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# 2020 Primary Election Guide for Queen Anne's County

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June 2, 2020

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## Greetings

This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County and covers all races and their candidates appearing on the 2020 Primary Election ballot for Queen Anne's County residents. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. During Presidential Primary Elections, the national League invites candidates for president to participate in the *Voters' Guide* based on specified criteria (see *President of the United States* section for details). Local Leagues invite all Republican and Democratic Party candidates for state or local office who filed with the State Board of Elections to submit information about their candidacy to our web-based VOTE411 system. All invited candidates were asked to provide their campaign contact information and their responses to a series of questions posed for each office. Those candidate responses appear as written in their own words and are included in VOTE411 in their entirety; all responses provided to the questions are included in this *Guide*; however, only the candidate website, if available, is included here for contact information. Go to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) to see all candidate-submitted information. The League offers this *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens in their decision-making

process as they prepare for participation in the 2020 Presidential elections.

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The League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Learn more at [LWV.org](http://LWV.org) and [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

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

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**Primary Election Day is**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2020**

7 am – 8 pm

**Voting will be primarily by mail**

- **Only ONE voting center will be open at 110 Vincit St. in Centreville**

**Registration Deadlines**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 5 pm (9 pm online)**

in person, online or mailed

**You may register to vote at the in-person vote location on Election Day**

contact the local Board of Elections office *ahead of time* for details

*Two Ways to Vote*

1. **VOTE BY MAIL** see more below
2. **GO TO THE IN-PERSON VOTING LOCATION:**

[Queen Anne's Office Building](#)  
[110 Vincit St, Centreville](#)

June 2, from 7 am to 8 pm

**Voting by Mail**

The Board of Elections will mail eligible voters a ballot with a prepaid return envelope in early or mid May. Request to have your ballot sent to a different address or to print your own ballot by filling out an absentee-ballot application and returning it before the deadlines listed below. Apply [online\\*](#) or by [form](#). Ballots may be voted and returned by mail or returned by hand to a county drop-off location.

\*<https://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

**Absentee Ballot Application**

**Delivery Deadlines:**

**To receive ballot by mail or fax:** deliver by May 26, 2020, 8 pm (mailed application), 11:59 pm (faxed, emailed, or online application)

**To download ballot:** deliver by May 29, 2020, 5 pm (mailed application), 11:59 pm (faxed, emailed, or online application)

**Ballot Return Deadlines:**

**Return by mail:** postmarked by June 2, received by June 12, 10 am

**Return by drop-off:** May 21 – June 2 by 8 pm at a local drop-off location

**Ballot Drop-Off Locations and Voting Center for Queen Anne's County**

[Ballot Drop-Off Only:](#)

**Kent Island Fire Department**  
1610 Main St  
Chester MD 21619

[Ballot Drop-Off Center](#)

[+ VOTE IN PERSON](#)

[7am–8pm, June 2](#)

**Queen Anne's Office Building**  
110 Vincit St  
Centreville MD 21617

★ [Be sure to sign your oath or your ballot will not count](#)

Contact your local office of the State Board of Elections for other information about registering to vote, polling locations, change of address, and any other questions you may have about the voting process.

**Queen Anne's County Board of Elections**

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**LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to all persons at least 16 years of age. As a member of one of the local Leagues of Women Voters, you will automatically be a member of the League of Women Voters of the United States and receive publications and other benefits from both the US and Maryland Leagues. Please contact your local League (listed below) to become a member.

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### Party Primaries in Maryland

Party primaries in Maryland are “closed” primaries. You must be a member of a political party to participate in that party’s primary, though all voters may vote for nonpartisan offices such as the Board of Education. You may change your party affiliation up until the close of voter registration on May 12 by completing a voter registration form and submitting it to your Board of Elections. You may also change your party affiliation online if you have a Maryland driver’s license or identification card from the Motor Vehicle Administration. If you have not previously registered to vote, you may register during early voting (May 21-28) at an early voting center in your county and choose a party at that time. For those already registered, you may correct your address or other information during early voting; however, you cannot change your party registration at that time.

In Maryland, only the Republican and Democratic candidates appear on official Primary Election ballots published by the Board of

#### HOW TO USE THIS *GUIDE*

Read this *Guide* with your sample ballot in hand and mark your sample ballot accordingly. Take your sample ballot with you when you vote as you are not permitted to use electronic devices, such as smartphones, tablets, and computers, inside polling places. Pay attention to the number of votes you can cast for each race; checking more than the maximum allowed will invalidate your vote for that race. Check both sides of your ballot for additional races. Only candidate information available at the time of our publication deadline is included here; for more up-to-date information on candidate responses, we recommend you check [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

## President of the United States

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

**TERM:** Four years, limit of two terms.

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

**NOTE:** All presidential candidates who will appear on Maryland’s ballot are listed in this *Guide*. The League of Women Voters of the United States, through the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF), established criteria to determine which candidates to invite to respond to questions for the *Voters' Guide*.

Candidates qualified for invitations from LWVEF to provide responses to specific questions if they met the following criteria:

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

Candidates meeting these criteria after the print deadline for this *Voters' Guide* will be invited to participate. Their responses will appear online at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

In addition, please note that voters cast a ballot for candidates in only one party during the Presidential primary season. LWVEF is required to have at least two candidates for President from the same party meet the above criteria before launching a *Voters' Guide* covering that party. At this time, only one candidate running for the Republican Party’s nomination for President has met the LWVEF criteria listed above. Therefore, no Republican presidential candidates have yet been

invited to participate. As soon as any two Republican candidates meet the criteria or the party's national nominating convention occurs, LWVEF will invite the qualified candidate(s).

The list of all candidates who will be on the ballot in Maryland is printed below. Candidates' responses can be found at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

## Questions

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

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

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

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

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

## Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for 1.

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

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

This candidate was the only Republican to meet the criteria for participation by the print deadline, but no other candidate for this party's nominating qualified. See the full description of the invitation process above.

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

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

This candidate did not meet the participation criteria by the print deadline and has suspended his campaign.

## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for 1.

### **Michael Bennet (withdrawn)**

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

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

### **Joe Biden**

**Campaign Website:** <http://joebiden.com/>

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

### **Michael Bloomberg (withdrawn)**

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

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

### **Cory Booker (withdrawn)**

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

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

### **Pete Buttigieg (withdrawn)**

**Campaign Website:** <http://peteforamerica.com/>

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

### **Julian Castro (withdrawn)**

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

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

### **Tulsi Gabbard (withdrawn)**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.tulsi2020.com/>

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

### **Amy Klobuchar: (withdrawn)**

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

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

### **Deval Patrick (withdrawn)**

**Campaign Website:** [www.devalpatrick2020.com](http://www.devalpatrick2020.com)

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

### **Bernie Sanders (withdrawn)**

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

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

### **Tom Steyer (withdrawn)**

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

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

### **Elizabeth Warren (withdrawn)**

**Campaign Website:** <http://elizabethwarren.com/>

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

### **Marianne Williamson (withdrawn)**

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

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

### **Andrew Yang (withdrawn)**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.yang2020.com/>

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

# Representative in Congress Congressional District 1

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

**TERM:** Two years

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

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

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

## Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for 1.

**Jorge Delgado**

**Campaign Website:**

<http://www.delgado4maryland.com>

**GOALS:** After carefully considering my opponent's dismal record and hearing the disappointment of voters in our district, I weighed my policy experience working on Capitol Hill and decided the only way to change the status quo and give Republicans in Maryland's 1st Congressional District a clear choice, was to challenge the incumbent.

**IMMIGRATION:** Jorge adamantly opposes sanctuary cities, which are unlawful. When we lose control of our borders and we are unable to safely vet those entering our country, it becomes a matter of national security which strains our resources. In order to help protect and secure our borders, Jorge strongly supports building the wall, utilizing high-tech tools, additional funding for judges and Border Agents.

**HEALTH CARE:** From newborns to seniors, Eastern Shore families need access to safe, affordable healthcare. Jorge is committed to combating surprise billing, lowering prescription drug prices, as well as protecting and preserving Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Jorge opposes seismic blasting off Maryland's coast. He is a strong supporter of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a program that provides critical resources, without federal taxpayer dollars, for coastal conservation and restoration. Most importantly, Jorge knows Maryland must hold its neighboring states accountable for any harm caused that adversely affects our beloved Chesapeake Bay.

**GUN SAFETY:** Jorge strongly supports law abiding citizens 2nd Amendment rights and ability to defend themselves. He believes our Police should have all the proper resources required to protect our communities. We must also ensure that we are properly funding threat assessment centers and mental health facilities. Our community challenges need local input & diverse partners to find solutions to complex problems

**ECONOMY:** Jorge is a strong supporter of the free enterprise system. It has been the greatest source in upward economic mobility and allowing people to reach their full potential.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a Hispanic Republican, Jorge hopes to show through his actions that we all can break barriers. Discrimination has no place in our society.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Students need upfront and clear information of the harm that debt will create on their future. With over \$1T in student loan debt, it is a looming crisis that will create severe challenges when it bursts. Students should be aware of other opportunities such as trade schools, community colleges, and other alternatives that may better meet their long term goals.

**Andy Harris**

**Campaign Website:**

<http://www.andyharris.com>

**GOALS:** I am running for re-election to make sure that everyone in the First District will have a representative in Congress who pays attention to what the people need from the federal government, listens to them, and can provide timely and effective constituent services when problems arise for them with any federal agency, like Social Security, the VA, Medicare, or the IRS.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need to be sure that we have an adequate supply of temporary foreign workers for industries important to the First District, like the crab picking industry and the tourism industry. I have been a leader on these issues in Washington, since so many small and family-owned businesses in the district depend on those workers, especially when the economy is so good and employees are so hard to find.

**HEALTH CARE:** We need to make health care more affordable - that was the main problem with the Affordable Care Act. We need to bring down the cost not only of insurance (maintaining coverage for any pre-existing conditions), but of health care itself. We have to bring down the high cost of prescription drugs, and we should have price transparency for all medical services and drugs.

**ENVIRONMENT:** By encouraging the use of exploration and production of natural gas to replace coal to generate electricity, the federal government brought down CO2 use in America for the third year in a row, exceeding the reduction of many countries in the Paris Climate Accords. We need to encourage the use of clean energy, especially exploring new advances in nuclear power generation which are safe and clean.

**GUN SAFETY:** Gun crimes must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. In Baltimore City, where Maryland's strict gun control laws have failed to stem the tide of handgun murders, we should send in federal law enforcement and prosecutors to help find and prosecute everyone who commits a felony with a handgun, and everyone who illegally possesses or attempts to buy a gun. We should enforce current laws.

**ECONOMY:** The successful economic policies of the Trump administration have resulted in a \$5,000 increase in the median family income in America over the last five years, and the lowest unemployment rate in half a century, with record low unemployment for African-Americans and Hispanics. Strengthening our economy and resisting socialist policies are the best way to increase incomes.

**DISCRIMINATION:** There are enough laws on the books, but in many countries in the world, there is an increasing problem with religious discrimination, especially against religious minorities like Christians, Jews, and Muslims . I applaud the President's efforts to fight religious discrimination world-wide, and more needs to be done. Congress should be a partner with the administration in these efforts.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Lower cost higher education alternatives need to be developed. With the new digital age, online education is underutilized. We need to consider a new, less expensive plan for college - such as the first 2 years online, at one-fifth to one-tenth the cost. The last 2 years, and graduate education could still be on a physical campus. We also need to encourage career training in high school.

## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for 1.

**Allison Galbraith**

**Campaign Website:**

<http://www.flipthefirst.com>

**GOALS:** I met Andy Harris. I'd gone to him concerned repeal of ACA protections would make it impossible to obtain private insurance and keep my small business. He told me he didn't think "most people" would mind if women paid more for health insurance. My background is in policy and federal acquisition; I didn't think they'd mind if I took his job. Representatives should work for all of us. I will.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need sensible, humane policies which treat immigrants with respect and compassion. The Eastern Shore relies on foreign workers and H-2B visas to sustain MD's \$355M seafood industry. Each one helps to create 4 jobs, while shortages devastate the economy. We require a comprehensive long-term solution as part of a more adaptable and responsive visa system and expanded pathways to citizenship.

**HEALTH CARE:** ACA offered relief for many, but is far from perfect. We can protect and expand ACA, Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP while striving for quality, affordable, universal healthcare, including reproductive/mental health, dental, long term care, and Rx coverage. This would improve health outcomes, lower costs, enable job mobility/entrepreneurship/retirement, and ease burdens on small biz and caregivers.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Pollution, global warming, sea level, and extreme weather events do not respect political boundaries. It is a global crisis; the U.S. has a responsibility to be a leader in tackling environmental issues at all levels. Let's rejoin the Paris Agreement, transition to clean, renewable energy, build sustainable communities, strengthen environmental laws, curb climate change, and protect our planet.

**GUN SAFETY:** I'd work to repeal the Dickey and Tiahrt Amendments, which hinder efforts to research gun violence and trace guns, fully fund law enforcement efforts at ATF and gun violence prevention research at CDC, require universal

background checks, prohibit possession by domestic abusers, and promote a gold standard of responsible ownership among owners while penalizing negligence, and more.

**ECONOMY:** First and foremost, we must ensure that the very wealthiest among us are paying their fair share—a Prime subscription shouldn't cost more than Amazon pays in federal taxes. We must raise the minimum wage to a living wage. But we must also address inequality through an intersectional lens, and acknowledge and address how inequality disproportionately affects women and people of color.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We must enforce existing discrimination laws, and ensure that we are properly addressing complaints of discrimination in the public and private sectors. We should also federally legislate these issues so that bias based on race, gender identity, sexual orientation, etc. isn't permitted just because you crossed from one state to another. We also must finally codify the ERA into the Constitution.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Advanced education is increasingly necessary to compete in today's job market; meanwhile Americans owe ~\$1.6T in student debt. I'd work to ensure educational opportunity—college, trade schools, continuing ed, professional training, etc.—is accessible to all. A comprehensive solution to student debt must be explored also, including loan forgiveness program options and lending reform.

**Mia Mason**

**Campaign Website:**

<http://miadmason.us>

**GOALS:** I'm running to represent Maryland District One by restoring Accountability, Equality, and Integrity as sworn to the Oath of Office. Our current representation works against our citizen's healthcare concerns, their fundamental civil rights protections, and leads education systems into despair. Therefore, we seek to renew the primary goals of communities to have better education, jobs, & healthcare.

**IMMIGRATION:** Families need a legal pathway system to help represent those at trial or for those who seeking immigration rather than deportation.

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We're looking to reduce costs for families who are separated and burdened with little regard for those who are actual citizens. We do not believe in deportation for small infractions, only those with felonies as major crimes. We're a nation of immigrants since 1607.

**HEALTH CARE:** We seek to expand ACA to Medicare for All. Our Goals are ensuring providers meet all standards of Medicare for all, with expansion to all ages. We are protecting pre-existing conditions & ending exclusions that allow discrimination of care or denial of treatment and medicines. Private insurers & employers should be in compliance to have healthier workers by 2030. Thus, you can keep your plan too.

**ENVIRONMENT:** First, we must sign to Paris Accords again. Then enact legislation to have our Federal EPA comply with protecting our environment, and not delegate responsibilities to private sectors. We must fund our Chesapeake Bay protection fund to assist our communities, councils best, and companies to reward their efforts in protecting our Bay, State, and Planet in Solar, Wind, and Energy Storage utilities.

**GUN SAFETY:** We would propose adding all weapons permits, training, and carry status on the back of driver license or Real ID for easy reading. License additions shall include your guns as authorized to carry by type, a designation of your training certification for those weapons, and any FFL Status. Doing this provides a reduction of paperwork, additional permits, & can allow joint multi-state authorizations.

**ECONOMY:** For Education, we support the Kirwan commission reporting and seek to support the state from a federal level as needed. For Infrastructure, we would seek innovation companies, manufacturers, and small businesses to keep our twelve Counties thriving. For Wages, we would co-sponsor House Bill 582 Raise the Wage Act and seek passage of Senate Bill 150 for a federal minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Currently, 38 states support the Equal Rights Amendment. Therefore, I would sponsor a bill to our House of Representatives to introduce the Constitutional Amendment again. We seek to protect all our Civil Rights Act of 1964. As a member of the LGBTQ community, we seek

to protect everyone for their national origin, race, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or religion.

**STUDENT LOANS:** For student loans, we seek to reduce interest rates to be no higher than ten percent ever for private loans to for-profit schools. Forgive those loans of our veterans and communities who are applying for assistance. Ensure the Department of Education holds any and all colleges accountable. DOE should also seek to provide a pathway to make non-profit colleges tuition-free for all our communities.

**Jennifer Pingley**

**Campaign Website:**

<http://www.electjennr.com>

**GOALS:** We need leadership that already has an established process for evaluating problems and legislation. I call it 'the nursing process.' I am well versed. I truly believe I am the leader who can bring a consistent approach to the needs of Maryland's First Congressional District.

**IMMIGRATION:** Pause ICE for 6 months. Give illegal immigrants one chance to properly get on the path to citizenship. I like ankle monitors for asylum seekers to empty the holding cells. I want an immigration process as easy to understand as the picture menu at a fast food restaurant.

**HEALTH CARE:** I like the ACA as it is. I would only suggest adding my "Primary Care for All Citizens" legislation. This starts with an expansion of Medicare part A to include primary care service and move from a reactive healthcare model to proactive healthcare model. Proactive is cheaper and has better outcomes.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The federal government needs to ensure that a scientist or a science competent leader is the head of the EPA. This should be a position that requires a confirmation hearing.

America should be the forerunners of environmentally friendly, and we are way behind. We can start by re-entering the Paris Agreement.

**GUN SAFETY:** Establish an independent entity to monitor background check for gun owners and perform private gun vaulting in domestic cases. Highly encourage gun safety and responsibility from an early age, such as in the Boy Scout and

the Eddie the Eagle program. Make mass shootings an act of domestic terrorism.

**ECONOMY:** Stabilizing student loans and healthcare costs will help stimulate the economy. As well, investing in green ventures can and will bring economic stability to tourist and farming regions.

**DISCRIMINATION:** For high crimes against humanity through discrimination and hate, I propose an offender registry. Just like sex offenders. I will lead by example and make my office as inclusive and as representative of the district as possible.

**STUDENT LOANS:** Get everyone into government-controlled student loans to stop the predatory nature of the current system. I also think making community colleges free would help students decide their educational path without acquiring as much debt because they decided to change their major.

## Convention Delegates Congressional District 1

Delegates represent the local party at national conventions; how they are chosen is determined by the state party. A presidential contender's name appears in parentheses after the candidate's name only if he or she has been approved by the contender or their campaign. While all candidates were invited to provide campaign contact information and to respond to two questions concerning (a) their qualifications and (b) factors important in determining whom they will support for president, only candidate names and their approving presidential campaign, if provided, are printed in this *Guide*. Any additional information on these candidates is available at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

## **Delegates/Alternates to the Republican National Convention**

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

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

## **Candidates for Delegate to the Republican National Convention**

Republicans may vote for up to 3.

**Eugene S. Craig III**  
**Danielle Hornberger (Trump)**  
**Michael Marchi (Trump)**  
**Joseph D. Sliwka (Trump)**

## **Candidates for Alternate to the Republican National Convention**

Republicans may vote for up to 3.

**Nicole Harris (Trump)**  
**Jeffery P. McBride (Trump)**  
**Christina Trotta (Trump)**

## **Delegates to the Democratic National Convention**

Maryland will send a total of 119 delegates and 8 alternates to the Democratic National Convention, which will be held July 13-16, 2020 in Milwaukee, WI. Voters from each Congressional District will vote for 7 to 9 delegates per District, for a statewide total of 65 elected delegates. Male and female delegates will be selected separately. Congressional district-level delegates will be selected based on the proportion of the vote won by the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged.

In addition to the 65 delegates from the Congressional Districts, there will be 23 delegates who are automatic party leaders and elected officials (PLEO) based on the positions they hold. Finally, the Democratic State Central Committee will select 10 additional party leader (PLEO) delegates and 21 at-large delegates. Additional details about the delegate selection process are posted on the Maryland Democratic Party website.

## **Female Candidates for Delegate to the Democratic National Convention**

Democrats may vote for up to 4.

**Elise Rose Bean (Sanders)**  
**Allison Berkowitz (Warren)**  
**Katherine B. Dalton (Biden)**  
**Katie Dott (Uncommitted)**  
**Lesley L. Israel (Biden)**  
**Sydney Jacobs (Sanders)**  
**Bernadette Velleda Jones (Buttigieg)**  
**M. Patricia Lockett (Biden)**  
**Kris Martin (Buttigieg)**  
**Sarah Meyers (Buttigieg)**  
**Briana Murphy (Sanders)**  
**Nina Park (Yang)**  
**Constance Weaver Pullen (Sanders)**  
**Joan Marie St. Ours (Yang)**  
**Emily K. Thompson (Warren)**  
**Vicki Tillman (Warren)**  
**Raquel L. Walsh (Warren)**  
**Kara Welker (Warren)**  
**Lee Whaley (Biden)**  
**Leslie Tamarra Yarmo (Buttigieg)**

## Male Candidates for Delegate to the Democratic National Convention

Democrats may vote for up to 3.

**Bob Bashore (Klobuchar)**  
**Stephen Paul Baylis (Buttigieg)**  
**Eric M. Bromwell (Biden)**  
**Jake Burdett (Sanders)**  
**Gene W. Counihan (Biden)**  
**Daniel C. Diedrich (Klobuchar)**  
**Michael John-Leon Donoghue (Yang)**  
**Cody K. Drinkwater (Warren)**  
**Philip Carey Foster (Biden)**  
**William C. Hatala (Buttigieg)**  
**William John Knapton (Klobuchar)**  
**Christopher A. Koch (Warren)**  
**Tavis Lemm (Warren)**  
**Joseph E. Letts (Gabbard)**  
**Gerard F. Petrik (Gabbard)**  
**Michael Pullen (Sanders)**  
**Gene M. Ransom III (Buttigieg)**  
**Philip Roby (Klobuchar)**  
**Jared Schablein (Sanders)**  
**Ivory Pernel Smith Sr. (Uncommitted)**  
**Nathaniel L. Veals Jr.**  
**Michael Ian Welker (Warren)**  
**Emerson Wen (Yang)**  
**Weston S. Young (Gabbard)**

## Judge of the Circuit Court Circuit 2

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

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

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

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

## Questions

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

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

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

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

## Candidates

Democrats and Republicans may vote for 1.

**Carla Lynn Knight**

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