

STATEWIDE OFFICES

GOVERNOR / LT GOVERNOR

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

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

SALARY: \$180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual Online](#)

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REPUBLICAN

Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford

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

Questions: No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRATIC

Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull

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

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

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

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

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

5) DISCRIMINATION: I've dedicated my life to service and I have a long track record of securing progressive victories in our state. Growing up as the child of a biracial Maryland couple who were forced to leave the state in order to legally marry, Marylanders know I'll stand up to Trump's hateful attacks on our environment which disproportionately harms marginalized communities and his attacks on our public schools.

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

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

LIBERTARIAN

Shawn Quinn / Christina Smith

Campaign Website: <http://www.citizen-4quinn.com>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GREEN

Ian Schlakman / Annie Chambers

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

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

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

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

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

5) DISCRIMINATION: Our priorities of creating a universal, single-payer health system, free tuition to public colleges and universities, a basic income, and jobs guarantee are all designed to address discrimination by giving Marylanders the tools they need to be successful regardless of the privileges or lack of privilege they possess

based on their race, gender, religion, disability, or wealth.

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

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

COMPTROLLER

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

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

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.
TERM: Four years, no term limit.
HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.
WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

REPUBLICAN

Anjali Reed Phukan

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

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

DEMOCRATIC

Peter Franchot

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

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

The *League of Women Voters* is where hands on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Learn more at www.lwvhowardmd.org

ATTORNEY GENERAL

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

DUTIES: The Attorney General is the chief legal office of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, and all State departments, boards and most commissions. The Attorney General represents the state in all cases that relate to the Governor, the General Assembly, and most state agencies. The office also has responsibilities for consumer protection, civil rights, medical and investment fraud, and the juvenile justice system.

SALARY: \$149,500 per year.
TERM: Four years, no term limit.
HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.
WEBSITE: see [Maryland Manual](#)

REPUBLICAN

Craig Wolf

Campaign Website: <http://wolf4ag.com>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former state and federal prosecutor, counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, business leader and decorated Soldier/Veteran. I have also been a volunteer EMT/Rescue Diver. I have a history of public service and management. I believe the AG should focus on public safety, not politics and partisanship and should focus on issues of importance to all Marylanders regardless of party

DEMOCRATIC

Brian E. Frosh

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

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

U.S. SENATOR

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

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

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

TERM: Six years.
BASE SALARY: \$174,000 per year.
HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.
WEBSITE: <https://www.senate.gov>

QUESTIONS

- 1) QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
- 2) HEALTH CARE:** What changes in federal healthcare policy do you advocate and why?
- 3) IMMIGRATION:** What changes, if any, will you support in immigration policy?
- 4) ENVIRONMENT:** What are the most pressing environmental challenges and how will you address them?
- 5) DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?

REPUBLICAN

Tony Campbell

Campaign Website: <http://www.campbell4maryland.com>

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

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

3) IMMIGRATION: National Sovereignty is connected to the ability of a country to protect its borders. I support enhancing our border security through a variety of means including building a border wall and increased border agents. I am against current policies of the diversity lottery and chain migration. I am against a pathway to citizenship for undocumented people. I would support permanent residency status.

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

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

DEMOCRATIC

Ben Cardin

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

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

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

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

4) ENVIRONMENT: The president's unwillingness to confront climate change. I will fight for federal resources that compel this administration to invest, especially in clean air, clean water, renewable energy and public transit. We've seen success with funding for the Chesapeake Bay. If the Trump administration will not take

steps necessary to protect our environment, we must encourage states to continue their work

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

LIBERTARIAN

Arvin Vohra

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

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

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

3) IMMIGRATION: I will sponsor legislation to open borders and end all welfare, including food stamps, public schools, social security, medicaid, and college financial aid. I also support ending the income tax, in order to attract entrepreneurs and job creators. Anyone who wants to come to America to work and create jobs should be welcome. No one who comes to America should get a cent of welfare.

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

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

UNAFFILIATED

Neal Simon

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

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

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

3) IMMIGRATION: Immigration is an area where, despite 15 years of debate, the parties have been unable to agree on immigration reform. We need comprehensive reform that will strengthen our borders, increase temporary work visas, expand the e-verification program,

keep immigrant families together, and create paths for the law-abiding immigrants who have been here for a long time.

4) ENVIRONMENT: It is clear that the greatest environmental threat to our civilization is climate change, which is real and needs to be addressed in partnership with other countries. In Maryland, we need to protect the Chesapeake Bay from sediment flowing over the Conowingo Dam, I will work with our Governor, as well as Senators from NY and PA to ensure we have the federal resources we need to keep the Bay clean.

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

WRITE IN

Michael B. Puskar

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lih Young

Campaign Website: <http://www.vote-md.org>

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

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

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

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

5) DISCRIMINATION: Equal protection, non-discrimination; employment/business/activities; rights/homes/vehicles/resources/reputation/ freedoms/ affiliation, environment; document, evidence. Equal pay, sick paid leaves. Prosecute "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation; threat/coercion/victimization; physical/mental/financial/medication/litigation/levies/ foreclosures

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 can recommend that the Senate remove from office a public official accused of a crime.

Term: Two years

Base Salary: \$174,000

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

Website: www.house.gov

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

REPUBLICAN

Liz Matory

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a former Democrat turned Republican! I have had several career, educational, and life experiences that will help us better prepare for our country's future. In addition to my law and business degrees, I have worked to find equity in access to resources, communication, and truth. As congresswoman, I will fight to make sure that our congress represents the people first and not special interest.

2) HEALTH CARE: Crony capitalists (BigPharma/ Insurance Lobby/Paid Politicians) have destroyed our health care system. Both my parents and two of my siblings were surgeons, and they spoke about how different the practice of medicine had become. Healthcare is more about profiting even before Obamacare. But Socialized Medicine is NOT the answer. Individuals must have options. Free the market. Stabilize pricing.

3) IMMIGRATION: Immigration policy is the constitutional responsibility of Congress. I'd push to enforce the laws that exist on our books and support local and state governments who work to protect the safety and security of their citizens, like 287(g). I would support full funding of border enforcement and perimeter strengthening, increase criminal penalties for drug and human traffickers and gang violence.

4) ENVIRONMENT: Conservative and conservation come from the same root "conserve". Whether for our republic or our lands, it is a personal virtue not a government mandate to conserve our natural resources as it is for our nation. We have very strict environmental laws already on the books that need fair enforcement. We should allow regions to give guidance who have lived off the land for generations.

5) DISCRIMINATION: There are very few policies that can address any lingering discrimination that exists in our society. We have many laws on the books already. We just need enforcement. My concern is that we are in a "cry wolf" scenario. We have become desensitized to real issues. What we need is 1) a stronger appreciation for our God given potential and 2) respect for each other to express that potential.

DEMOCRATIC

C.A. Dutch Ruppensberger

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I have served in public office for nearly 30 years, including eight terms in Congress, where I have developed a reputation for supporting bipartisan, common sense legislation. I am an expert in national security issues and leverage my role as an Appropriator to ensure the Second District gets its fair share. I have also built one of the best casework teams in the country to serve my constituents.

2) HEALTH CARE: There is no question the Affordable Care Act is imperfect, but repeal is not the answer. We need to maintain its consumer protections and the individual mandate. I think we should consider a "public option" and allowing Americans to buy into Medicare at a younger age. I would also support expanding the exemption for small businesses to reduce costs for many American employers.

3) IMMIGRATION: I support the bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform package passed in the Senate in 2013, which included protections for Dreamers. We must work to secure our borders with a 21st century "wall" of technology and manpower and to deport illegal immigrants who have committed violent crimes. We should target businesses who knowingly hire illegal immigrants at the expense of American workers.

4) ENVIRONMENT: The progress we have seen in the health of the Chesapeake Bay is in jeopardy: the Administration has proposed eliminating the Chesapeake Bay Program and others have proposed removing core Clean Water Act protections for polluted streams, rivers and tributaries in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. As an Appropriator, I will fight for full Bay funding as well as these dangerous regulatory changes.

5) DISCRIMINATION: There is no place in our society for discrimination of any kind. That's why I support ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment and passing The Equality Act. I recently fought efforts to undermine the Americans with Disabilities Act, as another example. Raising the minimum wage and improving our education system would go a long way toward closing the wealth gap.

LIBERTARIAN

Michael Carney

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: Ideally, the only qualification to be a representative is being a part of the community, which I very much am. I have spent many years working and being involved in the several of the communities making up my district. District 2 also contains two US Army bases, Ft Meade and Aberdeen Proving Grounds. I served as an enlisted man in the Army for four years.

2) HEALTH CARE: My focus for healthcare is a focus on market, and using legislation to ensure competition and prevent monopolies. While there is a lot of reasons to look at single payer, and I am willing to consider it, I am not convinced it will address the reasons for the extreme prices we're seeing. The most effective means to improve health care will be to improve the quality of life of poor and rural people

3) IMMIGRATION: I will pursue legislation to ease immigration and migration laws, as well as providing a legal distinction between the two. We are a country of immigrants, a nation without ethnicity. We are based on laws and justice, and as such, all immigrants are innocent until proven guilty. As such, detainment of them is a despicable and immoral practice. I am against the construction of the Wall.

4) ENVIRONMENT: The primary goals should be to create a sustainable, next gen energy system, and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. These include pushing for support mass transit systems and next gen nuclear power, which has solved many of the problems with older generators that we are all familiar with. I will end government support of states and companies that encourage dependency on outdated fuels.

5) DISCRIMINATION: In the long term, Discrimination is only possible with legislative support. In that mind set, I will focus on making urban spaces more livable, bringing jobs and money back into the city centers. I will also seek legislation that will end the focusing of federal housing loans on new homes, making it easier for people of low income to purchase and improve older homes. I will end For-Profit prisons.

GREEN

Guy Mimoun

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I recieved a quality education from Hunter College and have worked extensively in sales and management as well as own my own business but more importantly I understand what the position entails, specifically the power granted to Congress to make laws declare war and deficit spend on the public purpose rather than special interest who have used a bought congress to their exclusive advantage.

2) HEALTH CARE: While Republicans wish to repeal the Affordable Care Act (A Republican Plan that was enacted by Governor Mitt Romney) and Democrats who claim to improve upon it as is the case seen in the incumbents position, I will replace it with Medicare For All & have it paid without raising taxes by deficit spending through Congressional appropriations. If we can afford war, we can afford healthcare.

3) IMMIGRATION: Amnesty to all DREAMers. According to the Anti Defamation League there are roughly 787,000 people who benefited from the DREAM act only to be marginally protected under DACA when DREAM wasn't reauthorized. These are people who consider themselves American with no roots to their country of Origin. We need a comprehensive immigration policy which starts with ending regime change and fair trade deals

4) ENVIRONMENT: Federaly fund divestment completely away from Fossil Fuels which is the main driver for Climate Change & air pollution. A jobs act that will retrain people in the oil industry & apply their talent to transition America's energy needs to renewalbes. Ban Fracking, Ban Neonicotinoids to protect pollinators (6000x more toxic than DDT) & address lead contamination in Maryland's drinking water.

5) DISCRIMINATION: There already federal laws in place for protected classes however parity still lacks for the LGBTQ+ community. For the disabled and pensioners, the benefit amount will be increased to match with cost of living enabling payments to become a basic income. With 50% of Americans living on or below the poverty line & 500,000 homeless, I will undo Clinton era "austerity" that decimated social programs.



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

REPUBLICAN

Charles Anthony

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QUESTIONS: No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRATIC

John Sarbanes

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

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

2) HEALTH CARE: I am a strong supporter of the Affordable Care Act and have opposed every attempt to repeal or defund this important law. That said, improvements could be made to further lower costs and expand access to care for all Americans, including passing legislation to help stabilize health insurance markets, provide premium rate relief for working Americans and to address the nation's opioid epidemic.

3) 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 a solution for our nation's DREAMERS, a focus on punishing employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers, and a practical approach to addressing undocumented workers currently in the country.

4) ENVIRONMENT: There is no question the most pressing environmental problem is climate change. The government must act. We can 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.

5) DISCRIMINATION: There is no question that our laws and governing practices continue to permit and sometimes encourage discrimination against racial and ethnic minorities, the disabled, the poor and other minority communities. We need to end racial profiling in our law enforcement, prohibit gender pay disparities and ensure low- and moderate-income Americans have equal opportunity to achieve the American dream.

LIBERTARIAN

David Lashar

Campaign Website: <http://lashar2018.us>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: A successful executive in business and technology who plans and leads the turnaround of organizations that are not delivering results and are failing in their missions. A top official for Gov. Hogan at the Maryland Department of Health for 2+ years. An appointee to the Maryland Transportation Commission. A former congressional staffer whose work received national recognition. Respectful, civil.

2) HEALTH CARE: Stabilize but overhaul the flawed Affordable Care Act (ACA), which expanded insurance coverage, especially for those with low income, but has failed to control costs or improve quality, especially for those who are self-employed. Adopt the innovative Maryland Model, on which I possess direct experience, as a patient-centered, outcome-based, cost-controlled alternative to ACA.

3) IMMIGRATION: Embrace immigration as a source of dynamism for our society and our economy. Embrace our many heritages that compose our one country. Practice lawful

immigration that migration that is administered humanely. Provide a path to citizenship, with both its rights and its duties, for the so-called DREAMers. Revive and expand the use of work permits for workers. Cooperate with Mexico and Central America.

4) ENVIRONMENT: Acknowledge climate change without obsessing on science, imposing mandates, splurging on green projects, or otherwise succumbing to alarm. Prioritize clean energy by encouraging private enterprise with limited government support to raise funds, apply talent, and bear accountability for bringing new technologies and methods to market. Continue to support federal funds for Bay cleanup.

5) DISCRIMINATION: Protect and promote the equality of all persons before the law regardless of race, gender, or sexuality; regardless of disability or economic status. Do so consistently and vigilantly. Quit diminishing those who either differ from us or disagree with us. Affirm and respect the humanity and dignity of all individuals. Take pride in diversity of all kinds but reject identity politics.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7

REPUBLICAN

Richmond Davis

Campaign Website: <http://davisforcongress2018.com>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: As a congressman, I will have had decades of experience dealing with problems derived from my experience as a practicing attorney. I, further, am well read and knowledgeable on public affairs to which I will bring a conservative perspective.

2) HEALTH CARE: I oppose Obamacare. I will support alternatives – expanded health savings accounts and increased competition among insurance companies.

3) IMMIGRATION: First priority – control our borders. It is a national obligation. Keep better track of the whereabouts of legal admittees authorized to stay on a limited or visitor visa.

4) ENVIRONMENT: There are undoubtedly legitimate worries about the status of the world's environment but none is "pressing".

5) DISCRIMINATION: I oppose discrimination based on such factors.

DEMOCRATIC

Elijah Cummings

Campaign Website: <http://www.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) and Transportation & Infrastructure Committees, Congressional Black Caucus (Past Chair). Lifetime 7th Dist. Maryland resident.

2) HEALTH CARE: I have long supported universal access to affordable, high-quality healthcare. I will continue to defend the Affordable Care Act as a first step toward making healthcare a federal civil right, while also fighting for a single-payer system based on expanded and improved Medicare (H.R. 676), expanded children's healthcare, and reformed veterans' healthcare.

3) IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship 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.

4) 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.

5) DISCRIMINATION: • As a former civil rights attorney and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, I will continue our fight for fair and equal treatment of all Americans, especially in the areas of education, healthcare, economic empowerment, criminal justice reform and voting rights.

LIBERTARIAN

David R. Griggs

Campaign Website: <http://www.griggsformaryland7th.com>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: My principle qualification is holding a Ph.D. degree in physics. I worked for approximately 35 years with several DoD and NASA contractors as a senior physicist and analyst. I am well acquainted with many aspects of government activities, especially in the area of national defense. My scientific education and libertarian principles will allow me to more effectively address the issues of the day.

2) HEALTH CARE: As a Libertarian I think the federal government is too involved in healthcare. My position is that healthcare should not be paid for by the government; the only money it has is taken from the taxpayers. If taxes were lower and government control lessened, we would eventually more easily pay for our own healthcare. Libertarians believe each person should be in control of his/her own life.

3) IMMIGRATION: The success of the United States has been based on immigration. Everyone here (with few exceptions) is an immigrant or a descendant of immigrants. Except for criminals or the seriously ill, immigrants should be welcomed to our country. They are making a choice to become Americans as millions of people have done before. We should consider them as contributors, not hindrances, to our nation.

4) ENVIRONMENT: On the macro scale, the largest environmental problem is global warming. Undoubtedly, human activity is having a generally negative effect on the environment. The looming question is how best to address this issue. On a more local scale, pollution can have a detrimental effect on our quality of life; polluters should be responsible for paying for the negative effects of their pollution.

5) DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination by all levels of government for any reason should not exist. Individual discrimination based on the listed individual properties is a sign of ignorance; libertarians believe in completely equal rights for all. Non-violent discrimination by an individual, however abhorrent, cannot be banned but can be countered with education and wisdom. All people have all inalienable rights.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MARYLAND SENATE

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

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

HOW ELECTED: The state is divided into 47 legislative districts, and each district elects one State Senator.

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

SENATE DISTRICT 9

REPUBLICAN

Gail H. Bates

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: 4 years as Maryland Senator 13 years as Maryland State Delegate 8 years as Assistant to County Executive Charles Ecker - Legislative liaison During that time, I have introduced and tracked legislation, served on a budget committee and worked with constituents to get answers to their problems and concerns.

2) REDISTRICTING: I support a non-partisan redistricting commission as Governor Hogan has proposed. I would also support single member House of Delegates districts rather than the one, two or three person districts we now have.

3) ENVIRONMENT: With respect to the environment, we need to utilize the best science available to protect the quality of the Chesapeake Bay that are economically feasible and fiscally responsible.

4) EDUCATION: As a former educator and parent, I believe our students need to receive the best education possible. I have been a strong supporter of computer science to help prepare them for the jobs of the future. Students must be able to read on grade level by the end of the 3rd grade as that is the transition from learning to read and reading to learn. I support the lockbox on casino revenues for education.

5) HEALTH CARE: Skyrocketing costs. We need flexibility in providing health care and should explore models that prove successful in other states, such as allowing doctors to form a membership practice in which patients pay a basic monthly fee to obtain services, including specialty needs for which there is an agreement for referral. These practices minimize the additional costs to pay for insurance.

DEMOCRATIC

Katie Fry Hester

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: For 20 years I have worked with governments, Fortune 500 companies, communities and nonprofits – facilitating collaboration to reduce poverty, increase education, improve health and the environment. With a technical engineering background and proven track record on partnership building, I look forward to working on innovative, bipartisan solutions in Annapolis.

2) REDISTRICTING: I support the establishment of an independent redistricting commission that will be responsible for drawing congressional and legislative district lines after each census. There need to be clear national guidelines, to which all states would have to abide, on representative fairness and a transparent process that ensures accountability.

3) ENVIRONMENT: An increase in sea levels due to global warming threatens 61,000 homes across Maryland at an estimated cost of \$19 billion in damages. Maryland can be a part of the solution by investing in renewable energy, expanding incentives for best-environmental practices and pursuing partnerships with environmental groups and other states that share an interest in a clean, vibrant Chesapeake Bay.

4) EDUCATION: I support the Kirwan Commission findings, which are vital for the 21st century needs of our students. Improved teacher salaries, smaller class sizes, manageable caseloads for support services, expanded career training and apprenticeships, universal pre-K, and supporting our most vulnerable students are all priorities. We can afford this by locking gaming revenue into general education funding.

5) HEALTH CARE: I believe that access to healthcare is a human right and that no one should be deprived of needed medical care. I am committed to ensuring the healthcare market in Maryland stays stable and bringing down the cost of healthcare and pharmaceuticals without compromising access to care. We must address the opioid crisis through coordinated addiction facilities and emergency naloxone access.

SENATE DISTRICT 12

REPUBLICAN

Joseph D. "Joe" Hooe

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: As a business owner, husband and father, community activist, past volunteer firefighter, former trustee of the Lansdowne Improvement Association, Maryland State Inspector, Roman Catholic, Member of Howard Lodge and a Johns Hopkins University graduate with a Bachelor's of Science in Business and Management, I know what it takes to balance a budget, create jobs and fairly solve our state's problems.

2) REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering is, in my opinion, one of the most offensive practices in politics and all voters should be incensed at the mere mention of the word. Unfair redistricting has kept numerous highly qualified public servants from getting into office and improving the problems we all face, while it has allowed many unproductive politicians to exploit their positions of power. We need fair boundaries.

3) ENVIRONMENT: We need to protect the Chesapeake Bay, our drinking water and the air that we breath. It is absolutely unacceptable that Maryland has been deemed a "non attainment zone" since the clean air act standards were implemented in 1975. Our politicians have repeatedly failed us for decades with regards to the environment. We must improve green initiatives as well as vehicle safety and pollution standards.

4) EDUCATION: We need more teaching and less testing, more studying and less protesting, better safety measures, new schools, better pay and benefits for teachers. Let's implement my "Immigrant pay to work program" it will raise \$350 million annually in permit sales alone and millions more after income taxes. My "Pay to Work Program" will generate revenue without raising taxes, and it will treat people fairly.

5) HEALTH CARE: I believe we need to make improvements to healthcare by making sure that all insurance is affordable, and that all insurance is accepted at each and every hospital or treatment facility of a patients choosing. Hospitals should not be allowed to "cherry pick" the services that they provide, and patients should not be bounced from one location to the next because of inconsistencies in coverage.

DEMOCRATIC

Clarence K. Lam

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: Over the past three years that I have represented District 12, I have become deeply familiar with the priorities, perspectives, and challenges facing the diverse communities that span both Howard and Baltimore Counties. As a physician, I recognize the importance of being a good listener, working together with others, and basing decisions on evidence--all important qualities for a legislator.

2) REDISTRICTING: I am concerned about the level of partisanship involved in the drawing of district maps, and that is why I support legislation that creates a nonpartisan, independent body to oversee redistricting in the state. California has a nonpartisan redistricting commission that I believe has been fairly successful in drawing reasonable district maps, which I believe could serve as a model for Maryland.

3) ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental challenges facing Maryland are climate change, reducing the negative impact of runoff on the health of the Bay, and decreasing federal funding for Bay programs. I support higher standards to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment runoff; better technology to reduce septic effluent; reduction of greenhouse gases; and increased state funding for Bay initiatives.

4) EDUCATION: I support greater funding for school construction and renovation, improving teacher recruitment and retention, increasing resources to students in low-income schools, narrowing the achievement gap, and expanding

career/technical programs. I favor increasing fees on developers to support local school systems and the referendum to spend 100% of Maryland's casino revenue to supplement school funding.

5) HEALTH CARE: The state's most significant health challenges include rising insurance premiums, soaring prescription drug costs, and a growing opioid epidemic. I favor increasing the number of insurers on the health exchange, implementing a state individual mandate, expanding eligibility for Medicaid, creating a commission to review drug price increases, and greater funding for opioid prevention and treatment.

SENATE DISTRICT 13

DEMOCRATIC

Guy Guzzone

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

QUESTIONS: No response received by deadline.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF DELEGATES

DUTIES: Delegates share responsibility with State Senators for enactment of the State's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland. This includes the approval of all state taxes and the spending budget for all state programs.

SALARY: \$50,330 annual base.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: There are three Delegates for each of the 47 Senate districts for a state total of 141 Delegates. Most of the Delegate districts are three-member at-large districts, but some areas of the State have a district subdivided into three single-member districts, or a one single-member district and one multi-member district.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

HOUSE OF DELEGATES 9A

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2

REPUBLICAN

Trent Kittleman

Campaign Website: <http://trent@trentkittleman.com>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: Broad & deep government experience as: Deputy Transportation Secretary and CEO of MD Transportation Authority; minority counsel for Sen. Fred Thompson; and incumbent legislator. Broad & deep experience in private industry as: VP Legislative Affairs for Marriott; co-owner of small business, GenderStrategy, independent consultant on contract to re-write regulations of NY Taxi & Limousine Commission.

2) REDISTRICTING: I fully support the bill governor Hogan proposed in his first year (HB458, 2015) to take the process of redistricting completely out of the hands of politicians. Maryland's third Congressional District was described as a "broken-winged pterodactyl, lying prostrate across the center of the state" by a federal Judge. Hopefully, a good

Supreme Court decision in Benisek v Lamone will help.

3) ENVIRONMENT: Maryland is making significant progress in protecting and promoting clean air and water, although you seldom hear about the progress being made. We should follow the lead of Governor Hogan, whose common sense commitment to environmental progress is clear and substantive; last year, the Governor signed 20 pieces of environmental legislation into law, including the Clean Water Commerce Act of 2017.

4) EDUCATION: Howard & Carroll have extraordinary public education. Not all of Maryland does. We have to support charter schools, encourage access to MANSEF options for children with disabilities, and embrace innovation where current public schools continue to fail. Educating ALL of our children is paramount; public schools are critical, but cannot be allowed to preempt other options when they continue to fail.

5) HEALTH CARE: Maryland has a Waiver from the federal government that gives us the flexibility to maximize the value of our health care dollars, and we should work to keep it. An excellent health care bill is the MD No-Fault Birth Injury Fund that would compensate the families that experience this tragedy expeditiously and without a 40% cut-out for lawyers. Despite strong bipartisan support, it fails each year.

Warren E. Miller

Campaign Website: <http://www.miller4delegate.com>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I have served 15 years in the Maryland House of Delegates. I have made the most out of supporting my constituents when the have unsolvable issues with the State of Maryland. My Experience includes working at the White House, Agency for International Development and Office of Personnel Management for Presidents Reagan and Bush. I also successfully ran a re-election campaign for Rep. Barlett.

2) REDISTRICTING: I support the legislative changes that have been offered by Gov. Larry Hogan, Maryland's Congressional lines are so bad that out fifth graders joke about them. We are better than this and should get rid of the traditional one party gerrymandering that happens here.

3) ENVIRONMENT: I'm happy to see that the health of the Chesapeake Bay is improving.

4) EDUCATION: I would start with reforming how the local Board of Education and State Department of Education staff and attempt to micromanage what is done in the classroom. These entities receive and spend too much of the money that is intended for our classrooms. I also think that Howard County needs to refocus on how our school buildings are maintained - leaking rooves and mold in classrooms is unacceptable

5) HEALTH CARE: With the collapse of the Affordable Care Act we need to stop punishing those who can afford health insurance.

DEMOCRATIC

Steven M. Bolen

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: State Delegate is a position in the public trust. It demands commitment, hard work, and selfless leadership. I am a 27-year veteran of patriotic, dedicated Federal Service. I have proven leadership at executive levels driving collaboration across global enterprises to successfully meet our nation's challenges. A lifelong learner, I have also earned a Ph.D. in engineering.

2) REDISTRICTING: I strongly support an end to partisan politics in drawing federal, state, and local districts. An independent panel should be formed to draw district lines that are fair, balanced, and unbiased. The panel should be transparent in its methods, determinations, and with the data it uses.

3) ENVIRONMENT: Maryland must lead the nation, and the world, to protect our

environmental heritage. We must set a path to “clean living” and build a renewable, clean energy economy, modernize and expand our transit systems, preserve our forests and open spaces, and stop pollutants from entering our landfills, water, and air. We must support ecologically sound legislation and ensure enforcement of our laws.

4) EDUCATION: Education is the key to our socioeconomic success and long-term prosperity. We need sensible, holistic solutions that work for our children, parents, teachers and communities. I support the Kirwan Commission findings - to close the opportunity gap, support families with young and special needs children, and recognize teachers as high-skilled professionals. We also need to “Lock-In” school funding.

5) HEALTH CARE: It is essential that we create an accessible, affordable, sustainable health care system. We need to expand the current hospital-based all-payer, rate-setting system to a broader patient population, group patients together to negotiate prices, provide wellness and chronic care management outside the hospital, and use data-centric approaches to coordinate care among caregiver professionals.

Natalie Ziegler

Campaign Website: <http://www.nataliefor9A.com>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a mother of two who attended public schools in Howard County, and education is my top priority. My first career was in broadcast journalism, which provided me with an incredible education in politics, economics and current events, and I currently own and operate a farm and a small business, which has provided me an incredible education in perseverance, budgeting and creative problem solving.

2) REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering is wrong, no matter which party engages in it, and every attempt to disenfranchise voters is a threat to our democracy, no matter the means. I support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw districts. Given the complexity of the task, we need to ensure that the process is completely open and transparent from beginning to end.

3) ENVIRONMENT: With its 3,190 miles of coastline, climate change is a direct threat to Maryland. Scientists estimate that by 2035, 22 communities will experience chronic flooding. We need to support our two major wind projects and work towards producing 100% clean renewable energy. Solid waste is another big threat to our environment. As a start, I support a ban on EPS (Styrofoam) food containers.

4) EDUCATION: I support the recommendations of the "Kirwan Commission", including universal pre-K, regardless of income. We need more accountability and oversight in school funding and to make sure the funds are spent in the classroom and not disproportionately in administration. Education needs to be our top priority, and should get the first dollars in the budget, in addition to all casino revenues.

5) HEALTH CARE: The biggest short term challenge is how to keep the individual market functioning in the wake of the repeal of the individual mandate. I favor a system similar to Massachusetts' which has a state mandate for most residents, but offers low or no cost plans to eligible residents who cannot get insurance through their work. We also need to explore large buying group options to force prices down.

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Democracy
is NOT a
spectator sport!**

HOUSE OF DELEGATES 9B

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

REPUBLICAN

Bob Flanagan

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: For four years, I have worked successfully with Governor Hogan, County Executive Kittleman, Councilman Weinstein and a bipartisan group of legislators to achieve solutions for Maryland. Instead of partisanship, we responded to the needs of Ellicott City after the flood, made steady progress on improving the environment, promoting accountability in education and other quality of life issues.

2) REDISTRICTING: I have joined Governor Hogan in supporting a Maryland constitutional amendment to create a non partisan and independent commission to draw congressional and legislative districts. I support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution so that the entire nation benefits from a ban on partisan gerrymandering. In 2018 session, I sponsored legislation to allow independent voters to vote in party primaries.

3) ENVIRONMENT: After Gov. Hogan added Maryland to the alliance of states that support the Paris Climate Accord, I joined a bipartisan coalition to ensure that Maryland would not be withdrawn by any future Governor. I voted to ban fracking. Reducing emissions is also important to meet EPA mandated clean air standards and I co-sponsored the 2018 Clean Cars act. I will continue my work to clean the Chesapeake.

4) EDUCATION: I joined Governor Hogan and a bipartisan coalition to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November to place gambling revenues in a lockbox for public school education; voted for raising school construction funding; expressed my strenuous objection to stripping the oversight role from Comptroller and Governor. I support his proposal for creation of a State Education Investigator General

5) HEALTH CARE: In the 2018 session, I joined a bipartisan coalition, supported by Governor Hogan to stabilize the health insurance industry and prevent Maryland's health care market place from collapse. Looking to the future, my bill to establish a grant program for asthma hot spots is an example of incentives to proactively reduce costs by keeping people healthy rather than sick going to the emergency room.

DEMOCRATIC

Courtney Watson

Campaign Website: <http://www.courtneywatson9b.com>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: Years spent serving as a community activist, Board of Education member, Community College Trustee, County Councilmember and small business advocate have prepared me for the statewide role of Delegate 9B. Budget analysis, innovative solutions, transparency, fiscally responsible decisions, and getting things done for citizens, have been my hallmarks and will allow me to hit the ground running.

2) REDISTRICTING: Increased polarization has occurred in part due to gerrymandering and the lack of swing (balanced) districts. As a County Councilmember, I represented the only swing district in Howard County and learned that safe districts for elected officials act as a disincentive to working with both sides. I support changing the partisan process of drawing district lines to one that is truly nonpartisan.

3) ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental challenge is climate change followed by water, air, and solid waste pollution. I support strengthening the renewable portfolio standard, BAT for septic systems, larger buffers between streams and agriculture, higher tree replacement ratios, increased investment in transit infrastructure, increased recycling and decreased use of plastic and foam.

4) EDUCATION: I support Kirwan Commission recommendations including expansion of early childhood education, highly qualified and compensated teachers, pathways to career and college that prepare students for industries of the future. Funding of these reforms will come from an increased investment and a redirection of present education expenditures. Casino funding must be used to add to education funding.

5) HEALTH CARE: Access to health care is a universal right. Maryland must be at the forefront of innovation in health care delivery to be able to expand care and reduce costs. Reduction of costs is the major benefit of a single payer system which I believe is achievable. Should the Affordable Care Act implode, the state must shore up the state health exchange and provide an alternative to Marylanders.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES 12

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3

REPUBLICAN

Bob Cockey

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: As a small businessman I have had to deal with making payroll, keeping budgets, and human resource issues for over 40 some years. I am familiar the plight of the small businessman with complying with regulations and restrictions. I am eager to transfer these skills to help and become the champion of the little man. I know what they are going through to make ends meet and I want to help.

2) REDISTRICTING: I would recommend the removal of any reference to race, religion, sex, political affiliation, or any other personal information from the census. Redistricting would then be done on a fair, numeric basis and not slight any category of persons. Redistricting should be based on population alone.

3) ENVIRONMENT: I would encourage the use of high-tech, non-fossil fuel vehicles. Corporate incentives should be offered for employees to telecommute and work from home in today's digital world. Create more flex hours to reduce road congestion thereby saving fossil fuels. I would also expand commuter ride-share and parking.

4) EDUCATION: I would create more vo-tech schools specializing in the trades and other vocations not requiring the traditional college education. By graduates entering the workforce from high school with a skill encourages more people to be successful. I would work hard to raise the salaries of the teachers who do not receive the accolades they deserve. I would investigate where the lottery/casino monies go

5) HEALTH CARE: I believe that all citizens deserve health care and that corporate incentives and tax breaks can be channeled for health care for everyone. It has to be an open market across state lines to create a competitive industry which would result in lower rates for everyone. Through a healthier workforce, employers would see greater productivity from their employees. More public clinics are needed.

Melanie Harris

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I'm the only candidate besides the incumbents that has worked in Annapolis. My experience working for a state Senator has prepared me for everything this job entails, from constituent relations to shaping policy. I began a formerly defunct political club, bringing its local membership to the highest in the state. I'm extremely well-organized, thoughtful, and purpose-driven.

2) REDISTRICTING: I support Governor Hogan's efforts to put together a nonpartisan redistricting commission to redraw fair lines statewide. Maryland has some of the most gerrymandered districts in the country, and with the help of our legislature, we can support redrawing the lines in a fair and nonpartisan process.

3) ENVIRONMENT: Improper waste disposal and dumping are large challenges that we face to our environment and our Bay. I recycle, compost, carpool, and eat vegetarian, but I don't expect everyone to. We need more environmental education in schools. We have a lot of environmental regulations on the books, and rather than more, we need greater enforcement.

4) EDUCATION: We are paying \$17k per student in Baltimore City. We need to introduce a voucher system, and evenly distribute school funds to parents, who can send their children to any public or nonpublic school they choose. This eliminates All location-based discrimination, and will pay more to teachers. Any leftover funds can be in a lockbox for any future health or testing needs for that child.

5) HEALTH CARE: One is the opioid crisis. There are proposed treatment centers being added to areas with high need. We need more public health options, and to stop the overprescribing of pain pills. There aren't enough checkpoints in the public school system to address behavior and mental health signs. We need more training. If caught early, we can address and even quell some of the concerns happening nationally

Michael Russell

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

QUESTIONS: No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRATIC

Eric Ebersole

Campaign Website: <http://ericebersole.org>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as a state delegate since 2015. I serve on the Ways and Means committee Education, Elections, Revenues, Finance Resources subcommittees. In particular, I find the work in Ed Sub to be the most important. As a public school teacher for 35 yrs., I attach great value to education and I have a unique classroom perspective to offer on educational issues and how they will manifest themselves.

2) REDISTRICTING: I believe we need more compact and fairly drawn districts. One of the great dangers of unfairly drawn districts is that voters feel powerless and disenfranchised. Voting may be suppressed. The most significant thing we can do to advance the democratic process is encourage voters to the polls. Drawing more representative districts will do that. The process needs to be as non-political as possible.

3) ENVIRONMENT: The large issue is climate change. The first challenge is to get everyone to acknowledge the science behind it. We need to take actions to decrease our contribution to it. We need to incentivize clean energy production by increasing goals for percentage of and offering tax incentives for it, as well as more restrictively defining clean energy. We must also continue to protect our natural resources.

4) EDUCATION: We need universal pre-k for 3 & 4 year olds. The funding can come from the Ed Trust Find once we "lock the box." A severe imbalance of school quality exists along socio-economic & disability status. We must make sure educational opportunities are equitable, both for those who are in poverty and those with disabilities. Finally, we need to let school calendar decisions be made at the local level.

5) HEALTH CARE: In the face of the changes made in Washington to the tax code, we need to institute the individual mandate in Maryland to keep costs down. We need to continue our efforts to control prescription drug costs and to address the opioid crisis. Finally, we need to provide health care for every Marylander. It is past time for us to take a serious look at single payer health care in Maryland.



Jessica Feldmark

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I've worked 22 years in a variety of nonprofit and government roles with a single common focus of strengthening our communities. As Chief of Staff and Council Administrator, I have extensive experience in the legislative process and government operations. I tackle complex issues and get things done. I'm a practical progressive who collaborates on solutions without compromising on values.

2) REDISTRICTING: It is the job of the voters to elect their representatives, not the job of the elected representatives to select their voters. I support reforming the redistricting process as well as other small-d democratic efforts including public campaign financing and initiatives to increase access to and ease of voting, such as same-day voter registration and voting by mail.

3) ENVIRONMENT: Without federal leadership on climate change, we must redouble our own mitigation efforts: increasing renewable energy standards, investing in clean energy job training, strengthening forest conservation, and pricing carbon. We must focus on resiliency and adaptation strategies for communities at risk from rising sea levels, rising smog levels, and flooding from increased major storm events.

5) EDUCATION: Strong public schools are essential to our democracy, economy, and opportunity for upward mobility. We must ensure all schools and students get the resources they need: universal pre-K, highly qualified diverse teachers, and college and career readiness. We can't afford to underfund education any longer. We must approve the Fix the Fund Act and stop diverting public dollars to private schools.

5) HEALTH CARE: Health care costs are growing at unsustainable rates. Access to health care is a universal right, and affordability should not be a barrier. We must have a health care system that closes gaps in coverage, reduces the costs imposed on patients, delivers true person-centered care, and eliminates health disparities. I support a single-payer system as a way to achieve these goals.

Terri Hill

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: As a District 12 delegate serving on the HGO committee, I review every bill before my committee. I rely on my unique experience as a practicing surgeon to introduce legislation to improve health care access and peoples' lives. I've built relationships and gained the respect of colleagues, advocates, and house leadership for my tenacity, thoroughness, coalition building skills and analytic approach

2) REDISTRICTING: I've introduced legislation to create a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative maps and separate non-partisan commission to study ways to dismantle MD's congressional gerrymandering without disadvantaging citizens. Governing rules and factors to prioritize must be spelled out. The 2020 and future censuses must be as accurate as possible. Supreme Court may establish national standards.

3) ENVIRONMENT: Climate change, environmental disparities and Bay health are our greatest environmental challenges. I support accelerating transition to 100% renewables, joining the US Climate alliance, challenging EPA's retreat on environmental protection, assuming EPA's role, and am against increased underwater fracked gas pipelines, unfettered drilling off MD's shoreline, and weakened mitigations for runoff.

4) EDUCATION: Lock box and grant funding to support Kirwan recommendations: universal pre-k; trade and technical training; p-tech & other accelerated curricula; resources for students facing barriers such as poverty, disability or language; identifying, hiring and retaining great teachers; assuring diversity in admin and teaching staff; and providing compensation and incentives commensurate with their value

Q: HEALTH CARE: Fix rising premiums and

co-pays, esp. the individual market via re-insurance fund & federal pass-through dollars from waiver. Decrease number of uninsured via population wide cost sharing (support single-payer system). Determine cause of high Rx drug cost via pricing transparency commission and empowering AG to address. Tackle the opioid epidemic and other addictions via multi-pronged approach

HOUSE OF DELEGATES 13

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3

REPUBLICAN

Chris Yates

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: As a citizen candidate I bring lifelong experiences from not one but two careers. I spent 34 years with the Navy. Served a tour as Commanding Officer and at the Naval War College. Earned the rank of Captain before retiring. After the War College, I joined Defense Intelligence Agency. Among assignments, I served as a Program Manager and as the U.S. Head of Delegation.

2) REDISTRICTING: The primary authority to draw district lines rests with the state legislature. I support Governor Hogan's effort to create a non-partisan, independent commission to draw districts that more fairly represent the community's interests within a geographic area. Even though his bill was killed last year, it should be seen as viable alternative over previous efforts to redistrict the state.

3) ENVIRONMENT: One of the most significant environmental challenges we have is combating excessive noise pollution from commercial aircraft operating out of BWI. I am the vice-chair of the state appointed community roundtable with the purpose of correcting this travesty. We are working with the FAA to restore the acceptable environment that existed prior to the implementation of their new policies.

4) DISCRIMINATION: The amendments to the US Constitution clearly provide the basis for the rejection of discrimination based on a myriad of factors that touch all socials ills. Further refinements include among others the Civil Rights Act, Americans with Disability Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and Fair Housing Act. I support all these efforts to safeguard American citizens.

DEMOCRATIC

Vanessa Atterbeary

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: My educational background, career as a practicing attorney and first term in the General Assembly has prepared me to serve a second term. I graduated from the College of William and Mary with a B.A. in government and I earned a J.D. from the Villanova University School of Law. I began my career as a law clerk for the Honorable Judge David Young, in Baltimore City, hearing juvenile matters.

2) REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering has been largely supported and accomplished by the GOP and that is reflected overall in the current national political climate. Maryland's representation in the General Assembly is reflective of the political demographics in the state. I support an independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census.

3) ENVIRONMENT: Maryland must continue to protect the Chesapeake Bay. The federal administration and governor have attempted to roll back these efforts. I have supported legislation in the Maryland General Assembly, and will continue to support legislation, that reduces storm water runoff, help farmers to reduce soil and nutrient runoff from their farms and nutrient runoff from their farms.

4) EDUCATION: I support the Commission on Innovation and Excellence's findings in Education. In particular, I believe that the state should do everything it can to implement

quality early childhood education for all of its children. I am committed to funding reforms that ensure the recommendations of the commission are fully implemented. The General Assembly passed legislation during the 2018 session ensuring

5) HEALTH CARE: The Opioid Epidemic is a significant public health crisis that Maryland is currently facing. Escalated funding was established in a competitive grant program to local behavioral health organizations expanding crisis response programs and services. Maryland needs to make significant strides in funding to increase the number of available beds for drug treatment under the Justice Reinvestment Act.

Shane Pendergrass

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: A former teacher, I served on the Howard County Council from 1986-1994 and as a District 13 delegate since 1994. I served as vice chair of the Health and Government Operations Committee (2007-2016) and as chair since 2017. I have helped pass bills to make health care accessible and effective for all, including one this year to create a reinsurance pool to help stabilize health insurance premiums.

2) REDISTRICTING: Independent redistricting commissions operating in all states, and starting at the same time, would help ensure fair districts (that don't dilute minority communities' votes) and a more responsive Congress. Gerrymandering, largely by the GOP, has created a Congress whose actions rarely reflect the will of voters (such as on gun-safety measures, health care or taxes).

3) ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the biggest environmental challenge we face. Scientists say we are running out of time, and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels helps address many other forms of pollution as well as limiting health threats from resulting heat waves, infectious diseases and extreme storms. I was proud to vote to ban fracking; I plan to support measures that move us quickly toward renewables

4) EDUCATION: As a parent and former teacher, I understand the importance of quality public schools. I am reviewing the Kirwan report and am committed to improving how we educate all children and on measures to provide affordable community college and trade schools. Ensuring that casino revenue is used for education will be on the ballot this fall. I support using public funds exclusively for public education.

5) HEALTH CARE: As HGO chair, I've spent much of the session working to make meaningful, affordable health insurance available for all. We passed a stop-gap reinsurance pool and are seeking federal money for future years. We may need to establish an individual mandate—as with auto and home insurance. Without everyone paying into the pool, only the oldest and sickest seek coverage – making insurance unaffordable.

Jen Terrasa

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a councilwoman for nearly 12 years. I chair the Zoning Board and serve on MACo's legislative committee. I grew up in HoCo and graduated from OMHS. I have a BA from UMCP and a law degree from UB Law School. After law school, I clerked for 2 years for the MD Ct of Appeals and HC Circuit Ct. Prior to serving on the Council, I worked for The Women's Law Center and taught at UB Law School.

2) REDISTRICTING: I was on the County Council last time we did councilmanic redistricting. The process of drawing district maps is incredibly complex and should be conducted by a truly non-partisan, independent body. In addition, the legislature needs to create transparent parameters for drawing districts that are codified, rather than leaving the process wholly open.

3) ENVIRONMENT: Climate change threatens ecosystems, agricultural production, public health, security and adversely impacts MD due to sea level rise, heavier rains, and prolonged

periods of extreme heat. We need to act fast, invest in making communities resilient through clean energy and energy efficiency while recognizing the interplay between climate change, environmental justice, clean water, and governance.

4) EDUCATION: I support the Kirwan Commission recommendations especially the emphasis on early childhood learning and the impact of poverty. I support creating an early warning system for at-risk students, expanding after-school and summer programs, ensuring students are on track for college and career readiness, and requiring the availability of technical training leading to an industry-certified credential.

5) HEALTH CARE: Access to affordable, quality healthcare is critical to our future success. Underinsured don't get preventative care, often delay care, or can't access healthcare at all. This negatively impacts families and has a huge impact on the workplace through missed work, reduced productivity, and risk getting others sick. It leads to financial problems, including high rates of bankruptcy and foreclosures

HOWARD COUNTY OFFICES

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

DUTIES: Proposes and administers the operating and capital budgets, carries out policies established by legislation, interacts with the state and other local governments, helps citizens resolve concerns and oversees county departments.

SALARY: \$160,198

TERM: Four years, two term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Countywide

QUESTIONS

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

2) PRIORITIES: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

3) LAND USE: What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

4) BUDGET: What areas within the county's budget should be increased or decreased?

5) TRANSPORTATION: What are the county's greatest needs with regard to transportation, and how should those be addressed?

REPUBLICAN

Allan H. Kittleman

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: HC native; Atholton HS (1976), UMBC (1981), MD Law School (1988). Student taught at Glenelg HS and Dunloggin MS (1984). HC Council (1998-2004); MD State Senate (2004-2014). Practiced law 26 years; certified mediator. Elected as HC's 9th County Executive in 2014. Led efforts to rebuild of Ellicott City, maintain HC's AAA Bond Rating, accelerated several important school construction projects.

2) PRIORITIES: Education: funding the budget, building the 13th HS and other new facilities, narrowing the achievement gap through 24/7 initiative; Public Safety: community policing and keeping our county/school buildings safe and secure places to learn and work; Economic development: attracting jobs and business opportunities which increases commercial tax base, relieving the residential tax burden.

3) LAND USE: My Admin performed the first review of APFO in 15 years, which resulted in legislation that strengthened infrastructure requirements. Currently, we are working with an independent expert to engage stakeholders and communities as we rewrite our development regulations. Our goal is to update development regulations to make them easier to understand and in line with our community's needs by 2019.

4) BUDGET: My Admin made Education and Public Safety our top funding priorities. We have prioritized investments in student and school safety, new school construction, and other important HCPSS initiatives. Additionally, the efficiencies realized by my Admin has enabled us to create an innovation district in Columbia Gateway, a community resources campus, and new Police/Fire facilities.

5) TRANSPORTATION: I believe a flourishing community requires an effective transportation system. To date, my Admin has invested in new buses, the expansion of Rt 32, bus rapid transit on Rt. 29, an improved pedestrian/bike bridge over Rt 29 in Columbia, enacted a Bicycle Master Plan which includes BikeHoward Express (48 miles of new bike infrastructure throughout HC) and established a BikeShare program.

DEMOCRATIC

Calvin Ball

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: As an educator, certified mediator, and councilman I understand the need for more opportunities. As a leader on the County Council, I have worked with others to find solutions for the problems facing our County while encouraging rigorous debates with the civility that recognizes our first priority must always be the promotion of good government for the people of Howard County.

2) PRIORITIES: I will work to increase education funding and address school overcrowding. The future of our natural resources needs to be a priority. I will invest in our older neighborhoods, work toward community revitalization, and aging in place. Combating poverty, increasing opportunity for all, working to unite our community, and ensuring we give voice to the voiceless will be core to my mission.

3) LAND USE: We need increased investment in adequate public facilities, including making developers pay their fair share. We should be building for the future, which means more electric vehicle stations, expanded use of solar, full spectrum of affordable housing for people of all abilities, better stormwater management practices, and a growth management philosophy that protects us against overdevelopment.

4) BUDGET: We must create more private sector jobs that pay a living wage, increased support and opportunity for disadvantaged, minority, small and women owned businesses, so that all hardworking people can build wealth. That investment will put more money into families' pockets and help us increase funding for our schools, transportation and stormwater remediation.

5) TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation and connecting our biking and walking pathways needs to become a priority if we are serious about ensuring Howard County is the best place to live, work, or play. We must also encourage Howard County and its businesses to promote more Live Near Your Work-type initiatives. This is an issue that impacts the health, economics, and quality of life for all of Howard County.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

DUTIES: As the legislative branch, the Council approves the laws for Howard County. Members also sit as the Zoning Board and the Liquor Board.

SALARY: \$53,400, Chair \$54,400.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by district. The county is divided into five districts

Questions:

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

2) PRIORITIES: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

3) LAND USE: What changes, if any, are needed in the county's land use policies?

4) BUDGET: What areas within the county's budget should be increased or decreased?

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

REPUBLICAN

Raj Kathuria

Campaign Website: <http://vote4raj.com>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived in Howard County for more than thirty years. My wife & I live in Ellicott City with our three children. I am a small business owner. I owned Bistro Blanc, a restaurant in Glenelg & am currently a partner in a real estate company. I believe in maintaining diversity in Howard County and setting a path for those who want to work hard to help them succeed.

2) PRIORITIES: I will focus on maintaining our high quality schools without constant redistricting. Secure funding for High School 14 in Elkridge. Ensure sustainable development while guaranteeing adequate public facilities, and focus on common sense land use development.

3) LAND USE: We've seen the unintended consequences of overcrowded schools & roads from higher-density residential development in the eastern Howard County. Commercial & industrial development generates more tax revenue & consume much less in services. We need to protect our commercial & industrial tax bases as much as possible to ensure a balance of services so that we can live, work and play within Community

4) BUDGET: I would be working on reducing the wasteful spending in our budget. County Infrastructure is in dire need of repairs and updating, better infrastructure would increase the quality of life of our citizens. My priority will be the school system and its infrastructure, I will work on HS#14 in Elkridge and reducing the portables from our schools.

DEMOCRATIC

Elizabeth "Liz" Walsh

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I am a civil engineer by education: I insist upon verifiable, relevant input, data and complete analysis. And I am a lawyer by trade: I fiercely advocate for what cannot be compromised. In its next term, this County's Council will oversee a comprehensive re-writing of all land-use laws and plans. We need experience and independence like mine when that happens. Constituents are my special interest.

2) PRIORITIES: 1.) Restoring top-notch education for all of our County's students: bolstering funding, addressing the causes of our schools' worsening overcrowding and keeping neighborhoods' kids together 2.) Wrestling control of further development in this County from special interests 3.) Refocusing government back on serving the public good: protecting our rapidly vanishing green space and flooding watersheds

3) LAND USE: Our local government doesn't enforce the land-use laws that are on the

books now. Maximum possible density (i.e., Developer profit) is the singular driver: no matter the topography of the land, the rise of the flood waters or the number of portables already outside the neighborhoods' schools. We need fair, honest cost/benefit analyses of new development. We need to honor comprehensive planning.

4) BUDGET: Our schools are the economic driver of this County, and they must be fully funded. But they also must be built: we need new schools, especially in District 1, and we need brick-and-mortar additions (not portables) at our existing ones, where the kids already are. To fund these capital expenses now, we must assess fair-value school surcharge fees. As is, this County's rate is a fraction of others'.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

REPUBLICAN

John Liao

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QUESTIONS: No response received by deadline.

DEMOCRATIC

Opel Jones

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: My leadership experience, numbers- and data-driven education, as well as community activism have prepared me to be the next Councilperson from District 2. A Human Rights Commissioner (appointed by CE, Ken Ulman), active with the Alpha Achievers in several HCPSS schools, active with several community service organizations and efforts, as well as a leader in my field, I am uniquely qualified!

2) PRIORITIES: If elected, my priorities are to work in conjunction with the Board of Education and to communicate frequently with the HCEA (Teacher's Union) to keep education the best in Maryland, stay connected to our law enforcement agencies and unions to keep our county safe, and community vibrancy, any needed redevelopment of village centers, etc.

3) LAND USE: Although I do have some ideas about land use, zoning, etc., I will refrain from answering this question in depth, for I may have to recuse myself on certain cases or issues once taking office.

4) BUDGET: The first area that comes to mind is education; which should be increased. The last few years, although the education budget has increased by dollar amount, it has decreased percentage-wise. For example, in 2009, HCPSS was 56% of the county budget. In 2014/15 it was 51%. This past year, only 52%. Why the decrease percentage-wise?

COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

REPUBLICAN

There are no Republican candidates for this office.

DEMOCRATIC

Christiana Rigby

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: After graduating from Hammond HS and UMBC, I dedicated my life to public service-I've spent over a decade working in the government and nonprofit sector with groups like U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the PIRGS, Alice Ferguson Foundation, and United Way. I've served as a tireless advocate through my service on the Kings Contrivance Village Board, and other local government boards and committees.

2) PRIORITIES: My highest priority is to expand opportunities for all residents in Howard County. Opportunities are created when families and individuals have access to quality education, wages, and housing. We must fully fund the education budget and ensure that we maintain safe and inclusive neighborhoods that provide people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities a welcoming place to call home.

3) LAND USE: We need a simplified process to provide predictability for communities. The revisions must include the public in an open process. We need to improve Columbia (NT) zoning due to infill/growth, create an Open Space zone to protect remaining green space, and ensure neighborhood protection standards. We must revise the Rt 1 plan and invest in redevelopment while providing infrastructure capacity.

4) BUDGET: Budgets are about values-we need to fully fund education, ensure safe and inclusive communities, and revitalize our older neighborhoods. The County must continue to deliver a level of high quality service to our residents. We need to invest in positions and policies that will increase transparency and accountability for our community as we seek to become a fiscally sound and efficient government.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

REPUBLICAN

Lisa Kim

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former financial analyst for Lockheed Martin, currently, I am a volunteer with children and adults with special needs, a non-profit board member, a wife, a mother and a business owner as well as a 3 time elected legislator. I will bring years of community and legislative experience to the Howard County Council and I have a balanced approach to legislating afforded me by my experiences.

2) PRIORITIES: 1. Serve us 2. Pace development/infrastructure 3. Make our top notch schools better 4. Increase/modernize school safety and security 5. Minimize school overcrowding/redistricting 6. Meet the needs of our exploding aging population 7. Oversee land use and development code/regulations rewrites 8. Fight for our right to set our own surcharge fees 9. Work within our budget to keep from raising taxes

3) LAND USE: Currently, our county land use and development codes/regulations are written for development and need to be rewritten to include redevelopment. There are over 268 different FDP's in Columbia and we need to streamline codes/regs. to allow for clean process and predictability. When you buy a home in the county you should be able to have a level of certainty as to what may pop up next door to you.

4) BUDGET: I would like to see more funding go to infrastructure and less funding to administrative costs. We can explore the privatizing of county services where applicable. There are over 200 county and local



government services that are privatized across the nation and we can look at our services and determine what may work for us. This will free up funding that we can allocate to areas of priority.

DEMOCRATIC

Deb Jung

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: As a successful attorney in the nonprofit sector for over 25 years and a community leader, I bring strong advocacy, drafting, analytical, and negotiating skills to the legislative arena. I have a history of bringing people together to find consensus solutions and have been trained to conduct due diligence and ask tough questions - qualities important to legislative oversight and transparency.

2) PRIORITIES: My priorities are a strong school system, responsible environmental policies, more public transportation, public safety, increased affordable housing, and maintenance of a strong safety net, particularly for our children, senior and disabled populations. I support continuation of the Watershed Protection Fee and pledge diligent oversight of the Downtown Columbia Redevelopment effort.

3) LAND USE: We need to move forward with Phase Two of the Development Regulations Assessment and the drafting of a new unified code to simplify, clarify, and modernize our land-use rules, including criteria related to New Town zoning, environmental review, and improved processes for citizen involvement in decision-making. I support the final APFO school capacity limits of CB 1-18 as a reasonable compromise.

4) BUDGET: K-12 funding should be increased to reflect higher enrollment, special education needs, and school safety measures. I would support increases in human services (including mental health) for at-risk populations, affordable housing programs, and public transportation. If elected, I would closely review the budget for inefficiencies or unnecessary spending. Expenditure discipline is important.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

REPUBLICAN

David Yungmann

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: Finance background that is critical given two complex budgets and significant debt and capital investment decisions. Skilled in regulations, legislation, zoning and government processes through professional and personal experience. Hands-on community advocate and volunteer with connections to a broad base of county residents and their diverse needs/priorities.

2) PRIORITIES: Completion of zoning code revision with better managed growth and protection of the rural west. Explore separating Zoning Board from County Council. Push HCPSS to improve planning tools and to explain why FARMS and special ed populations are growing so quickly. Complete HS 13 and Turf Valley ES. Expand opportunities in agriculture. Require economic impact reports as part of legislative process.

3) LAND USE: Reduction of conditional uses and reform of that process, reform of comprehensive zoning, increase role of General Plan in zoning decisions, employ separate project intensity limits for the rural west, improve zoning enforcement, promote commercial over residential development, target new residential development to mixed use projects versus suburban growth, re-purpose Planning Board.

4) BUDGET: I support the CE's FY 19 budget. Future budgets must balance with no tax increases and tightly managed debt growth. Public schools remain top priority given factor in county-wide property values and quality

of life for many taxpayers, however, HCPSS must tightly manage its budget so the county can adequately fund other services that also contribute to our quality of life.

DEMOCRATIC

China Williams

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: As a travel guidebook writer, I am a "parachute artist," meaning I land in a strange place and master it in a short time. As an education advocate, I know how schools and students consistently get short changed. I will bring tenacity, courage, and compassion to the office. I am owned by no special interest, will receive no benefits to my business or profession, and would work for the residents.

2) PRIORITIES: My top priorities are full funding for education, responsible growth that keeps pace with infrastructure, and ensuring a high-quality of life. Constituent services would be my day-to-day focus.

3) LAND USE: There needs to be more predictability for all parties, from the investors to the residents. Upzoning and conditional use should be rare exceptions rather than standard course. APFO needs to be strengthened so that the lower school capacity thresholds can provide relief to overcrowded schools. The county needs to plan for the future instead of zoning for the past.

4) BUDGET: The school budget needs to be increased to get class sizes down to 2015 levels. Currently the school budget increases are inadequate for the expanding student population and the rising costs of health benefits and debt services. The county could redirect more allocated funds to instruction if state funding increased proportionally and if health care were a more affordable option in this country.

Judge in Court of Appeals (C3: Western MD)

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

DUTIES: The Court of Appeals is the highest court in the State (commonly called the Supreme Court in other states and at the federal level). In most cases the court may choose whether or not to hear an appeal from a lower court, but it is required by law to hear cases involving the death penalty, legislative redistricting, removal of certain officers, and certifications of questions of law. The Court is composed of seven judges, with one elected from each of seven judicial circuits.

SALARY: \$181,433, annual base.

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

HOW ELECTED: Members of the Court are initially appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Subsequently, they run for office on their records, unopposed. If voters reject a judge's retention in office or there is a tie vote, the office becomes vacant and must be filled by a new appointment. Otherwise, the incumbent judge remains in office for a ten-year term.

Joseph M. Getty

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Questions:

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

A: - no response received by deadline

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. The Court is composed of 15 judges: eight at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

SALARY: \$168,633 annual base.

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

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

Donald E. Beachley

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Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

Matthew J. Fader

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Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -



HOWARD STATE'S ATTORNEY

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

DUTIES: Prosecutes criminals and juvenile cases and determines whether to extradite persons in other areas who have been charged with crimes in Howard County.

Term: Four years, no term limit

How Elected: Elected countywide

REPUBLICAN

Kim Yon Oldham

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

QUALIFICATIONS: 21 years experience as a Howard County prosecutor most prepares me for this position. I have spent my entire career collaborating with law enforcement and other community partners with the goal of keeping our community safe. Since 2011 as Deputy State's Attorney I have been a leader in management, supervision and training while still prosecuting the most serious crimes.

DEMOCRATIC

Rich Gibson

Campaign Website: <http://www.richgibson.net>

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a prosecutor for 13 years. I have prosecuted virtually every kind of criminal case. Additionally, I am supervisor in an elite unit tasked with overseeing the pro-active investigation of violent repeat offenders & previously I was the lead prosecutor of the juvenile drug court. In 2016 I was named Prosecutor of the Year for the entire Mid-Atlantic Region.

HOWARD CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

DUTIES: The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the office that performs many administrative duties for the Circuit Court including the maintenance of court records. Other duties include recording of deeds and collecting taxes and fees based on property transactions, issuing licenses for fishing, hunting, sales of liquor and marriage. They also perform civil wedding ceremonies and process passport applications.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected Countywide.

REPUBLICAN

Marlena Jareaux

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

QUALIFICATIONS: With a bachelor's degree in business, and a Master's degree in Psychology, my work has always involved the intersection of both fields in my work for companies. Additionally, I've learned a great deal about the Clerk's office from my dealings with Mr Robey himself.

DEMOCRATIC

Wayne A. Robey

Campaign Email: waynerobey@att.net

QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 30 years experience working in the Clerk of the Courts Office in Howard County. I have a working knowledge of all departments and have a thorough knowledge of the duties of Clerk. I am a 2018 graduate of the Institute for Court Management 4 year Program and former past president of the Maryland Clerks Association and former Chair of the Conference of Circuit Court Clerks.

HOWARD REGISTER OF WILLS

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

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

SALARY: Not more than \$98,000. Salary is based on the size of the county and determined by the Board of Public Works.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

REPUBLICAN

Shawn Conley

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I have a strong sense of community service through 15 years as a volunteer Firefighter/EMT and a sincere desire to help anyone in need. I hold a M.Sc. and have run programs administered by both State and Federal agencies without a single defect found upon inspection. This includes hiring/training staff and other skills directly relatable to this position. I will serve with integrity and compassion

DEMOCRATIC

Byron Macfarlane

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up in Howard County, graduated from Glenelg High School, and received degrees from the University of Maryland, College Park and University of Baltimore School of Law. I've had the privilege to serve as Register of Wills since 2010. During my tenure I've been recognized as a trusted and effective manager, an innovative reformer, and a visible and accessible presence in the community.

HOWARD JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3.

DUTIES: The Maryland Orphans' Court is the state's probate court. It also has jurisdiction over guardianship of minors. The Orphans' Court supervises the handling of estates of people who have died - with or without a will - while owning property in their sole name.

TERM: Four years, no term limits.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide. Candidates for Orphans' Court Judge must be Maryland citizens and residents of their jurisdiction for at least 12 months before their election.

REPUBLICAN

There are no Republican candidates for this office.

DEMOCRATIC

Anne L. Dodd

Campaign Website: <http://annedoddfororphanscourt.org>

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served since 2010. The Governor appointed me Chief Judge in 2015, and since then, NO decisions have been overturned on appeal. I have completed more than 100 hours of judicial education, specifically in probate law; was appointed to a statewide advisory committee - twice elected chairman; and contributed changes to the

Annotated Code of Maryland. Associate judges routinely seek my advice.

Elizabeth Ann Fitch

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

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate who has studied trusts & estates and tax law. I am professionally trained to read, write, and interpret estate documents, and I am adept at legal research. I work on estate cases for a well-respected litigation firm. I served the Orphans' Court as a law clerk, and I worked for a judge at the Court of Appeals for Maryland. I also have a demonstrated commitment to service.

Leslie Smith Turner

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

QUALIFICATIONS: Experiences have enhanced my knowledge & confidence, plus enabled me to be a careful, patient, thorough, thoughtful, considerate & kind jurist. I have already served 2 terms. Have had 49 years of applying the law; MA & JD Degrees; Chief Judge 2014-2015; Secretary of Court Association; mediator; MA psychologist; former State & Federal prosecutor; public defender; Court Conference appointee.

HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1.

DUTIES: The Sheriff carries out court orders, delivers summonses, and executes bench warrants. The Sheriff performs police or corrections functions in jurisdictions where there are no County police or correction departments. The Sheriff's office is divided into four areas: the Civil Section, the Criminal Section, the Court and Transportation Section, and the Special Operations Section.

SALARY: \$85,000 per year

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.

REPUBLICAN

Bill McMahon

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

QUALIFICATIONS: 28yrs w/ Howard County Police (8 as Chief); improved response to domestic violence, behavioral health issues, minority communities, seniors; led response to Columbia Mall shooting; appointed to fill term of the prior Sheriff when he left office amid findings of misconduct. Restoring trust in Sheriff's Office; strong ties to Howard Co. communities; MAS (JHU); FBI Nat Acad; Leadership HoCo

DEMOCRATIC

Marcus Harris

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

QUALIFICATIONS: I attended the University of Maryland and Harford Community College and obtained a degree in Business Administration. I retired from the Baltimore County Police Department, where I had a successful career as a law enforcement professional. Since my retirement from BCPD, I have been a successful entrepreneur owning and operating several businesses. I also coach to young athletes.



NONPARTISAN OFFICES

Howard County Board of Education

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) PRIORITIES: If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

3) BUDGET: What areas within the school budget should be increased or decreased?

4) NATIONAL STANDARDS: How should the national standards for education be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?

5) NON-COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS: How should county schools address the needs of students who are not planning to attend college?

CANDIDATES

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 4.

Vicky Cutroneo

Campaign Website: <http://vicky4BOE.com>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: My 3 years of advocacy have provided me with a deep understanding of fiscal challenges, special education issues, the budget, APFO, redistricting, equity, overcrowding, policies, school climate and more. As the elected President of PTA Council, I already enjoy productive working relationships with both HCPSS and HCEA leadership, as well as community partners and elected officials.

2) PRIORITIES: Budget: To maximize educational program delivery with limited resources, we must develop a 3-5 year strategic plan that lays out HCPSS's direction and goals. Equity: Achievement levels have consistently been among the highest in Maryland, but averaging masks variations across student groups that are falling behind. Need to target interventions/support. School climate: mental health, bullying

3) BUDGET: Increase funding to lower class sizes, provide adequate materials of instruction for teachers, increase quality professional development for all staff, maintenance of our buildings and ensuring special education student needs are met. Decrease Central Office by redirecting staff to the classroom and freezing "me too" raises. Re-evaluate all programs not research based, hire Board budget analyst.

4) NATIONAL STANDARDS: We should lobby to have standards be developed at the local level using the expertise of the the trained professionals: classroom teachers. In the meantime, our school system must track performance measures for these national standards and ensure the every school, grade and classroom has access to the same opportunities and tracking for the standards.

5) NON-COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS: We must ensure that appropriate courses are offered in every school; different math courses are more helpful for certain trades, for instance. We should also develop relationships with various organizations and trade unions for apprenticeship opportunities. Finally, we should have a long-term plan for a variety of vocation offerings in our course catalog that are fully funded.

Bob Glascock

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I have 38 years experience as a Howard County educator including ten years as a social studies teacher, Coordinator of G/T Programs, Director of Elementary Curricular Programs, Director of K-12 Curricular Programs, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology, and six years as an Executor Director at the Maryland State Department of Education.

2) PRIORITIES: My initial priorities for this office are to: • Restore confidence in the school system, • Develop responsible budgets that support student learning, • Promote safe, nurturing and student-centered schools.

3) BUDGET: I feel a priority for the school system and community is to accelerate achievement for all students with an intense focus on eliminating student achievement gaps for African-American and Hispanic students, English learners, and students with disabilities. I support increasing funding for this initiative. Use of a zero-based budget development process could yield budget efficiencies.

4) NATIONAL STANDARDS: The Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards include the national standards for education. Howard County's curriculum is aligned to the state standards. The use of these standards will establish high expectations for student achievement and result in quality educational experiences for each child in Howard County.

5) NON-COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS: As former Assistant Superintendent in the Howard County Public School System, I transformed HCPSS's vocational program into career academies that provide greater access for all students. I feel we need to assist students and parents in identifying viable career pathways, especially for students who are planning on enrolling in two year colleges or do not plan to go to college.

Danny Mackey

Campaign Website: <http://dannymackey.org>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: My 13-year experience as a student in HCPSS uniquely qualifies me to keep students in the forefront of my decision making as a member of the BOE. I have been involved in education advocacy for years, coordinating with educators, parents, and advocates county-wide. This has provided me with institutional knowledge that will allow me act immediately to start tackling the problems facing our schools.

2) PRIORITIES: 1) Shaping policy to foster a safe learning environment that fosters positive mental health for students and staff, including our special education community. 2) Promoting equity system-wide to address the achievement gap pervading the system. 3) Involving stakeholders to address financial crises responsibly and craft policy that promotes accountability and prevents repetition of past mistakes.

3) BUDGET: Increased: Hiring of mental health professionals, paraeducators, and support staff; investment in vocational opportunities; special education staff; educator salaries; student early intervention and support programs. Decreased: Outside contracts such as MAP testing and Gallup Strengthsfinder; non-evaluated/non-research-based program initiatives; Central Office salaries.

4) NATIONAL STANDARDS: Implementing national standards will continually develop over the next several years. Implementation will require experts to evaluate whether our approach meets student needs and regulatory requirements. I will advocate for educator input on how implementation will evolve, respecting the expertise of educators and advocating for local needs to successfully meet and exceed national standards.

5) NON-COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS: HCPSS must work diligently to think outside the box to take ownership of our often touted mantra that graduates are college and career ready by offering students avenues for success through pursuing public private partnerships that provide vocational opportunities outside of the traditional college-bound path. I'd like to see a vocational high school opened in Howard County within 10 years.

Jen Mallo

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I have served for 4 yrs as the Chair and Vice Chair of the HCPSS Community Advisory Council (liaison between BOE and community), 5 yrs as member of system-wide policy review committees & initiatives, PTA Pres., Cultural Arts, Science Fair & Reading Room Coordinators, classroom volunteer, Pres. of East Columbia Preschool, Intelligence Analyst with the DoD & have a background in economics & analysis

2) PRIORITIES: My priorities are to continue my work to (1) be a strong steward of tax dollars with in-depth examinations of spending and accountability by adding in long range fiscal planning, (2) engage community members to participate and give voice to their concerns, (3) promote diversity, equity and inclusion, (4) research, analyze, and look for solutions to problems & policies, & (5) empower teachers.

3) BUDGET: I will prioritize spending for classroom size/instruction & student safety as those are the critical and mandatory areas to fulfill the mission of the schools. The budget deficit must also be addressed with a long-term plan to fix the health and dental fund. We cannot continue to spend more than we have. Any new programs would need to be show substantial return on investment to be funded.

4) NATIONAL STANDARDS: National standards should serve as a floor upon which we build with our more comprehensive local standards. I believe that Howard County has both the desire and the resources to offer a premier public education. Howard county must ensure that high standards are set and met so that every child in attendance is challenged to meet his or her full potential.

5) NON-COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS: The schools should promote and increase the offerings & tracks of vocational education offered through CTE programs, like our new HVAC & Agricultural Science. Students who start a CTE program need to be assured that the follow-on courses will be offered & enrollment is guaranteed. The school system needs to offer technology & IT certifications that do not require a college degree.

Robert Wayne Miller

Campaign Website: <http://www.miller4boe.org>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I retired in 2015 after 34 years teaching in HCPSS at ES, MS, & HS levels (band director); Children attended HCPSS schools from K-12; BS in Psychology and BS & M.Ed. in Music Education from College Park; Adjunct HCC professor for 15 years; Directed band camps & adult community bands; Private music teacher; CAC member & OBRC observer 2017-18; Endorsed by Howard County Education Association (HCEA).

2) PRIORITIES: Focus on the classroom, and remove barriers to instructional & individual assistance time; Encourage climate of administration serving teachers, students, and parents; Support physical, mental, and emotional health; Responsibly balance budget; Alleviate overcrowding; Pursue equity; Properly support spec. ed. students; Improve tech. plan; Maintain high-quality academic, arts, & athletic programs.

3) BUDGET: Areas to increase: Ensure health/dental account funding & negotiated salaries; Deficit reduction/elimination; Reduce class sizes; Add social workers; Increase some materials of instruction and co-curricular funding; Spec. Ed. funding; Deferred maintenance funding. Areas to decrease: Consider for Central Office, technology, standardized testing, construction (would need more info before deciding).

4) NATIONAL STANDARDS: National standards should be a basis for consideration upon which our educators design curriculum. There should be accommodations for students who need them in order to access the curriculum. Furthermore, these standards should be subordinate to priorities of our curriculum designers and to students' needs. When necessary, hierarchical skills should be prioritized over information attainment.

5) NON-COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS: HCPSS should provide career

and technical education opportunities either internally or in partnership with trade, tech, and apprenticeship schools, including dual-enrollment options. It should strive to ensure that these students have the foundational competencies to pursue their passions as well as to adapt to future changes. Dual enrollment need-based financial assistance should be available.

Anita Pandey

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I am a PTA parent, professor, author, and P-12 PD provider with 28 years of teaching experience in reading, early childhood, special needs, and ESL. I helped start the HC African American History Project (part of our Historical Society), and serve as the interim Director. I provided testimony on the Seal of Biliteracy in MD, and was honored to speak at the U.S. House of Representatives, and ACEI.

2) PRIORITIES: I would support and reward educators; increase family and community engagement (through cross-age language and vocational exchanges to bridge language, cultural, curricular, racial, skills-based, generational, and "achievement gaps") and reduce student stress (e.g., the testing trauma, bullying, dyslexia/special needs), and spending. Diversifying our curriculum and workforce is another priority.

3) BUDGET: Funding for low-income, special needs and "ESL" students (often conflated) should be increased. Increased funding for PD in cultural competency and restorative practices, & for World Languages and dual language immersion would also benefit these and all other students. We must review the budget for potential savings (e.g., contracts, Central Office spending) and tap other funding sources.

4) NATIONAL STANDARDS: Instruction, resources, and assessment (qualitative too) must be individualized, differentiated, equitable, equity-oriented, and culturally inclusive. Partnerships (e.g., internships, apprenticeships) could help every child excel and PD (preferably college- or professor-provided--for timeliness & affordability) would bridge cultural gaps between educators and increasingly-diverse student bodies.

5) NON-COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS: We must train students for multiple career paths--add and expand offerings in vocational skills. Many "engineers" are unable to repair leaking toilets and to replace thermostats. All our high school students must learn how to check and change coolant and oil to their cars, and to perform basic 'operations' that young adults in many other countries CAN. School gardens are also educational P-8.

Sabina Taj

Campaign Website: <http://sabinataj.org>

1) QUALIFICATIONS: Foundation executive supporting K-12 education; adjunct professor at HCC teaching arts integration to educators; appointed member of the OBRC; board member and DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) chair at my daughter's elementary school PTA; long active in the county as a Howard County Community Foundation program officer, Leadership Howard County graduate, and Little Patuxent Review board member

2) PRIORITIES: Healthy Schools, Healthy Students: health services for optimal learning; well-maintained buildings where all students feel safe; responsible use of technology. Community Representation: informed decisions reflecting community input and knowledge of what works; robust communications to a wide audience. Educational Equity: schools where all students have the services they need to thrive and grow

3) BUDGET: Increase: budget line-items that are proven to improve student success and promote teacher retention; the percentage the county devotes to the school system so that it is fully funded; expenses that will draw outstanding teachers to the county. Decrease: non-personnel costs like purchasing, equipment, and supplies; outside contractors

4) NATIONAL STANDARDS: Combine national standards informed by the skills and knowledge of what is needed in a global economy with local assessments of what works to ensure student success. Replace punitive, high-stakes testing with testing that leads to informed instruction and better professional development. Incorporate local culture, knowledge and history into the curriculum to engage students

5) NON-COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS: Develop specialized academies in schools with excess capacity, e.g., around STEM, the arts, or coding. Determine what skills and training will be needed to meet local and national labor market demands for the coming decades. Help "VoTech" programs adapt so that those not planning to attend college can gain the career skills they need, be it in programming or hair design

Chao Wu

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

1) QUALIFICATIONS: I have been actively involved with HCPSS. I served on BOE OBRC committee and testified on later school starting time, school redistricting, curriculum setup, etc. I testified on strengthening APFO at county council. I have been elected twice as a Board Member of Columbia Association since 2015. I was educated in China, Singapore and USA. I received my PhD from University of Maryland.

2) PRIORITIES: 1) Fix the deficit problem 2) Increase the school safety 3) Increase board collaboration 4) Provide equitable opportunities for students and motivate students to learn

3) BUDGET: Inside HCPSS, we should make any school programs accountable to reduce waste, improve efficiency and reduce cost. Outside, we should advocate for more funding from county, state and federal governments and other funding sources. We should decrease classroom size and increase teacher and resources. We should adequately fund all legally required programs. I would not cut teachers and school safety.

4) NATIONAL STANDARDS: We want to use the national standards as a tool to assist our school system, but not to be bound by the national standards. Our ultimate goal is to provide a quality education for each child in the county. We want to maintain local autonomy of school jurisdiction if need be.

5) NON-COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS: We should promote vocational training and offer a different career path for them. We must promote vocational and technical trainings' reputation to be a good and first class choice to families. We also need collaborate closely with colleges and local businesses. We want to make sure high school students and their parents meet with their counselors to discuss their options for vocational training.

Maryland Ballot Questions

Question 1 - Education Funding

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

Ballot Language: The amendment requires the Governor to include in the annual State Budget, as supplemental funding for prekindergarten through grade 12 in public schools, the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and any other commercial gaming dedicated to public education in an amount above the level of State funding for education in public schools provided by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act of 2002 (otherwise known as the Thornton legislation) in not less than the following amounts: \$125 million in fiscal year 2020; \$250 million in fiscal year 2021; \$375 million in fiscal year 2022; and 100% of commercial gaming revenues dedicated to public education in fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter. The amendment also requires the Governor to show in the annual budget how the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and other commercial gaming are being used in a manner that is in addition to the level of State funding for public education provided by the funding formulas established by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act. The State Constitution currently authorizes video lottery operation licenses for the primary purpose of raising money for public education. (Amending Article XIX, Section 1(c)(1) and (g), and adding Section 1(f) to the Maryland Constitution)

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

Proposed Change: This amendment would require that beginning in 2020, the Governor must include specified amounts from gambling revenues in the state budget for public education. These amounts must be in addition to, and not a substitute for, any other state funding for public education. The amendment would also repeal the provision that allows gambling revenues to be used for capital projects at community colleges and state-supported colleges and universities.

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

* It ensures that gambling revenues are directed to public education as intended and approved by voters.

* It addresses concerns that the state was using gaming revenues to substitute for education funding that was already required by law, rather than increasing the total amount of education funding.

* It ensures that gaming revenues paid into the Education Trust Fund (also called a "lock-box") may be spent only in addition to other public education funding and cannot be used as a substitute for other funding that is already required by the Bridge to Excellence law.



Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

* The amendment would reduce the state's flexibility to use gambling revenues for other state programs.

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

A vote FOR the amendment means the state constitution would be amended to specify that revenue from gambling be used to supplement other state funding for public education and cannot be used as a substitute for other required education funding.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means the current provision in the constitution would remain in effect, under which gambling revenue is used for public education but those funds may be in place of other state funding for schools.

Question 2 - Election Day Voter Registration

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

Ballot Language: Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to allow a qualified individual to register and vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day. The current law requires voter registration to close before Election Day. (Amending Article 1, sections 1 and 2, and adding Section 2A to the Maryland constitution.)

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:

* Voting is a fundamental right that should not be lost due to failure to comply with a registration requirement.

* Same day registration and voting already takes place during early voting. On-the-spot validation of a voter's documentation is conducted before the voter is allowed to vote. These procedures could also be used for same day registration and voting on Election Day.

* Fourteen other states allow same day voter registration and voting on Election Day and have not reported problems.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

* Permitting people to register and vote on Election Day could lead to voter fraud.

* Requiring people to register in advance is not burdensome, as the registration forms are readily available.

A vote FOR the amendment means that the constitution would be amended to allow the legislature to enact a law permitting people to register to vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the constitution would not be amended and people would need to register to vote before Election Day.

Howard County Charter Amendment (Question A)

Deadline for Expiration of Bill

Amending the Howard County Charter to allow the County Council to consider a bill for seventy calendar days after its introduction and to approve, by vote of two-thirds of its members, a maximum of two 35-day extensions of the 70-day deadline. Currently, the County Council may consider a bill for sixty-five days before the bill expires, and the Council may extend the 65-day deadline a maximum of two 30-day periods by a two-thirds vote. The Charter amendment also extends the deadline for expiration of a bill to the next business day if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday on which the Council does not meet, and to the end of a rescheduled legislative session if the legislative session scheduled before expiration of the bill is postponed because of inclement weather or emergency conditions.

HOWARD COUNTY POLLING PLACES									
Dist-Prec	Cong District	Leg District	Co District		Dist-Prec	Cong District	Leg District	Co District	
01-01	3	12	1	Elkridge Landing MS	05-04	7	12	4	Wilde Lake HS
01-02	3	13	1	Elkridge Lndg MS	05-05	3	13	4	Pointers Run ES
01-03	2	12	2	Mayfield Woods MS	05-06	3	13	4	Fulton ES
01-04	7	9B	1	Ilchester ES	05-07	7	12	4	Swansfield ES
01-05	7	12	2	Worthington ES	05-08	7	12	4	Bryant Woods ES
01-06	2	13	2	Deep Run ES	05-09	7	12	4	Harper's Choice MS
01-07	3	12	2	Mayfield Woods MS	05-10	3	13	4	River Hill HS
01-08	3	13	1	Elkridge ES	05-11	7	9A	5	Schooley Mill Park
01-09	2	13	2	Mayfield Woods MS	05-12	7	12	4	Hawthorn Neigh Ctr
01-10	7	12	2	Howard HS	05-13	7	12	4	Altholton HS
01-11	7	12	1	Ilchester ES	05-14	7	12	4	Longfellow ES
01-12	3	12	2	Rockburn ES	05-15	7	12	4	Clemens Crossing ES
01-13	2	12	1	Elkridge ES	05-16	7	12	1	Running Brook ES
01-14	3	13	2	Rockburn ES	05-17	7	12	4	Atholton HS
01-15	2	13	2	Ducketts Lane ES	05-18	7	12	4	Wilde Lake HS
01-16	2	13	1	Elkridge Lndg. MS	05-19	7	9A	5	Dayton Oaks ES
01-17	3	12	1	Ducketts Lane ES	05-20	3	9A	5	Reservoir HS
01-18	3	13	2	Elkridge Landing MS	05-21	7	12	4	Swansfield ES
01-19	7	12	1	Ilchester ES	05-22	3	13	4	Clarksville MS
01-20	7	12	2	Ilchester ES	05-23	7	12	4	Harper's Choice MS
01-21	2	13	2	Ducketts Lane ES	05-24	7	13	5	Schooley Mill Park
02-01	7	9B	1	Park View At Ellicott City	06-01	2	13	3	Forest Ridge ES
02-02	7	9B	1	Ellicott Mills MS	06-02	2	13	3	Hope Baptist Church
02-03	7	9B	2	Ellicott Mills MS	06-03	3	13	3	Hammond MS
02-04	7	12	2	Howard HS	06-04	3	13	3	Atholton ES
02-05	7	9B	1	Centennial Lane ES	06-05	3	13	2	Oakland Mills MS
02-06	7	9A	5	St Johns Lane ES	06-06	7	13	2	Thunder Hill ES
02-07	7	9A	5	Mt Hebron HS	06-07	2	13	3	Ridgley's Run Community Ctr
02-08	7	9A	1	Hollifield Station ES					
02-09	7	9B	1	The Heartlands	06-08	3	13	2	Stevens Forest ES
02-10	7	9B	1	Centennial HS	06-09	7	13	2	Talbott Springs ES
02-11	7	9A	5	Waverly ES	06-10	7	13	2	Howard HS
02-12	7	9B	1	Ellicott C. Sr Ctr	06-11	3	13	2	Jeffers Hill ES
02-13	7	9B	1	Dunloggin MS	06-12	3	13	3	Lake Elkhorn MS
02-14	7	9B	1	Dunloggin MS	06-13	3	13	3	Guilford ES
02-15	7	9B	1	Centennial Lane ES	06-14	7	12	2	Phelps Luck ES
02-16	7	9B	1	Centennial HS	06-15	3	13	3	Laurel Woods ES
02-17	7	9B	1	Burleigh Manor MS	06-16	3	12	2	Phelps Luck ES
02-18	7	9A	5	Mt Hebron HS	06-17	3	13	3	Owen Brown Place
02-19	7	9A	5	Waverly ES	06-18	3	13	3	Hammond HS
02-20	7	12	1	Northfield ES	06-19	3	13	3	Guilford ES
02-21	7	12	1	Northfield ES	06-20	3	13	3	Patuxent Valley MS
02-22	7	9B	5	Centennial HS	06-21	3	13	2	Long Reach HS
02-23	7	9B	1	Hollifield Station ES	06-22	3	13	3	Lake Elkhorn MS
02-24	7	9A	5	Patapsco MS	06-23	3	13	3	Hammond HS
02-25	7	9B	1	Bonnie Branch MS	06-24	3	13	3	Murray Hill MS
02-26	7	9A	1	Centennial HS	06-25	3	13	3	Hammond MSS
03-01	7	9A	5	West Friendship ES	06-26	3	13	3	Hammond HS
03-02	7	9A	5	Mount View MS	06-27	2	13	3	Forest Ridge ES
03-03	7	9A	5	Manor Woods ES	06-28	3	13	4	Lime Kiln MS
03-04	7	9B	1	Centennial HS	06-29	3	13	2	Long Reach HS
03-05	7	9A	5	Mount View MS	06-30	2	13	3	Ridgley's Run Comm Ctr
03-06	7	9A	5	Folly Quarter MS	06-31	3	13	2	Jeffers Hill ES
04-01	7	9A	5	St. Michael Cath Church	06-32	3	13	4	Gorman Crossing ES
04-02	7	9A	5	Glenelg HS	06-33	2	13	3	Patuxent Valley MS
04-03	7	9A	5	Lisbon ES	06-34	3	13	3	Laurel Woods ES
04-04	7	9A	5	Lisbon ES	06-35	2	13	3	Murray Hill MS
04-05	7	9A	5	St Michael Cath Church	EV-01				Ridgley's Run Comm Ctr
04-06	7	9A	5	Glenwood MS	EV-02				The Bain Ctr
05-01	7	9A	5	Clarksville ES	EV-03				The Miller Branch Library
05-02	7	12	4	Longfellow ES					
05-03	7	12	4	Vantage House Ret Ctr	EV-04				Howard County Fair Ground

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