am committed to using modern technology together with personal, compassionate assistance, to carry on my tradition of courteous, professional, efficient service to the citizens of Talbot County.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

None

JUDGE OF THE ORPHAN'S COURT

Vote for no more than three.

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

BACKGROUND: What is your educational and employment background?

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your strongest qualifications for this position and why should voters choose you?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

RONALD L. FRAMP-TON

BACKGROUND: Juris Doctorate (Law), Master of Arts, Bachelor of Arts; Magistrate (criminal/traffic

court); Chairman - Property Tax Assessment Board; Legal Officer - Judge Advocate Corps.

QUALIFICATIONS: Law school-educated, 25 years of legal experience including judicial and quasi-judicial; Federal veterans/administrative practice; chief negotiator for FAA. I will always render decisions according to law.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

CARVILLE DON DUNCAN

BACKGROUND: For the past 4 years I have been an Associate Judge on the Talbot County Orphan's Court. Prior to that I was, for 15 years, President and CEO of Health Management and Consulting, LLC. Prior to that I was senior vice-president for a national health care company and very involved in many local community organizations.

QUALIFICATIONS: Currently Judge of Orphan's Court, member of Conference Committee appointed by Chief Judge Robert Bell of the State of Maryland. Member, Board of Directors, Maryland Association of Judges of the Orphan's Court, and member of the Bench/Bar Committee for the Maryland Judiciary. TBD

WILLIAM J. HOWARD
(no response)

DONALD E. JAMES

BACKGROUND: BS Degree, University of Maryland, College Park; Juris Doctorate in Law - University of Baltimore, 37 years in construction industry handling sub contract agreements, retiring as V.P. for eastern United States.

QUALIFICATIONS: I am completing my 12th year on the court, serving as Chief Judge for the last 8 years. At the conclusion of adversarial hearings before the Court, a panel of 3 judges, I write all the opinions defining the reasoning behind the Court's decision - more than 75 to date.

SHERIFF**QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES**

BACKGROUND: What educational and professional background and interest areas do you bring to the position of Sheriff, and what would you most like to accomplish as Sheriff?

RESOURCE PRIORITIES: In a climate of reduced public revenues, how would you prioritize resources?

LAW ENFORCEMENT: In your opinion, what are the prime law enforcement issues in Talbot County and in the region?

NEEDS OF YOUTH: Would you, as Sheriff, implement additional programs to address the needs of children and young adults, including multi-cultural youth, to aid in crime prevention?

Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE**CHARLES "ANDY" LARIMORE**

BACKGROUND: Being a former Marine and current police officer, I have attended schools and courses pertaining to leadership, investigation, domestic violence, drug interdiction and others. As Sheriff, I'd like to establish an office that is proactive, community oriented and is known for its professionalism, respectfulness and integrity.

RESOURCE PRIORITIES: Resources would be prioritized based on the safety and needs of the community. Establishing good communication and working relationships with other agencies would prevent work and resources from being duplicated. This would save revenues and result in a more effective style of policing throughout the community.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: Each region of the County has both similar and unique issues. One that we face together is the drug issue. This is an issue that many crimes are related to.

By reducing the drug spread, we will certainly reduce other crimes and provide a safer community to live and work.

NEEDS OF YOUTH: Being the only candidate with school age children, I'm able to see firsthand the issues our youth face. I would extend DARE through the middle school and conduct presentations for schools, sports organizations, youth groups and parents on topics such as drug education, peer pressure, self esteem and bullying.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE**DALLAS G. POPE**

BACKGROUND: My proven record of police command experience is key. Maryland State Police Major, 25 years. Command/leadership - Internal Affairs, Criminal Investigation, Drug Investigation, Homicide Investigation, Barrack Command, and Regional Command of five Barracks. Your Sheriff for 8 years. BS Degree in Business Administration - University of Maryland; 2 Associate Degrees, Chesapeake College, USAF.

RESOURCE PRIORITIES: We have, and continue to be fiscally responsible. We act on need-driven resource and are cognizant of scarce tax dollar revenues. Over the past two budgets we are operating with total funding at 10% less than the fiscal year 2008 budget - and are still meeting public expectations and public safety needs.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: We have reduced crime through programs centering on public safety and security - traffic safety, criminal investigations, drug investigations, sex offender management, courthouse security, service of domestic orders and DARE. Public safety through reduction of crime and enhanced quality of life create safe communities. We continue to do this and more.

NEEDS OF YOUTH: Our

active programs involve outreach to all segments of our community. We provide formal and informal instruction in regard to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, peer pressure, bullying, and self esteem building. We reach our Seniors, Faith Community, Scouts, 4-H, and touch over 1300 children in our schools with this message each year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION (nonpartisan)**QUESTIONS:**

BACKGROUND: What are your qualifications for this office?

PRIORITY: What is the biggest challenge to Talbot County's education system?

BUDGET: How would you work with the County Council to develop an education budget that will meet with County Council approval?

ROLE: What is your role in working with the school system to attain educational excellence for our students?

District 001

Vote for one

GLORIA Y. FARRARE

BACKGROUND: Talbot County Board of Education for 4 years, Blue Ribbon Commission for Drugs and Alcohol Abuse 4 years, CHEER reading tutor at the EES-Moton 6 years, Character Counts Coach 4 years and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for 14 years. My background is in Business Administration and Information Technology.

PRIORITY: FUNDING is the biggest challenge for Talbot County's educational system. The economy has put a strain on all budgets, but we are obligated to find ways to maintain a high level of educational excellence, teacher salaries and benefits, buildings that are up to code and student transportation.

BUDGET: Relationships are an important dimension in any effective organization and that's why this year the board of Education and the

County Council came together to discuss the budget during the developmental stage. Making this effort and having these meetings, which will continue, helped clear up misconceptions on both sides.

ROLE: My role is to work with the Superintendent and staff to make sure we have curriculums that prepare our students for their careers of choice, highly qualified and diverse staff, policies that are updated, safe and drug free facilities, continuing our partnership with our local businesses and parents.

FRED HILDENBRAND

BACKGROUND: I have 40 years of experience in public education as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. Most recently, until June 30 of this year, my role as superintendent involved developing a system-wide budget, hiring and evaluating staff, and ensuring the provision of quality instruction for all our students.

PRIORITY: The biggest challenge to Talbot County Public Schools is maintaining quality programs and excellent staff in light of the current economic situation. TCPS needs to continue to recruit and maintain a diverse and effective teaching force. To do this, a competitive salary and benefits package must be offered.

BUDGET: The Board of Education should endeavor to explain to the Council and to the public the importance of its instructional programs. When these programs are understood, and when the results measured in terms of student achievement are known, the Council should be more inclined to fully fund the Education budget.

ROLE: 1) Hire the best, most experienced, most qualified superintendent that they can afford; 2) Develop policies that will facilitate the smooth operation of the school system; 3) Serve as oversight in the development and implementation of the school budget; 4) Oversee the hiring of

competent, effective school administrators, teachers, and ...

District 003

Vote for one

ROBERT F. BURRIS

BACKGROUND: With over thirty-five years in education, I feel I have acquired the knowledge to help as part of a team to make decisions for what is best for our students. Having taught at all levels in education as teacher, coach and administrator has provided me with much insight in the ...

PRIORITY: The biggest challenge in education today, it must be diversified and technology prone. With the limited funds available in today's financial setback, we must make good decisions as to where the monies are allocated and put to the greatest advantage.

BUDGET: Having worked with the County Council the last four years concerning budget, the dialogue must continue in what is best for our students and hoping we can arrive at a solution for the financial challenge ahead for education. We must arrive at priorities which can be reached and will meet ...

ROLE: As part of a team of seven members and the Superintendent, my specific role is helping make policy which is beneficial to all students and help prepare them for college or life

work. If a good course of action is in place, our educational system will remain at the top ...

District 004

Vote for one

MONICA DYOTT HEIN-SOHN (no response)

District 007 (vote for one)

SANDRA E. KLEPPINGER (no response)

TALBOT COUNTY QUESTION A

Charter Amendment
County Budget - Cutbacks to Capital Projects

Under the Charter, money remaining from completed or abandoned capital projects can be used only for future capital budgets. This Amendment would allow use of those funds for both operating expenses and capital projects, in both current and future budgets.

This Amendment also permits the Council, by a four-fifths majority vote, to reduce funding for capital projects and transfer those funds into the contingency fund of the current operating budget.

Vote either:

For the Charter Amendment

or

Against the Charter Amendment

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