

# League of Women Voters 2018 General Election Voters' Guide for Dorchester County

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**VOTE411.org** includes all the responses from all the candidates, as well as websites, Facebook pages, twitter, email, phone, and other links to find out more. Just enter your address and create your own ballot. You can also view this *Voters' Guide* there.

This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Shore and covers all races and their candidates appearing on the 2018 General Election ballot for Dorchester County residents. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. All candidates who filed with the State Board of Elections were invited to submit information about their candidacy, including their responses to a series of questions posed for each office, to our web-based VOTE411 system. Those candidate responses appear in their own words and are included as profiles and answers in this *Guide*.

The League offers this *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare for participation in the 2018 Gubernatorial election.

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The League thanks all candidates who submitted answers to our questions and our generous donors who made this *Guide* possible.

## **General Election Date is Tuesday, Nov 6, 2018**

### **Registration Deadlines**

In person: Tuesday, Oct 16, 2018 & at  
Early Voting sites, Oct 25 - Nov 1  
By mail: Tuesday, Oct 16, 2018  
Online/email/fax: 9 pm Oct 16, 2018

### **Important Voting Information**

There are three ways to vote this year:

- At the Early Voting location listed below
- At your local polling place on Nov 6,  
7 am to 8 pm
- By absentee ballot

### **Early Voting**

**Early voting is Thursday, Oct 25, through  
Thursday, Nov 1, 10:00 am until 8:00 pm**

The Early Voting location for Dorchester County is

**The Dorchester County Office Building, lobby  
501 Court Lane  
Cambridge, MD 21613.**

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### **Dorchester County Board of Elections**

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## Statewide Offices

### Maryland Governor / Lt Governor

**GOVERNOR DUTIES:** The Governor is the chief executive officer of Maryland and appoints judges to the state courts and the heads of statewide departments. 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:** \$180,000 per year.

**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:** \$149,500 per year.

### The Issues

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

**BUDGET:** What are your priorities for the state budget, particularly regarding education and transportation?

**REDISTRICTING:** What changes, if any, do you support in the process

for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

**ENVIRONMENT:** What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

**DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

**HEALTH CARE:** What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What are your priorities on issues not covered by the other questions?

### Candidates

Vote for 1

**Larry Hogan / Boyd K.  
Rutherford  
Republican Party  
Campaign Website:**

<http://www.LarryHogan.com>

No response received by deadline.

**Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull  
Democratic Party  
Campaign Website:**  
<http://benjealous.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've been a partner in a business or ran large advocacy organizations since I was 26 years old. As a businessman, I've helped to grow small businesses in Maryland and across the nation. While leading the NAACP, I was named Marylander of the Year for my pivotal roles in abolishing the death penalty, passing the Maryland DREAM Act, helping pass marriage

equality, and expanding voting rights.

**BUDGET:** As a businessman, I'll also make sure our transportation policies also encourage economic growth and help to create good jobs. We don't have a money problem when it comes to education, we have a priority problem and we need a governor who is willing to make education a number one priority. We will fully fund our schools and make sure lottery and casino revenues supplement education funding.

**REDISTRICTING:** I believe that Maryland should lead the fight on redistricting reform in a fair and non-partisan manner that does not indefinitely hand control of the House of Representatives to Republicans. Redistricting compacts such as the one passed by the Maryland legislature and vetoed by Hogan are a fair solution to increase the accountability of Congress to the voters and reduce gerrymandering.

**ENVIRONMENT:** My vision in regards to the environment brings together the economy, civil rights, and public health. I will build on the surge of clean energy jobs and put our state on a path to 100% clean energy well before 2050 and reverse Trump's attempts to kill the progress we've made on cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay. Bill McKibben, Friends of the Earth Action, and 350.org have all endorsed my campaign.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I've dedicated my life to service and I have a long track record of securing progressive victories in our state. Growing up as the child of a biracial Maryland couple who were forced to leave the state in order to legally marry, Marylanders know I'll stand up to

Trump's hateful attacks on our environment which disproportionately harms marginalized communities and his attacks on our public schools.

**HEALTH CARE:** As a businessman and civil rights leader, I believe we have to stop rising healthcare premiums and drug costs from bankrupting our families, small businesses and seniors. As governor, I'll work for a Medicare For All system which will provide affordable care for all, help our small businesses grow, and provide more tools to stop pharmaceutical companies from spiking drug costs on our seniors.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Maryland's economy is ranked near the bottom for this region and our wages are flat. As a businessman, I know how to create good paying jobs and I'll ensure we get our healthcare costs under control so that families keep more money in their pockets and small businesses can grow. I'll also ensure more capital goes to entrepreneurs instead of large corporations. Learn more at [www.benjealous.com](http://www.benjealous.com).

**Shawn Quinn / Christina Smith  
Libertarian Party  
Campaign Website:**  
<http://www.citizen4quinn.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Shawn Quinn has lived a lifetime doing the types of jobs that real people do, not politicians. This gives him a street-level view of life that somebody only used to the "big picture" will miss. Shawn served for twenty years in the United States Navy. Shawn Quinn worked in law enforcement for five years. He has seen firsthand

what an impersonal government does to the people.

**BUDGET:** Shawn Quinn plans to drastically reduce the income tax within his first two years of office. These tax cuts will be paid for by reducing the role of government in areas best handled by private-public partnerships. Shawn wants to achieve cost savings in education by leveraging technology throughout. This includes everything from computers in the classroom up to entire virtual schools.

**REDISTRICTING:** Shawn Quinn wants to give all citizens a voice at the state and federal level. Lines shouldn't be drawn just so that the party in power can stay in power. Take the power to draw boundaries away from partisans and politicians. Draw the lines algorithmically using fixed rules. This takes human bias away from drawing boundary lines as much as possible.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay is the number one environmental problem facing Maryland. It is our most important resource. The entire ecology of the state flows into and from the Chesapeake Bay. Shawn plans to go after polluters directly. Individuals and businesses polluting the Chesapeake Bay or damaging the environment in any way will be held financially responsible.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination in any form is bad for all of us. When a person is not allowed to live to their full we all miss out of all of their possible achievements. There are already laws on the books to address discrimination. If somebody has an idea to improve an existing law or policy then Shawn will weigh the merits of each proposal individually. Every change will be

looked at for its benefit to people.

**HEALTH CARE:** The biggest health crisis facing Maryland and the nation is the opioid epidemic. People need help. People are scared to get help. They have seen what the government does to nonviolent drug offenders. We need to completely end the War on Drugs in Maryland. We will turn the government into a partner instead of an enforcer. We will stop ruining lives by people to prison over a chemical or a plant.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Politics in Annapolis needs a cultural change. When Shawn Quinn is Governor, there will be no special favors. When Shawn Quinn is Governor, he will make our legislature answer to the people every year. Not just every four years. Shawn Quinn will break the two-party agenda here in Maryland. Shawn cares what people think. People are more important than philosophy or politics or policy.

**Ian Schlakman / Annie Chambers**  
**Green Party**  
**Campaign Website:**  
<http://schlakman.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I believe that people are no longer willing to limit their choices. They want new leadership. I am a small business owner and a community organizer. My running mate and I are people who see the need for new systems and a new vision for our economy. I envision programs that will make Maryland a national leader and I will represent Marylanders who want to live in a state that wants justice for all.

**BUDGET:** We'll create programs for the well-being of all Marylanders

and create universal, single-payer health care for all Marylanders. We'll raise taxes on millionaires and use the new tax revenue and invest in the well-being of all Marylanders. Public school funding should be allocated according to the needs of disadvantaged students. We'll prioritize public transit over the construction of new roads.

**REDISTRICTING:** We support creating a non-partisan commission to draw congressional & legislative district lines. Gov. O'Malley's defense of drawing Democrat-friendly districts in 2010 is a stain on Maryland's commitment to fair elections. As a technology consultant I know how to utilize resources to solve problems. We need an open dialogue on using technology & data analysis to create fair legislative districts.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Our largest environmental challenge is re-prioritizing the health of our environment. The health of our communities are top priority, & we'll put an end to harmful activities by setting & enforcing limits on pollution & environmental use. We must set a goal of fueling our needs through 100% renewable sources, & then put Marylanders to work building the infrastructure we need to get the job done.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Our priorities of creating a universal, single-payer health system, free tuition to public colleges and universities, a basic income, and jobs guarantee are all designed to address discrimination by giving Marylanders the tools they need to be successful regardless of the privileges or lack of privilege they possess based on their race, gender, religion, disability, or wealth.

**HEALTH CARE:** The most significant health challenge facing Maryland is ending our existing model of employer-based, private insurance & transitioning to a model in which health care is recognized as a human right. We will create a universal, single-payer health care system by funding adequate medical care for every resident of Maryland. We'll also fight to make sure our state produces clean & healthy energy.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** From urban to rural areas we're hearing that residents are concerned that in a wealthy state like ours basic services like schools and fire departments are facing cuts. This is why we're calling for a millionaires tax to close our communities budget gaps. We will continue to post our priorities to [www.schlakman.com/issues](http://www.schlakman.com/issues) as Marylanders continue to ask us to respond to their top priorities.

## Maryland Comptroller

**DUTIES:** The Comptroller is the financial officer of Maryland, responsible for collecting, managing and planning for revenue to support the state budget. The Comptroller collects and administers Maryland taxes on income (both personal and corporate), retail sales, motor vehicle fuel tax, tobacco, beer, wine and liquor, and estate tax. 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:** \$149,500 per year.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

### The Issues

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

**REVENUE SYSTEM:** What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency and fairness of the collection of Maryland taxes?

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:** As a member of the Board of Public Works, what criteria would you use for evaluating contracts and capital projects that are subject to approval by that Board?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Please describe any other priorities you have for this office.

### Candidates

Vote for 1

**Anjali Reed Phukan**  
**Republican Party**  
**Campaign Website:**  
<http://mscomptroller.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I believe the top tax collector, auditor & maintainer of the public general ledger should be proficient in accounting. I am a certified public accountant, legally licensed to practice public accounting in Maryland. I also have an MBA in finance & another masters degree in information systems. I have private, federal & state work experiences in financial management systems, tax, accounting & audit.

**REVENUE SYSTEM:** I will update information systems statewide for usability and security, and promote tax credits and other incentives such as energy star, solar panels, etc. I also will reduce interest and penalties for people who are being

proactive & voluntarily reporting additional income the state would normally not have time to audit; coming clean should never be penalized.

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:** I want spending to be more spread across Maryland, for all to enjoy the amazing nooks and crannies of our beautiful state. Safety is my number one priority in public works - safe roads for motorists, law enforcement, cyclists, pedestrians, businesses and our delicate environment. The prior history of contractors completing projects in time, safely, and within budget should also be reviewed.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I think it is unfair to tax retirement income. If we remove it all together we would increase our property and sales tax base, hence bring up our net revenues. I will also increase transparency across the comptroller office, not just in the general ledger, but also in how the state audits and comes to final resolution with tax payers. I will lovingly enforce the law equally for all.

**Peter Franchot**  
**Democratic Party**  
**Campaign Website:**  
<http://www.franchot.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As Maryland's independent fiscal watchdog, I'm proud of my record of achievement and results that I've delivered for Maryland taxpayers since I became Comptroller in 2007. Thanks to initiatives that we have implemented, and the hard work of the dedicated public servants in our agency, ours is regarded as the most efficient and effective

Comptroller's Office in the nation.

**REVENUE SYSTEM:** Our main focus continues to be processing tax returns accurately and efficiently. We have improved our agency's responsiveness to taxpayers and reduce call wait times. In my agency, tax fairness is a top priority. We continue to embrace innovative ways to make sure that everyone is paying their fair share. Moving forward, I will continue to build upon the tremendous progress we have made.

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:** As a BPW member, I am proud to be a strong fiscal watchdog for Maryland's working families. I have advocated against single-bid contracts, fought for the inclusion of more Minority and Women-owned contracts in the procurement system, and have worked in a bipartisan fashion to instate reforms to our state's previously broken procurement process.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** If elected to another term as Comptroller, I will continue to provide the independent leadership that Marylanders expect and deserve this office. I will fight for policies and priorities that grow our economy, safeguard our fiscal future, and protect the financial well-being of working families and small businesses.

## Maryland Attorney General

**DUTIES:** The Attorney General is the chief legal office of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, and all State departments, boards and most

commissions. The Attorney General represents the state in all cases that relate to the Governor, the General Assembly, and most state agencies. The office also has responsibilities for consumer protection, civil rights, medical and investment fraud, and the juvenile justice system.

**SALARY:** \$149,500 per year.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

### The Issues

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

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** What steps will you take to improve the efficiency and fairness of legal processes in Maryland?

**LITIGATION:** When should the Attorney General join lawsuits relating to federal regulations or corporate misconduct?

**DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What actions will you take to address other issues, such as domestic violence, human trafficking, substance abuse, and protection of consumers?

### Candidates

Vote for 1

**Craig Wolf**  
**Republican Party**  
**Campaign Website:**  
<http://wolf4ag.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a former state and federal prosecutor, counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, business leader and

decorated Soldier/Veteran. I have also been a volunteer EMT/Rescue Diver. I have a lifetime of public service and management. I believe the AG should focus on public safety, not politics and partisanship and should focus on issues of importance to all Marylanders regardless of party.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:**

The Attorney General should be focused on balancing the need to enforce the laws and ensure public safety while ensuring due process for all Marylanders. The AG should lead by example by being ethical, avoiding conflicts of interest and making sure that all voices are heard before weighing in on a particular case, while at the same time vigorously enforcing the laws of the state.

**LITIGATION:** With respect to federal regulations, the Attorney General should weigh in only when there is a compelling state interest, a sound legal basis and a determination that the case can be won on the merits. Those decisions should not be based on political considerations. With respect to corporate misconduct, the AG ensure respect for the law and hold corporations fully accountable for misconduct.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There is no room in this state for discrimination based upon race, gender, religion, disability or poverty/class. The Attorney General should be vigilant to ensure that our laws are respected and people are treated equally.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** As a prosecutor/counsel to the Senate Jud. Comm., I focused on domestic violence/sexual exploitation/trafficking. The AG

should make protection of the most vulnerable a priority. The opioid crisis in Maryland needs leadership from the AG to bring together the law enforcement, public health and recovery communities to find appropriate solutions. Consumer protection must be a priority as well.

**Brian E. Frosh  
Democratic Party  
Campaign Website:**

<http://www.brianfrosh.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served as Maryland's Attorney General for the past three years. Prior to being elected Attorney General, I was Chair of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, where I sponsored many laws that now protect Marylanders and our state including the law prohibiting oil drilling in the Chesapeake Bay, the Maryland Recycling Act and the Maryland Firearm Safety Act.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:**

Among the many steps that my office has taken to improve the efficiency and fairness of the legal processes in Maryland is our fight for and achievement of reforming the cash bail system, which jailed people in our state simply because they were poor. I will continue to work with the legislature to find and invest in strategies that increase public safety and recidivism.

**LITIGATION:** The Attorney General should join lawsuits relating to federal regulations or corporate misconduct when there is evidence that the people or state of Maryland have been or will be adversely effected.

**DISCRIMINATION:** In 2015, my office was the first in the country to

issue guidelines to all law enforcement agencies prohibiting profiling based upon race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual preference, etc. We published a study of discrimination against LGBT citizens that was cited by the Supreme Court in its historic Obergefell decision. We have penalized and shut down industries that prey on the poor.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Over the past three years my office has achieved hundreds of millions of dollars of settlements and judgments from Wall Street Banks, Predatory Lenders, Automakers, Tobacco Companies, and Polluters who sought to injure or defraud Marylanders. My office is working with the multi-state investigation of opioid manufacturers. If re-elected, I pledge to remain the People's lawyer & continue our efforts.

## U.S. Senator

**DUTIES:** U.S. Senators make laws along with the members of the House of Representatives, ratify treaties, and conduct investigations on issues of national importance. The Senate confirms Presidential appointments.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide. In 2018, Maryland voters will elect one of our two Senators. About one-third of the 100 members of the Senate is elected every two years. Senators must be at least 30 years old, have been citizens of the United States at least 9 years and be residents of the state they want to represent.

**TERM:** Six years.

**BASE SALARY:** \$174,000 per year.

## The Issues

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

**HEALTH CARE:** What changes in federal healthcare policy do you advocate and why?

**DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** What policies will you support to strengthen the national economy, such as those affecting international trade, taxes, labor rights, and infrastructure?

**IMMIGRATION:** What changes, if any, will you support in immigration policy?

**ENVIRONMENT:** What are the most pressing environmental challenges and how will you address them?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## Candidates

Vote for 1

**Tony Campbell  
Republican Party**

**Campaign Website:**  
[www.campbell4maryland.com](http://www.campbell4maryland.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 30 years of government and non-profit experience. I served on a Congressional staff and as a presidential appointee at Social Security Administration. As a former Army officer, I understand national security issues as well as the need for sound foreign policy based on our national interest. I have real world experience and academic knowledge which is necessary to

serve in the US Senate.

**HEALTH CARE:** I advocate for an end to ObamaCare. The national government should not be in the business of mandating health care coverage. A possible change I would be in favor of is looking at providing block grants to states from the national government to try to solve the opioid epidemic. Another change in health policy would be to allow Veterans to go to any hospital to get the care they need.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberties for citizens so they are equal under the law through the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Education Reform is one of the most pressing issues which can help to eliminate discrimination in our country. I support School Choice initiatives for all parents to send their children to the schools of their choice.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I am against raising taxes. I support a balanced budget amendment. I am in favor of bi-lateral Fair Trade policies.

Keeping America Secure is a key focus of my campaign for US Senate. Our cyber infrastructure is severely compromised with American companies being hacked by foreign countries. Our energy grid infrastructure is also at risk and should be priority of the national government.

**IMMIGRATION:** National Sovereignty is connected to the ability of a country to protect its borders. I support enhancing our border security through a variety of means including building a border wall and increased border agents. I am against current policies of the diversity lottery and chain migration. I am against a pathway

to citizenship for undocumented people. I would support permanent residency status.

**ENVIRONMENT:** In Maryland, a pressing environmental challenge is the dredging of our waterways. Maryland is unique in the amount of waterways we have and the need we have for a partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers. As your next United States Senator, I will work to fully fund dredging projects to make sure our beautiful Chesapeake Bay is environmentally healthy.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Advocating Success, not subsistence. The American Dream has been not possible for a lot of Marylanders. As your next United States Senator, I want to promote a vision of economic success. I believe limited government intervention is important so people can build a legacy of wealth creation to pass onto their children and grandchildren.

**Ben Cardin**  
**Democratic Party**  
**Campaign Website:**  
<http://www.bencardin.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** In the Senate, I fight every day for the issues of concern to my fellow Marylanders, promoting policies, legislation and programs that help our local and regional economy, encouraging public safety and supporting public health. My success navigating the Small Business, Environment & Public Works, Finance and Foreign Relations committees allow me to effectively continue my advocacy for Marylanders.

**HEALTH CARE:** Health care is a

human right. We should have seamless quality health care from pre-natal to death that is affordable without sacrificing quality and basic protections. Congress must restore the payments to insurers that have helped keep premiums in reach for millions. I have long supported a public option in the health exchanges that would increase competition, put patients first and lower costs.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Bills I have authored or cosponsored include: the End Racial and Religious Profiling Act, a resolution to remove the deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment, the Democracy Restoration Act, The Equality Act of 2017 and the Paycheck Fairness Act. I continue to support legislation to protect our LGBT students and adults. I support an increase in the federal minimum wage.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** We should modify our tax code to truly target middle-income and working families, help small businesses & make smart investments in infrastructure & green technologies. Investments should address income inequality & raising wages. We need trade agreements that level the field for our workers, including robust & enforceable labors rights, environmental provisions & anti-corruption provisions.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform, but Congress must first pass legislation to permanently protect Dreamers. We need a legal pathway to residency for TPS recipients. We don't need a wall but we can strengthen technology and other border security. We must stop President Trump's proposal to slash legal

immigration, break up families and mostly close America's doors to refugees.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The president's unwillingness to confront climate change. I will fight for federal resources that compel this administration to invest, especially in clean air, clean water, renewable energy and public transit. We've seen success with funding for the Chesapeake Bay. If the Trump administration will not take steps necessary to protect our environment, we must encourage states to continue their work

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Opioid addiction and abuse is a public health crisis. We must fight it head on with every available resource at all levels of government. Our drug laws must be smart, fair and rational, and treat addiction as a disease that requires treatment. We should improve access to evidence-based treatment centers, promote prevention education methods, and provide support for those in or seeking recovery.

**Arvin Vohra**  
**Libertarian Party**  
**Campaign Website:**  
<http://votevohra.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As an educator and entrepreneur, I have seen the damage government has done. I advocate repealing regulations, ending government involvement in education, abolishing public schools, abolishing all government welfare, and ending the income tax. As Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party, I support ending the welfare-warfare state, ceasing involvement in foreign civil wars, and downsizing

the military.

**HEALTH CARE:** I will sponsor legislation to abolish Obamacare, Medicare, Medicaid, the FDA, and cut taxes accordingly. Consider this: laser eye surgery, which is not covered by government insurance, has dropped from several thousand dollars to a few hundred per eye. EpiPen, which is covered, has increased in price from a hundred to several hundred dollars. Free markets make medicine actually affordable

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will sponsor legislation to immediately end Affirmative Action and all other government racial quotas and preferences. I will also work to eliminate all "anti-discrimination" laws, which accomplish nothing besides creating resentment. Any business has the right to refuse service to anyone, or fire any employee, for any reason. I will defund related government programs and cut taxes accordingly.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I will work to end the income tax by cutting federal spending, eliminating federal departments, firing federal employees, dismantling the welfare state, shutting down foreign military bases, and bringing the troops home. We'll have more money to spend on businesses that work, creating more free market, legitimate jobs, while also attracting job creating businesses to America.

**IMMIGRATION:** I will sponsor legislation to open borders and end all welfare, including food stamps, public schools, social security, medicaid, and college financial aid. I also support ending the income tax, in order to attract entrepreneurs and job creators. Anyone who wants to come to America to work and

create jobs should be welcome. No one who comes to America should get a cent of welfare.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government is the biggest polluter in America. Much of that comes from massive military production of unneeded equipment. If elected, I will sponsor legislation to end production of needless military equipment, and to cease all environmentally destructive military overreach. I will work to end all involvement in foreign civil wars, bring the troops home, and cut taxes accordingly.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I will sponsor legislation to end all welfare, to encourage personal responsibility. I will sponsor legislation to end the drug war, to eliminate prohibition-created violence. I will sponsor legislation to cut federal spending, fire federal workers, dismantle federal agencies, in order to increase freedom and end the income tax.

**Neal Simon**  
**Unaffiliated Candidate**  
**Campaign Website:**

<http://www.nealsimon.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've run several professional services companies in my career, where I was surrounded by many smart people with different ideas. My job in managing those companies was to listen, bring people together, and find common ground. I have also been very involved in my community as a volunteer, board member, and board chair. I've chaired the Montgomery County and Greater Washington Community Foundations.

**HEALTH CARE:** It is time for the two parties to stop fighting over how to pay for an inefficient, costly health care system and instead find ways to reduce the crippling cost of healthcare for businesses and families. We need to enact reform that will incentivize wellness instead of incentivizing more procedures, to lower the overall cost of care.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I believe that America should be a place where everyone is treated equally, regardless of their race, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. I support equal pay for equal work, and other measures designed to accomplish this goal. I believe deeply that America should be a place where everyone can work hard and get ahead.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** One of my primary objectives as your Senator is to create high-paying jobs in Maryland. I will work with our Governor & other leaders to attract large businesses and incentivize investment in small businesses, especially in lower income parts of our state. As far as infrastructure, I find it inexcusable that the two major parties have failed to work together to invest in our future.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration is an area where, despite 15 years of debate, the parties have been unable to agree on immigration reform. We need comprehensive reform that will strengthen our borders, increase temporary work visas, expand the e-verification program, keep immigrant families together, and create paths for the law-abiding immigrants who have been here for a long time.

**ENVIRONMENT:** It is clear that the greatest environmental threat to our civilization is climate change, which

is real and needs to be addressed in partnership with other countries. In Maryland, we need to protect the Chesapeake Bay from sediment flowing over the Conowingo Dam, I will work with our Governor, as well as Senators from NY and PA to ensure we have the federal resources we need to keep the Bay clean.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The extremes of the two parties have co-opted our government, and altered the rules in their favor. We need political reform, and it's clear that neither party is going to fix the brokenness in our government. I support 5 policies that will change the way Washington works: ending partisan gerrymandering, opening primaries, campaign finance reform, term limits, and modernizing the senate rules.

**Michael B. Puskar**  
**Write-in**  
**Campaign Website:**  
<http://mbpuskar.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The most important experience anyone can have when representing the People is living the way the majority of the People live. I am a working-class man for the working class. This is an asset lacking in or lost to most elected officials.

**HEALTH CARE:** One word: UNIVERSAL. Healthcare is a right, and certain groups take advantage of the People's health for their own gain. While current proposals are far from the right solution, we need to move in that direction. Have you (or anyone you know) had a point in life when medical bills/costs were an impediment? There's no need for



that to be.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Everyone is equal/equitable. Women & men deserve equal pay. No one should be singled out by law enforcement because of skin color. 1A allows for freedom of religion, so anyone can worship (or abstain therefrom) as they wish. Income inequality is too huge an issue in our wealthy nation: we need to stop giving breaks to those who don't need them - that is why they are called "breaks!"

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** America First, but that does not mean alienating allies. Workers first, but we need to help small biz too. Taxes: what if we stop paying elected officials far more than we ourselves make? MD's per capita income is about \$80k - Congressional salaries are >2x that for working as little as 1/3 of a year! As for infrastructure, we need to spend more there than on the war machine. Give jobs to vets!

**IMMIGRATION:** 1. Legal immigration needs to be prioritized to asylum seekers: We have an ancestry of immigrants based on need, not based on whom we like or dislike. 2. For every issue (not just immigration), I will put children first. So, when it comes to families not entering legally, we need to look at the needs of migrant children.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is an issue. Going green is an eventual ideal, but we cannot do it overnight... miners still have jobs; most people can only afford gas-powered cars. The aforementioned economic issues need fixing first.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** With children first, education matters greatly, and dealing with income equality/healthcare can assist with that. Eliminating college debt would help immensely and allow for a

more diverse/stress-free assortment in the workforce. I also strongly support the rights of veterans. The gov't can't do enough to repay those who have sacrificed much for us. Finally, I support animal welfare. #MustLoveDogs

**Lih Young**  
**Write-in**  
**Campaign Website:**  
<http://www.vote-md.org>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Reformer/advocate/activist. Promote fairness/freedom/justice/peace; productivity/accountability/cost-effectiveness. Identified "socio-economic-political- election- media-budget- legislation- system problems"; local- global; testify/recommend to officials, law enforcement, 3 branches. TV programs producer speaker; field/studio. Expertise, commitment: intensive/extensive/diversified civic services

**HEALTH CARE:** Support single-payer healthcare by government, affordable health care. Our health care system should not be controlled by for-profit corporations. To improve quality, affordable health care for all as a fundamental right and should be achieved by the government. Medical costs should not be shifted onto other programs (e.g., Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries). Promote productivity, accountability

**DISCRIMINATION:** Equal protection, non-discrimination; employment/business/activities; rights/homes/vehicles/resources/reputation/ freedoms/ affiliation, environment; document, evidence. Equal pay, sick paid leaves.

Prosecute "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER-FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation; threat/coercion/victimization; physical/mental/financial/medication /litigation/levies/ foreclosures

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Prosecute/eliminate " official misconduct-government gang-MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust/false/misleading practices; private-public; 3 branches, local-fed- global, inc. non-profit, think tanks. Protect people/families/businesses: lives, rights, reputation, assets, vehicles, resources. Promote productivity, public interest, cost-benefits, social needs, budget constraints.

**IMMIGRATION:** SUPPORT: Comprehensive immigration reform. Promote humanity, productivity, justice, peace. Protect people, families, environment. Prosecute "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER FRAUD- CRIME-INJUSTICE networks"; unjust practices, victimization, deprivation, destruction; threat, coercion; unjust arrest, detention, torture. Reduce fees, fast processing of citizen application/replacement card

**ENVIRONMENT:** End: dependence/subsidies for fossil fuels, coal, nuclear energy, offshore oil drilling, spills. Curb carbon pollution, medical costs. Improve regulation/oversight. Promote clean air, water, renewable energy. Protect public health, environment. Promote efficiency, technology, research. Reduce unjust practices, hacking, manipulation, obstruction; false excuses, distortion. Prosecute wrongdoers.

#### **OTHER PRIORITIES:**

Prosecute/eliminate "official misconduct-government gang-MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS"= "cruel tyranny"= "robbery machine"= "ROBBER-ISM"= "super classes of frauds, crimes, parasites, disservices"; public-private; 3 branches, local- global. Promote accountability, social needs. objective evaluations. Televised candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records,proceeding

## **Representative in Congress Congressional District 1**

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

**TERM:** Two years

**BASE SALARY:** \$174,000

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

## The Issues

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

**HEALTH CARE:** What changes in federal healthcare policy do you advocate and why?

**DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** What policies will you support to strengthen the national economy, such as those affecting international trade, taxes, labor rights, and infrastructure?

**IMMIGRATION:** What changes, if any, will you support in immigration policy?

**ENVIRONMENT:** What are the most pressing environmental challenges and how will you address them?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## Candidates

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**Andy Harris**

**Republican Party**

**Campaign Website:**

<http://www.andyharris.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Having raised my family in the 1st District, I understand the difficulties that face families in today's economy and culture. As a practicing physician, I have first-hand experience with the problems people have dealing with insurers, the high cost of health care and the difficulty finding providers, especially for our seniors. As a veteran, I know how hard it is to find the benefits they earned

**HEALTH CARE:** We have to bring down the cost of health care and health care insurance, which was a failure of the Affordable Care Act. We can do this by opening up price transparency in the health care system, by bringing down the cost of drugs, and most importantly, by re-establishing high risk health insurance pools in which the cost of high premiums are brought down by sharing the cost among everyone.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination in any form should not be tolerated in a free society like America - which was established on the principle that all people are created equal - and should therefore be treated that way. One policy that I support is the conscience protection laws that are unfortunately necessary at the state and federal level for freedom of religion protection.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** The tax reform passed last year was essential in re-establishing America's pre-eminence in the global economy. Lowering our business tax rates to be competitive world-wide will result in millions of jobs returning to the United States. I support the proposals to increase investment in our infrastructure which has fallen so far behind - including public-private partnerships and rural broadband.

**IMMIGRATION:** We have to enforce our current immigration laws while offering continuing temporary legal status to DACA recipients. We should end the diversity visa lottery and shift to a merit-based system like Canada. Finally, we have to recognize that many industries in the 1st District, like seafood processing and tourism, depend on temporary foreign labor - so we have to enhance the H2B visa

system.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and an economic boon to Maryland and the First District. That's why I have supported full and continued funding of the Chesapeake Bay Program in the federal budget. We have to work with our upstream states to make sure that progress continues, and we have to come up with innovative affordable solutions to the problems of the Conowingo Dam sediment.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** American defense strength has to be restored. It has languished under the last administration, and that has led us to a more dangerous world situation in areas like Eastern Europe, the South China Sea, and the Korean peninsula. American pre-eminence in the world has to be re-established, as we are the leading force for freedom and liberty throughout the world - much of which looks to us to lead.

**Jesse Colvin**

**Democratic Party**

**Campaign Website:**

<http://www.jessecolvin.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've spent my adult life running towards difficult problems. 9/11 led me to study Arabic, teach English in Syria, and join the Army. I served as a intelligence officer and U.S. Army Ranger through four combat deployments to Afghanistan. Afterwards, I worked to identify insider fraud at an investment bank. Our country and our district need leadership, vision, and action - right now.

**HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare is a right. I want to allow any individual

or business to purchase Medicare coverage; convert Medicaid into a branch of Medicare, so each enrollee receives equal benefits and states can go back to education and transportation; convert CHIP into MediKids, so every baby receives comprehensive healthcare until she is an adult; and permit Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination of any sort is abhorrent and contrary to our ideals. As an Army Ranger, I fought to protect and defend our Constitution, which ensures equal protection under the law for each American. I support prohibiting all forms of discrimination as I believe this will make our nation stronger and more just. Similarly, I firmly support guaranteeing women's right to equal pay for equal work.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** The next generation of software developers, solar panel technicians, or cybersecurity experts can learn, work, and grow businesses in MD1. Let's invest in tomorrow. Let's invest in solar jobs, MD1's burgeoning ecotourism economy, and technologies and sustainable practices that protect the Bay and allow farmers to increase harvests and more effectively access markets near and far.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need a comprehensive immigration bill that honors our "nation of immigrants" history and protects Dreamers, offer a pathway to citizenship to aspiring Americans, and secures our border. Most people agree with these goals: the only thing stopping us is partisan politics. I will work with any other representatives to find common ground.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Sea-level rise is the one of the most pressing challenges facing MD1. To prevent disaster, we must convert our economy into a renewable one: it's cheaper, safer, and one of the fastest growing industries in country and state. Solar will soon enough be the cheapest source of energy on the planet. We should help fund installations because they provides clean energy and well-paying jobs.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our district's drug-related deaths trend nearly 50% higher than the national average. We must join together—regardless of our differences—to face this challenge. We need a comprehensive plan that includes prevention, treatment, and recovery. To succeed, it must also have buy-in from federal, state, and local governments as well as healthcare professionals, insurers, and communities themselves.

**Jenica Martin**  
**Libertarian Party**  
**Campaign Website:**

<http://www.martin4congress.us>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I hold a M.A. in Public Policy. I worked with a non-profit legislative organization in Washington, D.C. I successfully fought against labor law violations for 1600+ workers in NYC. I worked with the Catholic Charities Department for Persons with Disabilities as an advocate for the disabled community. And, now I serve as an advocate for abused and neglected children in foster care.

**HEALTH CARE:** Repeal the ACA and other Federal interventions while, fostering a stronger health care market encompassing already

established innovations (Prepaid Group Plans, Affordable Primary Care, Reverse Deductibles, and Secure Health Insurance). Eliminate federal interference that hinders market innovations. Market innovations promote lowered costs and better access to secure health care.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Government should neither deny nor abridge any individual's human right based upon sex, wealth, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, personal habits, political preference or sexual orientation. This includes supporting legislation such as, the Protecting Girls' Access to Education Act, the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act, and the Accelerating Individuals into the Workforce Act.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Cut federal spending from 21% of the GDP to less than 18% then, balance the budget to pay down the debt. Reform federal laws that impede the privatization of state and local infrastructure. Foster universal savings accounts for families to build wealth without double taxation. And, eradicate tariffs on imports that reduce production costs and promote domestic industry investments.

**IMMIGRATION:** Allow states to regulate and operate their own migrant worker programs. Reform the H-1B visa program for highly skilled migrant workers by eliminating the cap. Restrict noncitizen access to means-tested welfare. And, expand legal immigration opportunities by implementing easier and more affordable pathways to citizenship (current programs can take up to 10 years for citizenship acquirement).

**ENVIRONMENT:** Limit the quantity of emissions and funnel the proceeds from sales to those who are exposed to the pollutants. Eliminate the federal regulatory intervention of renewable energy access. Protect State's rights to regulate off-shore drilling and 'fracking'. And, foster stronger protection for national waterways and air quality.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Combat the opioid crisis by implementing the financial accountability of pharmaceutical companies. Eliminate proposals to utilize taxpayer dollars to address opioid addiction consequences. Offer greater and easier access to alternative pain management options including, medicinal marijuana. Require greater cessation educational programs and options for patients prescribed opioid based medications.

## Maryland State Senate

**DUTIES:** State Senators represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget. The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters. The Senate also confirms the Governor's appointments of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

**SALARY:** \$50,330 annual base.

**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.  
**HOW ELECTED:** The state is divided into 47 legislative districts, and each district elects one State Senator.

## Senator District 37

**HOW ELECTED:** District 37 includes all of Dorchester and Talbot counties and parts of Caroline and Wicomico counties. One State Senator is elected by all qualified voters in the area cited.

### The Issues

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

**REDISTRICTING:** What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

**ENVIRONMENT:** What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

**DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

**EDUCATION:** What education policies would you support and how would you fund them?

**HEALTH CARE:** What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

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

## **Candidates**

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**Adelaide "Addie" Eckardt**  
**Republican Party**  
**Campaign Website:**  
<http://www.addieeckardt.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 40 years experience as a Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist with the State, 20 years as a State Delegate for 37B and 4 years State Senator District 37. Understanding of and expertise and experience with various levels of government and many community organizations. Background in Family and organizational systems theory  
**REDISTRICTING:** Independent commission and I have fought for single member districts as I believe that is the only way that all minorities will be truly represented.  
**ENVIRONMENT:** Maintaining and sustaining the value of the Chesapeake Bay, our estuary, with continued focus on upgrades to our wastewater treatment systems, failing septic systems assistance, investment in sustainable oyster futures and a multi state and business engagement with the Conowingo Dam.  
**DISCRIMINATION:** Inclusion of and engagement with all to promote an integrated approach. Clearly articulated guidelines and a system for a fair while due process. We reviewed and strengthened the sexual harassment policy this year and established reasonable changes. The experience is a good model to use for future. Continued focus on community development that uses

an integrated approach and the Two Gen model.

**EDUCATION:** I believe many of the policies passed this year are significant for Maryland. The constitutional Amendment to assure that future Casino revenues go to a locked box. Additional funds for safe schools and elements of the Knott commission and Kirwin Commission. Innovation for locals to regionalize if desired.

**HEALTH CARE:** The continued cost of care is a challenge as we have expanded coverage for many citizens. How we shape the community delivery system with the workforce shortages as there are not adequate resources for children and adolescents with psychiatric and behavioral issues in the rural areas. I have begun those conversations to develop that system.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Gradual restoration of Highway user funds for safe roads and bridges. Continue efficiencies in the Transportation Trust Fund and the system

**Holly Wright**  
**Democratic Party**  
**Campaign Website:**  
<http://hollywrightforsenate.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 20+ years experience in public health at the state and regional level and worked with legislators throughout my professional career. I have known what it looks like when a legislator knows the needs of the district and fights for them. I know the business of government: the importance of jurisdiction, funding streams, and permitting. When I don't know the answer, I do know

the questions.

**REDISTRICTING:** I am in favor of districts that are compact and contiguous, and reflect more nearly county and municipal boundaries rather than voter registration, previous election results and office holder's addresses. According to a February Goucher College poll, over 70% of Maryland residents agree.

**ENVIRONMENT:** To achieve the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint adequate financial support for cover crops and drainage control structures for use by Shore farmers is needed to decrease the concentration of nitrogen. Strengthening the forest conservation act and replacement of priority forests will further sustain and improve air and water quality. Increased reliance on sustainable energy is needed.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Policies which remove barriers to voter registration and make voting more convenient are important for providing truly equal opportunity for participation in the democratic process. Voter ID bills which continue to be introduced in the General Assembly would achieve just the opposite and must be opposed as a practice that discriminates against and disenfranchises the poor.

**EDUCATION:** I am in favor of updating the funding formula for State support for k-12 education to devote more resources to at risk youth, those living in poverty and special education students. I am in favor of universal early childhood education programs for 4 years olds. Reforms should be supported

through both state and county funding sources.

**HEALTH CARE:** The establishment and funding of a reinsurance pool will stabilize the individual market place. I support the creation of a public option for health insurance while working on a system for health care for all in the longer term. A state level commission to control prescription drug prices is essential to make this very important component of health care affordable for all.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Of particular concern to rural areas of the state was the 2010 reduction by 90% of highway user revenues for most jurisdictions. The past two legislative sessions have produced improvements providing increased local transportation aid. I am in favor of continued progress in restoration of the highway user revenues.

## **House of 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. This includes the approval of all state taxes and the spending budget for all state programs.

**SALARY:** \$50,330 annual base.  
**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

## House of Delegates District 37A

**HOW ELECTED:** District 37A includes parts of Dorchester and Wicomico Counties. Qualified voters in District 37A cast votes for 1 candidate.

### The Issues

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

**REDISTRICTING:** What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

**ENVIRONMENT:** What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

**DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

**EDUCATION:** What education policies would you support and how would you fund them?

**HEALTH CARE:** What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

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

### Candidates

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**Frank E. Cooke**  
**Republican Party**

**Campaign Website:**

<http://www.politicalbank.com/find-candidates/frank-e-cooke>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** In 2014, I was elected as Ward 3 Commissioner in Cambridge, MD. Prior to that, I won election to the Board of Governors in a community the size of Hurllock. I also was elected to the BOD of a large co-operative in Baltimore. I often serve as treasurer for organizations. My career was as an analyst/engineer for the military. I am an experienced real estate investor and hold advanced degrees.

**REDISTRICTING:** I favor an independent commission to redraw district boundaries after the next census. Gerrymandering by the state legislature should be a relic of the past. Unfortunately, it is not and District 37A is a good example. The legislature clearly drew it to ensure a win by the Democratic Party. Let's take politics out of redistricting!

**ENVIRONMENT:** Two important challenges to Marylanders are global warming and restoration of the Bay. Maryland is vulnerable to sea rise and would benefit from less use of fossil fuel. Warming is best addressed at the federal level. The water quality of the Bay has improved and we should continue with our programs developed with federal and interstate cooperation as well as private organizations like the CBF.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There are anti-discrimination laws on the books at the federal level so that overt discrimination is no longer practiced. The insidious discrimination that some practice can only be eradicated by the acceptance of your fellow man as a child of God. Adherence to the Golden Rule would go a long way to resolving this age old problem. Teaching respect and acting respectfully are two useful potions.

**EDUCATION:** I am looking forward to the report from the Kirwin Commission which is looking at best practices. To implement them, we will need some state funding especially in rural areas. Revenue from casinos and other gambling was to be earmarked for education but has been allowed to be used for general funding. We need to "lockbox" that revenue. Student mental health screening would make schools safer.

**HEALTH CARE:** A major problem is the rise of healthcare costs which have outpaced the consumer price index. In 1960, healthcare spending was 5% of GDP. Today, it approaches 20%. Some of the increase can be explained by expensive technology, litigation, greed by pharmaceutical and insurance companies, and over-regulation. I would ask the state legislature to create a blue-ribbon committee to find a solution.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The state needs to restore the historic level of funding from the Highway User Fund to counties and municipalities. For 10 years now, the state has broken its pact with local governments. As a result, local officials have had to delay maintenance and to curtail other essential services. Other issues include structurally deficient bridges (5.8%), unlinked transit systems, and hazardous dams.

**Sheree Sample-Hughes**  
**Democratic Party**

No response received by deadline.

## House of Delegates District 37B

**HOW ELECTED:** District 37B includes all of Talbot County and parts of Caroline, Dorchester, and Wicomico Counties. Qualified voters in District 37B cast votes for 2 candidates. The 2 candidates who receive the largest number of votes are elected EXCEPT that each person elected must live in a different county.

### The Issues

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

**REDISTRICTING:** What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?

**ENVIRONMENT:** What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?

**DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

**EDUCATION:** What education policies would you support and how would you fund them?

**HEALTH CARE:** What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

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

## **Candidates**

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### **Christopher T. Adams Republican Party Campaign Website:**

<http://adamsformaryland.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the incumbent representative and a 3rd generation family businessman. In my first term I have listened to my constituents and educated myself on the concerns of our community. It has been a priority of mine to then find solutions and develop common ground with elected officials and government employees in our State. I respect the duties of this office and know how to get the job done.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support non partisan redistricting efforts that deliver compact districts and give voters fair elections. This is a problem throughout the country and Maryland has the distinction of having some of the most gerrymandered districts in the nation. I join Governor Larry Hogan in demanding politics be removed from the process and in doing so protect our citizen's rights to free and fair elections.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Our State must continue to improve and replace aging municipal stormwater and sewer systems. In addition we must continue to hold the EPA and States along the Susquehanna river to task for out of State pollution that threatens the health of the Chesapeake Bay. I voted for the FY2019 Budget that provides historic funding levels for environmental stewardship and 1.2 billion for Bay restoration.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I uphold those policies that guarantee each Citizen the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As a businessman I believe we must honor each persons contributions to society free from acts of discrimination and prejudice. For those Citizens who need a helping hand up, I support those safety net policies that provide safe housing, welfare, and apprenticeship training.

**EDUCATION:** Control should be returned to local Boards of Education and the classroom must be returned to the teachers free from overbearing State and Federal regulation. I voted for the FY2019 budget where Governor Hogan continues to fully fund every formula based mandate for education. I support a well funded education system that empowers our teachers to meet each child's educational needs.

**HEALTH CARE:** The Federal Government has failed in delivering on the promise of affordable healthcare. As a businessman who offers these health benefits to employees I see firsthand the financial dysfunction. Maryland should attempt to stabilize the market from catastrophic increases in premiums and deductibles. In the long term the only solution is a system built on free market competition and consumer choice.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The taking of Highway User Revenues (HUR) by the O'Malley Administration to balance their budget ranks as one of the top issues facing County and Municipal elected officials. These monies pay for local road construction and repair projects. I join Governor Larry Hogan and our House Republican Caucus in calling

for the restoration of these dollars desperately needed in our jurisdiction.

### **Johnny Mautz Republican Party Campaign Website:**

<http://www.johnnymautz.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am seeking reelection to the House of Delegates. I grew up working in our family restaurant in St. Michaels, which I currently oversee. I have 16 years experience serving as a Counsel and Legislative Director in the U.S. House of Representatives and three years experience serving as Special Assistant in Governor Ehrlich's Office. I am married and our two children attend public schools.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support Gov. Hogan's effort to create a nonpartisan commission to reform our legislative districts, which are renowned for being contorted and disfigured. This has been done to preserve political power at the expense of our citizens. I also support single member state legislative districts. This nonpartisan commission could easily resolve these issues, and I support reforming redistricting.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Our greatest environmental challenge stems from pollution that is dumped into the Chesapeake Bay from other states and from the outdated Baltimore City sewer system. I intend to support efforts to hold Conowingo Dam operators responsible for related environmental damage to the Bay and will support efforts to hold neighboring states and Baltimore City accountable for their

Bay pollution.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support balanced proposals to help ensure equal pay, diversity in the workplace and affordable housing. While there are disparities throughout society, I strongly support efforts to provide workforce training and balanced proposals that help individuals overcome past mistakes to secure sound future employment. I have also supported proposals to support employment for the disabled.

**EDUCATION:** I support a balanced universal pre-K program and in my view, gambling revenues would be a good funding option. I strongly support dual enrollment programs, efforts to link education with the workforce to help prepare students, and empowering local school district with disciplinary authority. Finally, I support amending the school funding formula to ensure school districts are treated fairly.

**HEALTH CARE:** Independent health care insurance rates are astronomical; I support creating a pool for independents. We are facing a mental health treatment crisis largely due to a lack of providers because of onerous credentialing procedures - I support changing these procedures. We need beds for addiction treatment and should utilize obsolete facilities.

Independent pharmacies also need our support.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Our top transportation priority is to restore Highway User Revenue funding to county and local governments. Governor Hogan has started this process but we have a long way to go. Another key transportation priority for our area is to develop a comprehensive dredging plan for our navigable waterways - this will

be costly but is possible with the support of our Federal Delegation.

**Dan O'Hare**  
**Democratic Party**  
**Campaign Facebook:**

<http://www.facebook.com/Dan-OHare-for-Maryland-Delegate-37B>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have extensive experience in various industries and am a street philosopher. I spend my free time reading anthropology, history, philosophy, and literature. I debate ideas, not people. I think identity politics has its place and is important to specific groups, but white nationalism as identity has changed the debate from ideas to emotions only. We need to discuss emotions and ideas, not or.

**REDISTRICTING:** I prefer we undo the gerrymandering. Fair representation should be the basis for a representative government.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate Change. We need a massive overhaul of our system, including our infrastructure, transportation and energy systems.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I believe the economics of our system causes the discrimination. 400 characters is not enough to address this completely. Discrimination is a problem, and I will be looking to address it on the campaign trail and if I get elected or not. It should be the duty of all honest people to end discrimination.

**EDUCATION:** We need to ensure that children are able to get an education in a safe environment, and we need to enact policies that ensure that. This includes being well fed. We also (on the Shore) have an issue with access to broadband. This is an educational issue. My

understanding is the funding is available for this, but local officials need to work with the state to see that this infrastructure happens.

**HEALTH CARE:** Medicare For All with an employer tax for each employee will save companies that currently provide healthcare a good deal of money. If we leave the moral question of "who gets healed" to the unthinking and immoral "free market" than we have sacrificed our morality on a basic level. If we choose to sacrifice our morals for that question, I don't understand why we think we have any morality at all.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need a complete overhaul of our transportation system. We have been putting an adhesive strip on cancer for too long. Multiple roads are closed on the shore a few days a year for high tides. These tides are not going to become more infrequent or lower. Climate change isn't going away just because people pretend it isn't real.

## Dorchester County Offices

### Dorchester County Council

**DUTIES:** Under the Charter Home Rule form of government, the County Council may enact local laws, ordinances and/or policies. Certain types of laws cannot be enacted by the Council and must be enacted by the State legislature. Dorchester County is one of nine counties in the State of Maryland

that are governed under Charter Home Rule.

**SALARY:** \$16,000

**TERM:** Four years.

**HOW ELECTED:** Council members are elected from councilmanic districts.

### The Issues

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

**EDUCATION:** As a council member, how would you be an advocate for quality public schools?

**DIVERSITY:** As an elected official, what can you do to make sure the county is engaging with and responsive to the diverse population that lives here?

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

### Dorchester County Council District 1 Candidates

Vote for 1

**Don B. Satterfield**  
**Republican Party**

No response received by deadline.

**Jay Leonard Newcomb**  
**Democratic Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Own and operate the three following businesses in the Dorchester County, Old Salty's Restaurant, Old Salty's Seafood, and Newcomb, Inc. Have always been very active in the county. Life member of Church Creek Vol. Fire Co. of which was fire Chief for 11 years. Was elected to council for 12 years, of which was council president for several years, and was county manager for several months.

**EDUCATION:** As a council member which approves part of the Board of Education budget funded by local government will be put to best use. Hopefully can work with the their board and use the money to provide a good learning and safe environment to all the students, teachers and support team to better their education. Would hope that more use of the School of Technology to help the students learn a trade.

**DIVERSITY:** Willing to work with the diverse population, from the farmers to the watermen, processing, manufacturing, tourism, hospitality and any others to help make Dorchester County a great place to live, work, visit and play.

**BUDGET:** As council member I have experienced this twice before. Had to really put your heads together with the departments and live within your means not your wants to continue to operate the county with the revenue that is provide. All departments and agencies have to work to get thru and provide the best service to the taxpayers as possible. This is not an easy task, but that is what is has to be done.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &**

**LAND USE:** Dorchester County has so many different land, environmental, land use issues. We must protect our wetlands, farmland and the great waterways that are so great to this county. The county much still continue to move forward with economic development and growth to help provide the resources needed to make this county a great place for the residents and visitors to enjoy while protecting their rights.

**Shay Lewis-Sisco**  
**Write-in**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience in the last 2 years in Workforce Development for the State of Maryland's Division of Workforce and Adult Learning, previous employment with Dorchester Co Dept of Social Services for 6 years and the 5 years spent working for the Dorchester Co Public School System has allowed me to build partnerships which has expanded my awareness for advocacy to build community development.

**EDUCATION:** I would be an advocate for quality public schools as a council member by building partnerships with the Board of Education, school superintendent, administration and staff. I plan to attend School Board and Citizen Advisory meetings to learn and better understand the priority of needs for the safety and well-being of our students, staff and community. A good advocate must be a great listener.

**DIVERSITY:** As an elected official my obligation and commitment is to the reunification of Dorchester

County. So to ensure engagement and responsive to the diversity in this county, I would urge the commissioners to consider changing the location of events, building diverse leadership teams for work being done here so that all voices are heard as we seek to unify the culture and purpose here in Dorchester Co.

**BUDGET:** Some areas I would prioritize spending is in our education especially elementary education and preschool, mental health services while advocating for an increase in hourly wages for all workers in Maryland to improve overall economic situations. It would be my suggestion to review the budget and purpose for spending prior to making any budget cuts.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE:** This is a long term challenge that needs to be addressed in small positive steps, first by listening to one another and the challenges that land owners, farmers, environmentalists and funding sources know from their experience. Their response will assist with informed decision making however in order to balance these areas we must come together cooperatively and collaboratively.

## **Dorchester County Council District 2**

### **Candidates**

Vote for 1

**William Nichols**  
**Democratic Party**

No response received by deadline.

## **Dorchester County Council District 3**

### **Candidates**

Vote for 1

**Ricky C. Travers, Sr.**  
**Democratic Party**

No response received by deadline.

## **Dorchester County Council District 4**

### **Candidates**

Vote for 1

**Lenny Pfeffer**  
**Republican Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Youth: Scouting, Civil Air Patrol Education: High School, College studies in Business and Public Safety Work Experiences: Previous Sales, Prev. Automotive Service Facility Management, Prev. Small Business Owner, Career FF/EMT/Lieutenant(Retired) Volunteer: Past President of Dorchester County Volunteer FF Association, PP Secretary VFC, Red Cross, Warwick Elem. School Character Counts, Church Trustee

**EDUCATION:** While our main goal for education should be to prepare our children to be college and/or career ready, there has been a shift in our current PRIORITY. That shift is towards SAFETY! The only concern our kids should worry about when they go to school each day is whether or not they get a pop quiz from the teacher, NOT am I safe! We must come together as a

community to deal with this issue!

**DIVERSITY:** Dorchester, like most communities has a diverse population considering Race, Religion, Ethnicity, Origin, Education, Income, Culture and Geography. We need to make sure our county services are spread across our population fairly to ensure each citizens tax dollars are being put to good use. Our elected officials must put aside any bias and work together for the greater good of the citizens.

**BUDGET:** We need to keep our priority spending to areas such as Infrastructure, Public Safety, Education. While I have attended budgetary workshops and county council meetings, it is hard to say what areas need to be cut. We are one of the lowest income counties in Maryland. I plan to shadow our department heads and workers to look for areas of waste and inefficiency to prevent additional taxes and fees.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE:** I plan to work closely with our Economic Development Department to ensure businesses across our country know that Dorchester County is Open for Business. We must build our tax base, not raise taxes! We build the tax base by bringing new businesses to our county, which brings workers, who buy houses and spend money in our county! Steady growth with concern for the environment and landowners rights



## Dorchester County Council District 5

### Candidates

Vote for 1

**Libby Handley Nagel**  
**Republican Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The training and experience I would bring to the office are the following: I have been a farmer land owner for the past 18 years and am one of the largest acreage owners held by a woman. I actively participate in the day to day operations . I also am part owner of Win Transport Inc a locally owned transportation broker and part owner of Chris Nagel Inc, a trucking company.

**EDUCATION:** Sitting on the council I would advocate the School Board who receives monies from the county for their budget to seek and maintain their excellent teaching staff, and insure monies be spent for the safety of teachers and students in all schools in the county. Encourage the board to have the best resources available for the education of all, ultimately it is up to the Board.

**DIVERSITY:** I would encourage Economic Development to bring to the county job opportunities that would highlight the diverse population that we have which would make them feel a part of the community. Also I would ask Dept of Tourism to seek ways to highlight the many different cultures of people who live here so that they can tell their story and become apart of the unique county we live in .

**BUDGET:** This would be done by a line by line review of the budget and deciding between the wants and needs of the county and after review asking department heads to make a percentage cut . Then the council review and make cuts according to achieve efficient running of each department with out jeopardizing their ability to maintain their department.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE:** Maintaining the county's rural legacy for people to visit and enjoy with economic growth and being responsible land stewards for future generations would have to be reviewed case by case to address environmental concerns, economic development and not to infringe on property rights and destroy where we live in the process.

**Thomas Bradshaw**  
**Write-in**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am in my 2nd term of my council position. My time is spent meeting with the various entities involved in the areas of concern for our county. I am a Fellow in the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance, executive board member for the Clean Chesapeake Coalition, board member for the Delmarva Fisheries and MD Heritage Area Authority, and newly appointed to the Oyster Advisory Commission.

**EDUCATION:** Our schools are a major priority in this county. I advocate for better use of the systems we have in place, more classroom teachers – less administrators, and taking better care of our properties. I continually

ask for more use of the DCTC building, both for our students but also for the adult population for continuing education and retraining, and I voted in favor of the new NDHS.

**DIVERSITY:** We have always had a wonderfully diverse population here. From the native ancestors who settled here to the immigrants who found their way here for great farm land and a robust water trade, we have lived harmoniously most of the time. We live in an area of neighbor helping neighbor. There are plans in place to ensure that the county's workforce is reflective of our population.

**BUDGET:** This is the question of the day every day. This is what we as a council do. We strategize with our Department Heads and our county manager to make cuts where we can, while not endangering our public. Safety, education and infrastructure must be our focus. Cuts will have to come from areas of fringe services that will affect the fewest residents of our county.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE:** There is a room for all around growth for the county, we have to be sensitive to our amazing environment. Updating the County Comprehensive Plan FY 17/18, for which I have lobbied a few years, will give us the much needed direction for both economic growth and environmental preservation. I remain open to businesses, ideas, and strategies for keeping the county growing safely and financially.

## Judge, Court of Special Appeals At-Large

**DUTIES:** Judges preside in the Court of Special Appeals, the intermediate appellate court in Maryland. The Court reviews the actions and decisions of the Circuit Court and of the Orphans' Court in cases brought before it. The Court, usually sitting in panels of three judges, decides if the trial judge followed the law and legal precedent. The Court is composed of 15 judges: eight at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

**SALARY:** 168,633 annual base.

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

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

### The Issues

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** How can the courts address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

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

### Appointee

Vote Yes or No  
For Continuance in Office

**Donald E. Beachley**

No response received by deadline.

### Appointee

Vote Yes or No  
For Continuance in Office

**Matthew J. Fader**

No response received by deadline.

## Dorchester County State's Attorney

**DUTIES:** The State's Attorney is the chief prosecutor for criminal violations; and educates the public about criminal justice issues, provides training to lawyers for future service, addresses inequality and promote fairness in the criminal justice system, ensures access to the criminal justice system, promotes professional relations with judges and attorneys, and seeks to

further the efficient use of criminal justice resources.

**SALARY:** \$113,066

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected county-wide.

### The Issues

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

**PRIORITIES:** What are your priorities?

### Candidates

Vote for 1

**William H. Jones**  
**Democratic Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served as the State's Attorney for Dorchester County for 11 years. I have served previously as a police officer and as an attorney in private practice. I believe that this background benefits me as I serve the citizens of Dorchester County as their State's Attorney.

**PRIORITIES:** Protecting the citizens of Dorchester County, by prosecuting those who commit crimes, is my first priority. Removing violent offenders from our streets helps achieve that goal, and serves as a deterrent for those who would commit such crimes. Seeking justice for victims of crime is extremely important, as is tackling the issue of substance abuse.

## Dorchester County Clerk of the Circuit Court

**DUTIES:** The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the office that performs many administrative duties for the Circuit Court, including the maintenance of court records. The Clerk's office files, processes and maintains civil, criminal and juvenile actions. It also records land deeds, mortgages, plats, conveyances and other precious documents. The Clerk administers oaths to County officials, Judges and Governor appointees, issues business and marriage licenses and performs civil wedding ceremonies. The Clerk also commissions Notaries Public.

**SALARY:** \$109,000

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected county-wide.

### The Issues

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What are your qualifications for this position?

**EFFICIENCY:** What is needed to ensure efficient operation of the clerk's office?

### Candidates

Vote for 1

**Amy J. Craig**  
**Republican Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I began my legal career at Miles & Stockbridge, as a legal secretary. I then joined the Circuit Court for Dorchester County as the Family Support Services Coordinator. On November 2, 2010 I was elected Clerk of the

Circuit Court where I continue to serve my community. I have a Master's Degree in Social Work and maintain memberships in many organizations throughout the state and local community.

**EFFICIENCY:** An efficient Clerk's Office must have trained and educated staff that have strong interpersonal skills for serving customers with compassion and patience. Because not everyone who comes into the Clerk's office is in a situation that is within our purview to rectify, staff must be able to give appropriate resources to ensure they have fulfilled the customers needs to the best of their abilities.

## Dorchester County Register of Wills

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

**SALARY:** \$105,000

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected county-wide.

### The Issues

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Please describe how your education and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:** What policies would you implement to

assist the public, especially low-income residents, in using the services of your office?

## **Candidates**

Vote for 1

**Richard F. Colburn**  
**Republican Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** This office would give me the opportunity to assist/comfort Dorchester Co citizens. I have always felt that the most important asset that any public official can bring to his community is good constituent service. I helped people for many years in the MD General Assembly. I served on the Senate Judicial Proceedings Comm. that legislates laws dealing with the administration of estates/wills/probate

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:** All citizens who have a need to utilize the services of the Dorchester County Office of Register of Wills will be afforded the same high level of professional service and courtesy. My office will provide low income residents information on the hours and locations of the pro se legal clinic, the Mid-Shore Pro Bono office, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service.

**Doris Keene Lewis**  
**Democratic Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduate of Goldey Beacom College Educated in business administration, law & accounting Employed 17 years in a law office specializing in probate, real estate & corporate law Register of Wills since 1974 Extensive

knowledge of Estates & Trusts & Md. Rules Participant in legislative hearings in Annapolis regarding estate and trust legislation Experience in working with people during time of grief

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:** I professionally assist all facets of the public with equal understanding and compassion while adhering to Estates & Trusts and Md. Rules. Policies are not set by the Register of Wills. For those needing services of the office when death occurs I confidentially accommodate them at their convenience and offer explanation of probate questions to all who inquire and assist in preparation of forms

## **Dorchester County Judge of the Orphans' Court**

**DUTIES:** The Maryland Orphans' Court is the state's probate court. It also has jurisdiction over guardianship of minors. The Orphans' Court supervises the handling of estates of people who have died – with or without a will – while owning property in their sole name. The State Constitution does not require Orphans' Court judges to be lawyers.

**SALARY:** \$5,000

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected county-wide.

## **The Issues**

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** How can the courts address discrimination based

on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

**COURT NEEDS:** What are the greatest needs of the Orphans' Court and how can these be addressed?

## **Dorchester County Judge of the Orphans' Court District 1**

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected by qualified voters within Orphans' Court District 1 which corresponds to legislative district 37A within Dorchester County. Qualified voters in District 1 cast votes for one candidate.

## **Candidates**

Vote for 1

**George Robert Ames, Jr.**  
**Democratic Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 24 years of experience as Dorchester Orphans Court Judge with degrees in Humanities, Social Science, Law Enforcement and Doctoral Degree in Ministry.

**DISCRIMINATION:** To treat all who come before the court with respect and dignity.

**COURT NEEDS:** The greatest needs of the Orphans' Court are continuing education and training.

## **Dorchester County Judge of the Orphans' Court District 2**

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected by qualified voters within Orphans' Court District 2 which corresponds to legislative district 37B within Dorchester County. Qualified voters in District 2 cast votes for two candidates.

## **Candidates**

Vote for up to 2

**Carolyn I. Todd**  
**Democratic Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Having served as Orphan's Court judge in Dorchester County for nearly 20 years, I believe qualifies me to continue serving in this position.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The courts may address discrimination by acknowledging all people are created equal.

**COURT NEEDS:** The Orphan Court is an institution that we all should be proud of. Families appear before the Court when they are experiencing times of great need. With continual training and working together will enable people to receive the service they deserve.

**Calvin Travers**  
**Democratic Party**

No response received by deadline.

## Dorchester County Sheriff

**DUTIES:** The Sheriff's Office is a full-function law enforcement agency which operates throughout the county. Public safety activities include law enforcement and all related activities to support investigations of either a traffic or criminal nature, including accident investigations, monitoring sex offenders, traffic safety programs, narcotics investigations, protective measures for domestic violence, and the investigation of all serious or reported crimes. Its civil component acts as an officer of the circuit court, carrying out court orders, including evictions; delivering summonses; and executing bench warrants. It also provides management of and security for courthouse operations.  
**SALARY:** \$89,500  
**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.  
**HOW ELECTED:** Elected county-wide.

### The Issues

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Please describe how your education and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.  
**PRIORITIES:** What should the top three priority areas of law enforcement be in Caroline County and why?  
**DISCRIMINATION:** What policies would you pursue to avoid racial discrimination in law enforcement?

### Candidates

Vote for 1

**Gregory S. Robbins, Sr.**  
**Republican Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Over 25 years of federal, state and local law enforcement experience. -U.S. Coast Guard Veteran with extensive training in drug interdiction & federal law enforcement -Veteran of the Dorchester County Sheriffs Office as shift and K-9 unit supervisor overseeing daily operations, management and budget for the unit. -Received thousands of hours of continuous education and training.  
**PRIORITIES:** 1) School safety-Enhancement of the current security of our schools is critical. Although that same enhancement was promised during the past two elections by the current Sheriff, it never materialized. Our children need a safe environment. 2) The Heroin is currently a major issue that is affecting all aspects of life. 3) Enhance working relationships with all resources. Sharing info is key.  
**DISCRIMINATION:** -Raise awareness of implicit bias among leaders & deputies and provide training for the entire department. - Transform the conversation between police and the community in a positive way to build a trusting relationship. -Provide transparency within the department by implementing deputy worn body cameras. - Diversity of qualified deputies within the department including leadership roles.

**James W. Phillips, Jr.**  
**Democratic Party**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I started my career at the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office in 1978 as a Dispatcher. During my career I have

had the opportunity to train and have worked my way up through the ranks until in 2002, I was elected Sheriff. There is not a job here that I haven't performed at some time. I consider it an honor to be able to lead such an incredibly professional group of people.

**PRIORITIES:** We should continue to develop partnerships that allow us to better protect the citizens in Dorchester County against all drugs, not just Heroin. That same partnership development is needed to be successful in the continued mission to safe--guard our schools. We need to strengthen our commitment to educating our youth in the areas of Drug and Alcohol Abuse as well as Gang related issues.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I feel our current policies are adequate in accomplishing this part of our mission. They are reviewed and revised as needed.

## Dorchester County Board of Education

**DUTIES:** The Board of Education is responsible for the supervision of the public schools, including the selection of a Superintendent, approval of the annual budget, and establishing general policies governing the school system.  
**BASE SALARY:** \$3,200 annual salary.  
**TERM:** Four years, limited to three consecutive terms.  
**HOW ELECTED:** Board members are elected from councilmanic districts.

### The Issues

**BACKGROUND:** Please describe how your training and experience prepare you for the duties of this office.

**PRIORITIES:** What are your two highest priorities and why do you choose them?

**BUDGET:** How would you work with the County Council to develop an education budget that meets their approval and provides adequate funding for educational excellence?

**DIVERSITY:** How should county schools address the diverse needs of students throughout their educational experience?

**SAFETY:** What changes need to occur to ensure all of our schools are safe environments for all students?

## Dorchester County Board of Education District 2

### Candidates

Vote for 1

**LeOtha N. Hull**  
**Nonpartisan**

No response received by deadline.

## Dorchester County Board of Education District 4 Candidates

Vote for 1

**Sheri Robinson Hubbard**  
Nonpartisan

**BACKGROUND:** For 39 years, I was an educator in Dorchester County Public Schools. I served as an administrator at North Dorchester Middle School, a high school English teacher at North Dorchester High and several other positions. With all the experience and training I have had in education, I feel thoroughly prepared to face the challenges of helping to steer a course for Dorchester County Public Schools.

**PRIORITIES:** My first priority is school safety. I firmly believe our schools must be safe places for students to learn and for educators to facilitate that learning. My second priority is advancing reading achievement. My experiences have shown me how important it is for students to learn to read in elementary school and to maintain that ability throughout their years in school.

**BUDGET:** It is extremely important for Dorchester County Public School representatives to work closely with the County Council to develop an education budget that can meet the approval of the Council while providing necessary funding for the objectives of the county school system. I would encourage the Board representatives to have

prioritized budget items that meet significant educational goals.  
**DIVERSITY:** An objective of Dorchester County Public Schools to address diversity needs should be to provide a sufficient number of teachers/administrators in each school so that the staff-to-student ratio closely represents the ethnic make-up of the students. By doing this, all students would be provided with positive role models in positions of authority in their lives.  
**SAFETY:** I believe it is critical that each school have its own School Resource Officer. Having a dedicated SRO per school would ensure that each school would have a trained professional to provide crucial assistance should an emergency arise without having to wait for an officer to arrive from another location. Time is of the essence in any emergency to quickly provide safety to students and staff.

**Bill Gorsuch**  
Write-in

**BACKGROUND:** As a Sales Manager of a home improvement company, I have developed skills in negotiations, communication, and the ability to solve complex issues. Throughout my career in sales, I have always been considered a "people person" who can get along well with others, including those with whom there is an issue.

**PRIORITIES:** Two of my highest priorities are teacher retention and the school learning environment. It is important for DCPS to attract and keep the best and brightest teachers to educate our children. Improving the school environment to assure that all schools are safe and provide

a positive, supportive atmosphere is paramount. Our scarce resources must be directed to such priorities.  
**BUDGET:** There must be an open line of communication established with County Commissioners and county finance staff. Exchanging more detailed budget information should allow for a greater understanding of the competing needs for tax resources. Much of what transpires each year at budget time is due to misinformation. All available resources should be clearly identified before discussions begin.  
**DIVERSITY:** The school system should offer the same educational experiences in every school so that all children in the county benefit. There also needs to be more continuity between the schools regarding special programs for gifted and talented as well as for those students who find education to be more challenging. Support programs should be available to all students who require them, regardless.

**SAFETY:** Secure vestibules and other security measures are good additions to schools to keep students safe while at school. However, schools must also promote a sense of community and responsibility for self and others. While strict rules and punishments sound like a good response to poor behavior, they often never fully address the underlying causes of continued student disruptions. We can do better!

## State Constitutional Amendments

Vote For the Constitutional  
Amendment or

Vote Against the Constitutional  
Amendment

## Question 1 - Education Funding

**Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 357 of the 2018 Legislative Session) Requiring Commercial Gaming Revenues that are for Public Education to Supplement Spending for Education in Public Schools**

**BALLOT LANGUAGE:** The amendment requires the Governor to include in the annual State Budget, as supplemental funding for prekindergarten through grade 12 in public schools, the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and any other commercial gaming dedicated to public education in an amount above the level of State funding for education in public schools provided by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act of 2002 (otherwise known as the Thornton legislation) in not less than the following amounts: \$125 million in fiscal year 2020; \$250 million in fiscal year 2021; \$375 million in

fiscal year 2022; and 100% of commercial gaming revenues dedicated to public education in fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter. The amendment also requires the Governor to show in the annual budget how the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and other commercial gaming are being used in a manner that is in addition to the level of State funding for public education provided by the funding formulas established by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act. The State Constitution currently authorizes video lottery operation licenses for the primary purpose of raising money for public education. (Amending Article XIX, Section 1(c)(1) and (g), and adding Section 1(f) to the Maryland Constitution)

**CURRENT LAW:** Maryland voters approved a constitutional amendment (Article XIX) in 2008 authorizing video lottery operations for the "primary purpose" of raising money for public education. The funds must be used to support programs in public schools, such as early childhood education, career and technical education, high school courses for college credits, training for public school teachers, improvement of school buildings, and capital projects at community colleges and state-supported colleges and universities.

**PROPOSED CHANGE:** This amendment would require that beginning in 2020, the Governor must include specified amounts from gambling revenues in the state budget for public education. These amounts must be in addition to any other state funding for public

education and cannot be a substitute for other state revenues designated for public education. The amendment would also repeal the provision that allows gambling revenues to be used for capital projects at community colleges and state-supported colleges and universities.

#### **ORIGIN OF THE BALLOT**

**QUESTION:** The 2018 session of the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation (SB 1122) proposing an amendment to the Maryland constitution to add more specific requirements for how gambling revenue is used in the state budget to fund public education. A bill to amend the Maryland constitution does not take effect unless it is approved by the voters at the next general election.

#### **ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:**

- It ensures that gambling revenues are directed to public education as intended and approved by voters.
- It addresses concerns that the state was using gaming revenues to substitute for education funding that was already required by law, rather than increasing the total amount of education funding.
- It ensures that gaming revenues paid into the Education Trust Fund (also called a "lockbox") may be spent only in addition to other public education funding and cannot be used as a substitute for other funding that is already required by the Bridge to Excellence law.

#### **ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:**

- The amendment would reduce the state's flexibility to use

gambling revenues for other state programs.

- The amendment would eliminate the use of gaming revenues to fund capital projects at community and public colleges.

#### **A VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT**

**MEANS** the state constitution would be amended to specify that revenue from gambling be used to supplement other state funding for public education and cannot be used as a substitute for other required education funding.

#### **A VOTE AGAINST THE**

**AMENDMENT MEANS** the current provision in the constitution would remain in effect, under which gambling revenue is used for public education but those funds may be in place of other state funding for schools.

and 2, and adding Section 2A to the Maryland constitution.)

**CURRENT LAW:** Maryland law requires that voter registration close 21 days before an election. An exception allows people to register and vote in person during early voting at an Early Voting Center. They must provide proof of residence such as a driver's license or other specified identification. Under current law a person may not register to vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day and vote on the same day.

**PROPOSED CHANGE:** The Maryland constitution would be amended to authorize the legislature to pass a law permitting people to register to vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day and to vote on the same day.

#### **ORIGIN OF THE BALLOT**

**QUESTION:** The 2018 session of the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation (HB 532) proposing an amendment to the Maryland constitution to allow people to register to vote on Election Day and to vote the same day. A bill to amend the Maryland constitution does not take effect unless it is approved by the voters at the next general election.

#### **ARGUMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT:**

- Voting is a fundamental right that should not be lost due to failure to comply with a registration requirement.
- Same day registration and voting already takes place during early voting. On-the-spot validation of a voter's documentation is conducted before the voter is allowed to

## Question 2 - Election Day Voter Registration

**Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 855 of the 2018 Legislative Session) Same-Day Registration and Voting at the Precinct Polling Place on Election Day**

**BALLOT LANGUAGE:** Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to allow a qualified individual to register and vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day. The current law requires voter registration to close before Election Day. (Amending Article 1, sections 1

- vote. These procedures could also be used for same day registration and voting on Election Day.
- Fourteen other states allow same day voter registration and voting on Election Day and have not reported problems.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:**

- Permitting people to register and vote on Election Day could lead to voter fraud.
- Requiring people to register in advance is not burdensome, as the registration forms are readily available.

**A VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT MEANS** that the constitution would be amended to allow the legislature to enact a law permitting people to register to vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day

**A VOTE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT MEANS** that the constitution would not be amended and people would need to register to vote before Election Day.



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