



Voters' Guide

General Election 2016

League of Women Voters of Howard County

INTRODUCTION

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The Voters' Guide includes only the names of the candidates on the official ballot certified by state and local officials. Some candidates may have withdrawn since the material was compiled, and not every candidate listed in the the Guide will appear on every ballot.

Thanks to all candidates who replied to the League of Women Voters questionnaire.

FACTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS

Questions about whether you are registered to vote or your polling place location can be checked online at www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/ or by calling the Howard County Board of Elections at 410-313-5820.

You may take this Voters' Guide into the polling place with you.

Sample ballots will be posted in all polling places.

Voters are not obligated to answer questions about how they voted.

ABSENTEE VOTING: Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot application from the Howard County Board of Elections, 410-313-5820 or www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html.

For the General Election, your request must be received (not just mailed) by November 1, 2016, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax, or by November 3, 2016, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website.

An absentee ballot will be mailed to your designated address. Emergency absentee applications are accepted in person until the polls close on Election Day. For more information, call the Board of Elections at 410-313-5820.

PROVISIONAL BALLOT: A provisional ballot must be issued if: 1) the voter's name is not on the polling place register; 2) the voter moved from the address listed on the polling place register more than 21 days before the Election; 3) the voter is required to show identification and does not have it; 4) the register indicates that the voter was issued an absentee ballot or has already voted.

For nonpartisan election information, contact the League of Women Voters at 410-730-0142 or info@howard.lwvmd.org.

League Website: www.lwvhc.wordpress.com.
League online voters' guide at <http://vote411.org>

County voter and election information is available at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/BOE>

Download a voter registration application at: http://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/English_Internet_VRA.pdf

EARLY VOTING

**October 27,28,29,30,31 and November 1,2,3
(8:00 am to 8:00 pm)**



LOCATIONS:

Ridgely's Run Community Center
8400 Mission Road, Jessup

The Bain Center
5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia

Miller Branch Library
9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Polls are open from 7am to 8pm

A list of Howard County Polling Places is on page 12.

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• a contribution to the League of Women Voters of Howard County (LWVHC) or a tax-de- •

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• Name _____ •

• Address _____ •

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NOTE:
Under Maryland law, the order of candidates on the ballot is determined first by the party of the governor, then by the principal minority party, then by other minority parties in descending order based on statewide party registration. The order of listing in this Voters' Guide follows that directive.



FEDERAL OFFICES

U.S. PRESIDENT

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

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

How Elected: Every four years, political parties nominate candidates to run for President of the United States in a general election that is held on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November. Although all parties use conventions to nominate their candidates, in most states the Democratic and Republican parties also run state-wide primary elections or caucuses. The results of the primary influence how the delegates to their respective party's convention will cast ballots for candidates for President. The degree to which the result of the primary influences the votes of delegates at conventions varies from state to state.

Base Salary: \$400,000 per year

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

- **Ground Rules:** All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to five specific questions. Candidates qualified if they met the following criteria: 1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President; and, 2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website. 3) The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.
- Responses were limited to 400 characters and were truncated thereafter.
- If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "Candidate has not responded." is printed.

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Questions asked of all candidates for U.S. President who met Ground Rules:

- 1) What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?
- 2) What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?
- 3) What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?
- 4) What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?
- 5) What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

REPUBLICAN

Donald Trump

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Personal Statement: The government of the US should be focused on serving the people of this great nation, not special interests. The government now rules rather than governs. The American people want their government back and together we will make America great again.

Top Three Goals: Secure our nation by restoring our leadership in the world; restore economic growth thru tax, trade, immigration, & energy reform; restore Constitutional limits on government.

Questions:

Q: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

A: I have proposed tax, trade, energy and immigration reforms that will bring trillions of dollars and millions of jobs back to the United States. Through immigration reform, we will restore wage growth and reduce the related fiscal burdens on state and local governments. These reforms will help lift wages and will create opportunities for millions of Americans to get back in the workforce.

Q: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?

A: We must re-establish the rule of law in this country. Criminal illegal immigrants will be deported. No one should be given the gift of U.S. citizenship based on illegal behavior.

Q: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

A: My administration will provide states with incentives to increase school choice options for parents and local school districts. Allowing the entrenched Washington education establishment and federal bureaucrats to leverage federal funds to dictate educational practices, curriculum and outcomes must be stopped. Control of K-12 education must be returned to parents and citizens locally.

Q: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

A: We are the leader of the free world - whether we like it or not - and we must ensure we seek partners willing to make sure our national interests are defended. We only gain this respect from both adversaries and allies by having a strong military, being clear about defeating radical Islam, & stopping rogue nations from attacking/threatening our citizens, economic interests, resources and allies.

Q: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

A: The best way to ensure social & racial justice is to return Constitutional limits on government & appoint Supreme Court Justices who will defend the Constitution, not rewrite it. The President must provide leadership & make sure the government works for the people. We must ensure low income & minority children learn to read at grade level & not trap them in failing schools based on zip code.

DEMOCRATIC

Hillary Clinton

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Personal Statement: I'm running for President to make a difference in the lives of all Americans. I'll build an economy that works for everyone, continue my fight for children and families, and work to keep our country safe. And I'll unite Americans to take on all the challenges we face—because we're stronger together.

Top Three Goals: 1. Grow and strengthen our economy. 2. Curb the outsized influence of big money in American politics. 3. Ensure we have the partnerships to keep our country safe.

Questions:

Q: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

A: My first priority will be to grow and strengthen our economy. I will invest in good-paying jobs, expand access to higher education, encourage companies to follow policies that put families first, and fight so that everyone pays their fair share. Every American deserves a good job, a successful career, and a productive life. Together, these efforts will work to make that a reality.

Q: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?

A: In my first 100 days, I will introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship. An estimated nine million lawful permanent residents are eligible to become U.S. citizens. As President, I will work to expand fee waivers and enhance outreach, so that more of the working poor can assume the full rights and responsibilities of becoming U.S. citizens.

Q: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

A: Every child deserves a high-quality education. I will double our investments in Early Head Start programs and ensure every 4-year old has access to high-quality preschool. I will do more to support our teachers, modernize our classrooms, and support STEM programs so that all public school students can learn computer science. We must give children the foundation to succeed, from pre-K to grade 12.

Q: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

A: The U.S. needs to exercise leadership and shape global events rather than be shaped by them. So many of our interests—our security, our economy, and our fight against climate change—require cooperation with our friends and allies, and with countries we may agree with on some things, and disagree with on others. As President, I'll ensure our country remains a source of leadership around the world.



Q: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

A: Too many Americans still face discrimination and mistreatment. I will fight to break down barriers and build ladders of opportunity. We will reform our criminal justice system, protect transgender individuals, defend voting rights, fight environmental injustice, fight for comprehensive immigration reform, end the epidemic of gun violence, and ensure the citizens of Puerto Rico are treated equally.

LIBERTARIAN

Gary Johnson

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Personal Statement: I am Governor Gary Johnson and along with my running mate Governor William Weld we are honored to accept the invitation of the League of Women Voters to participate in their efforts to inform the voting American public of all options available to them during this Presidential election year.

Top Three Goals: Provide Congress a balanced budget within the first 100 days of office; Reduce (and in some cases eliminate) our military footprint abroad; Liberalize trade and economic activity.

Questions:

Q: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

A: Submit to Congress a balanced budget to provide a template to stop unsustainable growth of the national debt, debt that weighs on employers, entrepreneurs and the economy. Support a simpler, fairer tax code that won't penalize productivity or investment. Fight to provide certainty in spending, taxes, and regulation so employers, entrepreneurs and investors make decisions that put people to work.

Q: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?

A: Ensure a pathway to citizenship for deserving immigrants by first establishing a way for non-criminal undocumented immigrants to achieve documented status. After that crucial first step, the pathway to citizenship will be the same as it is for all immigrants. No cutting the line. No unfair advantages. Just a legal status that allows immigrants to pursue the traditional path to becoming a citizen.

Q: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

A: Education works best when decentralized. Since President Carter created the Dept. of Education, test scores have stagnated despite any new initiatives or spending programs. Parents and teachers make the best decisions for students, not bureaucrats at the DoE. Education is traditionally a state and local responsibility, and should remain so for innovation, best practices and even competition.

Q: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

A: Above all, we must maintain a national defense that is second to none. Government's first responsibility is to protect us from threats abroad. If attacked, we respond. Our greatest assets are economy and culture. Blue jeans and computers did more to win the Cold War than stockpiled warheads. I will pursue vigorous diplomacy based on our economic might, not idle threats and military interventions.

Q: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

A: I would do everything in the Presidency's power to end the militarization of the police. I would end the failed drug war, which unfairly targets communities of color. I would use the powers of the Federal Government to protect the civil liberties of all Americans, aggressively enforcing 14th Amendment protections. I would continue the work to help all Americans to achieve equality of opportunity.

GREEN

Jill Stein

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Personal Statement: After a career in clinical medicine, I am now practicing political medicine, running for President to help heal our ailing nation. Your vote for me sends a clear signal that you want a new, principled politics that puts people, planet and peace over profit.

Top Three Goals: 1. Green job-creation to fight climate change. 2. A fair economy that eliminates unemployment 3. Justice, true democracy, and respect for all human beings.

Questions:

Q: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

A: Eliminate unemployment by creating job for every American who needs work. Repeal NAFTA and other trade agreements that export our jobs overseas and create immigration surges. Create 20 million green jobs to stimulate the economy improving our health by cleaning up our land, air, and water. Protect consumers and small businesses from big banks and Wall Street predators.

Q: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?

A: First, end the massive deportation schemes that have torn families apart. I would also end the so-called Secure Communities program that has led to abuse of both citizens and non-citizens. End the misguided free trade agreements and regime change wars that have forced people to emigrate for their own survival. Finally, provide a welcoming and legal path to citizenship for current immigrants.

Q: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

A: 1) Protect our public schools from privatization schemes that will inevitably undermine the American dream of quality public education for all. 2) Increase federal funding of public schools to make sure all school districts have the financial resources they need to provide quality education. 3) Ensure that kids come to school ready to learn: healthy, nourished, and secure.

Q: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

A: Forge a new foreign policy based solidly on diplomacy, international law, respect for human rights, and consistent nonviolent support for democratic movements around the world. End the misguided policies of militarism that have produced terrorist organizations, refugee crises, failed states, and a bloated military that we can no longer afford.

Q: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

A: My plan to end unemployment will transform the economic life of low income communities that are now struggling with unemployment rates two or three times the national average. Coupled with my commitment to quality public schools and community empowerment, we can not just lessen racial disparity, but bring it to an end.

U.S.SENATOR

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

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

How Elected: In 2016, Maryland voters will elect one Senator. Voters elect two Senators from each State who serve six years. 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

QUESTIONS

1. QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Senator?

2. ECONOMY: What economic policies would you support to assist low and middle income citizens?

3. FOREIGN POLICY: What are the most important foreign policy issues and how would you address them?

4. IMMIGRATION: What changes, if any, would you support in immigration policy?

5. ENVIRONMENT: What is the most pressing environmental problem and what measures would you support to address it?

6. INEQUALITY: What policies would you support to address increasing concern about economic, racial, and social inequality?

7. TAX REFORM: What changes, if any, would you support in federal tax policy?

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN

Kathy Szeliga

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: As a Maryland small business owner, I understand the tools business leaders and job creators need to get the people of Maryland back to work. After working to elect Governor Larry Hogan in 2014, I was selected to serve as the minority leader in the State House. Maryland is starting to change for the better; now we need to bring real change to Washington.

2. ECONOMY: We need to empower more Marylanders with opportunities to achieve the American dream. By improving our education system, we can help more people improve their lives and increase their incomes. Our students should be presented with as many options as possible so they are fully prepared for the current job market, including charter schools or vocational programs.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: One of the most serious threats facing our country is radical Islamic terrorism. Due to broken promises to our allies and unfulfilled threats to our enemies, America's word is no longer taken seriously on the global stage making us an ineffective leader against terrorism. One solution is to work with our allies around the globe who are fighting against radical Islamic terrorist groups.

4. IMMIGRATION: Career politicians have failed people on both sides of this discussion for decades to the point that no one trusts the government when it comes to fixing both our legal and illegal immigration problems. Until we are able to secure our borders, the American people will not trust Congress to do anything else. That is why it must be our top priority.

5. ENVIRONMENT: The health of the Chesapeake Bay is Maryland's priority. The Bay watershed goes from New York to Virginia. We need equitable, fair and common sense solutions to cleaning up our Bay from a multi-state compact. The Rain Tax is an example of a ridiculous policy that required 9% of the watershed land users to bear responsibility for environmental cleanup while excusing the other 91%.

6. INEQUALITY: Education and jobs. The fact that we are not preparing our students for the true job market they are facing. We need plumbers, military personnel, and people in law enforcements just as much as we need doctors, lawyers, and accountants. That is why it is extremely important that we reform our education system so that our children are given every opportunity.

7. TAX REFORM: Our tax code is yet another example that the federal government has become too complex for the average person to navigate. The tax code is more than 73,000 pages long. There is no way Maryland families and small businesses could begin to understand it. We must simplify our tax code and eliminate loopholes.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: As the daughter of an Army officer, I strongly believe we must honor the promises we have made to our men and women in uniform. But right now, we are failing them. The VA is a bureaucratic nightmare and needs immediate reform. These brave men and women have sacrificed so much to keep our country safe - it is the least we can do.



DEMOCRATIC

Chris Van Hollen

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: Like Senator Barbara Mikulski, I believe in delivering results. In Congress and the General Assembly, I've worked together with grassroots activists and community leaders to make a positive difference. I know when to stand and fight for what we believe in, and when to find common ground to achieve results for Marylanders. I've been endorsed by Maryland groups like SEIU, MD Firefighters, and UAW.

2. ECONOMY: I have a plan that cracks down on Wall Street's risky financial dealings and boosts paychecks of working Americans with a Paycheck Bonus Tax Credit, with a savers bonus to help families prepare for retirement. We must also strengthen the safety net, raise the minimum wage, improve access to affordable childcare, provide earned paid sick leave and family leave, and ensure equal pay for equal work.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: I opposed the Iraq War from the start and believe we must work with and support our allies in the Middle East to defeat ISIL. I oppose putting troops on the ground there and risking Iraq 2.0. We need to support our soldiers and returning veterans by providing healthcare, education, and job opportunities, and ending veteran homelessness.

4. IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform to strengthen border security, streamline our visa system, and create an earned path to citizenship to bring the undocumented out of the shadows. This strategy will boost job growth, reduce our deficits, increase the Social Security Trust Fund, and strengthen our national security. I'm pleased to be endorsed by CASA de Maryland.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Every community must be safe from toxic pollutants and chemicals like lead. The Sierra Club endorsed me because I fight for environmental justice and have a plan to address climate change by cutting carbon pollution while also putting money back in the pockets of middle class families. I've fought to stop oil drilling in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and for federal support for clean-up efforts.

6. INEQUALITY: Our country must meet its promise of equal opportunity and justice for all, but we're not there yet. Our system is rigged for the wealthy and privileged. I want to stop CEOs from writing off big bonuses if they don't give employees raises. We have to open the doors of opportunity to all - with early education, debt-free college, and job training. We must end unjust mass incarceration.

7. TAX REFORM: Our tax code is rigged for those who make money off of money instead of working Americans. My plan would eliminate tax breaks that reward corporations that move jobs overseas instead of creating jobs here at home, and close loopholes that benefit hedge fund managers. I also support a Wall Street trading fee to crack down on risky trading.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: 1. Protect and expand Social Security and Medicare to guarantee retirement security 2. Invest in education in every neighborhood so every child gets a fair opportunity 3. Reform the criminal justice system to treat drug addiction as a health issue and improve ex-offender reentry to help people rejoin their communities 4. Reform the campaign finance system to get big and secret money out of politics.

GREEN

Margaret Flowers

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I practiced pediatrics for 15 years and left practice to do advocacy work in 2007. Since then I have worked on a broad range of issues at the state and national levels. I have helped to write legislation, testified before committees, educated legislators and their staff and organized campaigns for social change. I have also written about a broad range of issues, both analyses and about solutions.

2. ECONOMY: Through my project "It's Our Economy" I have worked to educate about solutions that give people greater control over the economy and build community wealth. These include transitioning from corporate subsidies to a guaranteed basic income to end poverty, support for decentralized community-owned solar power, support for cooperatives, doubling social security benefits and improved Medicare for all.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: First is to recognize that the U.S. is the largest empire in the history of the world and that our aggressive foreign policy is creating greater insecurity. The empire economy is hurting our ability to meet our domestic needs. We need to scale back our global military presence, move to greater use of diplomacy and take the profit out of war. We also need to lead a global nuclear disarmament.

4. IMMIGRATION: I would stop detention and deportation of immigrants and militarization of our borders. Greater emphasis should be placed on changing policies that drive immigration: trade agreements and other economic practices that create debt and extreme poverty, the failed drug war and military intervention that bring violence and instability. All workers should have safe working conditions and a living wage.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Extreme extraction and use of fossil fuels and uranium for energy are poisoning the water, land and air and worsening climate change. We must move rapidly to a carbon-free, nuclear-free energy economy through a large scale just transition to produce sustainable sources of energy and clean transportation and to regenerative agriculture techniques and wetland restoration. This will create more jobs.

6. INEQUALITY: We need to hold Wall Street executives accountable and create public and postal banks. I support taking the profit out of prisons, ending bail and jail time for nonviolent offenses, a public health approach to drugs and greater community control over police. I support equal access to high quality public education, reinvestment in low income communities and affordable housing, not gentrification.

7. TAX REFORM: We need to return to high tax rates on the wealthiest as there were in the middle of the last century to stop the hoarding of wealth and stimulate reinvestment in the economy. In this global era, we need a global tax to end the hiding of wealth in tax havens. We need to lift the cap on the Social Security tax to increase benefits and raise the Medicare tax to expand improved Medicare to everyone.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: A 21st century model of fair trade that improves conditions for all workers and protects the environment. We need to treat access to basic necessities and information as public goods, not commodities. I support municipal internet and net neutrality. We need a national water plan and food labeling laws. We need to end modern slavery and genocide of Indigenous people and promote self-determination.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 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 determine whether a public official should be tried, if accused of a crime.

How Elected: Each of the 435 Representatives is elected to a two-year term, serving a specific district. Each State has at least one Representative, but the total number is based on the population in the most recent census. Representatives must be at least 25 years old, have been citizens of the United States for at least 7 years and be residents of the state they want to represent.

Term: Two years
Base Salary: \$174,000

QUESTIONS

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Representative?
- 2. ECONOMY:** What economic policies would you support to assist low and middle income citizens?
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** What are the most important foreign policy issues and how would you address them?
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** What changes, if any, would you support in immigration policy?
- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** What is the most pressing environmental problem and what measure would you support to address it?
- 6. INEQUALITY:** What policies would you support to address increasing concern about economic, racial, and social inequality?
- 7. TAX REFORM:** What changes, if any, would you support in federal tax policy?
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

REPUBLICAN

Pat McDonough

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- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Eighteen years serving in the Md. General Assembly introducing, reviewing and voting on legislation. Also, representing constituents with their problems and sitting in committee listening to information from the public about legislation.
- 2. ECONOMY:** Small business creates 75% of the jobs in America. 300,000 small businesses are started every year, but 400,000 fail. An economic growth stimulus tax program is the most important step. For example, zero corporate taxes on all small business start-ups for 5 years; Zero Corporate Taxes on manufacturing in order to create a manufacturing super-power. Reform or elimination of the Dodd-Frank law.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Global terrorism must be recognized as a war against America and must be prosecuted with the full power of the U.S. military. The growth of China as a military threat must be acknowledged and answered by smart national security and defense programs. Cyber warfare and potential space weapons – the U.S. should promote making our country the number one cyber warfare and defense system in the world.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** Total border security including the wall; domestic enforcement including e-verify in order to protect jobs; elimination of sanctuary city policies;

removal of Obama's unconstitutional executive orders; and rejection of any amnesty program.

- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** We must begin Innovative recycling and restoration initiative regarding our water supply. This program should include the recycling of waste water such as the program used in Singapore and other nations. The desalination plants should be located on our east and west coasts, like the programs used in Saudi Arabia. Exploration and Recovery of our underground aquifer systems could be initiated.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** The spreading schism between the wealthy, the middle class, and the working families is a result of poor economic policies. Wages have been static, good jobs have been lost which has caused a decrease in the middle class, and loss of jobs and the emerging super-wealthy elitist class. Much of the racial strife has been caused by reckless dividers within our nation.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** One reform would be to prohibit large corporations from tax aversion programs where they relocate in foreign countries which is becoming more prevalent and dangerous. I would also place a huge transfer tax on any foreign company that wants to purchase an American company, for example, China now owns Smithfield Meat Products and Sparrow Point was previously owned by the Russians.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Repeal of ObamaCare; "Second Amendment Protection" first class treatment of our veterans. Initiatives to end Alzheimer's and Dementia; legal immigration program that will encourage the best and brightest from around the world to come to America and make our country an intellectual superpower; Tax deduction incentive programs permitting families to invest in their children's IRA-type investments.

DEMOCRATIC

C. A. Dutch Ruppertsberger **Campaign Website:** dutchforcongress.com

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** An attorney by trade, I began my career as a prosecutor and managed a payroll in private practice. I have served as a Baltimore County Councilman, then as Baltimore County Executive, where I managed a workforce of 20,000 and was required to submit a balanced budget each year. Since, I have served seven terms in Congress and have developed a reputation as a "centrist" for my bipartisanship.
- 2. ECONOMY:** I am supporting efforts to gradually raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$12 by 2020. Today, the top 1 percent of the population owns 35 percent of the country's wealth. If we evened out this disparity, the paychecks of the lower-wage earners would get pumped right back into the economy and other local businesses. Consumer demand goes up, there is greater productivity and less turnover.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** ISIS and Iran. We must continue air strikes with our allies and using U.S. Special Ops. But we cannot be the sheriff of the world; we must engage other countries in dealing with ISIS. Regarding Iran, we must focus on implementation of the recently-passed agreement designed to prevent Iran from building a nuclear weapon for at least 10 years. Iran exports terrorism and can't be trusted.
- 4. IMMIGRATION:** I support comprehensive immigration reform, not amnesty. We must first work to prevent illegal immigration by securing our borders and deporting immigrants who have committed crimes. But can't deport our way out of the problem. We should establish a rigorous "legal status" process

similar to the system established by the bipartisan Senate bill, which included paying back taxes and a penalty.

- 5. ENVIRONMENT:** In Maryland, the most pressing environmental problem is cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, which contributes \$1 trillion to the economies of its 6-state watershed. I supported one of the most aggressive Bay clean-up bills in decades, which requires states to meet pollution caps and authorizes new funding to reduce run-off.
- 6. INEQUALITY:** Raising the minimum wage could go a long way toward leveling economic inequality. We also have to work harder to make sure all children have the opportunity to receive a quality education, which translates to greater economic opportunity down the road. We have seen tremendous racial unrest in Baltimore and across our nation in the past year and it needs to be addressed by every level of government.
- 7. TAX REFORM:** Our tax code is too old and too complicated. It needs to be systematically overhauled. We should have lower individual and corporate tax rates and have fewer tax brackets. We should get rid of unfair loopholes and tax breaks for certain industries such as oil and gas companies. I supported extending the Bush tax cuts for the vast majority of American households.
- 8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Cybersecurity is one of the single biggest challenges our country faces today. It also presents a tremendous opportunity for Maryland because we are home to so many federal agencies, contractors and military installations – so any investment in cybersecurity means jobs for our region. I have championed a national strategy since my first days in Congress.

LIBERTARIAN

Kristin S. Kasprzak

No response received by deadline.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

REPUBLICAN

Mark Plaster

Campaign Website: plasterforcongress.com

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience is practical, real world rather than inside the bubble of politics. I've had successful careers in the military, medicine, and business. I saw the cost of freedom while I was deployed twice in Iraq. As a physician, I know the importance of working as a team and listening to people's problems. I took a business from my basement to a multimillion dollar publishing company.
- 2. ECONOMY:** Small business is the economic engine that creates jobs and allows upward mobility. Lower taxes overall and a streamlined regulatory environment will help more Americans achieve their dreams of owning their own businesses. More government involvement feels benevolent, but ends up stifling the real potential of economic growth. Access to capital is also essential to growth and opportunity.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY:** As a twice-deployed Iraq War veteran, I know the human cost of war. Diplomatic and economic measures should always be exhausted before resorting to force. However, if armed conflict is necessary for American security and liberty, then our military and allies must have the resources, direction, and rules of engagement required to bring the fight to our enemies. We should not wait to fight at home.

4. IMMIGRATION: Securing our borders and ports of entry is the top priority and first step towards a workable immigration reform plan. The Border States and governors are struggling to pick up the pieces because of Washington's failure to enforce existing laws and work towards reform. We need to take these steps so those who want to come here the right way can do so in a respectable and fair process.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Protecting our home is the first responsibility of mankind. But we must not do it at the expense of our fellow man. I will support enacting sensible environmental protections while trimming the excesses of the EPA that strangle commerce and manufacturing. We can have a clean bay and clean energy, and we can have it without choking our ability to prosper.

6. INEQUALITY: Equal opportunity is the foundation of what makes America great. But everyone does not start at equal places. Rather than hold someone back, I will support policies that give everyone the opportunity to compete equally to achieve the full measure of their potential and effort. Further, I will support restrictions on policies that favor one group over another.

7. TAX REFORM: Congress needs to streamline regulations and the tax code so the innovative, entrepreneurial potential of the American people can flourish. The tax code needs to be simplified and flatter so that government gets out of the business of picking winners and losers. The corporate tax code should be globally competitive and the death tax should end.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: Health care insurance premiums and deductibles continue to spiral upward. I will support policies that open up competition and innovation that lowers the cost of healthcare while improving quality and maintaining universal coverage for everyone.

DEMOCRATIC

John Sarbanes

Campaign Website: johnsarbanes.com

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

2. ECONOMY: We must create good jobs and support policies that grow the middle class. This includes ending tax breaks for corporations that ship American jobs overseas, investing in national infrastructure and raising the minimum wage. I also strongly support access to and affordability of health insurance and education as well as paid sick and family leave.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: The threat from ISIS is real and the US and international community must address it. I support a strategy that would build a broad and diverse coalition of international partners to protect the US and its allies and to destroy ISIS. While the US military can be used to stem the violence, it is up to the Arab nations to create and ensure a long-term strategy for a safe and secure region.

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

5. ENVIRONMENT: The most pressing environmental problem is climate change and the government can do many things to address it: invest in clean energy technologies; cap and reduce greenhouse gases; require utility companies to generate energy from renewable sources; develop capabilities to capture and store carbon emissions; and advance smart grid technologies so electricity is delivered efficiently.

6. INEQUALITY: Inequality is among the most pressing issues facing our nation today. We must lift up every struggling community & provide hope and opportunity to those Americans who feel left out and left behind. This includes policies that would strengthen voter protections, raise the minimum wage, expand the affordability and accessibility of health insurance and improve our K-12 and higher education systems.

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

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: One of my top priorities is to end the reign of big money in our political system that has corroded our institutions of democracy. That's why I introduced the Government By the People Act which would amplify the voices of everyday Americans by empowering grassroots supporters, providing a tax credit for campaign contributions and supporting candidates when they are up against Super PACs.

GREEN

Nnabu Eze

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an Information Technology Consultant for the past 15 years Analyzing/identifying issues and presenting, making recommendations to management and resolving technical issues. Resolving issues for consumers on a federal government contracts has prepared me to think critically and independently with tolerance for others and concern for current affairs.

2. ECONOMY: The issues I have heard most is creating more jobs and stimulate an economy that supports the low and middle class. Having experience in Information Technology and with knowledge that more jobs are moving in that direction, I believe Congress could establish a special education fund to increase the capacity of Community Colleges which would serve as a critical re-training resource for Americans.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: ISIS will be defeated by a United front not a divided one. Russia and its allies are pursuing a strategy to keep Assad in power while the United States and its allies are pursuing a strategy to remove Assad from power. The United States should vigorously pursue the Syria peace agreement with Russia and its allies without preconditions; then unite with Russia and its allies to defeat ISIS.

4. IMMIGRATION: I would support to change visas for lower-skilled workers. The current system makes it difficult for farmers and ranchers to quickly bring in workers they need. This would help reduce the influx of illegals by giving the low skilled jobs to legal migrants.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Greenhouse gas emissions are the main cause of climate change and Congress has not been strong enough to initiate a massive policy shift away from fossil fuels. I would support policies that would curb carbon emissions and move us towards sustainable forms of energy.

6. INEQUALITY: I would support as I stated earlier, job-training programs that would prepare low income and middle class for the Hi-tech global economy of the 21st century; combined with antidiscrimination enforcement that ensures equal access to those programs. Strengthening the right to organize is also important to helping the working poor to move out of poverty.

7. TAX REFORM: The present Federal tax structure is outdated and economic conditions have changed since its adoption in the 1930s. I would support any policy that calls for a simple tax system with rates that are the same across different income sources or types of expenditures. Universal exemptions, deductions or credits are much simpler to administrate than targeted ones.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: I support an increase of the minimum wage to \$15 by 2020. The current minimum wage is outdated and too low for this day and time. The United States is the only industrialized Nation without paid sick time or family leave; this workplace policy is out of synch with the changing realities of modern families, and with changing roles of men and woman both at home and work.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7

REPUBLICAN

Corrogan R. Vaughn

Campaign Website: vaughn4congress.com

1. QUALIFICATIONS: • Served in leadership in many businesses and organizations; church, faith-based, non-profit, etc. State Chair, Republican Assemblies. Currently Vice Chair of PNBC Board, (Progressive National Baptist Convention with 2.5 million members). Raised in the strong faith of my parents and family, and inspired by my teachers to give back to my community, I will be a servant-statesman, not a celebrity.

2. ECONOMY: See my "Vaughn Plan for Baltimore" vaughn4congress.com The entire 7th District will benefit from my plan. I propose creating an "Inner Harbor" style aggressive modification mission to bring economic and societal revolution to Baltimore through private enterprise, government & non-profit partners utilizing existing facilities and structures for jobs, education, economic, & community growth.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: A) ISIS: ISIS only understands and responds to force. We use whatever force necessary to insure "We Win, they lose." B) Trade: Free trade only works if it's reciprocal. Too many countries cheat with slave-labor wages, child labor, currency manipulation, irresponsible environmental practices, dishonest labeling, etc. They've stolen millions of our jobs & entire industries. We must have Fair Trade.

4. IMMIGRATION: Immigration is an economic issue! Income inequality in America is tied to the wave of illegal alien immigrants who keep wages depressed and jobs scarce, especially in minority and low and moderate income communities. Americans know our unemployment is high because illegals take our jobs. The real cure for the problem is immigration enforcement and border security.

5. ENVIRONMENT: Everyone wants clean air, water, land, & food. So yes, we need to clean up the Bay, upgrade our local treatment plants, etc. But consider a different environmental problem: unaccountable bureaucrats which abusively create & enforce regulations The responsibilities & rewards of environmental stewardship belong with property owners & the States, which are more knowledgeable than federal bureaucrats.

6. INEQUALITY: "We hold these truths to self-evident, that all men are created equal." The American Dream is not about success, but rather opportunity. In Congress I will initiate, support & fight for any measure which protects the equality of opportunity. We must do better in guaranteeing opportunity. We can do better when we focus on the input of opportunity and not the output of politically correct equality.

7. TAX REFORM: Reagan and Kennedy proved lowering business & citizen taxes GROWS our economy. The tax code is ridiculous to the point almost no one can do their own taxes anymore. I will fight for real tax reform using a simple, flat tax approach. There are several which could be implemented. A Flat Tax will provide low & middle-income greater opportunities through minimal taxes & better, higher paying jobs.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: I have many on my website vaughn4congress.com. My passion for priorities such as the Economy, Jobs, Proper care for our veterans, Education at all levels, Second Amendment rights, Health care, Social Security, National security, Border security, Cyber-security, Family Values, and the Federal debt will be high on my list of efforts from Day 1 as the Congressman from Maryland's 7th District.

DEMOCRATIC

Elijah Cummings

Campaign Website: cummingsforcongress.com

1. QUALIFICATIONS: Howard Univ.(Phi Beta Kappa 1973). Univ.Maryland Law School(JD 1976). Md General Assembly (14 years - Speaker Pro Tem). U.S. House of Representatives (1996 -). Oversight & Government Reform (Ranking Democrat), Joint Economic, Transportation and Benghazi Committees, Congressional Black Caucus (Past Chair). Lifetime 7th Dist. Maryland resident.

2. ECONOMY: Creating more 21st Century jobs by investing in American manufacturing, exports, sustainable energy and innovation while ensuring a living wage, protecting union organizing, expanding worker training, making higher education affordable for all, solidifying the social safety net, fighting pay discrimination, and improving corporate governance.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: The central issues we confront (armed conflict, terrorism, economic deprivation, environmental degradation & climate change) challenge both our security and our humanity. Multilateral engagement must lead our efforts to manage and resolve these issues, with the hard power of military force being reserved as a last resort.

4. IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform to better secure our borders, protect workers against abuse, limit the downward pressure on wages, and unify families – policies that are both realistic and humane toward the millions of undocumented families who currently are within the U.S.

5. ENVIRONMENT: I support efforts to (1) limit carbon pollution from power plants and other major sources; (2) strengthen federal efforts to clean our air and water; (3) strengthen and implement national and international climate change agreements and (4) protect the Chesapeake Bay and our natural heritage.

6. INEQUALITY: Advance "Living Wage" & "Equal Pay" legislation. Expand federal education funding. Defend workers' right to organize. Limit incarceration and support "reentry" initiatives. Expand the fight against racial, gender and other discrimination. See, also, my leadership of our "Middle Class Prosperity" initiative (democrats.oversight.house.gov).

7. TAX REFORM: Reform should make the tax code more progressive, assuring that no American family is taxed into poverty. In addition, we should limit counterproductive "tax expenditures" like the preferential "carried interest" tax treatment afforded hedge fund managers.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: Expanding federal funding of public education - including college, defending our voting rights, supporting job creation and home ownership, protecting our environment, advancing criminal justice reform, making further progress toward universal access to healthcare, advancing campaign finance reform.

GREEN

Myles B. Hoenig

Campaign Website: hoenig2016.com

1. QUALIFICATIONS: My entire adult life has been dedicated to social and political justice. I have served in leadership positions in education and my community. I know change is possible.

2. ECONOMY: We need to enact a living wage, not a minimum wage. Unions are the backbone of our middle class and we need to support membership in areas that are hard to reach, especially in retail and service. With Single Payer (Medicare for all) we can remove the threat of medical costs ruining one's livelihood. To demonstrate economic growth we need to show economic justice by jailing the predatory bankers.

3. FOREIGN POLICY: We need to recognize that we are an empire and it threatens our safety. We have nearly 900 military bases abroad, serving corporate interests. We need a radical restructuring of our alliances in the Middle East, including ending military and economic support for Israel and Saudi Arabia. Look for potential allies and friends, not enemies, such as Russia and Iran.

4. IMMIGRATION: Many of those who immigrated to the US came because our economic policies helped to destroy the livelihoods of millions through free-trade agreements and treaties like NAFTA, and soon the TPP. Let's provide a path to citizenship for all who's here and willing to stay. End massive deportations of those who have come here for the same reasons tens of millions have done before them.

5. ENVIRONMENT: We need an immediate ban, not moratorium, on fracking and recognize that 'clean' coal is not clean. No more licenses for nuclear power plants and decommission those in existence. Increase support for renewable energy through tax incentives. Be a bold leader to fight global warming. We need to hold polluters accountable; not just monetarily but with jail sentences for convicted polluters.

6. INEQUALITY: The War on Drugs is one of the greatest manifestations of racial and class inequality in America. We need to end it immediately and regard drugs as a health issue, not criminal. End all for-profit prisons. Break up the banks and nationalize them or put them under state ownership. Support our public schools. End its corporatization and excessive testing. De-militarize the police.

7. TAX REFORM: One of the greatest economic periods of our time was during the Eisenhower years with a 90% tax rate on the wealthy and strong unions. We need to end corporate welfare, close tax loopholes, and restrict off-shore tax shelters. Let's place a war tax on corporations who benefit from war to pay for all veterans' needs.

8. OTHER PRIORITIES: Electoral reform is needed to provide opportunities for different voices to be heard and on an equal basis of the two main parties. Pass the ERA. End factory farming. Tax incentives for creating a vegetarian-based economy. End the federal death penalty. Re-store Glass-Steagall. Support animal rights and fight animal abuse. Strong emphasis on mass transit.

Circuit Court Judge - Howard County

Vote for no more than 1

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

SALARY: \$154,433

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

HOW ELECTED: The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. The General Assembly determines the number of judges in each circuit and county. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office. Each newly appointed Circuit Court judge then must stand for office at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. One or more other qualified members of the bar may also run to fill the vacancy. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots. The winners of each primary (equal to the number of seats to be filled) advance to the general election ballot, but without party designation.

QUESTIONS

1. QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Judge of the Circuit Court?

2. COURT NEEDS: What are the areas of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?

3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE: What actions would you propose to provide individuals with more access to the judicial system and legal assistance?

4. EQUALITY: What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

Candidates

Mary Kramer

1. QUALIFICATIONS: I was admitted to the Maryland bar over 30 years ago. I was a litigator for over 20 years before becoming a family and juvenile magistrate (formerly known as a "master") in the Circuit Court for Howard County for 10 years. Throughout my career I have been active in bar associations, working to improve the legal system and taking on leadership roles.

2. COURT NEEDS: At this time, the courts in Maryland are focused on improving access to justice for all persons. This means making sure the courthouse doors are open to all, regardless of income, socio-economic status, race, gender identity, level of literacy or country of origin.

3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE: To make access to justice truly meaningful, litigants must have information available to assist them in being prepared to bring their legal matter into court, from filing the initial paperwork through litigating the case, through filing an appeal if necessary. Websites, written materials, clinics, and seminars are needed to fill this information gap.

4. EQUALITY: Education is important, as is accountability. Judges must be trained and retrained on the importance of remaining neutral, and being sensitive to the many and varied demographics that they will see in the courtroom. And judges must be monitored and held accountable to assure that each one maintains the highest levels of professionalism.

Judge in Court of Special Appeals (At-Large)

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

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

SALARY: \$163,633 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 Court is composed of 15 judges: eight at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

QUESTIONS

1. **COURT NEEDS:** What are the areas of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?
2. **ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** What actions would you support to provide individuals with more access to the judicial system and legal assistance?
3. **EQUALITY:** What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

Candidates

Dan Friedman

No response received by deadline.

HOWARD COUNTY OFFICES BOARD OF EDUCATION

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3.

DUTIES: The Board of Education of Howard County is responsible for setting local education policy consistent with state and federal laws governing public education. At the direction of the Board, the Superintendent and the school system's administrative staff develop procedures and administrative regulations to support policy decisions. The Board is composed of seven members elected at-large for four-year terms, and a student member elected by students for a one-year term.

SALARY: \$15,000 chair, \$12,000 individual

TERM: 4 years, no term limit

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide

QUESTIONS

1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** What qualifications and experience do you have that qualify you for a position on the Board of Education?
2. **PRIORITY ISSUES:** What do you think are the most important issues the Board will face in the next 2-3 years?
3. **EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** What will need to change in Howard County Schools to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) that was signed into law in December 2015 to guarantee all low income and minority students are taught by qualified teachers?
4. **SUSPENSIONS DATA:** As a Board of Education member, how would you ensure that the public has access to accurate data about the number and reasons for suspensions by race, gender, disability, and sexual identity?
5. **CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** What policies or procedures would you support to respond to citizens' concerns and complaints?
6. **TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** In an increasingly digital world, how do we provide resources for students who may not have access to computers at home?
7. **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** What should be the role of the Board of Education members when environmental issues on school property could cause health issues for our students and staff? As an example, the recent mold problem at Glenwood Middle School.

Kirsten Coombs

Campaign Website: <http://www.kirstencoomb.org>

1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a volunteer in several capacities at my daughter's schools. I worked on the Citizens' Operating Budget Review Committee (COBRC) in Spring 2015. I have a BS in Accounting and used my financial skills to analyze the budget and present the committee's findings to stakeholders. I also have a BA in History and an MBA in International Business, so I appreciate educating the whole child.
2. **PRIORITY ISSUES:** My priorities are: Providing oversight of the superintendent; Adequate staffing & resources for a growing student population; Building maintenance & upkeep in a proactive manner to avoid issues such as mold and failing roofs; Addressing decreased morale among educators and staff to make sure we're attracting & retaining high-quality staff; and, Implementing new programs in a thoughtful manner.
3. **EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** HCPSS needs to continue to ensure that low-income and minority students have high quality educators. I feel my background in accounting will help with ESSA compliance, as the Act addresses the need for transparency in budgeting. School-level financial information should be made available so that taxpayers know what the funding sources are and where they are going.
4. **SUSPENSIONS DATA:** In general, all MPIA requests should be tracked, logged and reviewed by the Board on a periodic basis for responsiveness. In particular, HCPSS should set up a reporting system as soon as possible using Excel or Access to gather this data & have monthly deadlines for administrators to submit. More importantly, though, I would look for solutions - what are we doing to address the disparities?
5. **CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** As noted above, all requests should be catalogued and Board members should receive periodic reports

on the status, cost and subjects of them. If information is not protected, i.e. student names & health data, the Board could post it to the public website, in addition to providing statistics on requests and their turnaround, to provide complete transparency.

6. **TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** Obtaining computers for home use should be explored through community and business partnerships. However, the Digital Divide does not just include the physical resource, but the ability to use it at home. HCPSS should work with the County Technology office to provide Internet on the ICBN. High school students could assist with troubleshooting this process and obtain volunteer service hours.
7. **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Board members should be made aware when staff/parents/students notify the administration of facility issues. The Board should require updates on the impact on people and the mitigation/solution of the underlying problem. The Board member for that cluster should be invited to meetings and allowed to stay up to date on a first person basis.

Vicky Cutroneo

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

1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served as parent volunteer for years at my children's schools as well as volunteer youth sports coach and Girls Director of WHC youth basketball. Recent experience advocating for healthy air quality at Glenwood MS inspired me to run for BOE. I learned first hand that the qualities most important for a BOE member are my strengths: ability to communicate, collaborate and advocate.
2. **PRIORITY ISSUES:** Given the current climate a priority will be building back the trust with stakeholders. Many of the important issues exist because of a lack of transparency and data driven decisions based on collaboration with parents and teachers. In addition, we also need to refocus our energy and budget back into the classroom, doing all we can to support and empower both our educators AND students.
3. **EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA):** The new law allows for new state teacher degree granting academies and alternative programs. HCPSS will need to address concerns that these teacher preparation programs are accountable to K-12 student achievement and that all teachers and paraprofessionals working in schools receiving Title I funds meet certification and licensure requirements.
4. **SUSPENSIONS DATA:** Public should have access to the raw data, not just the school system's interpretation of the data. I believe that all school system documents, studies, reports should be easily available to the public (with respect to student privacy) Suspension rates, bullying reports, even achievement reports need to be presented in a way that is truthful. Image should match the reality.
5. **CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** I would support open forums, town halls throughout the county and reinstatement of the ombudsman program. We should look at ways to streamline how the BOE responds to concerns and ensure adequate followup.
6. **TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:** The media center is a necessary resource for many of our students and decreasing availability by reducing para educators has had a profound effect. For many students, this is the place where they get their homework done and we need to reassess to look for ways to

make it more available. Expansion of after school homework clubs and computer labs is another way to address this.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: School board members are the students and staff advocate. They should be reaching out to the community to get information, not rely on facts from central office, the superintendent or other board members. The burden of proof should be on the school system, not the community. BOE members work for the community and have the responsibility to do everything possible to assist their constituents.

Christina Delmont-Small

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS: My 2 children are in HCPSS schools. I served as PTA Council of Howard County president for 3 terms & also on the Operating Budget Review Committee. I worked for the U.S. House of Representatives & have experience leading successful collaborations between stakeholders that I'll bring to the BOE. I'll continue to advocate for complete & accurate information to improve accountability & transparency.

2. PRIORITY ISSUES: Collaborating with parents and the community on key decisions. Meeting the challenges of providing an individualized education to each and every child. The rising costs of education. Facility maintenance and construction needs. Overcrowding in our schools.

3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA): Standards set under the ESSA should be viewed as a floor and not a ceiling and we must continue to set higher standards in HCPSS. We should continue to be a leader in education, and hire and retain exceptional teachers to address every student's unique needs and challenges. HCPSS should support our teachers through meaningful professional development.

4. SUSPENSIONS DATA: I believe that complete and accurate suspension data should be made available at HCPSS.org in a format that provides information to the public, but protects individual privacy. By providing the information, all stakeholders can engage in meaningful discussions and work together towards reducing these incidents.

5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS: Policies that promote transparency and accountability are important to a well-run organization. Citizens need an easy way to provide input/feedback so we can better meet the education needs of all students. Every person who contacts the BOE with a concern should receive a timely response. I would recommend the BOE implement a 10-day policy for providing responses to citizen inquiries.

6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES: First, identify how many students do not have access at home and then formulate a plan to meet this challenge. Then we can seek public/private partnerships, grants and other avenues to provide access. The BOE should make library media centers more accessible by allowing students to use them outside of school hours and restoring the media secretary positions they eliminated in the FY16 budget.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: The BOE is responsible for ensuring our schools provide a healthy learning environment. If problems arise that could impact health/safety the HCPSS has an obligation to immediately notify parents/staff. When the BOE was informed about the mold issue it became their responsibility to ensure proper steps were taken to inform parents and remedy the problem in an open and transparent manner.

Mavis Ellis

Campaign Website: <http://www.MavisEllisBOE.org>

1. QUALIFICATIONS: My 30 years in education includes being a PTA president, high school administrator, and educational evaluator. Currently, as a Pupil Personnel Worker, I daily advocate for students, their families, school staff, and others in the areas of special education, discipline, and education policy. I represent 70,000 Maryland educators on both National and State Board of Directors (NEA/MSEA).

2. PRIORITY ISSUES: Transparency, communication, and collaboration with all stakeholders and elected officials are key issues that must be addressed by the Board. They also face the issues of our student population becoming more diverse ethnically and economically; the fiscal challenges to our increased enrollments; providing equitable technical education to all; and making many new decisions defined in ESSA.

3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA): In working with Congress to pass ESSA, I learned that the inclusion of classroom teachers in decision-making processes for staff training, school improvement and other issues is key. HCPSS will have to work more collaboratively in the future. Teachers need more professional development in the areas of cultural competence and about the whole child's social-emotional growth to be effective.

4. SUSPENSIONS DATA: The Maryland State Department of Education requires that data on suspensions be collected by HCPSS for each school. That data may not include sexual identity. However, it should not be a problem to share suspension reports with the public on an annual basis.

5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS: I believe in transparency, collaboration and oversight for all education stakeholders. I will support policies for citizen participation in the budget process and having independent audits. I will also support creation of a timeline to respond to citizen concerns. Board members should periodically attend community meetings just to listen.

6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES: All students should have access to technology in the classroom on a regular basis. They should also have access to technology after school for doing their homework or projects. Investment in hardware and internet access should be researched for its cost effectiveness. This is a national issue and HCPSS should be able to locate success stories to inform its decision-making on this issue.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: When environmental/health issues are brought to the Board, the Board should go into crisis mode. Some issues will require an immediate/comprehensive response, while others may require a policy-based process. HCPSS staff should be required to investigate, deal with the situation, and update the Board and the community in a timely manner on the status of the problem's resolution.

Robert Wayne Miller

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1. QUALIFICATIONS: I recently retired after 34 years of teaching in HCPSS elementary, middle, and high schools. My son and daughter attended HCPSS schools from K-12. I have a BS and M.Ed. in Music Education and a BS in Psychology from UM College Park. My perspective from "inside" and "outside" the school system positions me to prioritize initiatives, anticipate unintended consequences, and enable positive change.

2. PRIORITY ISSUES: Regain community and staff trust; reduce the achievement gap while improving education for all students; comply with ESSA; plan/open new schools & redistrict; increase instructional time by reducing staff time spent on standardized tests and the teacher evaluation protocol; improve compensation; improve special ed. implementation; increase financial efficiency; develop a coherent technology plan.

3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA): HCPSS will need to determine how to identify and address any disparities that result in low-income students and minority students being taught more frequently than other students by ineffective, inexperienced, or out-of-field, teachers. ESSA funds can be used to address the disparities.

4. SUSPENSIONS DATA: I would propose adding a provision to Policy 9200 (Student Discipline) that the number and reasons for suspensions be reported annually by race, gender, disability, and sexual identity, as well as for students in the FARMS (free and reduced-price meals) program and special education program. I would propose posting the report in the Research and Data Analysis section of the HCPSS website.

5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS: Best practice would dictate returning all calls, emails, and texts within a 24-hour period. If not possible, contact should be made to confirm receipt and by when further communication can be expected. Full communication should be made within a maximum of three days, and should continue in a similar manner until resolution/closure is reached. US mail contact would be similar plus delivery time.

6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES: For appropriate students, options should include home or local internet access, possibly involving a partnership between HCPSS and a telecom/cable company. For those students, HCPSS could supply tablets/laptops, also investigating partnerships. HCPSS should explore pros/cons of loaning devices to all students who would use them for school as opposed to having students bring their own; then decide.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: Act as an ongoing liaison between community members and appropriate staff members until problems are solved; maintain open, transparent, and honest communication with stakeholders regarding concerns and actions; visit sites when appropriate; allocate funding to rectify issues when appropriate; accommodate needs of stakeholders during remediation, including individuals with special circumstances.

Janet Siddiqui

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS: Pediatrician, Experienced BOE member since 2007, past Chairman, Vice-Chairman. Over 30 yr resident Howard County. 21 years at Johns Hopkins, Medical Director & Faculty Teaching medical students/physicians. PTA, Volunteer, Demonstrated Leadership

in handling BOE responsibilities. Has a Unique perspective, truly understands the "Whole Child". Advocate for Children, their Education, Health and Future.

2. PRIORITY ISSUES: Student Achievement and Achievement Gaps continue to be the #1 issue in our society. We must ensure that ALL students

achieve their academic potential to be Career and College Ready. This can only be achieved with having Highly Effective teachers and staff in our system who are paid competitive salaries and provided resources to succeed. A Diverse staff should represent our student population.

3. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS

ACT (ESSA): HCPSS must continue to maintain our high standards and a work force that is Highly Qualified and Highly Effective. The school system must conduct an assessment of local needs for professional development & hiring, & submit a plan to address those needs and monitor data. Look for grant opportunities for recruitment, hiring and retention practices, class size reduction and professional development.

4. SUSPENSIONS DATA: The public should have full access to reported suspension data. As important, is how the data is interpreted and used to make the required changes & necessary improvements. Data must also be used to address the Diversity in our schools & provide training for teachers in helping them make positive changes towards how they approach students in handling make the required changes & necessary improvements. Data must also be used to address the Diversity in our schools & provide training for teachers in helping them make positive changes towards how they approach students in handling challenges in the classroom.

5. CITIZENS' CONCERNS: While Current guidelines are in place for Parental Concerns, awareness seems to be lacking, therefore improvement in responsiveness and accountability is needed. These guidelines should be publicized & streamlined to provide better access through multiple media tools & improve accountability & timely resolution of parental concerns. The Boards Ombudsman can continue to guide and handle disputes.

6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES: Digital equity is a concern and another area to eliminate gaps. Computer access at home is an issue which needs to be addressed. This can be achieved with continued work with county government, non-profits and community groups in eliminating this gap so a student continues to learn at home. Thanks to Bright Minds, the HCPSS education foundation continues to provide computers to families in need.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: Develop an Indoor Environmental Quality Policy for all existing schools & new construction. Accountability of schools & administration to the guidelines provided. The policy should include dissemination of information to all stakeholders & parents in a cooperative manner where the school system involves the community & interested parties in all phases including planning & information distribution.

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Maryland Ballot Questions

Maryland Constitutional Amendment (Question 1)

Constitutional Amendment: Process to Fill Vacancy in the Office of Attorney General or Comptroller of Maryland

(Amending Article V, Section 5 and Article VI, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution)

Ballot Language: Changes the way the Governor fills a vacancy of the Attorney General or the Comptroller and requires a special election for vacancies that occur on or before a certain date. Under current law, the Governor fills a vacancy by appointing an individual to serve for the remainder of the term. Under the amended law, if the vacating Attorney General or Comptroller was a member of a political party, the Governor must fill the vacancy from a list of three names provided by the political party of the vacating official, and if no names are provided by the political party within a set time period, then the Governor must select a successor from the political party of the vacating official. If the vacating Attorney General or Comptroller was not a member of a political party, then the amended law requires the Governor to appoint any qualified individual. The Governor must make the appointment within a set time period following the vacancy. The amended law requires a special election to replace the successor if the vacancy occurs early enough in the term to allow for candidates to participate in the regular elections held in the second year of the vacating official's term.

Origin of the ballot question: The 2016 session of the General Assembly passed legislation (HB 260) proposing a constitutional amendment to change how vacancies in the offices of Attorney General and Comptroller will be filled. A bill that amends the Maryland Constitution requires a three/fifth vote in each chamber (Maryland Senate and House of Delegates) and approval by the voters at the next general election.

Present Practice: Under the Maryland Constitution, when a vacancy occurs in the office of the Attorney General or Comptroller, the Governor appoints a person to serve for the rest of that term. Appointment of the Comptroller also requires the approval of the Maryland Senate. The Governor is not required to choose someone of the same political affiliation as the person being replaced.

There also is no provision for the voters to choose someone to fill a vacancy in either office through a special election, no matter how much time is left in the term of office.

Proposed Change: The Governor would be required to appoint a replacement Attorney General or Comptroller within 30 days of the vacancy, with someone from a list of three persons submitted by the State Central Committee of the political party of the previous office holder. (If the person being replaced was not affiliated with a political party, the Governor could appoint any qualified person.) The appointed person would serve for the rest of the original term if the vacancy occurs in the last two years of the term. However, if the vacancy occurs six weeks before a scheduled presidential primary (that is, there are more than two years remaining in the term) a special election would be held as part of the presidential election process.

Arguments FOR the amendment:

- The person appointed by the Governor must be of the same political affiliation as the person being replaced. This reflects the preferences of the voters when they chose the Attorney General or Comptroller at the last election.

If there are more than two years left in the term, the voters are able to choose who will fill the office at special elections held at the same time as the next presidential primary and general elections.

- By choosing the new official at the same time as the scheduled elections, there would be no additional costs for conducting separate special elections.
- It is likely that many more voters would participate if the vacancy is filled at a regularly scheduled election, than if the special elections were held at a separate time.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

- Requiring the Governor to appoint someone recommended by a political party central committee gives power to a small group of people elected only by members of that political party.
- Under current rules, the Governor may appoint a qualified person of any political affiliation.
- Holding a special election to choose someone to fill the last two years of a term when the Governor has already appointed a replacement may result in frequent changes in leadership.

A vote FOR the constitutional amendment means the Maryland Constitution would be amended to

(1) require the Governor to fill a vacancy for Attorney General or Comptroller with someone from the same political affiliation as the person being replaced; and

(2) require that a replacement be elected at the same time as the presidential election if more than two years are left in the term.

A vote AGAINST the constitutional amendment means the Maryland Constitution would not be amended. When a vacancy occurs, the Governor may appoint someone of any political affiliation to fill the rest of the term of Attorney General or Comptroller.

Howard County Charter Amendment (Question A)

Amending the Howard County Charter to require the County Council to pass a law establishing a Citizens' Election Fund System that includes public funding for the campaigns of candidates for county executive or county council or both. The express legislative purposes for the Amendment include that any System to be proposed for adoption by the Council would promote and encourage broader access to elective office in Howard County, enable County citizens to run for office on the strength of their ideas, and provide for small donations by citizens and matching public funds. The Council law must allow candidates to choose whether to participate in the System, and must establish a commission of County residents to determine annually the amount of County funding required to fully fund the System for the full election cycle for the ensuing fiscal year. The County Executive's proposed annual budget must include the required amount, but if the Executive does not include that amount, the Council can add the required amount to the proposed budget. The Executive's proposed annual budget does not have to include the required amount if funds are transferred from the "rainy day fund" to the current expense budget during the current fiscal year, or the Executive certifies that the County's fiscal condition makes it imprudent to include the required amount, and the Council approves the certification by a two-thirds vote. Unspent money in the Citizen's Election Fund at the end of the fiscal year would not lapse into the County treasury.

WHAT THIS AMENDMENT WOULD DO:

The Amendment would establish a system of matching money for small contributions to the campaigns of Howard County Executive or Howard County Council members or both if the candidates refuse large contributions and contributions from corporations. It would also establish a Citizens Election Fund System to take effect beginning with the 2022 election for the election of Howard County Executive or Howard County Council or both and establishing a residents' commission of five (5) appointed by the Council and two (2) appointed by the County Executive to administer the System.

PURPOSES OF THIS BALLOT

QUESTION: The purposes of the ballot question are to (a) enable citizens to seek elective office who are without considerable financial means or sources to finance their election campaigns and (b) assure that these candidates are not subject to influence from large donors or corporations.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: The source of funds for the matching of small contributions will be Lapsed Appropriations (see Section 611 "Lapsed Appropriations" of the Howard County Charter under Budgetary and Fiscal Procedures.) Unexpended and unencumbered appropriations in the current expense budget remaining at the end of the fiscal year with the exceptions of appropriations to the risk management, grant funds and the Citizens' Election Fund shall be non-reverting.

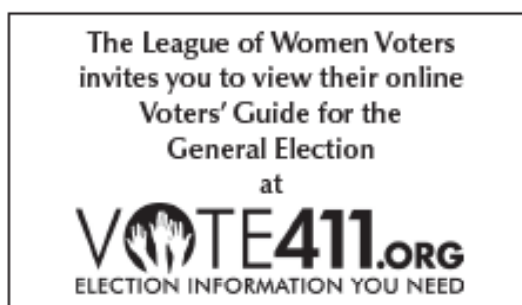
HOW WOULD THIS WORK?: Not later than 180 days prior to the end of the fiscal year, the total amount estimated for the full election cycle and the amount to be included in the current expense budget for the ensuing fiscal year to fully fund the Citizens' Election Fund System would be determined for administration by the appointed seven-member Citizens Election Fund Commission. Candidates who wish to avail themselves of the Citizens' Election Fund System would be required to agree to the system. Candidates would have a choice of participating or not participating.

A Vote FOR the Charter Amendment:

Voting for the amendment would provide those candidates who are otherwise qualified to run for the office of Howard County Executive or Howard County Council, who file and who choose to participate in the provisions of the Citizens Election Fund System, the opportunity to do so, thereby acquiring matching funds for small contributions to their election campaigns and avoiding the concern by the voters that the candidate would be influenced by contributors of large sums or by corporations.

A Vote AGAINST the Charter

Amendment: Voting against the amendment would retain the current procedure for candidates or would-be candidates for Howard County Executive and Howard County Council and provide no matching funds for candidates who participate in a Citizens Election Fund System who thereby accept no large contributions or corporate contributions.



Howard County Charter Amendment (Question B)

Amending the Howard County Charter to require that the County's annual budget include a contingency reserve in the current expense budget and a contingency reserve capital project in the capital budget. Any appropriation for the contingency reserve in the current expense budget could not be greater than 3% of the amount of money in the general fund. The County Council's budget authority would be expanded by allowing the Council to increase appropriations in the annual County budget for the contingency reserve capital project required by this proposed Charter amendment, and for the retiree obligations trust. The County Executive's budget authority would be decreased by requiring, instead of allowing, the Executive to include a contingency reserve in the current expense budget and a contingency reserve capital project in the capital budget.

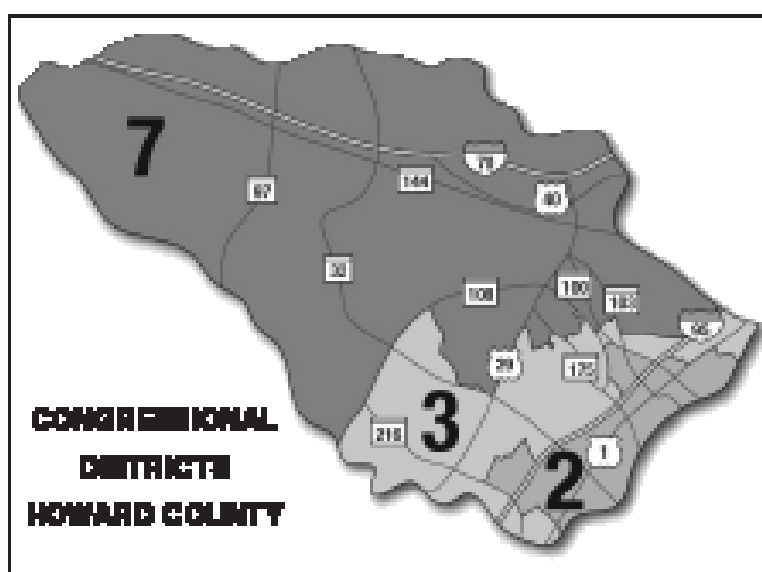
A Vote FOR the Charter Amendment

is to support requiring the County Executive, in submitting the County's Operating budget to the County Council for approval, to include a contingency reserve which would not exceed 3% of the County's General Fund. Currently there is no requirement for such a reserve. The amendment would also grant to the County Council the right to increase the contingency reserve and appropriate funds to the retiree obligation trust.

The amendment also calls for a Contingency Reserve Capital Project in the County's Capital Budget. A number of other Charter Counties currently have similar provisions in their Charters.

A Vote AGAINST the Charter

Amendment means that there is no required County Executive action to include in the Operating or Capital Budgets provisions for a certain specified reserve and a contingency reserve in the Capital Budget. The County Council would not be able to increase the proposed funding to either of these Budget items.



HOWARD COUNTY POLLING PLACES - NOVEMBER 8, 2016

| District/Precinct | Polling Place | District/Precinct | Polling Place |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 01 / 01 | St. Augustine School - Gym | 05 / 01 | Clarksville ES - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 02 | Elkridge Landing MS - Gym | 05 / 02 | Harpers Choice MS - Gym |
| 01 / 03 | Mayfield Woods ES - Cafeteria | 05 / 03 | Vantage House - Auditorium |
| 01 / 04 | Ilchester ES - Cafeteria | 05 / 04 | Wilde Lake HS - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 05 | Worthington ES - Gym | 05 / 05 | Pointers Run ES - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 06 | Deep Run ES - Cafeteria | 05 / 06 | Fulton ES - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 07 | Mayfield Woods ES - Cafeteria | 05 / 07 | Swansfield ES - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 08 | Elkridge ES - Cafeteria | 05 / 08 | Bryant Woods ES - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 09 | Mayfield Woods MS - Gym | 05 / 09 | Harpers Choice MS - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 10 | Howard HS - Auditorium Lobby | 05 / 10 | Clarksville MS - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 11 | Ilchester ES - Gym | 05 / 11 | Schooley Mill Park - Multi-purpose |
| 01 / 12 | Rockburn ES - Cafeteria | 05 / 12 | Hawthorn Center - Community Rm |
| 01 / 13 | Elkridge ES - Gym 01 / 16 | 05 / 13 | Atholton HS - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 14 | Rockburn ES - Cafeteria | 05 / 14 | Harpers Choice MS - Gym |
| 01 / 15 | Deep Run ES - Gym | 05 / 15 | Clemens Crossing ES - Gym |
| 01 / 16 | Elkridge Landing MS - Gym | 05 / 16 | Running Brook ES - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 17 | Elkridge ES - Cafeteria | 05 / 17 | Atholton HS - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 18 | Elkridge Landing MS - Gym | 05 / 18 | Wilde Lake MS - Gym |
| 01 / 19 | Ilchester ES - Gym | 05 / 19 | Dayton Oaks ES - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 20 | Ilchester ES - Gym | 05 / 20 | Reservoir HS - Cafeteria |
| 01 / 21 | Ducketts Lane ES - Cafeteria | 05 / 21 | Swansfield ES - Gym |
| 02 / 01 | Park View at EC - Community Room | 05 / 22 | Clarksville MS - Gym |
| 02 / 02 | Ellicott Mills MS - Cafeteria | 05 / 23 | River Hill HS - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 03 | Ellicott Mills MS - Gym | 05 / 24 | Schooley Mill Park - Multi-purpose |
| 02 / 04 | Howard HS - Gym | 06 / 01 | Forest Ridge ES - Gym |
| 02 / 05 | Centennial Lane ES - Cafeteria | 06 / 02 | Hope Baptist Church - Meeting Rm |
| 02 / 06 | St. Johns Lane ES - Cafeteria | 06 / 03 | Hammond MS - Gym |
| 02 / 07 | Mt. Hebron HS - Cafeteria | 06 / 04 | Atholton ES - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 08 | Hollifield Station ES - Cafeteria | 06 / 05 | Oakland Mills MS - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 09 | The Heartlands - Cafeteria | 06 / 06 | Thunder Hill ES - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 10 | Centennial HS - Cafeteria | 06 / 07 | Ridgely's Run Comm Ctr - AP Room |
| 02 / 11 | Waverly ES - Gym | 06 / 08 | Stevens Forest ES - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 12 | Ellicott City SR CTR - Meeting room | 06 / 09 | Talbott Springs ES - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 13 | Dunloggin MS - Cafeteria | 06 / 10 | Howard HS - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 14 | Dunloggin MS - Cafeteria | 06 / 11 | Jeffers Hill ES - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 15 | Centennial Lane ES - Gym | 06 / 12 | Lake Elkhorn MS - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 16 | Worthington ES - Cafeteria | 06 / 13 | Guilford ES - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 17 | Burleigh Manor MS - Cafeteria | 06 / 14 | Phelps Luck ES - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 18 | Mt. Hebron HS - Gym | 06 / 15 | Laurel Woods ES - Gym |
| 02 / 19 | Waverly ES - Cafeteria | 06 / 16 | Phelps Luck ES - Gym |
| 02 / 20 | Northfield ES - Cafeteria | 06 / 17 | Owen Brown Place - Meeting Room |
| 02 / 21 | Northfield ES - Cafeteria | 06 / 18 | Hammond HS - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 22 | Centennial HS - Cafeteria | 06 / 19 | Guilford ES - Gym |
| 02 / 23 | Hollifield Station ES - Gym | 06 / 20 | Patuxent Valley MS - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 24 | Patapsco Valley MS - Gym | 06 / 21 | Long Reach HS - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 25 | Bonnie Branch MS - Cafeteria | 06 / 22 | Lake Elkhorn MS - Cafeteria |
| 02 / 26 | Burleigh Manor MS - Cafeteria | 06 / 23 | Hammond HS - Cafeteria |
| 03 / 01 | West Friendship ES - Cafeteria | 06 / 24 | Murray Hill MS - Cafeteria |
| 03 / 02 | Mt. View MS - Cafeteria | 06 / 25 | Hammond MS - Gym |
| 03 / 03 | Manor Woods ES - Cafeteria | 06 / 26 | Hammond HS - Gym |
| 03 / 04 | Burleigh Manor MS - Cafeteria | 06 / 27 | Forest Ridge ES - Gym |
| 03 / 05 | Mt. View MS - Gym | 06 / 28 | Lime Kiln MS - Cafeteria |
| 03 / 06 | Folly Quarter MS - Cafeteria | 06 / 29 | Long Reach HS - Main Gym |
| 04 / 01 | Lisbon Vol Fire Dept. - Hall | 06 / 30 | Ridgely's Run Comm Ctr - AP Room |
| 04 / 02 | Glenelg HS - Cafeteria | 06 / 31 | Jeffers Hill ES - Gym |
| 04 / 03 | Lisbon ES - Cafeteria | 06 / 32 | Gorman Crossing ES - Gym |
| 04 / 04 | Lisbon ES - Gym | 06 / 33 | Patuxent Valley MS - Gym |
| 04 / 05 | St. Michaels Catholic - MP Room | 06 / 34 | Laurel Woods ES - Cafeteria |
| 04 / 06 | Glenwood MS - Cafeteria | 06 / 35 | Murray Hill MS - Gym |

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