About this Voters’ Guide

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County has published a Voters’ Guide for many years to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare to vote. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

This guide contains the candidates’ responses to ALL of the questions on issues asked by the League, for ALL offices on the 2018 Primary Election ballot. The information was downloaded directly from Vote411.org exactly as entered by the candidate, without any changes. This same information is available in an interactive online format at Vote411.org.

This guide is offered as a supplement to the Voters’ Guide that was printed as a tabloid newspaper and is available in Montgomery County Public Libraries and other locations throughout the county. That guide was also mailed to newly registered voters who registered through December 2017. Because of the large number of offices on the ballot and the number of candidates running in the primary election (total of 333 for statewide, federal, and county offices), it was necessary to abbreviate the information in the print version in order to keep it to a manageable, readable, and affordable length. The following guidelines were used for the print edition:

- If a candidate had no Primary opposition, we printed only the candidate’s name, political party, and campaign website and directed the reader to Vote411.org and to our website lwvkomd.org to read the candidate’s responses to our questions.
- If a candidate had Primary opposition, we printed the responses to a few questions and directed the reader to Vote411.org and our website lwvkomd.org to read the candidate’s responses to the remaining questions.
- For candidates running for a Party position (Republican or Democratic Central Committee), we printed a listing of all candidates by party and directed the reader to Vote411.org and our website lwvkomd.org to read the candidate’s responses to the questions posed.

For the 2018 primary election, we offer four ways to obtain information about the offices and candidates:

1. Online, interactive guide - vote411.org. Enter your address to find information about the candidates who will be on your ballot and to print your own ballot choices.
2. Printed easy to read Voters’ Guide – available as a tabloid newspaper in county libraries and other locations and as a viewable/printable PDF on our website lwvkomd.org.

4. Guía de Votantes – Descriptive information from our Voters’ Guide translated into Spanish about Primary Election procedures, the offices on the ballot and questions asked of the candidates (but not the responses) -- available as a viewable/printable PDF on our website lwvmocomd.org. Check other sources above for the English language candidate responses. LWV does not change or translate candidate responses.

Offices and candidates in this Voters’ Guide Expanded Edition are listed in the same order in which they will appear on your ballot. Maryland law does not allow write-in candidates for the Primary Election.

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Why Vote?

Your vote makes a difference! It’s about....

**Community**: how to balance priorities such as health, housing, and parks
**Education**: how to strengthen the quality, performance, and safety of the schools
**Environment**: how to protect natural resources and ecosystems
**Money**: how your taxes are spent
**Transportation**: how to balance the needs of drivers, transit riders, cyclists, and walkers

About the Primary Election

The Primary Election takes place on June 26 and the General Election is on November 6, 2018.

The Democratic and Republican political parties are required by Maryland law to choose their candidates for the General Election in party primary elections. Unaffiliated, Green, and Libertarian party voters may vote only for the nonpartisan Board of Education offices in the statewide Primary Election.

In 2018, you must be registered as a Democrat or Republican by the June 5 deadline to vote for that party’s candidates in the Primary Election. You cannot change your party affiliation after June 5. There is one exception: If you have not registered to vote in Maryland by June 5, you may register for the first time in Montgomery county, declare a party affiliation, and vote the same day at Early Voting.

To vote in the Primary Election in June, you must be 18 years old on or before the November 6, 2018 General Election.
Get Ready to Vote

You can learn about the issues and candidates’ positions from the League’s printed and on-line Voters’ Guides at www.lwvmocomd.org, at www.vote411.org, and from candidate forums, websites and social media. Use that information to choose for whom you want to vote and to mark your Official Sample Ballot sent to all registered voters by the Board of Elections. The Sample Ballot lists all the candidates who will be on your ballot. It also gives the name and address of your polling place if you vote on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

You do not need to vote on everything. You can choose to vote for the candidates and issues that are most important to you.

You may take the sample ballot and the Voters’ Guide with you when you vote. You are NOT permitted to use electronic devices such as smartphones, tablets, and computers inside polling places—even while you are in line within the room. First time voters in Maryland must bring identification such as a driver’s license that shows your current address.

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Am I Registered? Do I Need to Update My Registration?

In Maryland, registration is permanent so long as you have not changed your name or address. Always keep your name, address, and political party affiliation up to date with the Board of Elections.

Two registration deadlines to know:

- June 5, 2018 at 9:00 pm: Deadline to be registered or to change your party affiliation
- June 14-21, 2018: If you missed the June 5 deadline, you may register for the first time in the county and vote the same day during Early Voting with required identification. You can also change your name and address but cannot change your party affiliation.

You can check your registration by:

- Looking at your voter registration card or the Sample Ballot that was mailed to you in late May
- Go to www.voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch
- Calling the Board of Elections at 240-777-8500

If your registration is out of date, you may have to vote with a provisional ballot or go to a different polling place. A provisional ballot lets you vote if there is a registration problem. The Board of Elections will research your record after the election and your ballot will be counted if you are registered. If no registration record is found, you will be registered to vote in the next election.

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Three Ways to Vote

1. **VOTE EARLY** at a convenient time and location for you. The eleven Early Voting Centers are open from **10 am – 8 pm, Thursday, June 14 – Thursday, June 21.** All ballots will be available at each of these early voting locations:

   Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg 20877
   Damascus Community Recreation Center, 25520 Oak Drive, Damascus 20872
   Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville 20850
   Germantown Community Recreation Center, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown 20874
   Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase 20815
   Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recr Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville 20866
   Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring 20906
   Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac 20854
   Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Ballroom, 17921 Brooke Rd., Sandy Spring 20860
   Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place at Fenton & Ellsworth, Silver Spring 20910
   St. Catherine Laboure, Claridge Building, 11801 Claridge Rd, Wheaton 20902

2. **VOTE BY MAIL (ABSENTEE).** You may vote by absentee ballot whether you are home or away. No reason is needed. You must (1) apply for an absentee ballot, (2) return the application by the deadline date to get the absentee ballot, and (3) return the ballot by the deadline date.

   **APPLY:** Print an application from [www.777Vote.org](http://www.777Vote.org), call 240-777-8550 to have one mailed to you, or visit the Board of Elections.

   **RETURN APPLICATION:** Return the application to the Board of Elections by mail, by fax (240-777-8560), or in person. Deadlines are June 19 to have your absentee ballot mailed to you or June 22 to print it from the website.

   Absentee ballots can be picked up at the Board of Elections through Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 26 in person by the voter or by a designated agent with a form signed by the voter.

   **SUBMIT ABSENTEE BALLOT:** The completed absentee ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day, or hand-delivered to the Board of Elections before 8 pm on Election Day. Do not fax the absentee ballot to the Board of Elections or take it to a precinct polling location or an Early Voting Center. It will not be counted.

3. **VOTE ON ELECTION DAY AT YOUR ASSIGNED POLLING PLACE.**

   On Primary Election Day, **Tuesday, June 26,** go to your local polling place. Polls are open **7 am to 8 pm.** Early Voting Centers are closed on Election Day, unless serving as a local polling place.
If you are unsure of your polling place, check the back of your sample ballot or visit

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Offices on the Ballot and Candidate Responses

MARYLAND STATEWIDE OFFICES

Governor / Lieutenant Governor

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

SALARY: $180,000 per year.

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms.

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

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

SALARY: $149,500 per year.

WEBSITE: see Maryland Manual Online

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Larry Hogan / Boyd K. Rutherford
Campaign Website: http://www.LarryHogan.com

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-- For candidate photos, updates, election information and personalized ballots, visit VOTE411.org --
Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Rushern L. Baker III / Elizabeth Embry
Campaign Website: http://www.rushernbaker.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/BakerforGovernor
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/rushernbaker
Campaign Instagram: instagram.com/bakerforgovernor/
Campaign Email: info@rushernbaker.com
Campaign Phone: (240) 714-3964
QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate who has served as County Executive of Prince George’s County, leading one of Maryland’s largest jurisdictions and in the Maryland House of Delegates. I have also served as the executive director of a non profit organizations that recruited and trained teachers to work in schools with diverse populations and urban problems.

BUDGET: Education and transportation funding will be my top two spending priorities as governor. Our public schools are the heart of our communities and must be fully funded. As one of the most densely populated states, we need a governor who makes strategic investments in mass transit infrastructure to create jobs, provide equity and reduce congestion.

REDISTRICTING: I would support the creation of a non-partisan, independent body to draw legislative and congressional district maps after each census. Non-partisan redistricting ensures that no political party can rig the system. “Safe districts” can lead to a decrease in voter participation, limit voter choice and reduce the incentive to have meaningful debate and conversations.

ENVIRONMENT: I have brought a world class environmental program to the county, which now leads the state in waste diversion and recycling. As governor, I prioritize innovative environmental policies to make Maryland a leader in clean energy, and create jobs across the state. I will announce my comprehensive "Baker Green Print for Maryland" soon to address climate change, sea level rise, and Bay restoration.

DISCRIMINATION: I will work to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the community and provide resources to forgotten communities through my Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative to increase racial and income equality across the state. My Equity for Women Initiative is a comprehensive plan to make MD a national leader in gender equality by championing economic empowerment and security for women.

HEALTH CARE: In the county, we reduced uninsured and underinsured residents by over 50%. However too many Marylanders are still facing exorbitant healthcare prices and are uninsured. We need to ensure the broadest possible access to affordable health care by improving access, reliability and affordability. We need to stabilize health insurance market against the attempts made by Trump to undermine the ACA.
OTHER PRIORITIES: Marylanders are sick and tired of Big Money in politics. I've introduced a campaign finance reform proposal that will 1) prohibit direct campaign contributions from corporations and PACs 2) establish a statewide public financing system for Maryland state candidates; 3) require Maryland Super PACs to contribute a portion of their total expenditures to fund the public financing system.

Valerie Ervin/Marisol A. Johnson (see Kevin Kamenetz / Valerie Ervin entry below)

Ralph Jaffe / Freda Jaffe
Campaign Website: http://www.fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com
Campaign Email: rjaffe4@verizon.net
Campaign Phone: (410) 602-1811
QUALIFICATIONS: Political science teacher since 1964. Taught in public and private sectors. Leading a movement which started in 2002 and is an evolving process to get rid of corruption in MD govt. and replace it with true ETHICAL reform. My website, fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com documents everything
BUDGET: Stop wasting taxpayer money on public education and transportation programs that don’t work. Invest the saved money in public police departments and public schools.
REDISTRICTING: Because of unscrupulous, unethical practices of politicians in power for last 50 years, it’s an impossible task. Until we get ethical politicians who care about their constituents rather than themselves district lines will be unfair.
ENVIRONMENT: We need ethical politicians who will work together on the complicated environmental issues. They need to arrive at compromises that will be fair to both sides.
DISCRIMINATION: I would convene assembly of religious leaders from churches, synagogues, and mosques throughout MD - mission to generate specific set of recommendations for improving race relations - recommendations which would be put into operation immediately. Also implementation of my TUTOR-MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM.
HEALTH CARE: A program is needed that ensures every patient has choice of doctors and at same time gives the poor and elderly good medical insurance without exorbitant premiums. A panel of distinguished private citizens should assemble and formulate recommendations that will be fair to all and implemented immediately.
OTHER PRIORITIES: Crime problem - More police officers needed in metropolitan areas of MD, especially in Balto. City (1000 police officers short) Treatment of elderly in nursing homes - Law requiring 6 to 1 ratio of patients to nurses’ aides needed. Public education - Implementation of my TUTOR-MENTOR PROGRAM

Ben Jealous / Susan Turnbull
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Campaign Instagram: @BenJealous
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QUALIFICATIONS: At 35, I was named the youngest-ever President & CEO of the NAACP. In my role there I advanced a strong, progressive agenda across the board. In Maryland these achievements were recognized in 2013 when I was named Marylander of the Year for my pivotal roles in abolishing the death penalty, passing the Maryland DREAM Act, helping pass marriage equality, and expanding voting rights.

BUDGET: 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 finally supplement education funding. We need a plan for transportation that will revive the Red Line and provide dedicated funding for the DC Metro.

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE: Premiums have risen by double digits year after year, 300,000 Marylanders don’t have healthcare, and the cost of prescription drugs forces families to choose between mandatory life expenses and prescription drugs. I support Medicare-for-All at the federal level but with no hope for progress there we need Medicare-for-All at the state level to provide quality, affordable healthcare for all.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I’m the only candidate for governor who has released comprehensive plans on criminal justice reform, the opioid epidemic, seniors, Medicare-for-All, and police reform. I am releasing my plans for education, the environment, and the economy soon and you can all see the progressive priorities I will enact as governor at benjealous.com.

James Hugh Jones, II / Charles S. Waters
Campaign Website: None provided
No response received by deadline.

Kevin Kamenetz / Valerie Ervin
Campaign Website: www.kevinformaryland.com

NOTE: Mr. Kamenetz died on May 10 after ballots were printed. On May 17, Valerie Ervin, his running mate, filed to run in Mr. Kamenetz’s place as she is permitted to do under state law and
selected Marisol Johnson as her running mate. A vote for Kevin Kamenetz/Valerie Ervin will be counted as a vote for Valerie Ervin/Marisol Johnson.

Valerie Ervin/Marisol Johnson
Campaign Website: www.ValerieforMaryland.com
Campaign Phone:
Check vote411.org for updates about the campaign and for responses.

Rich Madaleno / Luwanda Jenkins
Campaign Website: http://www.madalenoformaryland.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/richmadaleno/
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/richmadaleno
Campaign Instagram: @richmadaleno
Campaign Email: info@madalenoformaryland.com
Campaign Phone: (240) 669-8990
QUALIFICATIONS: My experience serving the people of Maryland in the State Senate and the House of Delegates for the past sixteen years uniquely prepares me to be Governor. I have an extensive record of public and community service and accomplishment, and hold leadership positions in the General Assembly, as Vice-Chair of the Senate Budget & Finance Committee, and as a member of the Kirwan Commission on Education.

BUDGET: My key budget priorities are investments in education -- such as the $200 million dedicated to funding recommendations to improve education and opportunity for all Maryland children in this year’s budget -- as well as long-term sustainable transportation, such as securing $178 million for the Baltimore Metro and $167 million for the DC Metro. I will be the Governor who funds these priorities.

REDISTRICTING: I support redistricting reform. I support establishing a nonpartisan Redistricting Commission to prepare and adopt decennial redistricting plans for congressional and legislative districts in Maryland. Each congressional district should consist of adjoining territory; be compact in form; and be of substantially equal population, giving due regard to natural and political boundaries.

ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental challenges are to protect and continue to be an active steward of the Chesapeake Bay and to address climate change and its impacts. As governor I will protect, defend and improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, one of Maryland’s abundant natural treasures. I will reduce harmful emissions and increase our reliance on renewable energy sources.

DISCRIMINATION: I will set the tone at the top, a strong and effective leader who will stand up against racism, bigotry and discrimination. Whether the fight for freedom to marry or to combat discrimination in housing and employment, I have championed equal rights. Building on my achievements in human rights, criminal justice, voting rights and social justice, I will implement policies to end discrimination.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare is a human right. I will be the strong leader Maryland needs to address our most significant health challenges - ensuring that all Marylanders have broad access to affordable, high-quality health care and prescription drugs, and finding solutions to the opioid epidemic by providing fast, effective relief for those suffering from addiction and a new focus on prevention and treatment.
OTHER PRIORITIES: Other priorities include building a strong economy with good-paying jobs and fair taxes, and continuing my effective advocacy of gun violence prevention laws, such as the assault weapons and bump stocks ban. I strongly support public financing of state elections and getting big money out of our politics. I am the ONLY candidate for Governor who is participating in public financing in Maryland.

Alec Ross / Julie C. Verratti
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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my entire career in public service. I came to Maryland as a public school teacher and went on to the highest levels of federal government working on innovation and technology. I believe that our government needs leaders who will push for new solutions in a constantly changing world. Talent is everywhere in Maryland but opportunity is not, and we can change that.

BUDGET: The proper funding of our education system, especially resetting the formula through recommendations by the Kirwan Commission, is the single most important budgetary concern for our next governor. Regarding transportation, I will prioritize use of state money for multimodal transportation solutions like mass transit and multi-use roads - not just on highway widening projects.

REDISTRICTING: We need to make the modification of Congressional districts a process conducted by independent commissions that rely on the fairness of mathematics rather than the bias of politics. We also need to look into ways to de-polarize our politics, like open primaries and Rank Choice Voting. These are simple steps and will bring more competition into our politics and more choices for voters.

ENVIRONMENT: My administration will prioritize cleaning up and preserving the Chesapeake Bay by participating in regional and statewide conservancy programs. We will make Maryland the center of the green economy and provide funding for environmental innovators by establishing a statewide Maryland Green Bank. Conservation and innovation should go hand in hand and Maryland is the perfect place to make it happen.

DISCRIMINATION: There are practical ways we must address discrimination, but it starts with a set of values. Our leaders should work to bring people together, not divide them. And they must take strong stands against things that conflict with those values of openness, and move our state in a positive direction. As governor, the values of openness and inclusion would be first and foremost in my leadership.

HEALTH CARE: Without universal health coverage, we are denying quality of life to many in our state and increasing costs for everyone. First, we need to protect and preserve the best parts of the ACA. We also need to add a public option through Medicaid so that everyone in Maryland has access to quality, affordable health care. And we need to fight to keep the costs of prescription drugs low.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I am especially focused on the “rise of the rest” and how we empower
more people from more zip codes to compete and succeed in the industries of the future. This is a holistic issue, and my administration will be focused on the many issues - like education, job creation, support for small business, and inclusive innovation - that will create opportunity for all Marylanders in a changing economy.

Jim Shea / Brandon M. Scott  
Campaign Website: http://JimShea.com  
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/sheaforMD/  
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/SheaforMD  
Campaign Email: info@jimshea.com  
Campaign Phone: (443) 322-2123  
QUALIFICATIONS: Over the course of my career, I have led large public and private organizations across the state. For four years, I served as Chair of the University System of Maryland – the state’s largest public entity. I also served as Chair of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance, the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, and the Empowerment Baltimore Management Corporation, and my law firm, Venable LLP.  
BUDGET: In my budgets, education and transportation will be my top two priorities. As Governor, in my first legislative session, I will pass legislation that includes some of the policies I know we need in education – from universal pre-K through increased compensation for our teachers. Transportation will be my second priority, and I will focus on mass transit options that moves people across the state.  
REDISTRICTING: I support forming a bipartisan and independent commission to advise the Governor during the process of drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland. As Governor, I will also work diligently to implement changes to the system to make it more transparent and accountable to the people.  
ENVIRONMENT: Our way of life and our economy is strictly tied to our environment. The largest challenges include ensuring that our water is safe to drink, our air is safe to breathe, and the Chesapeake Bay is healthy. I will push for a shift more completely towards renewable energy, including solar and wind. I will also work to get more cars off of our roads and onto cleaner, mass transit lines.  
DISCRIMINATION: Along with my Lt. Governor, Brandon Scott, I will work to create an Office of Equity that will be charged with ensuring that all state agencies complete gender, racial, religious, disability, and income assessments of their services, programs, employment, and contracting practices. In addition, the office will direct agencies to create action plans to address the findings of these assessments.  
HEALTH CARE: As Governor, unlike Larry Hogan, I will stand up to federal Republicans’ efforts to repeal the ACA and protect Marylanders. On the federal level, there is also a movement to implement a national single payer system, which I support. At the state level, I do not think we have the scale necessary to properly institute a single payer system.  
OTHER PRIORITIES: I will also focus on growing the economy and making it fairer for all Marylanders. I will work to make our communities safer and to restore the community’s trust in law enforcement. And, I will focus on protecting our environment by targeting ambitious standards for our RPS, investing in energy storage technology, and getting more people off the
roads and onto mass transit infrastructure.

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah / Sharon Y. Blake
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Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/krishformaryland
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/krishformd
Campaign Instagram: Instagram:@krishformaryland
Campaign Email: hello@krishformaryland.com
Campaign Phone: (404) 433-2627

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong Marylander, who has lived the American Dream--going from a basement apartment on the Baltimore City/County line and attending Maryland public schools to serving as Michelle Obama's Policy Director at the White House & Senior Advisor to Sec. of State Hillary Clinton. I've led complex organizations, multi-billion dollar budgets & initiatives in education, healthcare, & creating jobs.

BUDGET: Education is my absolute top priority. As the only candidate who attended Maryland public schools (K-12), I am committed fully funding our schools, guaranteeing Pre-K, closing the achievement gap, expanding STEAM education opportunities, & providing free community college and retraining. I will restart Baltimore's Red Line and invest in transportation solutions that cut commute times in half.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering and unlimited dark money are the greatest threats to the health of our democracy. I support independent experts drawing district lines in Maryland using transparent processes/formulas to ensure fairness. At the same time, I will work regionally on solutions to ensure that our good government actions in Maryland do not adversely affect the overall balance of power in the U.S. House

ENVIRONMENT: Saving the Chesapeake Bay, reducing air pollution, and acting on climate change will be my top priorities. For the Bay, we will reduce water pollution at it's source, improve the Bay's resilience, & hold upstream states accountable. We will reduce air pollution from our transportation and power sectors by investing in clean energy (offshore wind, solar, etc), energy efficiency, & public transit.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination has no place in society. We will build an inclusive government that reflects the full diversity of Maryland to end it, because discrimination increases when diverse voices are excluded from decision-making. We will guarantee 3-months of paid family leave, ensure equal pay for equal work, end sexual harassment, attack systemic racism, prosecute hate crimes, and improve accessibility.

HEALTH CARE: Healthcare is a human right. We will provide universal, affordable healthcare through a state-run public option to ensure coverage for the 350,000 Marylanders without insurance and to help those that can't afford their current coverage. We will confront the opioid crisis by increasing access to overdose reversal agents & expanding drug treatment options. We will reduce gun violence in communities.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As we advance all of our important policy priorities here at home, we must also defend our fellow Marylanders from the attacks coming out of President Trump's White House. We must stand up and defend immigrant rights, civil rights, Muslim rights, gay rights, reproductive rights, workers’ rights, Dreamers’ rights, & public health. We must also protect
Comptroller

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

SALARY: $149,500 per year.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: see Maryland Manual

Questions

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Anjali Reed Phukan
Campaign Website: http://mscomptroller.weebly.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/mscomptroller
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QUALIFICATION: I believe the top tax collector, auditor & maintainer of the public general ledger should be proficient in accounting. I am a certified public accountant, legally licensed to practice public accounting in Maryland. I also have an MBA in finance & another masters degree in information systems. I have private, federal & state work experiences in financial management systems, tax, accounting & audit.

REVENUE SYSTEM: I will update information systems statewide, for usability and security, and promote tax credits and other incentives for energy star, solar panel, and other efficiency products and services. I also will reduce interest and penalties for people who are being proactive & voluntarily reporting additional income the state would normally not have time to thousands of federal jobs from budget cuts.
audit; coming clean should never be penalized.

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

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

**Democratic Candidates**

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

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

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

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

DUTIES: The Attorney General is the chief legal officer 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

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: What steps will you take to improve the efficiency and fairness of legal processes in Maryland?
LITIGATION: When should the Attorney General join lawsuits relating to federal regulations or corporate misconduct?
DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?
OTHER PRIORITIES: What actions will you take to address other issues, such as domestic violence, human trafficking, substance abuse, and protection of consumers?

Republican Candidates

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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.

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

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

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** As a prosecutor/counsel to the Senate Jud. Comm., I focused on domestic violence/sexual exploitation/trafficking. The AG should make protection of the most vulnerable a priority. The opioid crisis in Maryland needs leadership from the AG to bring together the law enforcement, public health and recovery communities to find appropriate solutions. Consumer protection must be a priority as well.

**Democratic Candidates**

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

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

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

**DISCRIMINATION:** In 2015, my office was the first in the country to issue guidelines to all law enforcement agencies prohibiting profiling based upon race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual preference, etc. We published a study of discrimination against LGBT citizens that was cited by the Supreme Court in its historic Obergefell decision. We have penalized and shut down industries that prey on the poor.

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

U.S. Senator

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

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

Term: Six years.

Base Salary: $174,000 per year.

Website: https://www.senate.gov

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Republican Candidates

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

HEALTH CARE: I advocate for an end to ObamaCare. The national government should not be in the business of mandating health care coverage. A possible change I would be in favor of is looking at providing block grants to states from the national government to try to solve the opioid epidemic. Another change in health policy would be to allow Veterans to go to any hospital to get the care they need.
DISCRIMINATION: The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberties for citizens so they are equal under the law through the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Education Reform is one of the most pressing issues which can help to eliminate discrimination in our country. I support School Choice initiatives for all parents to send their children to the schools of their choice.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I am against raising taxes. I support a balanced budget amendment. I am in favor of bi-lateral Fair Trade policies. Keeping America Secure is a key focus of my campaign for US Senate. Our cyber infrastructure is severely compromised with American companies being hacked by foreign countries. Our energy grid infrastructure is also at risk and should be priority of the national government.

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an American, son of a Veteran, son-in-law of a Veteran, a brother-in-law to a Veteran. These men not only fought for my freedom but yours as well. I am husband, father, father-in-law grandfather, Catholic, coach, union worker, state worker, business owner, volunteer, and a lifetime Maryland resident. All of these experiences have given me the insight necessary to represent Maryland.

HEALTH CARE: I would advocate getting the government out of Healthcare. Healthcare should be turned over to private industry. This will create jobs in the private sector and would lower the price of health care. It is also expensive, but using volume or cooperatives to buy blocks of coverage in large numbers would drive down the costs. The current administration had made a start with important policy changes.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in any form is harmful, detrimental and offensive. There are numerous additional brackets including age. It extends from employment, finance, insurance, banking, and real estate. We should have a Zero tolerance policy.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Under the current administration we have taken large steps to improve our economic policies. The tax reform, cancelling NAFTA, Tariffs across the board especially on steel
and aluminum, the re-negotiation of current trade deals, repealed net neutrality law. We need
to train our workers from trades which include welders to cyber security using American
workers first.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need a border wall, or a fence, a means of stopping the flood of illegal’s
crossing into the United States. Security along our border is vital to the safety of all Americans.
People should not live in fear of illegals, gang members, drug dealers and sexual offenders
jumping over our border. The current number of illegal people who are in our country proves
what we have currently isn’t working

**ENVIRONMENT:** Pollution, land management, urban sprawl, waste disposal, over population,
water sacristy and pollution and deforestation these are the most pressing environmental
challenges today. I feel the development of a filtration device to reduce nitrogen and
phosphorus in the Chesapeake Bay, our oceans and our streams is imperative. Good
management programs are in place but need to be followed up on.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The most urgent priority for me is school safety. We need to allocate the
funds to make fundamental changes to our schools. In the private sector employees have to
badge in and out. This not only ensures the safety of the confidential information in the
business, but the employees working there. There needs to be armed resource officers in all
schools to protect our children, they are our future

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I believe our Founding Fathers intended for Congress to compose of multiple
backgrounds of people—business persons; scientists; educators; civil leaders; government
workers & private citizens; each a life experience. I’m prepared for office because I embody
diversity through a range of life challenges. I put principle over politics & party loyalty, and my
motto is “be the change you seek”.

**HEALTH CARE:** Making CHIP/PACE permanent & legislating a single-payer co-pay/free market
system for PCIP by increasing FICA 1% & keeping 3.8% surtax on capital gains; amending the
ACA cost-sharing reduction payments toward Ambulatory Care Centers; legislate Medicare drug
price negotiations; focus on a balanced hospital Charge Description Master. To do so will be
closest to making healthcare a right.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Strengthen Trans protection/public prejudice, healthcare &
endocrinologists; focus on school to prison, Summer Slide, reduce Juvenile CJS/Adult CJS
recidivism; emphasis on gentrification; disabled ‘needs’ earmarks allowance; efficiency in
etitlement programs; vocational schooling; advocating sex ed. & business ed. Pub. Sch.
changes; emphasize discrimination/racism/sexism; cordial understanding.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Three stand. deductions: $18k (earners under $24k), $12k and $6k; stand.
deduction on overtime pay; legislating top dollar corps. shareholders foot 40% bottom tier
employees pay (i.e. Wal-Mart’s); Corp. tax 21%; close S & C Corp. ‘pass through’ loopholes; 5%
federal sales tax; progressive tax rates; fair employee benefits (sick, family & medical leave);
support $1.0T+ infrastructure spending.

**IMMIGRATION:** Minimum H1-B visa changes; merit based immigration; deter/modify birth tourism; full-proof bio-metrics data system; support DACA; ITIN/DACA-esque lottery/pathway to citizenship; border defense-drones, patrols, structures; NAFTA renegotiation/prisoner transfers; foreign aid negotiations Latin America & Mexico/end Mexico City Policy & allow remittances; expedite deportation of criminal aliens.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Global Warming, Climate Change, drought, sea level rise & (plastic /CO/runoff) pollution: Variable Renewable Energy (VRE)—wind, solar, nuclear power & natural gas; grey-water system mandates (CA, NM, AZ, TX & NV); beach fill, jetties & tidal breaks; recycling & waste mgnt. reforms; hybrid/electric/Flex Fuel Vehicles [E83 ethanol](clean coal alcohol fuel conversion + bio fuel + diesel); aquaponics.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** State chartered bank/bank account: portfolio—student & business loans/grants; entitlement program recipient accounts; local infrastructure grants; Outlaw ‘Payday’ loans & check cashing services; Legalize Cannabis; Protect Dodd-Frank/CFPB; End ‘Right to Work’ laws; Universal Basic Income; Small business: tax reform/incentives; Women/Minority businesses; Pub. Ed. & tuition; Ntl. Def. & Cyber Sec.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** In Information Technology to implement or upgrade a system we gather information, analyze the information, present the findings before a solution is implemented. I will use this same strategy to analyze national issues such as immigration, social justice and gun control that both parties have been kicking down the road with opposing views to ginger their base.

**HEALTH CARE:** I would advocate for a Patient Centered Healthcare system which involves listening to, informing and ensuring that patients values guide all clinical decisions. My wife Chioma Eze a nurse and other doctors heavily influenced my view in healthcare. The healthcare professionals shared the view that when patients are treated with dignity and respect they tend to recover from their illness quicker.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I know that you can not legislate an end to discrimination but government is a critical site for struggle and change. I would support legislation that would require public/private bodies to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance the equality of opportunity and the financial consequences of noncompliance are made real.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I will continue to support President Trumps campaign promise to simplify the tax code and lowering the marginal income tax rates. When tax rates are reduced people will be motivated to work, save and invest which will help strengthen the national economy.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration is one of the lingering issues that both parties do not have a desire to resolve because they can use immigration to ginger their base during election cycles. I would support securing our borders (terrorists have indicated an interest in the past to enter through our southern borders) but establish a program of providing Guest Workers with a path to
citizenship.
ENVIRONMENT: When scientists told us last year there would be a solar eclipse we believed them and most of us went out to buy solar viewing glasses. The same scientists also tell us that humans are the biggest contributors to global warming but some of us do not believe them. I would support economic policies that would change the price of goods or activities to influence the choices made by people/businesses.
OTHER PRIORITIES: I will support common sense gun control with universal background check, a ban on high capacity magazines and military style assault weapons. The NRA states that "Guns don't kill people, bad people kill people " but we should not easily give bad people access to guns.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a first-generation American who is a mother, a wife, and a lawyer who has practiced for almost 22 years. While raising my three children, I have also counseled financial institutions related to compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements. I taught Sunday school for 11 years and am an active volunteer in protecting the gardens and grounds at the Washington National Cathedral.
HEALTH CARE: Greater attention should be given to eliminating waste in our healthcare system, which represents over 30% of healthcare spending. Providers must be incentivized to deliver efficient care while maintaining quality, and we must re-engineer the way care is delivered (e.g., best practices that rely on data and analytics to identify the most efficient way of delivering healthcare services)/
DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination in any form is anti-American and has no place in our society. It is our responsibility, as an informed electorate, to ensure that Americans of all races, genders, abilities and religions have access to good jobs, quality schools and a healthcare system that meets their needs. If I become Maryland's next U.S. senator, I will work tirelessly to end all forms of discrimination.
ECONOMIC POLICY: Maryland needs to look forward to high-growth industries and develop policies that attract those businesses now. For example, there is a revolution coming to the automotive industry in connection with self-driving vehicles. Maryland should become the "incubator" for these technologies and create economic incentives to attract those high-growth businesses that will be the future's "job creators."
IMMIGRATION: Immigration reform remains a bottleneck to our country's growth, security and prosperity. A bipartisan solution must be devised to determine the status of those currently in the United States illegally. Once a solution is achieved, the United States Congress must decide
our country's immigration policies, not federal agency officials or others who unilaterally impose their own political agenda.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the single greatest environmental challenge our country faces. We must use a combination of market forces and tax incentives to develop alternative sources of energy, such as solar, wind and wave energy. And we must develop students who have the technical education to make Maryland a magnet for these industries. Fostering these businesses will benefit future generations.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As the holder of a master's degree in education, I am passionate about considering innovative ways to make our educational system for dynamic and forward-thinking. Students must have experiences that will allow them to excel in the classroom, the lab and in the art room. And we must reward classroom teachers who inspire in teh classroom and foster students' academic and artistic passions.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Before I was a teacher I fixed bulldozers, tractors, and plant equipment. I am a Class A mechanic. If it rotates I can fix it. I became a teacher of History & American Government so I created lesson plans to have my audience understand not only what happened in the past but why it happened. Senators should create and preserve the Republic & History. As a proud Coppin graduate I am prepared.

HEALTH CARE: Prior to Obamacare problems with healthcare or prices could be taken to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner...and solved. Governor, your Delegates, and Senator could also leverage a solution if necessary. Now, the two Senators from Oregon and the entire complement of Texas Congressman are required to adjust / modify the benefits, premiums, or authorizations of anything. Current plan is too much.

DISCRIMINATION: When we find discrimination it must be addressed quickly. In the Senate it is important to have 59 other Senators on your side to reach a solution. The next Senator must communicate effectively with other Senators to elicit help and speed toward discovering solutions which will work. A working solution is key because most law breakers don't give a hoot what the law says or what words are on paper.

ECONOMIC POLICY: As a Senator I pledge not to pick economic winners. As a former business person I know the hassles of making payroll every week. I still flinch when I hear tales of cost overruns, hostile bureaucratic interactions, fees, and fines. I will work for one rule for everyone not 20 different rules. There is a reason that the contents of your wallet are called "your money". I will respect that notion.
IMMIGRATION: We are a nation of legal immigrants. My ancestors followed the rules and obeyed the law. They recognized that "American" was not a place but an attitude with a place. What defines "American" is our attitude. We hold our head up. We walk in like we own the joint. We look people in the eye. We speak our mind even if you don't like it. American newcomers must be legal because that's the way it's done

ENVIRONMENT: If trash or garbage is in the street when it rains it will wind up in the ocean. Trash, garbage, unused items left to disintegrate are around old industrial areas, abandoned homes, and heavy commercial areas. Tons of stuff wind up in sewers heading to Baltimore's harbor and then the ocean. Sewage plants can be the worst. America has to stay on top of this because we have to. Little things count.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I really believe the Senate session is far too long. Congress needs to begin earnestly in January and depart for the year before July 4th. Every other week is a week off. Congress has more holidays than it deserves while doing less work than is needed. The single biggest item of business Congress needs to perform for the country is to create an annual budget. America has had no budget for 9 years.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I had an outstanding military career in many leadership roles. I work very well with others and listen to all sides before making decisions. My decisions are based on facts vs. politics. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine which has given me a very good understanding of other cultures. Also lived in Germany for over 3 years while serving on active duty military. Living overseas is an import

HEALTH CARE: The goal of the Affordable Care Act was to ensure all Americans received health coverage. I believe in the goal but the implementation of the Affordable Care Act led to drastic price increases for all Americans. If an individual mandate was not required then many healthy uninsured individuals would have probably not purchased healthcare. Nobody likes higher prices and nobody likes mandates to p

DISCRIMINATION: While serving on active duty in the military the Department of Defense has a zero tolerance policy for discrimination & harassment therefore I would have the same policy. Many laws currently exist to protect individuals and I would ensure employers are adhering to the law. If laws need to be strengthened then I would do everything to propose new legislation in protecting individuals from discr

ECONOMIC POLICY: I'm a proud supporter of President Trump and believe strongly in his agenda and policies which are based on his campaign slogan “Make America Great Again”. The tax plan that was signed by President Trump will create economic growth therefore I will always be for less taxes. Individuals spend their money more wisely and efficiently than the gov’t will. When I was in the Peace Corps from 1997 to

IMMIGRATION: I fully support President Trump’s immigration policies. I would add temporary visas for farm workers and other areas that may need temporary workers.
ENVIRONMENT: Unless we fuel up the spaceship we need to take care of our beautiful planet. I will listen carefully to the environmental experts and work closely with the internationally community in finding solutions. The U.S. cannot address environmental challenges or financially afford to resolve environmental issues by itself. Global competition puts us on a level playing field therefore the costs must b

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will listen to the people of Maryland and work endlessly in resolving their issues. Therefore the people of Maryland's priorities will be my priorities. I will have an open door policy and will publicly post on my Senate website the status of each issue presented (names will be kept confidential). Nobody will fight harder in resolving issues.

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HEALTH CARE: Single payer National Health Insurance for all citizens only, no illegals; ban all assault rifles and high-capacity magazines, raise firearms purchasing age from 18 to 21, start complete informational universal background checks.  
DISCRIMINATION: I support all such laws currently in effect dealing with all of these aspects, and whatever else is deemed necessary and prudent when I take office.  
ECONOMIC POLICY: Repeal NAFTA. Support the President on what he’s doing in these areas. Introduce legislation for a one-time credit card debt forgiveness program that wipes out all debt with provision that these debtors can never charge again. Banks write off these losses as tax credits. The entire nation gets to start over with a clean slate thereby.  
IMMIGRATION: I support the President. Deport all illegal, undocumented aliens ASAP. Build the Wall on the Mexican-US border. Outlaw all sanctuary territories within the US: cities, towns, colleges, etc. Enforce all our laws regarding the above.  
ENVIRONMENT: I believe in both global warming and climate change, but I disagree with the President’s lessening of environmental standards to protect our Chesapeake Bay. I would restore those necessary standards.  
OTHER PRIORITIES: Disarm both North Korea and Iran of ALL nuclear weapons now, and prevent all other countries from obtaining any such so as to prevent a nuclear World War 3. Prevent political, social, and racial 2nd Civil War here at home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER PRIORITIES: Opioid addiction and abuse is a public health crisis. We must fight it head on with every available resource at all levels of government. Our drug laws must be smart, fair and rational, and treat addiction as a disease that requires treatment. We should improve access to evidence-based treatment centers, promote prevention education methods, and provide support for those in or seeking recovery.
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QUALIFICATIONS: Erik Jetmir was born in 1967, grew up in Harlem and the Bronx in New York. Erik is the son of a Korean War veteran who became a Baptist minister in Harlem, his mother is from Albania and met his father while attending college. He spent the last 6 years on active duty with the United States Navy, most recently as part of the Navy Cyber Warfare Group Six team at NSA.

HEALTH CARE: Health Insurance has an impact on all Americans and represents challenges that directly affect all communities. A single-payer health insurance program with a strong mandate (backed by incentives) to innovate and root out waste insures a system that addresses the entire population. The key is to mandate and fund incentives to innovate all processes and ensure waste is addressed at every level.

DISCRIMINATION: Building inclusion & making change that addresses gender, race, religion, disability & social class requires that we first accept this issue exists. We must define and obligate ourselves to the work of addressing these issues by clearly expressing their impacts, the generational results and solutions. These include greatly increasing visible programs and funding for cultural education & training.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I believe with the best trained and highest skilled workforce, we position the nation to drive all areas of the economy. We know that by investing in our youth, this will drive all economic policy. No cost college with room, board, meals, childcare & healthcare is an investment in the long-term success of our citizens, their families, our communities, our nation and economic vibrancy.

IMMIGRATION: DACA represents a way forward to ensure we are providing a path of citizenship to many of the folks that are already here and doing great things in our country. We need to look at our immigration policy in the perspective (1) as the foundation that built this nation (2) our enduring legacy of inclusion and multiculturalism. I would build on that foundation with a strong focus on national security.

ENVIRONMENT: Global warming continues to challenge the national in increasingly sever ways. From farming, to managing storm response, we need strong advocates that support the science and work to ensure this critical issue is codified and supported by sound policy.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Innovation HUB. Establish expansive private/public coalitions between industry, finance and market leaders to create a series of programs to develop ideas into thriving innovative Maryland based companies. Create a dynamic environment that entrepreneurs can engage with teams of talented and innovative business leaders.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been homeless. I spent the summer of 2006 living on the streets of Chicago. I have been to war. I enlisted in the military as an intelligence analyst in 2007, and served in Iraq in 2009-10. I have been to prison. I spent seven years in prison, one year in solitary confinement, and four seeking trans-related healthcare. These experiences provide incredible insight into our policies.

HEALTH CARE: Free healthcare for all. No conditions or questions asked. No one should be denied free healthcare for any reason. No one should be afraid to seek healthcare based on who they are, how much money they have, or what their "legal" status is.

DISCRIMINATION: Work toward dismantling the police, the military, the vast surveillance state, and the prison systems. These systems carry out discriminatory policies on a vast scale, such as mass incarceration of people of color, detention and deportation of immigrants, and the implicit support of incumbent businesses and the wealthy. The combined effect of the policies is a vast, gradual ethnic cleansing.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Universal basic income for all. Advanced automation is making the vast majority of all jobs becomes obsolete. We need to transition our economy away from an outdated expectation of people working endlessly, to one of people thriving and living life.

IMMIGRATION: Abolish the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. Abolish the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agency. Provide full rights for all immigrants. No bans, no walls, no borders at all.

ENVIRONMENT: No greenwashing of the police, military, and intelligence agencies, or the corporate world. Phrases like "environmentally friendly," and "zero carbon" often offset the environmental damage of policies to the most vulnerable communities. We need to prepare the low-lying and coastal areas for the damage that global warming and rising sea levels are already bringing.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Change the conversation. Bring new visions, and new ideas into the political discourse. We are not limited to the system we have. We can have a world without prisons, without borders, without the vast powers of a President, and a world where we can all live and thrive.

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QUALIFICATIONS: all your questions are answered in great detail on my campaign website www.segalforsenate.org I apologize for this, but I am lurching from one campaign crisis to
another - Phd. Philosopher, MPA as well 4 year on Hill, 10 years in USAID, 20 years at School of
public affairs. founded the Jewish Peace lobby 29 year ago etc.

**HEALTH CARE:** Medicare option for all. Access to solid and affordable coverage is a human
right, especially is a wealthy society.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I favor a guaranteed job or retraining for any American able to work.
Employment in decent jobs (higher minimum wage + variable earned income tax credit = living
wage income level is the way to cut through most of the impact of discrimination and poverty.
We also need strong targeted laws, but going after the core economic reality is key to change.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I reject Trickle Down. I taught incoming hires at USAID about the Basic
Human Needs approach to development. We need that in the US as well. My book: Graceful
Simplicity: the philosophy and politics of that alternative American dream lays out a detailed
policy agenda and a philosophical grounding.

**IMMIGRATION:** I go with the Statue of Liberty, give me your wretched. Like the Jews on the St.
Louis who went back to Europe and died in the Holocaust.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Key is to live modestly, as the Quakers understood in the 1800’s. Our polling of
Democrats in maryland show 70% want a new formulation of the American dream, modest
income, security and time and energy to do what is most important in life (not at the office).

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Bread and Roses is my campaign -- Roses are never talked about. I believe
in Beauty as a human right. And against Ben Cardin, I’m fighting for a just solution to the Israeli
Palestinian conflict and avoiding war with Iran.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** For growing up in working class household in Baltimore to working my way
up from a McDonald’s employee to receiving my MBA and becoming husband, father, business
owner, and restauranteur life experiences have given me the tools to become a solid and
accountable US Senator for the great state of Maryland. I have a fluid understand of the needs
of people throughout the spectrum of Maryland life.

**HEALTH CARE:** The Affordable Care Act (ACA) needs to be strengthened. My belief is a single-
payer ACA would be better for businesses and provide better services to tax-payers. Reduce
Cost for Prescription Drugs. Work with Companies to Reduce and Monitor Sales of Opioids. Get
more federal monies to screen packages for opioid deliveries. Decriminalizing cannabis and
removing it from being a Schedule 1 drug.

**DISCRIMINATION:** The most important cure to inequalities in race and poverty is to have good
paying jobs. But, we need to go further to fully address systemic inequalities to include the
disabled with upgrades to education, higher education, housing, transportation, criminal
justice, and healthcare must all be addressed. For healthcare and criminal justice complete
decriminalization of marijuana is necessary.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** There are three major policies I’ll support on day one to strengthen our
nation’s economy: support for to decriminalization of marijuana leading up to billions of dollars
of potential federal tax revenue, new labor laws that support current workers and the growth of unions in new industries like tech, and a national infrastructure upgrade bill.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration laws in the US should be changed to: 1 allow children of immigrants who were born outside of the US, but raised in the US (Dreamers) should be allowed to stay in the US; 2 misdemeanors and small crimes by immigrants should not warrant deportation; 3 deportations should apply to those who commit violent crimes in the US and will be subject to imprisonments 4 open doors to asylum seekers

**ENVIRONMENT:** Upgrades in the infrastructure of Maryland to improve and protect the environment for our children and families. Continue to support ban on Fracking in Maryland, while supporting green initiatives in Western Maryland. Let’s Grow Solar in Maryland. Solar is our largest single energy supplier in Maryland, but we can do more. Replace Lead Pipes in areas with lead in water.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Fund procurement opportunities for MWOB/MBE/MWBD in Maryland. Fund organizations of color committed to fund entrepreneurial and STEM education. STEM Education for Early Learners. 3 Pre-K and 4 Pre-K Programs. More monies in STEM programs and STEM Elementary and High Schools. Invest in Smart Schools – more Tech in Schools. Extensive background checks on gun sales. More federal dollars for HBCU's.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** * Life experience has prepared me to serve my country. I am dedicated to equality, fairness, and justice. As a mother, disabled African-American woman, and concerned citizen, I am committed to what is in the best interest of American citizens. Moreover, I work to improve lives daily through Brown Girl Wellness, Incorporated. I founded Brown Girl to make a positive difference for families.

**HEALTH CARE:** A universal healthcare system would benefit all Americans. Yes, Medicare should be available to every American regardless of income. A universal healthcare system is essential to ensure every citizen has access to quality healthcare. Quality healthcare is a human right. Moreover, job status should not determine access to care.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a disabled African-American woman, I know how discrimination feels. I will support practical policies that promote diversity and inclusion regardless of race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty. I will continue to support policies that oppose discrimination.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Economic inequality impacts every American. Elected leaders must continually seek solutions to eliminate economic disparities in middle-class and low-income communities. By providing transparent solutions regarding trade, taxes, labor and infrastructure, access to viable change will help American communities suffocated by despair. I will support fair policies that improve lives.

**IMMIGRATION:** Dreamers are Americans! This country was built on the backs of men and women who worked for low wages to help their children live better lives. Deportation and family division is not the answer. Congress must continue to create laws to protect Dreamers and families. I will only support changes that create better opportunities for individuals and families.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Environmental issues are often linked to health issues in low-income and
middle-class communities. We must ensure all individuals have their basic needs met by supporting effort to provide clean air and water. Additionally, farmers need to support to maintain toxic-free farms to produce quality food.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Educational equity, disability rights, domestic violence law reform, food insecurity, poverty and human rights issues are also very important to me.

**Lih Young**

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

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


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

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


**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Prosecute/eliminate "official misconduct-government gang-MURDER- FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS"= "cruel tyranny"= "robbery machine"= "ROBBER-ISM"= “super classes of frauds, crimes, parasites, disservices”; public-private; 3 branches, local-global. Promote accountability, social needs. objective evaluations. Televise candidate debate;
U.S. Representative in Congress

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. Montgomery County is represented by three Congressional Districts – 3, 5 and 8.
Website: www.house.gov

Questions
QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
HEALTH CARE: What changes in federal healthcare policy do you advocate and why?
DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?
ECONOMIC POLICY: What policies will you support to strengthen the national economy, such as those affecting international trade, taxes, labor rights, and infrastructure?
IMMIGRATION: What changes, if any, will you support in immigration policy?
ENVIRONMENT: What are the most pressing environmental challenges and how will you address them?
OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Representative in Congress - Congressional District 3

Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Charles Anthony
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Thomas E. "Pinkston" Harris
Campaign Website: None provided.
QUALIFICATIONS: I have a BS degree and two Master Degrees which gives me a well rounded education. I studied Economics at Hopkins. I'm retired from my own financial services business. So I know how to jobs are created and how our economy works.
HEALTH CARE: We should be able to buy insurance across state lines. This would increase competition and keep prices low.
DISCRIMINATION: One thing more education on these subjects. People have to stop making
everything about race. That's like crying wolf when there is no wolf.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I support the corporate tax cuts. America has one of the highest business tax rate in the world. Cut taxes that would incentivize businesses to bring the money home and expand.

**IMMIGRATION:** We don't need any new laws. We just need to enforce the old ones.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We should be good stewards of the planet. All nations should do their share of the heave lifting equally. We have to stop running around like chicken little screaming, " the sky is falling". Scare tactics never works. We must throw out the Paris Accord. It was totally unfair to the USA.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We must continue to build our military in terms of cyber capabilities. We must also update our failing infrastructure.

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**Democratic Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My professional experience as an Army Officer, federal consultant, small business owner, and non-profit leader give me a robust and broad understanding of the challenges and opportunities we currently face. Whether it be security threats, job creation, healthcare solutions, or education reform, I have spent my entire working in these realms and am best prepared to lead on these vital issues.

**HEALTH CARE:** We must continue to fight for the Affordable Care Act and ensure that every American is able to attain quality and affordable healthcare. I believe that healthcare is a universal right for every American, and in the country with the most advanced centers for medical research and innovation, I will fight to make universal healthcare a reality for every American.

**DISCRIMINATION:** A policy and program that I have unveiled is my 21st century jobs program to ensure that marginalized members of our communities are able to attain and retain new 21st century jobs. In Baltimore, much of the crime we face is due to the lack of living and family wage paying jobs in our city. I am also advocating for a complete review of our criminal justice system across our district.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** We live in a 21st globalized economy and as such we must operate like one. However, I believe that fair trade and protecting jobs is not mutually exclusive. I will fight to ensure that our current trade agreements not only are fair, but equitable for our economy.
We also need to ensure that our transportation infrastructure, for people and cargo, meets the demands of our 21st century economy.

**IMMIGRATION:** As great grandson of an Italian immigrant, I firmly believe our country was founded by immigrants. The variety of cultures and ethnicities is what gives our United States strength. Call it amnesty, call it common sense, I believe that all DACA dreamers deserve citizenship. I also believe that we must reform our current immigration policies to allow immigrants an easier path to citizenship.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The most pressing environmental challenges we face are posed by people who refuse to believe in science. While we can argue positions and beliefs, you can't deny data. I will address these challenges and ensure our beloved lands and waterways are protected by being a vocal proponent and supporter of the various science foundations that fight for climate change regulation on a daily basis.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** An issue that is a priority to me is ensuring that our current service-members and veterans have adequate and responsive care not only now, but in the future. Our country has asked a small military fighting force to shoulder the burden of over 17 years of war, and it is our responsibility to ensure that they have every available resource to support them for the rest of their lives.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I bring over 30 years of combined federal government experience; public service as a Commissioner with the Maryland Veterans Commission and as a Member for the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans. I am the Executive Director for a nonprofit helping veterans. I am the best qualified and strongest advocate for veterans and the military running for the third district.

**HEALTH CARE:** Eradicate Opioid Addiction: This is a real problem! As a cybersecurity guy, there are ways which we can apply technology and big data to stop the sale of illegal prescription opioid at the point of sale. Available technology can help identify corruption with Medicare and other federal and state programs saving taxpayers millions (billions at the national level).

**DISCRIMINATION:** Legislative action and public leadership! The first step is to acknowledge the gravity of the problem. Education is always key and it must start at home at a very young age. We must build better relationships between communities and law enforcement, particularly in low-income communities and how we educate community members regarding the legal remedies for discrimination.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Improving infrastructure and productivity: Our national infrastructure is aging and much should be spent to maintain our road networks; electrical grids and water
systems. Productivity ensures gainful employment for as many people as possible to provide for those who have trouble providing for themselves.

**IMMIGRATION:** For the pass, Congress has failed to come to an agreement on immigration - this is unacceptable! We must provide a path to citizenship to Dreamers and other eligible immigrants so that these future citizens can move on to continue being productive members of society. Only strong bipartisan support for comprehensive immigration reform will allow us to move forward as a country.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change (is a global and local challenge) - water rising levels are a threat to our coastal industry. This an all hands effort and the we can only remain committed to push for more common sense legislation at the federal and state level to help reduce or completely eliminate the emission of greenhouse gases.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Veterans and Military: We need to make Maryland more attractive to military retirees and veterans. The Department of Defense contributes $29 billion a year to Maryland’s coffers but personnel working at these facilities usually live across state lines. We want them to stay in Maryland, buy homes here and spend their money on our local economy.

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** To combat growing economic inequality, we need to focus on economic policies which grow the middle class. These include ending tax breaks for the corporations who ship American jobs overseas, investing in national infrastructure, and raising the minimum wage. No American who works full time should have to worry about their economic security.

**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.

**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.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** One of my top priorities continues to be ending the reign of big money in our political system. For too long, special interests have used our broken campaign finance system to corrode our institutions of democracy, blocking progress on the issues that matter most to Americans. That’s why I introduced the Government By the People Act to return power to the people and fix our democracy.

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**U.S Representative in Congress - Congressional District 6**

**Republican Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I believe that although this is my first run at a federal office and I am at the age of 25 which is the filing age for congressional representative, that I have a good deal of life experience and education as a United States Marine and College Graduate to bring new blood and fresh eyes to our Government and congress.

**HEALTH CARE:** I believe that we as a nation have too many suffering American citizens, healthcare should be a right not a privilege, even if it is so for emergency and basic level care it is and should be available and provided to all American citizens. I plan to readjust our private and public sectors of care, giving all a basic level of provided care and the option for advance care via the private sectors if

**DISCRIMINATION:** I plan to end this discrimination issue, for too long there has been a issue of race, gender, and ethnicity. We need to focus on the successes of one another, take pay for example you should earn what you are worth and what you worked in your career for, not a high balance which only creates inflation. We need to focus on the good quality of people not the gender or race of and individual.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I plan to tackle our economic structure by first getting the overspend of our government under control, until we control our own spending and taxation we can not correct the system.
IMMIGRATION: I plan to completely correct our immigration system, as it is currently a talking point with no action to follow. We need to harden our boarders, revamp our immigration policies and procedures for visas and citizenship. Work on simplifying the system for those brought here as children to become legal citizens and deport those who have violated our laws and brought strain and harm to our nation.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe that the recent lift of enforcement and sanctions on the EPA was a poor choice and will begin a fast-downward spiral to our environment. I plan to see that these enforcement's are reinstated and strengthened, we only get one planet, and one home and we need to take care of it. I plan to enforce many strict sanctions on pollutant, and litter actions to see that we clean up and care for our

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a United states veteran I plan to see that care and resources continue to grow for our Armed services and Veterans as they return home. I plan to fight homelessness and see that we put our nations people first, for too long we have not. I plan to fight for resources for the addiction epidemic such as rehabilitation, while placing sanctions on pharmaceuticals and imports to begin this fight

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience allows me to address effectively both national and Maryland’s 6th Congressional District issues. I am the only candidate for this office with Federal experience, as US Army Deputy Under Secretary. I understand the Federal process. Also, my prior candidacy for this position has given me a deep understanding of the unique needs of the entire District. Finally, I bring proven empathy.

HEALTH CARE: I support empowering individuals with more control over how to meet their healthcare needs and those of their families. I will support policies to promote wider availability of generic drugs and cross-state insurance to keep costs lower. One of our healthcare failures has been treatment of our veterans. I will work to see that veterans have access to quality healthcare, either public or private.

DISCRIMINATION: I am opposed to discrimination based not only on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty but also on appearance, age, family heritage, and any other factor that might cause people to reject a class of persons. We currently have laws that prohibit many forms of discrimination. However, we fall short on tolerance and empathy and in the enforcement of existing laws. I will promote both.

ECONOMIC POLICY: As a long-term small business founder and owner, I know over-regulation and a complex tax code hinder job growth. New technology is reshaping traditional jobs. We need to better anticipate work of the future. I will work to reduce the time it takes to transform ideas into companies. I endorse the Business Express website just established by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

IMMIGRATION: As the daughter of an immigrant, I know that the US is a country of immigrants, and I support immigrants with empathy. We are also a country of laws. I support uniform, fair, consistent enforcement of our laws and processes. Lack of uniformity is, sadly, increasing
divisiveness. It is vital to national security that we not only care for immigrants but also address weaknesses in law enforcement.

ENVIRONMENT: The environment is critically important to Maryland’s 6th District, economically and for our families’ health and safety. As a professional who has worked for years on environmental cleanup and restoration, I support an emphasis on a local approach leveraging federal resources to address our environmental challenges because local governments and communities best know their unique assets and needs.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My overarching priority is to bring to Congress my sense of empathy and cooperation. I will work to get us past the current political divide. I will be a Federal ally to Governor Hogan to improve transportation; address heroin and opioid addiction; create jobs and nurture businesses; and provide safety and security. I will also work for healthcare solutions; education; and for our veterans.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a full time Nurse Practitioner working in Private Practice, Urgent Care Clinics, performing Home Infusions and volunteering at a clinic for the uninsured. I work in English and Spanish providing healthcare to all socio-economic classes. This gives me daily exposure and experience in dealing with the major issues of Healthcare, Opioid crisis and Immigration.

HEALTH CARE: We need to implement free market solutions for healthcare and insurance issues and reduce federal government involvement. Fraud in both Medicare and Medicaid must be reduced. Healthcare needs to become more of a personal responsibility. Reducing illegal immigration will also reduce unpaid health services.

DISCRIMINATION: Any discrimination based on race, gender, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, and sexual orientation should be illegal. At the same time any preferences, quotas and set-asides based on the previously mentioned characteristics should also be illegal. Questions on any public forms asking about the aforementioned should be eliminated.

ECONOMIC POLICY: My primary position is one of “America First!” Ideally there should be as little government interference as possible in our lives. We should have a positive trade balance. Money is power. The more money Congress can accumulate through taxes or deficit spending just increases its power. Both need to be drastically reduced.

IMMIGRATION: I worked in Mexico as a government liaison and am fluent in Spanish so I have an understanding of immigration issues. The average cost to support the undocumented population in Frederick County alone is over $1,000 per household while the state spends over $2.4 billion annually. We need to enforce our nation’s Immigration Laws and implement Voter ID.

ENVIRONMENT: Measures taken to protect the environment are necessary and welcomed. However, policies and regulations should always be measured against the larger context of the
economy and real-world achievability.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** As a Nurse Practitioner, I am a registered provider with CRISP (Chesapeake Regional Information System for Patients), the state database for controlled substance users and providers with full prescribing privileges. I am on the front line dealing personally with healthcare, the opioid crisis and immigration issues every day. I am also pro-Constitution especially on 2nd Amendment rights.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I know the challenges facing 6th District residents – I grew up here and live here. I served 20 years in the Army, including 3 deployments to Bosnia and a tour on the ground in Iraq. Russia meddled in our election. I supervised Counterintelligence operations against Russians. I have worked at the Pentagon for 14 years, and can best reduce Defense expenses, the largest share of federal spending.

**HEALTH CARE:** Health care is a human right. I support H.R. 676 MEDICARE For All. MEDICARE is taking care of our seniors and is affordable. Let’s build on what works – expand MEDICARE to cover everyone. I had a son who was born premature, so I joined the Army to get health insurance which covered pre-existing conditions. No one should have to put their life on the line to get health care for their sick child.

**DISCRIMINATION:** All people should be treated equally, but we know that is not happening. Equal treatment under the law is a constitutional right. Criminal Justice reform, including ending money bail, is needed. No Muslim ban, we should welcome those fleeing religious persecution. All persons should be paid equally regardless of gender or orientation. Sexual harassment should be treated like the crime that it is.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** We must address income inequality. I support the Fight for 15 as the first step toward a living wage. Anyone working a full time job should be able to put a roof over their head. We need infrastructure funding to create jobs, funded by rolling back the recent corporate tax cut, not by high tolls. I support unions. Trade wars won’t work – we need a global response to countries that cheat.

**IMMIGRATION:** Our immigration system is broken. We need comprehensive immigration reform. We are a nation of immigrants, founded by people fleeing religious persecution. We should provide safe haven to persons fleeing ISIS violence, increase legal immigration, and continue to support family reunification. I support a path to citizenship for DACA recipients, and continuing TPS status. I oppose the 287g program.
ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is real. I have been doing something about it. I am the Director of Operations of a green energy research company that has patents which could be used in improved solar panels and advanced energy storage. The level of carbon in the atmosphere is now twice the historical levels. We must draw down the carbon level and I support creation of an ARPA-C program to do that research.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We need a Congressman who lives in the 6th District, not another out-of-district millionaire. We must prevent a pre-emptive war with North Korea, resulting in millions of deaths. We must defend our Nation from outside meddling in our elections. To do that, we must address the divisiveness we see today. I will talk to everyone, even if we disagree. We need Federal, not State level experience.

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QUALIFICATIONS: After my career ended as a veteran, NASA management intern, industry and federal economist, for over 20 years I participated in monthly meetings of three Democratic breakfast clubs where I became well informed about the issues affecting our society. I also was a candidate for Congress several times then and have prepared and updated 25 brief issue papers for voters benefit: www.georgetenglish.com

HEALTH CARE: Extending Medicare for everyone is highly desirable, but it cannot operate efficiently when compared with the huge clerical overhed and management cost savings that could only be achieved from implementation of a single payer Canadian styled health care system. Half of USA's health care costs are sheer waste from unnecessary clerical paperwork, other overhead costs, and duplication of facilities.

DISCRIMINATION: Impartial, considerate, and polite government employee behavior when interacting at all times with all members of the public must have the highest priority of government officials because it sets the example for everyone else to follow. All complaints of discrimination must be immediately acknowledged and investigated. Rapid remedial actions must then occur.

ECONOMIC POLICY: Making the taxation system much more progressive, eliminating federal budget and trade deficits, ending foreign military interventions, closing foreign bases, and renegotiating trade agreements all must be done to end the ongoing uncontrollable money counterfeiting by the Federal Reserve for funding escalating federal government budget deficits and increasing private sector indebtedness

IMMIGRATION: Implement a Canadian-styled government managed foreign guest worker program to provide temporary labor under contract when needed by farmers, factories, and other sectors of the economy. The federal Department of Labor would insure that safe working environments, specified wages, health services, adequate housing, and transportation from their homes and back would be provided for guest workers.

ENVIRONMENT: All electricity consumed in the United States and its possessions and territories must be generated from renewable power sources before start of the year 2036. All railroad locomotives in the United States must be powered by renewable source generated electricity and high speed rail passener transportaton should replace all overland airline flights shorter
than 1,000 miles before the year 2036.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The Occupy Movement's protest about the economic disenfranchisement of younger generations should result in federal housing incentives for early family formation and births of first children before mothers reach age 25 with the second before age 30. Twenty year zero down and zero interest FHA mortgages are needed for construction of modest single family homes in new young family only communities.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Like many of my friends and neighbors I am disenchanted with how politics as usual has failed us. Coming from outside the political ranks, I hope to help bring a fresh approach focused on solutions that will make America work for everyone. Yale BA in History, UMD PhD in Economics. Work experience: SE Asian capital markets, developed power plants globally, owner of solar company here in District 6.

**HEALTH CARE:** Americans pay a lot for low quality care. We need affordable, universal and comprehensive healthcare that covers mental health and substance abuse on a par with physical health, publishes pricing and ratings to compare providers, and streamlines processing for both patient and provider.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Provide all citizens the economic power and support they deserve to chart their own path to success. Reform sentencing guidelines, juvenile justice and reintroduce rehabilitative programs within the prison system. Procedural justice, especially in communities of color. Equal pay for equal work. Paid sick, maternity and parental leave. LGBTQ to enjoy same rights and privileges as any other citizen.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** Change the tax regime so that everyone pays their fair share. Make it easier for employees to organize and cooperate across companies & industries. No one denied higher education or vocational school because they can't afford it. Private development funds for blighted areas. Fair trade: equally open markets and common business practices. Eliminate international tax loopholes.

**IMMIGRATION:** Create a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who have established themselves here. Our goal should be to have a relationship with Mexico like the one we have with Canada, not to build a wall between us. Embrace those who came to this country as children, were raised as citizens and are contributing. Stop ban on refugees and immigrants from Muslim countries.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change, pollution, and environmentally destructive land use and land management practices: Stronger incentives for switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy. Target 100% renewable energy within 40 years. Incentivize deployment of energy storage at residential, commercial and powerplant levels. Cap & trade markets for carbon emissions and non-biodegradable materials.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Stop gun violence: Ban sale or possession of military style weapons. Outlaw “bump stocks.” Ban sale of high-capacity magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of
ammunition. Universal background check. Require gun-use licensing involving training, a written test and a practical test. Protocols for gov't agencies to identify and get treatment for the potentially dangerous.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a pediatrician, a 1st generation American, a small business owner, a bestselling feminist novelist, and a mom of 4. I have worked in an ER, identified gaps in our healthcare system, advocated for patients, and created plans to drive down costs and expand access. My novels demonstrate how policies impact lives globally. I lack experience in buying endorsements or catering to the establishment.

HEALTH CARE: Because it’s morally and practically necessary, I support single payer and: Electronic Medical Record Interaction, Drug Patent Reform, Pricing Transparency, Ban on Direct To Consumer Pharmaceutical Advertising, Expanding use of HSAs, Medicare Drug price negotiation, annual limits for out-of-pocket drug costs, protected funding for NIH, mandated advance directives, blocking toxic corporate mergers.

DISCRIMINATION: I support passing ERA and the Equality Act to protect LGBTQIA people in employment, housing, education and beyond. I support marriage equality. I protested Travel Ban 3.0, and will continue to fight for every immigrants and refugees right to be in this country. I also oppose the expansion of for profit prisons and will support policies to dismantle the school to prison pipeline.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I will protect American jobs at home and focus energies on expanding high paying jobs with appropriate funding for infrastructure modernization. I will protect and expand workers right to organize and promote policies that grow innovative industries like biotechnology, healthcare and clean and renewable energies. I would support opportunities for marginalized groups. I will not support trade wars.

IMMIGRATION: Walls don’t work. I support: a Clean Dream Act with amnesty provisions for DREAMers and their families; maintaining separation of immigration enforcement from criminal justice systems; ensuring protections for undocumented victims of crime; expanding pathways for legal entry via H-1B visas, supporting sanctuary states/cities, and restoring diplomacy as priority.

ENVIRONMENT: We must recommit to the Paris Agreement and lead the way to clean energy and a cleaner tomorrow for our children. I will stand by the evidence-based policies, fight for integrity of the EPA, focus on ethical implications and protect Clean Air and water. I will stand up against fracking. Environmental health impacts our health and is integrated with economic disparities.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a pediatrician / Congresswoman, I will advocate for meaningful and bold gun law reform, address the school-to-prison pipeline, promote comprehensive criminal justice reform, advance the fight for equality on all fronts, protect and expand reproductive rights, re-
prioritize diplomacy, promote campaign finance reform to really clean up Washington and support nuclear disarmament. Kids come first.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up in lower middle-class family and worked hard through adversity to make a career for myself as an aerospace executive and research scientist. I am uniquely qualified because as a trained scientist and business executive I will fight to ensure Maryland continues to lead in technological innovation, research and development, and investment, but not at the expense of leaving others behind.

HEALTH CARE: We need to reduce the cost of administering health care products and services and ensure competition in the health insurance marketplace. I agree access to healthcare and emergency care is a human right. That is why I support the Center for American Progress’s “Medicare for All” plan because it offers a pragmatic approach to getting more Americans insured and health care costs under control.

DISCRIMINATION: Everyone deserves an opportunity to succeed but too often discrimination takes away those opportunities. For too long, institutional racism has limited many Americans ability to succeed. That is why I am fighting to preserve the dignity of women and minorities who face discrimination every day. I support the Equal Rights Amendment and reform of discriminatory federal sentencing guidelines.

ECONOMIC POLICY: As technology increasingly changes our economy and opportunities, we need to ensure that no one is left behind. We need to do a better job of preparing Americans to participate in the technology-based economy of today. That is why I am fighting to modernize our infrastructure, expand broadband access, and reform our job training and education system to give everyone the chance to succeed.

IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform that affords hardworking people a path to citizenship and values and respects our immigrant labor as a vital part of the American economy. Moreover, I will work to protect Dreamers, so they can fully participate in the American economy and achieve their dreams with dignity and opportunity.

ENVIRONMENT: Protecting our environment is paramount to our general welfare and national security. I will fight to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, modernize and prepare our electrical system for the utility demands of the 21st century, prepare our coastal cities, farms, other vital centers from a rapidly changing climate, and ensure we preserve our state and national park system for future generations.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Maryland’s economy must be prepared for the jobs and challenges of the future. Increasingly, Americans are required to have access and familiarity to technology to fully participate in the economy. That is why I will fight to ensure all citizens have the resources to learn coding and hardware repair and earn technology certifications in schools. No one should
be left behind in our economy.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I know how to make government work. I’ve served 8 years in the MD Senate, 4 years in the MD House, served as an attorney Senior Counsel and Legislative Director in Congress, and on President Obama’s health reform advisory group. My entire career has focused on leveling the playing field for people just trying to make it—from universal health care, to good jobs with benefits, to retirement security  
HEALTH CARE: Health care should be a right. My Dad was a carpenter, worked hard, but died because he couldn’t afford health insurance. That should never happen. I’ve spent my life trying to right that wrong. As a congressional aide I worked on “Medicare for All” (HR676), worked with President Obama’s White House on the ACA, and passed legislation addressing genetic discrimination and preexisting conditions.  
DISCRIMINATION: Boost education funding to close the racist achievement gap. Pass the Equal Rights Amendment to enshrine gender equality in the U.S. Constitution. I created grants for security at schools and child care centers at risk of hate crimes, and a funding source for The Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. I authored the law that provides retail workers with paid rest breaks.  
ECONOMIC POLICY: Economic justice is at the heart of our campaign. To reduce wealth inequality we must reverse an egregious provision in the recent GOP tax plan that raises the estate tax exemption- a change benefiting only the wealthiest 0.2% of Americans. I’m proud to be the only candidate running for the Sixth Congressional District to vote against similar legislation in 2014.  
IMMIGRATION: The DREAM Act, while critical, is not enough on its own. I support comprehensive immigration reform that offers a pathway to citizenship for the millions of individuals and families living and working in the shadows. We are a nation of immigrants, it is time that our policies match our ideals.  
ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is an existential threat. As the Senate Chair of the regulatory oversight committee, I stopped Governor Hogan’s regulations that would have allowed fracking in Maryland. I hold the longest 100% environmental rating by the MD League of Conservation Voters and am honored to be endorsed by Food and Water Action, Green Democrats, Our Revolution, and Progressive Maryland.  
OTHER PRIORITIES: The fight for equality of opportunity is among America’s greatest challenges today. It begins with a good job, benefits, and a level playing field. If you get sick or lose your job you deserve a system that’s fair and built for everyone. I’m Roger Manno. I ask for your vote, and promise in my first two years I will prove that no one will work harder for you in Congress.
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QUALIFICATIONS: Legislative experience and public service count in Congress. As a Maryland State Legislator, I successfully advocated for progressive, constituent-based bills to protect working families and lead Appropriations subcommittees on personnel, the capital budget, transportation, and environment. While raising my family, I worked as an engineer for the Montgomery County Department to Transportation.  
HEALTH CARE: Every person deserves adequate and quality health care. We must view health care, like public education, as a right. Nobody should be forced "to do without" or go bankrupt due to health care costs. I favor a Medicare for All-type approach coupled with finding ways to lower drug prices, improve rural and veterans health, curtail opioid use, expand research funding, and educate more providers.  
DISCRIMINATION: We must be a inclusive society with fair, decent treatment for all. I abhor discrimination in all forms and will find ways to eliminate its impact on women, seniors, the disabled, religious minorities, people of color, immigrants, and the LGTBQ community. I favor policies to level the playing field, like equal pay for equal work and encouraging community-based programs to bridge our divides.  
ECONOMIC POLICY: Decent paying and steady jobs are the gateway to middle-class life. I favor job-creating incentives like Maryland's Amazon package, for which I voted. We must support unions and find creative ways to encourage technical training, mentoring, adult learning, computer science and Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) education. We must encourage entrepreneurs and small business growth.  
IMMIGRATION: America is the land of immigrants. The America we know today was built by immigrants. Law enforcement must not racially profile and terrorize people who look like immigrants. We must protect the DACA and the dreamers and finally enact comprehensive immigration reform. Diversity is not our problem, it is our strength.  
ENVIRONMENT: We only have one planet and we must do everything we can to protect it. Trump's policies have taken us backward: We must restore funding for environmental research and our leadership addressing climate change. No more fracking or Flint, Michigans: We must give our children clean energy, air, and water. As a Potomac River Commissioner, I know the importance of safe drinking water for our region.  
OTHER PRIORITIES: I have a strong record as a State Legislator: I am pro-choice, pro-consumer, pro-environment, pro-union, pro-fair taxation, and pro-gun safety. I support public transportation and education. I want to eliminate barriers to voting. We must strengthen cybersecurity and meddling in our elections must be stopped - whether it is Republican meddling in Democratic primaries or Russian interference.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up on a struggling family farm cleaning hog pens. Taking out loans, I was able to go to graduate school and start a successful business that’s headquartered in Bethesda. I’m prepared to represent a diverse district that spans from urban areas in Montgomery to rural areas in Garrett.

HEALTH CARE: Quality healthcare is a basic human right, and our job must be to ensure that right for all Americans. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, we’ve made great progress. We should build on that progress and expand the ACA so that all Americans have coverage.

DISCRIMINATION: I’ve supported the ACLU for 20 years, and in Congress I will continue fighting to fix our criminal justice system that discriminates against people of color. I’m 100% pro-choice, and I support equal pay and paid family leave. I support the Full Equality Act to fight discrimination against LGBTQ people.

ECONOMIC POLICY: I strongly oppose Trump’s tax cuts, which worsen income inequality and add $1.5 trillion to our national debt. We need to remove the carried interest loophole that allows hedge fund managers to pay lower tax rates. I support an infrastructure bank to fund projects like expanding I-270 and I-81.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are an important part of American society and should have a path to citizenship. I oppose Trump’s mass deportations, travel bans, and rescinding of DACA and TPS protections. We also should reduce the amount of time it takes for applicants to receive work authorization.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is real and it’s a serious threat to our economy and our way of life. I oppose Trump’s decision to withdraw from the international climate agreement. I also support investing in green technology, making federal buildings more energy efficient, and protecting fuel efficiency standards.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The opioid crisis is a top priority for me. In 2016, 64,000 Americans died from overdoses – my nephew Ian was one of them. Every day we don’t act, more people will die. I’ve put together a comprehensive plan to address the epidemic which you can read at davidtrone.com/opioid-crisis

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a classical singer, entrepreneur, former music educator, single parent, and former spouse of a veteran has prepared me for the duties of this office by allowing me to understand humanity at a variety of different levels. I have learned persistence, acceptance, discipline, patriotism, bravery, teamwork, being self-motivated, follow through and

HEALTH CARE: More subsidies to help the self-employed pay for health insurance because without the subsidies to offset the cost of individual plans many entrepreneurs simply cannot afford the cost of insurance. Assistance for senior citizens on Medicare. Prescription medicine costs lowered. Affordable access to mental health professionals. Community access to preventative care.

DISCRIMINATION: Policies that do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

ECONOMIC POLICY: America's interaction regarding foreign policy needs to be exact, effective, accountable and show proven results. Regarding our military, I am the ex-wife a Navy veteran. We need to do more to support our active military and veterans who transition into civilian life.

IMMIGRATION: I support LEGAL immigration. We should explore allowing illegal immigrants who have been law abiding citizens and working a road to citizenship where their positive contribution to their community should account for something. My father was a lawyer who worked with immigrants to gain citizenship legally. His family was also immigrants.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change. Offer business owners and residents access to funding that will allow them to upgrade equipment to newer technology. Create more opportunities that will support our local agricultural based business through education outreach, in school farm to table projects.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My Five Pillars of Success for District 8 1) Strong Families/Stronger Communities 2) Excellence in Education 3) Superior Healthcare 4) Veterans Rights 5) Thriving Businesses and Economy

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HEALTH CARE: We must reduce healthcare and drug costs by assertively promoting free-market principles and policies. We must also immediately close our southern border with Mexico and get tough with China to end the flow of illegal drugs such as the synthetic opioid, Fentanyl. The opioid epidemic is both a Law & Order and Health Care issue.

DISCRIMINATION: We must end identity politics as it has been orchestrated by the establishment elites. Next must come vigorous enforcement of the moral and legal principle that Americans should only be judged on the merit of their proven abilities. We must equally enforce Law & Order in all communities. The first civil right is the right to live and work in a safe, peaceful communities.

ECONOMIC POLICY: To allow free-market Job-Growth, we must cut taxes, eliminate burdensome regulations, reduce/reform immigration, and demand reciprocal-fair trade. For Job-Growth in inner cities, we must vigorously enforce Law & Order. Safe communities are critical to economic growth. In our public schools, we should fund Gifted Education programs. Gifted Education programs will pay exponential dividends.

IMMIGRATION: Immigration reform is first about respecting Law & Order. We must secure our borders -- particularly our southern border -- to prevent illegal entry and the horrendous inflow of drugs like Fentanyl. Deport illegals (including Visa Overstays) who commit other crimes. Destroy and deport MS-13 gangsters. And reduce legal immigration to a merit-based system to protect American citizen workers.

ENVIRONMENT: By both stewarding and developing our natural resources, we allow for future Job Growth. We should embrace free-market development of new energy technologies.


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HEALTH CARE: All efforts in healthcare so far have been tried for several decades and healthcare cost is rising at unsustainable level. So, I want to put different opinion in the issue of healthcare. I feel INSURANCE IS NOT A HEALTH SOLUTION. Healthcare is a government responsibility if it feels it has a right to collect taxes. No body becomes sick his or her entire life.

DISCRIMINATION: I feel, in some areas the issue of discrimination is over blown and in some area it has become permanent. It is a sad reality of America. Most other nations do not have this level of concerns on racial issues. Racial issue is a divisive issue but I will try to solve this issue through convincing legislation that works for all.

ECONOMIC POLICY: President Trump is dismantling some policies that were built by the efforts
of several decades. One example is tariff regime is back and World trade is not a free trade. America will benefit from free trade although it has an issue of trade deficit. Free trade will benefit us in the long term if we calibrate our economy towards exports. But America should try to export what the World needs.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need to tighten the immigration. So, let us not blame Trump Administration for revisiting the immigration or becoming tough on immigration because immigration issue is a bi-partisan issue. But the fear is will he do it in a right way?

**ENVIRONMENT:** Environment is a concern unsettled in a global mind and we are the nation of immigrants and so it is not settled in the minds of Americans too. I understand the concern and I agree that we need to find solution. But I do not agree upon its measurements and its trade-off with energy. But I will do more research on this and try to get aligned with experts.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Infrastructure, poverty, debt and deficit, fair taxation, affordability and access, science & technology, innovation leadership, domestic and global tranquility and peace etc. are some of the other priorities. Thank you.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Representing Maryland’s 8th in the U.S. House since January 2017, I recognize that I have spent my life preparing to serve in this capacity. As a local native, a professor of constitutional law for a quarter-century at AU and a Maryland State Senator for a decade, I have the passion for service to our community and the legislative knowledge needed to advance our priorities and values every day.

**HEALTH CARE:** I’m working to keep increasing NIH research funding, to guarantee the solvency of Medicare and to defend Medicaid by opposing work requirements and other poison pills. I seek to stabilize the ACA and bring down the costs of premiums and deductibles. I’m also fighting for lower prescription drug prices and the power of government to negotiate for them in Medicare. Organizing for single-payer.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I'm defending civil rights in every federal program and context and advocating voting rights for all. Played an active role in developing strong new policies against sexual harassment and race discrimination on Capitol Hill. Fight regularly on the Judiciary Committee to champion civil rights and liberties and to oppose efforts to weaken the ADA and undercut employee rights in the workplace.

**ECONOMIC POLICY:** I’m fighting for a Green Deal, a bipartisan infrastructure plan to reinvest in roads, highways, Metro, mass transit, water etc. in an environmentally positive way; a fair tax policy that protects the working middle class and opposes special-interest tax breaks and giveaways; revitalized labor rights; and a policy of free and fair trade that bolsters our living and working standards.

**IMMIGRATION:** I favor comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for 800,000 DREAMers, who are students, armed service members and workers who
were brought here as children by their parents. I oppose President Trump's profligate border wall proposal and his efforts to curtail legal immigration and refugee admission. We can make common-sense progress when we reject extremist plans.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change must be the overarching context for public policy decision-making. We need to take urgent action to confront the profound damage caused by global warming, including taxing carbon pollution, dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and investing in renewable clean energy. Also we must address air pollution, deforestation, species extinction, and threats to biodiversity.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Nothing is more important to me than delivering effective and prompt service for the 800,000 people I proudly work for. Since I took office in 2017, my excellent staff has resolved 2,353 problems faced by seniors seeking Social Security checks, veterans filing VA claims, federal contractors awaiting payment, immigrants applying for citizenship, and so on. Our doors are always open.

Summer Spring
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State Senate and House of Delegates

**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.  
**SALARY:** $50,330 annual base.  
**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.  
**HOW ELECTED:** The state is divided into 47 legislative districts, and each district elects one State Senator. All eight Montgomery County legislative districts (14 – 20 and 39) elect one State Senator and three at large members of the House of Delegates.  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE:** [http://mgaleg.maryland.gov](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov)

**Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?  
**REDISTRICTING:** What changes, if any, do you support in the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland?  
**ENVIRONMENT:** What are the most significant environmental challenges and how will you address them?  
**DISCRIMINATION:** What policies will you support to address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty?  
**EDUCATION:** What education policies would you support and how would you fund them?  
**HEALTH CARE:** What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?  
**TRANSPORTATION:** What are your transportation priorities and how should they be funded?

**Legislative District 14 - State Senator**

**Republican Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Veteran 27-yr military career with exceptional breadth & depth, incl. 11 yrs of international diplomacy with allies & adversaries, 13 yrs an educator, large & small scale leadership positions, and the sober charge of nuclear weapons. Collectively, this far exceeds my
opponent’s experience. My entire life has been as a servant-leader, NOT a party-servant.

**REDISTRICTING:** I reject all gerrymandering and endorse the MCRR recommendations & Gov Hogan’s efforts to create an independent commission. Democrats have PROVEN they will abuse redistricting for political gain, and my opponent defends gerrymandering with a faux solution designed to keep Maryland blue. Our state is far more purple, and we deserve solutions that put OUR needs ahead of party interests.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Nearly all challenges pale against climate change, and Maryland, as a coastal state with a substantial bay, is at particular risk from sea level rise effects. Regardless of human efforts, we will need to adapt. My background includes future strategies, and my priority will be creating long-term options, including funding strategies, necessary to mitigate sea level rise effects.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination involves such a wide number of underlying causes; it is hubris to believe any democratic government can eradicate them all. I firmly believe the surest path to equality, though often slow, is to ensure genuine equality under the law. We must strengthen legal language to ensure no identifiable group is diminished.

**EDUCATION:** I endorse much of the MCIEE preliminary report, and will introduce a new Maryland Student-Parent-Teacher Covenant to improve education quality, promote greater deference for Parents’ authorities, and elevate teaching as a profession. Aside from the State’s gaming revenue as a supplement, growing the tax base by growing business in the state is the best path to sustainable funding.

**HEALTH CARE:** The opioid crisis and health care affordability. The former requires direct health professional and law enforcement input, and the latter Gov Hogan led a successful bipartisan effort to address during this last session. I am still reviewing the details and evidence from the session and reading professional materials on the subjects before defining policies I will endorse or pursue.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I use mass transit for work, so I know first-hand the quality of life costs it imposes. Solutions for urban eastern Maryland do not translate well to rural western Maryland. My priority will be my entire district’s needs and promoting responsible balance between public and private options. I will pursue opportunities for the private sector to become more engaged in the solutions.

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**Democratic Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I’ve represented District 14 in the Maryland General Assembly for the last 7 years. I served 5 years in the House of Delegates prior to being appointed to the State Senate in 2016. I have dedicated my life to family and public service. Over the course of my term, I have provided top notch constituent service, brought back our fair share of state funding and fought for our shared values.
REDISTRICTING: The issue of gerrymandering is a national problem that requires a national solution. However, the federal executive branch and Congress have failed to act, so it has been left up to the states. In the past, I have sponsored legislation that creates independent redistricting commissions, but it is my hope this issue will soon be resolved by the courts.

ENVIRONMENT: It is important for us to be good stewards of the environment by protecting our natural resources like the Chesapeake Bay, the Ag Reserve, farms and open space. Among the most pressing environmental issues we're facing are climate change and the assault on pollution controls. For climate change, I think MD needs to increase its renewable portfolio standards, & climate resiliency projects.

DISCRIMINATION: Throughout my time in the legislature I have attempted to protect the dignity and rights of all Marylanders. I helped to expand access for women to receive health care and protected their reproductive choices, supported policies that created employment and education opportunities for the disabled and promoted the tolerance of all religions; and fought for equality regardless of sexual orientation.

EDUCATION: Ensuring that our students and educators have a safe and adequate learning environment remains a top priority of mine. I was proud to co-sponsor legislation that will provide funding for safety upgrades to schools, helps close the achievement gap, prepare students for higher education and help reduce college debt. Through smart budgeting, we are able to fund this without raising taxes.

HEALTH CARE: MD is a national model for health care delivery. Providing adequate access to healthcare and keeping insurance costs low remains a top priority. The Assembly has taken prudent action to secure the ACA and prevent premium increases of up to 50% for people buying insurance. Opioid drug overdoses continue to plague our State. We must fund rehabilitation centers and curb access for abusers.

TRANSPORTATION: Easing traffic congestion, fixing Metro, and ensuring our roads are safe and drivable remain a top priority. Tens of thousands of Marylanders rely on Metro, reliable bus service and safe roads every day to travel around the DC metro area. My job is to make sure all of these remain reliable and our transportation dollars go to these priorities. I continue to support BRT and the Brookeville By-Pass.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I worked as a consultant in large businesses. Owned a small business and own retail space. I have seen how difficult it is for small businesses to get through the regulation/permit process. I am aware of legislative issues and often testify at hearings in county and state. As a 40yr MC resident I have traveled the roads, sent my children to schools and paid taxes. I am well aware of state problems.

REDISTRICTING: I support Governor Hogan’s fair redistricting plan which includes appointing a non-partisan Commission to re-draw the districts after the 2020 Census. [https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Final-Redistricting.pdf]

ENVIRONMENT: I support the governor’s plan for cleaning the bay and support his using the monies set aside for the bay to be actually used to clean up the bay. I am also in favor of the plans to improve the highways in the state. Pollution from cars is multiplied many times over when they idle for hours standing in traffic.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe each person should be treated equally regardless of race or gender. Freedom of religion is guaranteed by the Constitution and no person should be prevented from free exercise of religion. Any disability that does not inhibit a person from performing a job effectively should not be considered when hiring or for any other reason. Poverty is best addressed by encouraging job creation.

EDUCATION: The purpose of education is to ensure children are given the knowledge essential for them to function in future academic/work environments. Children need to learn fundamental principles of democracy, including the Constitutional form of government and a basic understanding of the economic environment in which they will function. If public schools fail there then other choices must be available.

HEALTH CARE: High premiums and high deductibles assure that many people in this state get no benefits from insurance. Congress should pass common sense healthcare reform. In lieu of this our Governor has worked with the General Assembly in a bipartisan manner to stabilize Maryland’s health care insurance market and prevent rates from skyrocketing.

TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation, highways and local roads are all important. Just concentrating on one form of transportation does not meet the needs of all citizens. Forcing cars to sit for hours idling on gridlocked roads pours tons of carbon into the atmosphere daily. I approve of Hogan’s Public/Private partnerships to fund transportation. Transportation money should be used for transportation only.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been in private legal practice for over 8 years, with a firm that primarily represents consumers and small businesses. Through this work, I have gained practical experience in how the laws, policies and economic priorities of Maryland affect the average person. I advocate for clients, review legislation and case law, offer input and promote policies on a daily basis.

REDISTRICTING: I support an independent commission to propose redistricting maps, wherein the commission is guided by principles focused on physical characteristics of the district, as opposed to the voters' political preferences. Priorities should be: 1) continuity of current
political jurisdiction (county, municipality, school district, etc.); 2) natural/manmade barriers; and 3) compactness.

ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental issues for which the Maryland legislature can have a strong impact include 1) the health of the Bay and the waterways of Maryland; 2) the preservation of agricultural land and green space; and 3) promoting growth in the all-of-the-above energy sector based on free-market principles.

DISCRIMINATION: This is a complex question, as the types of discrimination cited have different factors. But as a legislator, my goal will be to promote the fair application of law and policy regardless of the individual characteristics of the beneficiary, and to resolve any discrepancies where legislatively possible. As an advocate, I will speak out against unfair discrimination.


HEALTH CARE: The continuously rising costs of health insurance and limited market participation for insurance companies has severely impacts both the financial and physical health of Marylanders. Maryland needs to engage in a comprehensive review of the healthcare insurance industry, and promote more competition to reduce the costs.

TRANSPORTATION: Maryland needs to continue to invest in the transportation infrastructure, including road and bridge repair/expansion, review of the public transportation systems for efficiency, cost-effectiveness and targeted investment, and to take a more comprehensive look at long-term development to ensure that our infrastructure investments meet the needs of the ongoing residential/commercial development.

Democratic Candidates
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QUALIFICATIONS: Before being elected, I spent years working in and for my community - learning our shared values, digging into what matters most to my neighbors. As an elected official for 16 years, I have made putting those shared values into actions at the core of my public service. I will continue to do just that if returned to the House of Delegates and as Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee.

REDISTRICTING: I support a fair equitable method of ensuring proper representation of Congressional and legislative districts. Congressional and legislative districts should not be drawn in a partisan manner. Gerrymandering is an impairment to full representative democracy.

ENVIRONMENT: Offshore drilling, suburban sprawl and road congestion are major problems Maryland must continue to address. We must invest in and protect the health of the
Chesapeake Bay, the crown jewel of our state. Given my strong environmental record, I have been endorsed by the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters.

**DISCRIMINATION:** For the past 16 years as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, I have supported a range of bills that help establish greater equality and I will continue to do so if I am re-elected. I support a woman’s right to choose; raising the minimum wage; pay equity; and have a strong record of support for the LGBT community.

**EDUCATION:** Every child deserves a high quality education, no matter their zip code. I am committed to improving pre-Kindergarten education, supporting teachers, getting the best and brightestest into our classrooms, providing more support for struggling learners, and keeping our schools safe. As Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, I play a key role in guiding K-12 education policy.

**HEALTH CARE:** As a member of the House of Delegates, I have a responsibility to my 126,000 constituents to increase access to high quality health care, help fight the rising cost of prescriptions, help address the opioid crisis, and seek better mental health solutions.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I support a robust public transportation system with dedicated funding. I also believe that road improvements, and in some cases, new roads are needed to ensure a comprehensive transportation infrastructure. The county’s economy may be impeded in the future if we do not make better progress in transit-oriented development and committing to other infrastructure improvements.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have had the honor of representing District 14 in the House of Delegates for the past four years, and prior to my service in office was deeply engaged with a variety of community organizations in Montgomery County.

**REDISTRICTING:** I believe that we should move towards non-partisan redistricting. My preference is for this to happen nationwide, but if the Congress or the Supreme Court fail to act, I believe Maryland should implement non-partisan redistricting on its own.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change remains the most significant threat to our environment and society, and we need to aggressively pursue efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Non-discrimination is a fundamental American value that I hold dear, and I have consistently supported legislation ensuring non-discrimination, including marriage equality, the expansion of Maryland’s non-discrimination law to cover transgender Marylanders, and efforts to apply non-discrimination law to private schools that receive taxpayer funds.

**EDUCATION:** As Chairman of the House Education Subcommittee, I have been a leader in Annapolis on education issues. As we begin a once in a decade discussion of major reforms to our education funding and policies, I will be advocating for the implementation of universal pre-kindergarten, improved recruitment and retention policies for teachers, and efforts to reduce our school construction backlog.
HEALTH CARE: Health care is a human right. I support efforts to maintain the expansion of health care under the Affordable Care Act and believe we need to move towards a system of truly universal health care.

TRANSPORTATION: My three highest priorities are construction of bus rapid transit in the Route 29 corridor, expansion of pedestrian and bicycle access around schools, and efforts to reduce congestion on I-270. I believe these goals can be met with existing revenues.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am honored to serve in the State Legislature as a champion for those whose voices are often muted or misunderstood. All my personal and professional experiences influence my pragmatic approach to “getting things done” which I attribute to understanding less intuitive complexities, collaborating with adversaries, courage to make tough choices, and wisdom to know when to compromise.

REDISTRICTING: Unfortunately, issues with redistricting has put Maryland in the national spotlight; and efforts to remedy apparent issues aren’t forthcoming. Due to the national implication of redistricting results, I support a regional approach involving multiple states using the same independent panel to redraw the Congressional and Legislative boundaries.

ENVIRONMENT: During my tenure in the MGA, I champion environmental injustice issues, efforts to protect the Chesapeake Bay, and efforts to curtail climate change. Future legislation will address affordable fresh foods for college students; incentives for technology use to help farmers achieve sustainable food growth; and efforts to reduce carbon emissions in the transportation sector.

DISCRIMINATION: I support level-the-playing field policies focused on education, healthcare, employment, housing, career mobility, criminal justice, and law enforcement, especially policy to eliminate poverty by addressing impediments to upward mobility via training, certification, and apprenticeships; and increasing home ownership to build personal wealth and cultivate community.

EDUCATION: I support efforts to attract and retain quality teachers with Grow Your Own programs, mentoring programs for new teachers, continuous training and developmental opportunities for teachers. I advocate cultivating life-long learners from pre-K; service learning opportunities, and CTE programs. I support more instructional days in the school calendar with funding from foundations and private sector.

HEALTH CARE: More efforts are needed to increase access to quality health care for all residents. I supported legislation to keep insurance costs down, stabilize rates, and provide more healthcare choices. In addition to addressing the Opioid Crisis, I will focus on policy that addresses mental illness, especially among youth and veterans; and to remedy a pervasive culture of violence, as a health issue.

TRANSPORTATION: I support a robust and well-connected mass transportation system that addresses access to employment barriers; and reduces traffic congestion. For Montgomery
County, a regional approach is needed, especially with the Northern VA corridor. I support dedicated funding for WMATA; and a Master Plan approach that assesses funding and infrastructure needs from a regional perspective.

Paul Ransom
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No response received by deadline.

Legislative District 15 - State Senator

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the son of a country minister I learned a deep caring concern for others, coupled with a take action now to help others attitude. I served 23 years as a military officer with two combat tours, my experiences boil down to integrity and honor above all. A caring Mother taught me to listen twice as much as I spoke. All these experiences have prepared me to represent my district and my state.

REDISTRICTING: The only acceptable solution is an independent bipartisan action using mathematic algorithms to establish fair and competitive district boundaries. Gerrymandering is the primary reason I entered the race for state senate. Maryland citizens have a right to free and fair elections, and I will do everything in my power to ensure every vote counts as it was intended by the voter.

ENVIRONMENT: Stormwater and farming related pollution are both serious issues here in the Agricultural Reserve. Not to over-simplify the solution, but these are addressed by strong environmental management processes. Management plans must set realistic standards with compliance oversight, coordinated with farmers and city managers. Effective monitoring and fixing accountability are critical.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland has anti-discrimination policies covering all these areas and more, which I fully support. Recently, there have been efforts to disguise discrimination by other means. Specifically, disaggregating racial data for one race and not others, without a clear explanation on how the data will be used. This is a great concern.

EDUCATION: I would support tighter budgets for the out of control administrative costs, along with student performance-oriented incentives. Funding of our schools should be a result of need, rather than a standard formula. And competition would allow parents to have more say in making sure their children are taught the way they learn best.

HEALTH CARE: The number one driver of healthcare costs is the percentage of premiums going
to the medical providers, resulting in overpriced medical services. Yet, none of the plans to reduce coverage costs consider modifying this aspect of the total bill. The current proposal to use the tax penalty as a down payment on coverage may have some value, but still misses the mark regarding the real problem.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The simplest, near-term solution for heavy traffic with current HOV lanes is to increase the requirement to HOV3 with all three being adult, licensed drivers. Add strict enforcement for an effective, low-cost solution. Incentivize telework, which reduces risk and pollution, while increasing productivity. Create public-private partnerships to develop and operate major infrastructure projects.

**Democratic Candidates**
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served in the General Assembly since 2003, first in the House of Delegates and currently in the State Senate. I have received numerous honors and have held several leadership positions. Prior to being elected, I served as a U.S. Department of Justice attorney and am currently a Tax Attorney/CPA in private practice. These experiences have been valuable in the legislature.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support proposals which seek to take partisan politics out of the redistricting process by turning the process over to an independent commission.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay continues to be a significant environmental challenge. The recent rollback of environmental regulations and funding for environmental programs at the federal level requires states to fill the void. I have sponsored many of the key environmental bills in the legislature and have been endorsed by the Sierra Club and MD League of Conservation Voters.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I will generally be supportive of any and all policies which address discrimination based on race, gender, religion, disability or poverty.

**EDUCATION:** I support the goal of offering full-day Pre-K programs to 4-years olds across MD. Expanding early childhood education, particularly for low income families, is essential to closing the state’s achievement gap. The biggest challenge to realizing this goal is the cost. Thus, fiscal conditions must be taken into account in determining how long it will take to fully implement this plan.

**HEALTH CARE:** As Chair of the Senate’s Health Subcommittee, I am the Senate’s point person on healthcare policy. With the dismantling of the Affordable Care Act at the federal level, MD’s individual insurance market is now fragile. We must stabilize that market to prevent large premium increases. We must also enact policies to control escalating prescription drug prices, a major driver of healthcare costs.

**TRANSPORTATION:** To grow our economy, we need a comprehensive plan to combat traffic congestion, including widening I-270 at strategic spots and upgrades to the American Legion
Bridge using innovative public private partnerships to fund these projects. As sponsor of the MD Metro Funding Act, Metro needs a dedicated funding stream to make required capital investments to improve the overall reliability of the system

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QUALIFICATIONS: I used to be a fundraiser for a few Congressman and woman. I have four kids and I knew what need to be done on our schools system. I can bring in more investment to help create more local jobs.  
REDISTRICTING: I support redistributing. Both congress and legislative need to work together  
ENVIRONMENT: Public Drinking water system. The water cost is too high. The water quality need to be better.  
DISCRIMINATION: Equal pays, equal opportunities  
EDUCATION: School safety is my priority, we need more teachers, we need small classes, we need good food for kids lunch. I will bring in more investment and apply more fund for schools  
HEALTH CARE: We need a better health insurance for the families. Right now family spent much money on health insure but less coverage. I will work with all the parties to figure out a sulotion.  
TRANSPORTATION: We need a good quality higher way system. A better public light railway and bus service system. I will help to pump more fund to rebuild the transportation system.

Legislative District 15 - House of Delegates

Republican Candidates  
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QUALIFICATIONS: For 15 years, I’ve been a tireless advocate for children and families as an effective PTA leader at the local and county levels, which led to an appointment by Governor Hogan as a Maryland Board of Education Member. President Obama’s administration named me a "White House Champion of Change" for my advocacy work. I offer analytical skills from 9 years as a senior benefits analyst and HR generalist.  
REDISTRICTING: A redistricting bill introduced this year sat on the shelf after the First Hearing. This is inexcusable. I would support a bill to establish a committee of commissioners where no one political party is over-represented, which would determine boundaries in a fair and bi-
partisan manner including holding public hearings and maintaining a strict adherence to transparency of redistricting data.

ENVIRONMENT: When I was a PTA leader at Bells Mill ES in 2005, 8 portable classrooms were infested with mold. It was so bad, a child’s chair went through the floor! After seeing the positive impact on children’s health after advocating & achieving portable replacements, I know that focusing on school maintenance practices & indoor air quality will have a more immediate impact on our children than anything else

DISCRIMINATION: I believe the color of someone’s skin or the country our ancestors came from should not be used to sort Americans or treat any one group better or worse than another. Public Education & listening to communities are keys to realizing Dr. King’s dream. Innovative education policies coupled with community engagement will help minorities in poverty to have the same kinds of opportunities as others.

EDUCATION: 1) Empower parents & the community. 2) Increase the academic standards. The General Assembly lowered the standards that the State Board of Ed wanted to pass, making MD one of the weakest states in the nation on accountability. 3) Support a review of the current state standardized tests 4) Support policies that would foster innovation in our public schools. 5) Increase school construction funding.

HEALTH CARE: As a recent widow who has been on COBRA with two kids in college, I’m keenly aware of the exorbitant cost increases. I would encourage new policies that promote competition among states so that Marylanders have better options which will make health insurance more competitive and keep premiums down. For the opioid crisis, I would seek out evidence-based & drug prevention programs.

TRANSPORTATION: In contrast to most Democrats who have not provided solutions for our roads, I support Governor Hogan’s traffic relief plan which offers funding through public/private partnerships and doesn’t add to our taxes. I believe we can improve our roads and traffic flow with structural and technologically smart improvements while continuing to work toward the future with BRT and mass transit projects.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As real estate and small business attorney, representing individuals and small business owners over the past 34 years in MD, I intend to bring Common-Sense to the decisions made in Annapolis that impact our quality of life. Dealing with burdensome government regulation has provided me with the hands-on skills which I will use, to think through the unintended consequences of ill-conceived laws.

REDISTRICTING: I wholeheartedly support Governor Hogan’s NON-Partisan Redistricting Commission. Hopefully the US Supreme Court will invalidate the blatantly political contours of District 6. Common-Sense must be applied to drawing district lines. My far-flung District (15)has been Gerrymandered to carve out logical contiguous population centers such as Rockville,
Gaithersburg, Park Potomac and North Bethesda.

ENVIRONMENT: Although not physically in our District, the Chesapeake Bay is a great Maryland Treasure which provides revenue, recreation and JOBS for all Marylanders. We need to insure that the policies both in state in out of state, not just preserve this resource, but improves is ecology. I will be a voice for an improved Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

DISCRIMINATION: As an employer and creator of jobs for over 30 years I lead by example. I have always hired and promoted people based on their ability, attitude and loyalty. As a real estate professional I have always advised my clients to adhere (and personally adhered) to the highest standard for providing housing accommodation regardless of race, gender, religion disability or other economic status.

EDUCATION: Top priority is to bring more dollars back from Annapolis to fund day-to-day operations. I will advocate to see those funds reach teacher’s pockets directly and not to pay for more administrative red tape. I would adopt Governor Hogan’s Casino Lock Box program to earmark those revenues exclusively for education. I would go one step further and earmark 10% of those lockbox funds for school safety.

HEALTH CARE: Rising cost of health insurance and the ability to require insurers to cover pre-existing conditions is the most significant challenge facing Maryland citizens. This is a highly complex issue and I will listen to all stakeholders and then apply my Common-Sense when making these life or death decisions. I will need the public’s help in educating me to make the right decision.

TRANSPORTATION: Traffic is my top priority. Simple solutions such as creating higher quality, longer-lasting roads, installing better lighting and signage can all be accomplished at minimal cost. I will require the state and county to work together study and revise the traffic signal sequencing, so Marylanders do not waste valuable time waiting at empty intersections. I will reduce hidden speed camera “taxes.”

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QUALIFICATIONS: 23 years Army retiring at Lieutenant Colonel. Served in Korea, Viet Nam and Europe. 30 years of corporate experience ending as President, Ceradyne Armor Systems supplying approx. 80% of the body armor worn by soldiers and marines today. Interacted with all levels of Congress, the federal government and industry on subjects ranging from complex financial matters to contract requirements.

REDISTRICTING: A bi-partisan select committee re-drawing CD/LD based on confirmed census data to encompass contiguous geographic areas and regions that represent ground truth and not political pooling and hot spots by extended and amorphous areas.

ENVIRONMENT: I am going to change the environment inside the Maryland State House. I will work with Governor Hogan to get legislation passed that will move MD forward in areas of transportation, Infrastructure, tax reductions, reducing regulations and making MD a business-friendly place. I will also work on continuing the cleanup and restoration of the Chesapeake
Bay.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Committed to a living enviro free from discrimination & harassment. No discrimination protected under Federal and Maryland. Standards apply to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, pol affil, phy/mental dis., religion, protected vet status, genetic Infor, appearance, or any other legal protected class.

**EDUCATION:** Working with the Governor to come up with a plan that will help low-performing schools throughout the state. Confront the unions and seek a middle ground that works on behalf of all Maryland’s students not just the union. I will support the Governors efforts to create a Lock Box on casino taxes that are there to support education are not raided by the Legislature for other spending.

**HEALTH CARE:** Raising health care costs through the MD Exchange needs to be restructured and an open market competitive healthcare system be made available. I will work with the Governor to bring about a change that will work for all Marylanders.

**TRANSPORTATION:** My focus is on I-270 and I-495 improvements to easy the commuting burden. New lanes and other infrastructure improvements. This should be funded by public-private partnership so that the burden for paying for these projects is not on the backs of Maryland tax payers.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Political Activities: Currently serving as Vice Chairman, Maryland Legislative District 15 Democratic Caucus (Since 2016). Currently serving as Precinct Chair, Dist. 6-8 of Montgomery County Democratic Party, Maryland. Currently serving as Director, Coalition of Asian Pacific American Democrats (CAPAD), Maryland. Contested for a vacant Dist. 15 Delegate seat for Maryland General Assembly (2013)

**REDISTRICTING:** I don’t want to make any comment at this time since a case regarding the congressional and legislative district lines is in the Court now.


**DISCRIMINATION:** Maryland has laws on discrimination and hate violence issues. Counties have codes on these too. But, state laws and code of counties are not similar or uniform. Also, state and county policies are not strong enough to address those issues. I will support for new or amend laws, and make strong policies to enforce laws and codes strictly. I will get more funds for new hires and necessary supports.

**EDUCATION:** I will support following education policies: Hire more best teachers with good pay and benefits. Modernize school facilities for best academic environments and student activities.
Ask school board to introduce new academic curriculums to compete globally. Get sufficient supports to make schools free from drugs and violence, such as, guns, hate violence. Get more funds from state budget for schools.

**HEALTH CARE:** Health challenges and my steps: Health disparities between rich and poor, between races, national origins, genders and inadequate services to them. Ask state health agencies to take appropriate measures immediately to any epidemic or viruses. Provide free vaccines to all. Emphasize provide services to women and children. Get funds for community clinics and hospitals poor and disadvantaged people.

**TRANSPORTATION:** My Transportation Priorities and Funds: Take steps to decrease traffic congestions in I-95, 695, 495 and I-270 corridors. Increase public transportations, new routes, and introduce inter-city commuter services. Give incentives for car pools (tax breaks), encourage employers to allow their employees for teleworks. Control pollution from vehicles. Get funds for expansion and contraction of new roads.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have had the honor and privilege to represent District 15 in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2003. I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee. My professional experience as a practicing family law attorney has been invaluable in the legislature. In my practice and in the legislature, I am a consensus builder -- I listen, analyze and work toward sound solutions.

**REDISTRICTING:** Congressional and legislative district lines should be drawn by a bi-partisan commission. Hopefully, in the next legislative term we can move this initiative forward.

**ENVIRONMENT:** These challenges include addressing climate change; restoring the health of the Bay; managing land use and protecting open space; monitoring the use of pesticides; and reducing pollution from carbon plants and septic systems. We can make progress in these areas each year by strengthening the Renewable Portfolio Standard, meeting goals for the Bay, and reducing our reliance on trash incineration.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Supporting a vibrant, strong and diverse K-12 education is the best way to address discrimination. This year the General Assembly passed legislation that begins to implement the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission to modernize Maryland’s educational system by improving teacher recruitment, getting more resources to students in low-income schools and expanding technical career programs.

**EDUCATION:** As noted above, I support the recommendations of the Kirwin Commission including encouraging the top 25% of high school graduates from each county to pursue a career in education and increasing awareness of financial aid programs for teaching candidates. I also support an Early Literacy Program in low-income areas to help students build a strong reading foundation and expand pre-k programs.

**HEALTH CARE:** Affordable health care is one of the most significant health challenges. The cost of care is rising due to insurance market uncertainty and the individual mandate repeal by
Republicans in Congress. This year, the General Assembly passed two pieces of legislation to curb the rising cost of care in the short-term and offer a long-term solution to stabilize the market. We'll continue to improve this

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need a balance of road improvements and transit projects. I support the Purple Line, the Corridor Cities Transitway, and improved funding for Metro. We passed legislation to provide additional funding of $167 million a year - as will Virginia and the District. The annual amount of funding will increase by 3% annually to account for inflation. We allocated $178 million for Baltimore transit.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as a Delegate since 2013 on the Environment and Transportation Committee. Prior to that, I was a Montgomery County Police Officer and a partner in a small business. My experience has taught me that success comes best when you work as a team. Together with my colleagues, we have passed a number of important bills by building coalitions across the aisle, including banning fracking.

**REDISTRICTING:** We need more non-partisan public participation. Gerrymandering is one of the biggest threats to democracy and unfortunately it is a problem nationwide and we need to make sure there is a national solution to the problem.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The two most significant are Climate Change and protecting the Chesapeake Bay. I have supported and lead on a number of measures including clean cars, banning fracking and providing incentives for clean energy development. But we always need to do more on the state level, especially now, with the reckless disregard for our future coming out of the current administration in Washington.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I have supported and worked with my colleagues on a number of bills from LGBT rights to housing protections to equal pay. I also strongly support paid sick leave and raising the minimum wage.

**EDUCATION:** I believe we need to take the recommendations of the Kerwin Commission and make them a reality. I supported the bill this year to ensure that casino money supplements and does not replace general fund revenues in education funding.

**HEALTH CARE:** I have supported a number of bills to strengthen the exchange and protect Medicaid and especially the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program. But these are all fall short of what is best: a Medicare for All program to make sure everyone gets the care they need.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need to address traffic. We need smart development and need to make sure that we are investing not just for our needs today but our needs in the future. That means a greater emphasis on transit and transit-oriented development. Investing in transit not only benefits citizens you use it but also our neighbors that use the roads by reducing traffic.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Born, raised, and publicly educated in MoCo, I am the Women's Caucus Chair of the Young Democrats of MD and an Air Force reservist. I worked in the White House Council of Economic Advisers as a graduate research intern before turning down a job offer after the 2016 election, and I've worked in financial regulation and the environmental movement. I studied labor at Cornell and economics at JHU.

REDISTRICTING: Maryland is one of the most gerrymandered states in the country, and I believe that this is extremely problematic. I support the creation of an independent commission that is responsible for drawing district lines so that politicians and public officials cannot directly draw their own districts. Politicians should not be choosing their voters; voters should be choosing their politicians.

ENVIRONMENT: 1. Supporting legislation that would transition us to eventual 100% of our electricity coming from renewable sources; 2. Rejecting pipeline building under the Potomac River and C&O Canal; 3. Strengthening the Forest Conservation Act; 4. Banning foam containers; and 5. Improving our public transportation systems.

DISCRIMINATION: During this session, I lobbied in support of a bill that would strengthen our state’s hate crime laws to include threats. I also support the SAFE Act/TRUST Act, which would help combat the targeting of Latinx members of our community. Fortunately, Maryland has already ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, but Virginia has not, so I would like to work with legislators in Virginia on an ERA campaign.

EDUCATION: A proud product of MCPS and MC, I support improving access to education. If elected, I would push for the state to provide tuition-free, full-day universal pre-K to 3- and 4-year-olds, like Washington, D.C. does, as well as tuition-free community college, like Tennessee does. We could fund this through reducing mass incarceration ($45,876 per inmate annually) and legalizing/taxing cannabis.

HEALTH CARE: If elected, I will support all efforts to expand access to quality, affordable health care, until it is guaranteed for all in our country, as it is in all other industrialized countries. I believe that drug abuse should be addressed as an issue of public health rather than crime. Harm reduction treatment programs reduce the likelihood that patients will overdose or turn to crime to obtain drugs.

TRANSPORTATION: I support improving the reliability and overall service of our public transportation systems, as well as fixing our roads, bridges, and water infrastructure. I strongly support the General Assembly's newly passed bill that grants dedicated, permanent allocation to Metro of $167 million per year from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been serving on the boards of civic groups, environmental organizations, & political clubs since 2003. In 2014, I was the Field Director for Beth Daly’s County Council campaign, & later, Rep. John Delaney’s Campaign Outreach Director. My family has lived in District 15 for 20 years & I graduated from Churchill High School. My platform is education, transit, the environment & social justice.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that a non-partisan election commission should be established for the purpose of drawing congressional & legislative district lines in Maryland. Yes, the current system in place does benefit Democrats, but it does so at the cost of our ethics & values as a free society. As the grandson of an activist who was jailed for the right to vote in a military dictatorship, I stand with democracy.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate Change remains the most significant challenge facing our planet. District 15 is home to two dirty power plants: a coal-burning power plant, and a waste-to-energy facility. Both facilities have significantly polluted waterways including the Potomac River, and have been fined for negligence. They must both be closed down. I support a push for 100% renewable energy for Maryland by 2035.

DISCRIMINATION: I strongly support the Maryland Trust Act, the Maryland Fix the Dream Act, and the U-Visa Bill, all of which work to end discrimination in our state. I am a strong proponent of a $15 minimum wage, & defender of our diversity & pluralism. Gov. O’Malley awarded me a citation for my interfaith efforts between Jews & Muslims in 2014. I have been endorsed by CASA in Action.

EDUCATION: I support all of the recommendations found in the Kirwan commission, especially increases in teacher pay. I also support free tuition at community colleges. I will champion more school construction funding dollars for our county. We need to grow our state’s economy in order to fund these programs. Luckily, our STEM-focused economic footprint in MoCo is in-line with the economy of the future.

HEALTH CARE: Far too many families in our state & across the nation are paying high premiums & deductibles for healthcare plans that usually miss the mark in terms of quality of care. Small business owners & middle class families in particular are struggling. I support single player healthcare and plan to champion its cause if I am elected to Annapolis. This model is both affordable & achievable in Maryland.

TRANSPORTATION: I support dedicated funding for Metro. I also support the development of BRT & the Purple Line. Furthermore, we need to work to expand the hours that MARC serves commuters & study the addition of a third rail line to facilitate more commuter trains. Funding is already in place for several of these projects and I will continue to champion them, as well as advocate for further funding.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As head of Rep. John Delaney’s district staff, I have been able to combine my knowledge and skills from the private and public sectors to work with and advocate for the constituents of the 6th Congressional District by helping them cut through red tape and secure benefits as well as giving them a voice at the federal level. If elected, I will bring the same passion and commitment to District 15.

REDISTRICTING: Voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around. I support implementing an independent redistricting commission to take the politics out of the equation in the redistricting process.

ENVIRONMENT: We must remain steadfast in our commitment to protecting our state from the dangerous and shortsighted environmental policies of the current administration. That is why we must maintain the Obama Administration EPA standards for coal power plants, clean water, and clean air. In addition, I support increasing Maryland’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 50% by 2030 and creating tax incentives for

DISCRIMINATION: I am discovering that many policies and programs that are designed to address discrimination and promote diversity lack provisions and/or funding for enforcement. I support providing proper enforcement mechanisms and funding to make sure our anti-discrimination policies actually work. Additionally, I support bail reform efforts. The current money-based bail system exacerbates inequalities in our justice system.

EDUCATION: As Delegate, I will be a fierce advocate for increased funding for school construction and modernization. Structured early childhood education is one of the greatest tools we have to close the achievement gap, and we need to implement universal pre-kindergarten so that Maryland students develop the skills necessary for the 21st century. We can help pay for this by updating Maryland’s tax code to

HEALTH CARE: Coverage and affordability are the most significant healthcare challenges facing Maryland. We need universal coverage, and our goal should be a single-payer healthcare system in Maryland. The existing healthcare structure of the state has the potential to make this a reality. While we work towards this goal, we need to act as a stopgap to the current administration’s drive to dismantle the Affordable Care Act.

TRANSPORTATION: Our major roads are overcrowded, and our public transportation systems are failing. We need a comprehensive solution to address our crumbling infrastructure. A multimodal approach—including road, rail, and bus transit expansion—would address the varying transportation needs of residents across the district and increase transportation capacity along I-270. However, none of these improvements will be possible without a commitment to funding.

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QUALIFICATIONS: In 2017 when I came out 2nd for Democratic State Party Chair both Sen. Cardin and Congressman Hoyer said I have been the Progressive Voice of the party the last 40 years. Hoyer said I have done as much for the people of county and state while out of office as others have done while in office. I believe a review of my web site tonypuca.com will show all I have accomplished.
have done for the people of the county.

**REDISTRICTING:** While I would like to see our districts drawn in a way that areas of similar interests are in the same district, I am not in favor of doing this in our state until all 50 states do it. Democrats had more congressional votes countrywide than republicans in 2016 but have only 192 members. In MD I would like to see the 6th be Western MD, all Frederick and Carroll. Legislative lines can kept as they are.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Close the Dickerson and BRESCO incinerators immediately and replace them with Anaerobic Digesters that can convert any waste and biomass to clean electricity, mulch, etc. Protect all water supplies by having green roofs, rain gardens and semi permeable services. Replace dirty energy with Solar, wind, etc. Increase recycling by 50%. RSP of 100% by 2035. No fossil fuel in state vehicles.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We need a Civilian Police Review Board to help stop racial profiling and abuse. We need stronger and more enforcement of laws dealing with sexual abuse and harrassment in all avenues. We must clearly enforce and expand the meaning of hate crimes. All public and housing structures should have handicapped accomodations. No person should be discriminated against for employment disability or any of above.

**EDUCATION:** I support pre-K for all students. I am as concerned about the expel and discipline gap for minorities as I am their test score gap and will have a county board where those charged can appeal their case. I want all schools in district to have same quality facilities and teachers so each student has same opportunities. I believe in raising teachers pay and guaranteeing all benefits. Legalizing Cannabis.

**HEALTH CARE:** With the new Trump Tax Bill our state ACA will be down to one provider by fall who'll have to raise rates over 50%. We have the ability in MD though Federal Waivers (section 1814b) of SS act and laws to run our own all payer model at a lower cost than the ACA with better benefits. I will support bill SB1002 for single payer. I have been a licensed Health Ins. Agent and backed single payer for 30 yrs.

**TRANSPORTATION:** More Ride-on buses and added stops upcounty. RBT's in West and East. Increase Marc train trips from DC to Frederick including an express train. Have Marc service from Frederick to Baltimore. Computerize the stop lights at intersections where congestion regularly occurs. Encourage employers to allow workers to work from home 1 day a week. Work with DC and VA on traffic issues. Funded: Legalized Cannabis.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As an immigrant who came here by choice, I know the value of opportunities and how we can be both inclusive and competitive. With a career in higher education and local government, senior leadership experience in both economic and workforce development in Montgomery County, and extensive community involvement, I will be able to focus on the right legislative priorities to move us forward.
REDISTRICTING: We should explore the creation of an independent commission. Anytime elected officials are drawing district lines, there will be the temptation to create boundaries to bolster themselves or their party. I believe in order to have truly equitable districts, we need an independent commission armed with the proper data and mathematical modeling tools.

ENVIRONMENT: Protecting the Chesapeake Bay and the Ag Reserve and addressing climate change are the major environmental concerns we face at the local level. Through accelerating Maryland’s use of clean and renewable energy, mass transit, and investments in workforce training for “green” industries, we can tackle these environmental challenges head-on while growing these emerging industries.

DISCRIMINATION: As a working mother, I have seen first hand employee discrimination based on pregnancy. I support policies such as the stalled HB1109 requiring employers to provide reasonable accommodations for pregnant employees. I would also support measures for local government agencies to better serve, hire/promote and contract with minority and immigrant communities.

EDUCATION: I support universal Pre-K and enhanced career and technical training in our public schools to grow quality mid-to-high wage jobs that meet our community and employer needs. Through a combination of casino lockbox funding and revised funding formulas to accurately represent the changing needs of today’s Montgomery County, I am confident we can see a better education system for all students.

HEALTH CARE: Mental and behavioral health including Opioid use are among the major challenges facing Maryland. We need addiction treatment for those with no insurance, increased access to mental health counselors, and better staff training at treatment facilities. Additionally, we must stabilize healthcare costs through a health insurance down payment system which will give more residents access to healthcare.

TRANSPORTATION: My transportation priorities are to provide traffic relief to the growing Upcounty area by advancing Bus Rapid Transit systems and improvements on I-270. I will fight for Montgomery County’s fair share in both capital and operating budget to support our priority transportation needs and ensure the Transportation Trust Fund is being replenished and used only for transportation purposes.

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QUALIFICATIONS: In my role as a Senate Floor reporter, I read almost every bill to become Federal law over a two-year period. This experience has given me the policy chops and attention to detail necessary to critique even the most minor of details in legislation, see bills for exactly what is written on the paper without preconceived notions, and write effective bills as a lawmaker.

REDISTRICTING: Seeing Congressional Republicans scramble for every vote to pass a bill that would steal health care from tens of millions of people has shaped my view on this issue. Though I am in favor of redistricting reform, I would like to see the change come from the
Federal level or from the judiciary.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Broadly, climate change is the top challenge facing our state. Greenhouse gas emissions are a major contributor to climate change, and thus my top environmental priority is carbon pricing. Not only will this be critical for our environment, but pricing carbon at $20 per metric ton (ten times beneath the cost to society) would give Maryland an estimated $1.2 billion in additional revenue.

**DISCRIMINATION:** My top priority is ending wage discrimination. I support requiring companies to annually file salaries with the state in order to end the wage gap once and for all.

**EDUCATION:** I support the Kirwan Commission recommendation of increasing our education budget by $2.9 billion annually, and my top priority within that funding would be for universal pre-K. I would fund schools with the carbon pricing I mentioned previously, ideally at $40 per ton, which should ensure our schools are funded and that MCPS doesn’t lose state funding.

**HEALTH CARE:** Rapidly increasing premiums is the most significant health challenge in Maryland. My plan is a Premium Reducing Medicare Option, a public health care program for those without health care, or anyone over the age of 55 or with pre-existing conditions. This would help high risk individuals, and prices will be reduced for the remainder of the individuals through decreased risk in the market.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Alleviating traffic on I-270 is my top transportation priority. I believe the best plan of attack is the reversible lanes during rush hour that have been suggested by the County Council. I think this should be paid for through the legalization of recreational marijuana.

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**Legislative District 16 - State Senator**

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a Senator and Delegate, I worked to pass laws to support K-12 education full funding, Pre-K, affordable college, clean environment, gun safety, affordable healthcare, mass transit, bioscience and cybersecurity; fight domestic violence, human trafficking, senior & child abuse and identity theft. Building on my track record, I can continue to do even more for
my constituents and all Marylanders.

**REDISTRICTING:** A comprehensive federal measure, instead of piece meal by the state, to ensure Congressional & legislative restricting is conducted by an independent commission of multi-partisan, unaffiliated voters, diverse members and stakeholders with an opportunity for public input and a process and standards that support fairness and effective representation.

**ENVIRONMENT:** As Senator and Delegate, I worked to pass laws to address Climate Change, reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions, ground, water, and Chesapeake Bay pollution; increase Renewal Portfolio Standard, solar & wind energy, oyster/crab population, forest conservation; ban Fracking; and hold offshore drillers strictly liable. Building on my track record, I can continue to do even more to protect our environment.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a legislator, I have supported and passed bills to fight discrimination against women, LGBTQs, immigrants, people of color and all backgrounds, sexual harassment, hate crimes, racial and religious profiling; support marriage equality, dreamers, and bail reform. I was the Senate Lead Sponsor of the Maryland Equal Pay for Equal Work Act. Building on my track record, I can continue to do more.

**EDUCATION:** I continue to support increased funding for public school K-12, construction, modernization, safety & higher education; universal Pre-K; free/reduced meals; recruit/retain best teachers; affordable college & helped pass bills to create Education Lock Box to direct casino revenues to support, not supplant education funding & a new Interagency Commission for School Construction to obtain more funds.

**HEALTH CARE:** As a legislator, I have worked to pass laws to ensure Marylanders have affordable healthcare and prescription drugs; create the Reinsurance program; allow Attorney General to file suit to prevent drug price gouging; address long term care; and served as lead sponsor of Telehealth laws to save lives and increase access to underserved communities. Building on my track record, I can to do even more.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I helped pass laws to have Metro dedicated funding, better governance and membership; safe and efficient mass transit; move forward the Purple Line; and to create the Transportation Lock Box to secure funds for transportation and the repair of roads and infrastructure that also created jobs. I will continue to work to ensure Maryland has a safe and efficient transportation system & infrastructure.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I’m a Bethesda resident, dedicated husband and father with children in local schools, a small biz owner, a local attorney, a MSI soccer coach, and a Navy veteran. Maryland has been my home since I graduated from the Naval Academy and met my wife, a 4th gen.
Marylander whose family owned the Rod N' Reel in So. Md. I will take a commonsense approach to issues affecting our children and community.

**REDISTRICTING:** I agree with 73% of Marylanders and the Washington Post that Maryland needs a nonpartisan redistricting process that ensures free and fair elections. As a Delegate I will vote for Gov. Hogan’s proposal for a nonpartisan commission to draw up Congressional and Legislative districts after the 2020 census. When we work together Maryland citizens win.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Many Marylanders make their living from the Chesapeake Bay. A healthy Bay is a healthy Maryland. Restoration of Chesapeake Bay, rivers and streams, quality of our drinking water, protection of green spaces in urban development, excessive traffic congestion and noise from aircraft overhead, and the 1000% increase in MoCo’s “water quality protection” fees concern me.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We have made great progress on addressing discrimination yet surely additional work can be done. I condemn discrimination based on race, gender, religion, and disability. Whether legal protections should be extended to cover “poverty” is a controversial idea that requires careful thought. I support equal opportunity for all.

**EDUCATION:** More STEM education, school safety that protects children from predators, and accountability of school board. I support the Governor’s investment in education and recent passage of legislation that requires school safety coordinators and behavioral health assessment teams to identify students whose behavior pose a threat. The addition of a MC school Inspector General is a solid step forward.

**HEALTH CARE:** Maryland declared a state of emergency in response to the heroin, opioid, and fentanyl crisis soon after. Gov Hogan took office. He set up an Opioid Operational Command Center to coordinate state and local agencies, imposed a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, limited the amount a health care provider can prescribe, and strengthened laws to impose strict penalties on distributors of fentanyl.

**TRANSPORTATION:** D16 residents are employed and attend schools located throughout the region and depend on well maintained local roads, 495 and 270 and Metro system. Of major concern is the capacity of these roads to accommodate traffic that will increase with arrival of new businesses in Bethesda and Rockville I will work with the Hogan Administration to improve traffic congestion.

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**Democratic Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Throughout my life I have taken an active approach to citizenship. I have demonstrated my commitment to the public interest through my 15 years of service on civic boards, Democratic campaigns, and in our state legislature. I have a master’s in health policy from Johns Hopkins and a decade of professional health policy experience that I will draw upon.
to reduce health premiums for all Marylanders.

**REDISTRICTING:** We must end gerrymandering now. Ensuring that districts are drawn fairly in a non-partisan manner will translate into improved representation. Redistricting reform will do much to restore voters’ confidence in our electoral democracy.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is real and it is being driven by our addictive consumption of fossil fuels. Thankfully, alternative technologies like wind and solar are becoming increasingly available, cost-effective, and viable in a wide array of markets; we must continue to incentivize the development and innovation of these technologies.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I oppose unlawful discrimination in any form. I believe that the best way to help disadvantaged people is to ensure that everyone has access to affordable healthcare and high quality education. With a healthy body and a healthy mind those who have struggled to succeed in society will stand a better chance at competing on a level playing field.

**EDUCATION:** Our schools are bursting at the seams. In addition to more school construction funds we need to reduce the student to teacher ratio by bringing more teachers into the classroom to give every child the attention they deserve. 18% of Maryland's students live in Montgomery County but MCPS only gets 12% of state school construction funds. I'll work to get our fair share.

**HEALTH CARE:** Over the past four years, healthcare premiums have increased by an average of 50% in Maryland. We indirectly subsidize 400,000 uninsured Marylanders who get their care through hospital emergency rooms. Hospitals and insurers aren’t taking the hit here; we are. We need to create universal access to a public option for basic health insurance coverage that will be funded by insurers and hospitals.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Improved mass transit options will increase mobility, strengthen our economy, and improve our quality of life. To stay competitive, we must invest in and expand our infrastructure. We need dedicated Metro funding, improved bike lanes, and we should consider a Metro impact tax and a gas tax to fund these initiatives.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have run successful businesses, written on policy and politics for the UN and other agencies, experienced diverse cultures in international, national and local settings, taught adults in a business school environment, run a policy and political establishment in DC and organized grassroots groups in activism and electoral politics. My life experience will inform my decisions to serve my county.

**REDISTRICTING:** We need to safeguard our democracy and ensure voters have freedom to elect their representatives rather than officials creating districts by design and ill-intent. Any redistricting should be done based upon population, ensuring competitive races and reducing the safety of incumbents. A fair and transparent process, avoiding partisanship and profiling, should protect diversity & ensure inclusion.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We need to invest in sustainable growth to avoid sprawl development. We can
minimize our energy usage by building communities that are inter-connected - homes, workplaces and shopping areas centered around transportation hubs. We need less vehicles on roads, renewable energy sources, safe drinking water, clean waterways, more green spaces, trails & bike paths. Plastics & pollutants must be shunned

**DISCRIMINATION**: As messages of misogyny, intolerance, bigotry and hate mount & federal laws protecting communities are dismantled, state action is essential. We must enact laws to protect rights of women, racial & religious minorities, persons with disabilities and low-wage earners. Ensuring a living wage, reproductive choice, pay equity, affordable housing & access to healthcare for all are crucial policy needs

**EDUCATION**: Montgomery County should fight to ensure adequate state funding. Our schools are facing a changing, diverse population & expanding enrollment. To maintain our levels of excellence we need an expansion of early childhood education, focus on special-needs education & language proficiency, more autonomy for school boards, easily attainable higher education, and a controlled school construction policy

**HEALTH CARE**: We need to contain and control hospitalization and medicine costs. We need to ensure that Medicare and Medicaid are not gutted by this administration and Maryland Health Connect works well. An individual health care mandate at the state level could turn into a down payment for people to pay for health insurance, to keep premiums from skyrocketing. We need healthcare protection for our seniors.

**TRANSPORTATION**: We need an emphasis on public transportation funded by the state & county. Light rail, improved Metro and Bus Rapid Transit are all essential. We must develop safe, reliable, and economical transportation choices to decrease transportation costs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote public health, and reduce traffic congestion.

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**QUALIFICATIONS**: I have advocated for empowering change working on the Glenn and Dukakis presidential campaigns; as a legislative aide to Sen. Pines (D-Newton, MA); as a democratization specialist working in Pakistan, Zambia, and the Czech Rep.; and now as a lawyer battling abusive U.S. defense contractors operating overseas. I have the skills needed to battle abuses of power and corruption.

**REDISTRICTING**: THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING MD AND THE U.S.! I would follow the lead of California by introducing legislation to establish an independent, non-partisan Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission. We should enter into a consent-decree in Benisek v. Lamone and stop wasting taxpayer resources defending the indefensible rights-depriving carving of electoral districts.

**ENVIRONMENT**: Climate change/atmospheric pollution. I would further cap-and-trade policies; increase BRT transit, and build-out Metro rail (see below) to get commuters off 495, lower
emissions, and reduce fossil-fuel consumption; legislate mandatory replacement of coal with natural gas; demand that industry fund methane gas detection; and tax Amazon $1 per box to process its avalanche of solid waste.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We must end MD's racial discrimination in higher ed.; stop abusing the 14th Amend by barring ALL gerrymandering; strengthen the MD Declaration of Rights to fortify state laws even were U.S. Constitutional protections to erode; ensure access to the public courts by restricting mandatory arbitration; recruit and incentivize minorities into law enforcement; and end restrictions on jury awards.

**EDUCATION:** The MD Gen. Assembly must AGGRESSIVELY AND THOROUGHLY address what the U.S. District Court recently found to be a decades-long history of racial discrimination in MD higher education. The MD General Assembly has to address this IMMEDIATELY by allocating resources fairly to undo this shameful history. We need new school construction to end overcrowding. We need to address the student debt crisis.

**HEALTH CARE:** We need a national, single-payer medical insurance program that will guarantee medical care. I will work in whatever way I can to support such an initiative. It is both shameful and idiotic that we shackle our workforce with the crippling anxiety of losing employer-provided healthcare and allow profit-motive to become a barrier between pain and the alleviation of pain.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We must get drivers off 495 to stop the loss of productivity caused by bumper-to-bumper traffic by building connections between and among the suburban Metrorail stations: Tysons-to-Medical Center-Silver Spring-Greenbelt-to-New Carrollton-Largo-Branch Ave-to-Van Dorn-to-Tysons. We should consider expanding VA's Arlington-to-G'town gondola up Canal Road and/or above the Capital Crescent Trail.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** During my eight years representing our community in the legislature I have earned elected and appointed leadership positions that give me critical experience including Deputy Majority Whip, Subcommittee Chair on the Healthcare Committee, Chair of the Montgomery County Economic Development Committee, Chair of Joint Committee for Children, Youth & Families, and President of the Women Legislators.

**REDISTRICTING:** Ideally, there would be national reform whereby no state could improperly draw district lines. Last year, I supported legislation that would establish a nonpartisan commission to draft the state’s congressional districts with a Mid-Atlantic Regional Compact, including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. I support this as a good first step.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I am proud to be endorsed by the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters, and even more proud of my 100% lifetime voting record from these groups. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the use of renewable energy sources is essential to protecting and improving our air and water quality. In 2018, I co-sponsored the 100% RPS bill
and the Clean Energy Jobs Act.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support increasing the minimum wage, paid family & medical leave, and pay equity. I co-sponsored the Trust Act and support preventing the criminalization of poverty. I led the successful fights to increase childcare subsidies, provide access to cost-free birth control, and to reform the sexual harassment and racial discrimination reporting system in the legislature and state government.

**EDUCATION:** I support ensuring access to high quality education for all of children through initiatives such as increasing school construction funding, universal access to pre-k and community college, and updated buildings and upgraded technology. This session, I co-sponsored an amendment to Maryland’s constitution that requires casino revenues be used to provide $500 million for our school.

**HEALTH CARE:** Volatility in the individual insurance market is our greatest healthcare challenge. I support investigating the possibility of individuals and small groups being able to buy into the state employee insurance plan or into Medicaid. I also support and voted to fund a state reinsurance program. From a public health perspective we face significant healthcare disparities, and a tragic opioid crisis.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I support Maryland’s full commitment to $167 million a year in dedicated funding for WMATA from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund. I am a co-sponsor of the Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act (HB 372). I am also supportive of enhancing WMATA oversight by strengthening WMATA’s Office of the Inspector General and placing the Maryland Secretary of Transportation or their designee on the Board.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been privileged to serve as a Delegate from District 16 for the past four years. Prior to that service, I was involved politically as my district’s Democratic Party committee member. I also was involved civically as chair of the Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board and an officer on the board of the Bethesda Urban Partnership.

**REDISTRICTING:** I would like to see national changes that require all states to move to non-partisan redistricting commissions. In the meantime, Maryland can make strides by applying the rules that apply to our state legislative boundaries (compactness, contiguity, and respect for political subdivisions) to our Congressional districts. I am a co-sponsor of the bipartisan HB 1022 which would achieve that purpose.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is the most significant overall environmental challenge we face. It will have significant effects in Maryland because of the amount of coast line we have. Although we cannot solve climate change alone, we can lead the way by dramatically reducing the amount of fossil fuels we use for energy. I have championed energy storage to allow better use of intermittent renewables.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support equal pay, sexual harassment legislation, cash bail reform, ban the box in employment and higher education, increased funding for special education, and many
other broad and targeted policies to ensure that all are treated fairly regardless of race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty.

EDUCATION: I support increased funding for school construction, which is particularly important for our county and our high enrollment growth. This can be funded by continuing to increase the high enrollment growth grant and gaining efficiencies in the school construction process. I also support updating the state's education funding formulas once the Kirwan Commission finishes its work later this year.

HEALTH CARE: The rising cost of healthcare is a major issue. Most attention is on the individual market, but all Americans are spending an increasing proportion of income on healthcare. I support expanding our all payer waiver to cover more services and control costs. I also support legislation to create a Medicaid buy-in program or even single payer in Maryland, all to control costs while improving access.

TRANSPORTATION: I have spent significant time in my first term on Metro. We are on the cusp of passing dedicated funding regionally. There will be a need for significant, continued oversight of Metro, even as we also focus on other transit and transportation network improvements such as Bus Rapid Transit and the Corridor Cities Transitway. We should continue funding primarily from the Transportation Trust Fund.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a new comer to politics. I am a public speaker from NAMI Maryland, a journalist, and a certified nursing assistant. Whether taking care of a client, researching an article, or preparing a speech I believe I have the competency to make an absolutely splendid public official.

REDISTRICTING: We must not gerrymander towards republican districts. We should attempt to have diverse district with relatively the same economic affluence.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe keeping Maryland beautiful is one of my main priorities. This in part is to get our carbon footprint severely reduced. Continuing forms of alternative energies. We should take models from countries like Sweden in ending our landfills. We should have a committee for the most innovative environmental solutions. We can incorporate the best solution to keep Maryland beautiful, today.

DISCRIMINATION: We are all equal. We need this especially in the area of social justice. Police officers must be aware of this when patrolling our streets. There should be no allowance for discrimination in the workplace. Any forms of sexual harassment should result in firings. Some people say 'political correctness' does more to hurt then help. I disagree. We must continue to fight against hate.

EDUCATION: I am the only politician in Maryland calling upon our leaders to support and fund a conflict resolution and peace studies curriculum for public school students from k-12th grade. I am in favor of most of the Kiwan's Commission report but earlychildhood education daycare I would support with a sales tax. We need to start educating our kids soon after they are born
and we need to get them 'yes.'

**HEALTH CARE:** We must pressure the federal government to rework Obama Care and get an Universal option. We also need more funding for our hospitals. In America, we should have the best and most affordable healthcare anywhere. In Maryland, it means getting accessible health care and the best hospitals possible. And our state legislator should be shaping national policies on this issue.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I am the only politician in the WMATA area calling for a reworking of Metro Access. I believe this is the #1 safety issue confronting metro. Metro Access is the taxi service for the disabled. In FYI 2017 Metro Access made over two million trip. There were 6000 no shows. A person at a doctor's office not receive a ride, this is a disaster waiting to happen. We need make this our #1 priority.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was the Policy Director for the ACLU of Maryland for four years. During that time, I drafted bills, edited bills, brought together coalitions, testified, wrote testimony, lobbied, worked on amendments, created relationships with legislators and advocates, worked with advocates on opposing sides and was deeply enmeshed in the entire legislative process. This has prepared me for the job.

**REDISTRICTING:** I believe we should have a non-partisan commission draw our districts. The gerrymandering for which Maryland has become famous is wrong and should be changed.

**ENVIRONMENT:** There are many significant environmental challenges, especially in light of the environmental devastation coming out of Washington. I will work with advocates and colleagues to address what we can, from increasing our reliance on renewables, to promoting better options for transit to get the cars off the road, to continuing to clean up the Bay, and everything in between.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I have spent my career advocating for social justice, from an early case as private attorney litigating a mortgage discrimination case through my time at the ACLU. I support anti-discrimination policies.

**EDUCATION:** I support community schools, universal early education and ensuring our kids are career and college-ready. We need to fully fund our schools-that means stopping the voucher program and ensuring that the slot money supplements our education funding instead of supplanting it. I also support legalizing cannabis for adult use, with a percentage of the revenue going to support our public schools

**HEALTH CARE:** Again, the most significant health challenges are coming from Washington. We need to control the rising cost of medical care and ensure access to quality care for everyone. This is not my area of expertise, so I look to work with advocates, medical professionals and legislators to address our challenges.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need to address our traffic problems. People spend too much time in traffic, which is bad for our stress levels, our families and our environment. We need to fund
the infrastructure necessary to move people towards mass transit rather than cars, and make targeted investments to our road systems to clear some of the traffic.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I’m an educator, organizer, and technology problem solver who will help renew public institutions and spur economic growth. I teach computer science in the same classroom where I was once a student; as MCPS’s 2016 Rising Star Teacher of the Year, I know how to build schools of the future. I also worked as a government technology consultant for IBM and as an organizer for the 2012 Obama campaign.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support non-partisan redistricting measures like independent commissions. Absent federal directives to end partisan gerrymandering, I favor regional compacts that use interstate cooperation to trigger structural reforms and allow us to bring along neighboring red states like Virginia.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change looms large over humanity’s future. I’ll fight to reduce and reverse greenhouse gas emissions by: supporting transit infrastructure that gets people out of cars; making electric vehicles more affordable for those who have to drive; prioritizing the use of renewable energy; pricing carbon; and supporting a climate mobilization on the scale of World War II’s home front efforts.

**DISCRIMINATION:** My immigrant family and I know first-hand the pain of discrimination. Along with the above groups, we must protect people based on sexuality, immigration status, and non-conforming gender identity. I’ll support a variety of legal protections, but no such measure can match the power of using our schools both to integrate our community and to create lasting cultural change in the younger generation.

**EDUCATION:** We will soon have a rare chance to overhaul school funding for the first time since 2002. As a teacher and organizer, I have the experience to create lasting change for our schools. I will close our $3 billion school funding gap; bring home more school construction money; recruit/retain the best teachers; advance arts/music and STEM; roll out universal pre-K; and rebuild our vocational programs.

**HEALTH CARE:** First, let’s fight the opioid crisis by studying successful states like Vermont and by providing more funding for prevention and treatment. Second, let’s stabilize our state insurance market and tame skyrocketing premiums via a state individual mandate. Then, let’s expand all-payer rate setting to prescription drugs and set up a Medicaid buy-in option to move us toward universal coverage.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Physical mobility leads to economic mobility. I support a combination of rail, bus, and road infrastructure. That means: (1) Metro reform, all-day/two-way MARC service, and an infill MARC station in the White-Flint area to get commuters off the roads; (2) true bus-rapid transit via the Corridor Cities Transitway and routes 29/355; (3) maintenance and safety on busy state routes like River Road.
Legislative District 17 - State Senator

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REDISTRICTING: The gerrymandering must stop! To benefit one Party over another is so wrong! Case in point is CD 6 consists of parts of MoCo and extents All the way to Garrett County in western Maryland. What do the voters Know about traffic ingestion and what do we know about the issues of Deep Creek Lake?

ENVIRONMENT: Weather and climate change is Not caused by humans although the General public has been led to believe this. Scientists tell us otherwise. Cars are designed to emit less CO2 and cows can provide good protein to humans who are carnivores ! Plants need to be GMO free and less pesticides. Further scientific studies need to inform the public about the true nature of the Environmental changes.

DISCRIMINATION: Offer all opportunities to ppl of every skin color or gender. All awards must be merit based ! No more selection of scholarships based on skin color! It must be based on our brains. If a sports scholarship is offered to ppl with the unique ability for that spot, so be it! This is Not discrimination, but selection of the best candidate! Equal opportunity for all, but some are more gifted.

EDUCATION: No Common Core! Kids must have a knowledge base before they can make personal opinions of a subject! Funding for non public schools for parents to have a choice! Have 3 types of high school diplomas : academic, general and commercial as in trade school. Less emphasis on sports, but more on the academics. Religious Release half days to allow religious instruction.

HEALTH CARE: Drug over dose to address pain which comes from too many operations ! Knee and hip replacement, sports injuries and lack of alternative medicine such as herbal medicine from eastern countries. Not every ailment should be a cut by a surgeon! This is Not to dismiss doctors who prescribe way too many pain killers.

TRANSPORTATION: Invest in Metro and the Ride on buses just like NYC. Congested 270 should be part of Gov. Hogan’s Transportation Packet. School transportation ought to work together with the Montgomery County Transit unit in order to save energy. Often a yellow school bus
carries only one passenger.

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QUALIFICATIONS: With eight years as a member of the House of Delegates and four years as the Senator for the residents of Gaithersburg and Rockville, I offer experience, relationships, and accomplishments. As important as my Annapolis tenure is my career of activism and leadership at the federal, state, and local levels. I've worked on gun control, reproductive choice, run a charitable foundation and more.

REDISTRICTING: Redistricting is fundamentally about fair representation, yet it has undeniable partisan consequences. An unbiased outcome is an enormous challenge. While I voted for the multi-state compact in 2017, it was an imperfect solution to a national issue. We need Congress and/or the Supreme Court to establish a national standard so as not to have a fair process in some states and ongoing bias in others.

ENVIRONMENT: The challenge in MD is acting at the state level... and needing interstate cooperation as well as support from the federal gov't. Tragically, the Trump Admin (and, to a lesser extent, the Hogan Admin) don't support Bay Clean-Up, Renewable Portfolio Standards, fuel efficiency, increased recycling, and species protection. I sponsored the statewide polystyrene ban & named an LCV "Green Champion."

DISCRIMINATION: There is no doubt that discrimination still exists in many forms. My legislation to outlaw discriminatory policies in private schools that take public funds or my bills on "Language Access" or "Fertility Parity" addressed areas of inequity or bias. I will continue to work on these issues, including my "Freedom to Serve" legislation, which would bring diversity and inclusion to our police force.

EDUCATION: We need to return public funds to our public schools! Siphoning off dollars to other institutions weakens the infrastructure of our educational system. Youngest students need early socialization and skills to help them succeed. High schoolers would benefit from internships & access to college credit. Our new law offering free community college for mid-income families will provide opportunities.

HEALTH CARE: Early disparities in health education and health care have an enormous impact on quality of life and opportunities to flourish. Reproductive health options and access to nutritious food are fundamental determinants. "Obamacare" provided health care but has been undercut by this Congress & Prez. MD has worked to protect residents' access. At the end of life, we all deserve compassionate choices.

TRANSPORTATION: Fundamental to economic development (including luring Amazon's HQ2 to MoCo!) is our transportation infrastructure. In addition to "Smart Growth" and encouraging telecommuting to reduce traffic, we simply must continue to support Metro. $167M/year
guaranteed is a good start. We need the Corridor Cities Transitway, increased use of the ICC (& the terrific ICC bus!), and the Purple Line completed!

**Legislative District 17 - House of Delegates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a physician and a scientist who believes in the ideal of having citizen-legislators serve briefly in office, accomplish their goals, and then move on to other challenges, allowing other citizens to provide their energy and input into public office. My work as a psychiatry resident physician exposed me to some of the most marginalized in our society and simply put, I want to do my part.  
**REDISTRICTING:** I believe strongly in creating districts in a non-partisan way, by a commission of experts, that enshrines the principle of "1 person = 1 vote", creating districts of roughly equal population without regard to political affiliations.  
**ENVIRONMENT:** We need to increase the proportion of renewable energy powering Maryland and the best way to do it is the 100% Clean and Renewable Energy Act which aims to power Maryland through renewable energy by 2035. Cleaning the Chesapeake Bay and finding funding to do it with the anticipated cuts in federal support is another top priority.  
**DISCRIMINATION:** I reject all forms of discrimination, including on the grounds of race, gender, religion, disability, poverty, etc. In addition to enshrining a rejection of discrimination on these grounds in law, I am in favor of an "Equality Commission" with the power to investigate and issue sanctions against individuals and companies that violate these principles.  
**EDUCATION:** I am in broad agreement with the Kirwan Commission’s recommendations, particularly the importance of quality early-childhood education, which I believe needs to be done through joint state and county funding.  
**HEALTH CARE:** Although one of the lowest in the nation, we still have about 10% of Marylanders who do not have health insurance and need coverage. There are also disparities in terms of accessing health care, particularly mental health care, throughout the state. The best way of dealing with these problems is supporting the "Medicare-for-All" proposal by Ben Jealous.  
**TRANSPORTATION:** I am in favor of an "all-of-the-above" policy when it comes to
transportation, including dedicated funding for Metro, supporting Bus Rapid Transit, and not standing in the way of Gov. Hogan's highway widening scheme, provided that it truly requires no public funding. I am against a sales tax increase specific to Montgomery and Maryland counties for Metro.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I’m a senior leader in the House, having served as the Chair of the Montgomery County Delegation, House Majority Leader and now Chairman of the Environment & Transportation Committee. Professionally, I am an accountant and the CFO of a company in Rockville. My financial background and public policy experience make me uniquely qualified.

REDISTRICTING: I support independent redistricting commissions to set congressional districts as long as all states participate. Gerrymandering in states like Pennsylvania, Texas and Ohio has resulted in a permanent institutional GOP majority despite a majority of Americans voting for Democratic congressional candidates. I also support independent commissions for state redistricting.

ENVIRONMENT: The League of Conservation Voters named me ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR for banning fracking. This year I passed a law to ban offshore oil drilling. The top concern is global climate change. I was behind the first bipartisan renewable energy law. Also, I have worked to protect the Bay by forcing our governor to reduce farm and urban pollution. See: http://bit.ly/Barve2017EnviroAward.

DISCRIMINATION: As a person of color, I have experienced discrimination. I worked against all these forms of discrimination and I would include discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identification. The main emphasis should be on poverty and the disappearance of the middle class. See what I have to say in detail: www.kumarbarve.com/issues/economy.

EDUCATION: I support strong public schools. I look forward to the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission which will likely include expansion of access to pre-kindergarten, with a focus on early literacy. This session I supported a $400 million annual investment in school construction, including fast growing systems like Montgomery County. The revenues already exist in the budget for all these programs.

HEALTH CARE: The top priority should be supporting the ACA and maintaining as close to a 100% insurance coverage level as possible given the hostility to universal coverage of the current federal government. Also, I support giving citizens and businesses the ability to drive down drug prices by participating in the state prescription benefit plan.

TRANSPORTATION: As the Chair of the ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, I strongly support sending road construction money to Montgomery County and took action this year to do that. Also as Chair I helped procure an additional $167 million to support the Metro system for new trains, buses, improved safety and +98% on time service.
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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served three terms in the Maryland House of Delegates where I have made health care, education, transportation and the environment top priorities. I have worked at the Maryland Department of Housing and for History Associates Incorporated. I have served on the Americana Center Condominium Board and on other non profit boards. My experience has prepared me for the many legislative duties.  
REDISTRICTING: Maryland's congressional redistricting process is currently under review by the United States Supreme Court. The Court is reviewing Wisconsin's policies at the same time. I support a system which promotes more general election toss up districts. In Maryland this would probably mean that 2 congressional districts would be toss ups based on past voter behavior.  
ENVIRONMENT: First and foremost Maryland must continue to upgrade its renewable energy portfolio which requires utility companies to provide a certain percentage of energy from renewable resources. The percentage needs to increase steadily every few years and the portfolio should transform from an emphasis on renewable energy to an emphasis on clean energy.  
DISCRIMINATION: The Maryland African American Caucus has laid out a far reaching agenda to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities, reform the bail process and support expunging certain criminal records. I stand with these proposals. I also support increasing funding for persons with disabilities. I have voted to curtail the parental rights of rapists, and to support the transgender community.  
EDUCATION: I support the general election ballot initiative to phase in increases to the school operating budget of approximately $500 million over four years. This will help education across the state. I also support increasing school construction funding to address the school capacity issue and to reduce portable classrooms. I would support bringing the 5% tax rate down to fund these if necessary.  
HEALTH CARE: Over 10 million people nationwide use the Affordable Care Act's health exchanges to get health insurance. Under federal attack, these exchanges need state help. I support an insurer re-insurance fund to protect Maryland's health insurance exchange. Maryland needs to continue its support of Medicaid and also for the CHIP program which provides access to health care for low income children.  
TRANSPORTATION: The Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) provides funding for a range of transportation services. I supported an increase in the gas tax to fund the TTF. This has enabled increases in funding for Metro, for highways, for buses and roads. Transportation must continue to receive adequate funding.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Demographically, Montgomery County is the future - we are now where the rest of country will be by 2050. We have the opportunity to be a model for how government can effectively serve increasingly diverse populations and create inclusive communities. My background as an attorney and activist has prepared me to provide the progressive leadership and vision we need in Annapolis going forward.

REDISTRICTING: I favor the interstate compact approach sponsored by then-Sen Jaime Raskin as a reasonable means of taking the politics out of the redistricting process. If we are to ensure voters remain engaged and do not feel disenfranchised, we must inject integrity into the process.

ENVIRONMENT: Man-made climate change is the most pressing environmental issue of our lifetime. We must wean ourselves off of carbon-based fuels, and I favor doubling our renewable energy commitment to 50% by 2030 as a means of doing so. I also favor exploring the implementation of a carbon tax which will indirectly catalyze and encourage the use of renewable energy sources like solar and wind power.

DISCRIMINATION: I will support policies that reduce income inequality and empower working families like paid sick leave, and an increase in the statewide minimum wage. I will address the affordable housing crisis ensuring that we incent developers to build more affordable housing. I will seek to close the achievement gap in education by expanding access to early education, and securing school construction funds

EDUCATION: I will support policies designed to expand access to early childhood education. I also want to encourage expansion and remove the stigma associated with career technology education. I would further seek to empower community schools as a means of supplementing traditional public education. I favor an education "lock box" using casino revenue money to provide additional funding to our schools.

HEALTH CARE: There's growing anxiety among Marylanders regarding continued access to affordable healthcare particularly in light of the assault the Trump administration appears determine to wage on Obamacare. As a member of the General Assembly I will work to ensure we counter the effects of federal healthcare reform, and keep the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs down.

TRANSPORTATION: I will pursue cost effective transportation solutions designed to move people in faster, more efficient and traffic-reducing ways. Specifically, I am a proponent of the Corridor Cities Transitway BRT project, expansion of the 3 MARC lines servicing our county, and implementing overdue improvements to Metro. I am open to exploring public private partnerships as a means of funding such projects.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm serving my second term on the Rockville City Council and previously led three citizen advisory boards. A scientist by training, I bring a facts-based approach to policymaking. In office, I’ve pushed for progressive reforms including banned smoking in
outdoor dining areas, created a water conservation program for low-income residents, and sponsored the Fostering Community Trust Act.

**REDISTRICTING:** Maryland should be ashamed to have one of the most gerrymandered congressional districts in the nation. I support the plan proposed by then-State Senator Jamie Raskin to have Maryland and Virginia form a compact for both states to redistrict simultaneously. As a result, both states would get more compact districts without changing the net partisan makeup of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is undoubtedly the most pressing issue. Without action to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change, all other environmental goals will be much more difficult, including restoring the Chesapeake Bay and protecting habitats. At a minimum, Maryland needs to adopt a new statewide renewable energy target of 50% by the year 2030 and to invest more in public transportation.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Maryland has been a leader, but additional reforms are needed. 1) Reform the bail system, which holds poor people in jail even when they don’t pose a risk. End cash bail for misdemeanors and non-violent charges, as other states are considering. 2) Enact the Maryland SAFE Act, which would keep law enforcement focused on fighting crime rather than enforcing federal civil immigration laws.

**EDUCATION:** A strong public school system is of vital importance to Maryland’s future. We should implement recommendations from the Kirwan Commission, especially for addressing the achievement gap. We also need universal pre-K for four year olds, which will help them succeed throughout their entire lives. An important funding reform will be to put a lockbox on gambling revenues in the Education Trust Fund.

**HEALTH CARE:** 1) To address the opioid crisis, we need tighter limits on prescription of opioids and to require a substance abuse disorder assessment before prescription. 2) Gun violence takes 700+ Maryland lives a year. Let’s change state law to allow local governments to enact stronger gun control. 3) We need paid family leave so anyone can care for an infirm family member or bond with their new child.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Public transportation is key to addressing traffic congestion. The approval of permanent, dedicated funding for Metro is a step in the right direction, but we need funding for other transit projects such as Bus Rapid Transit and expanding MARC service. We also need to make our roads safer for pedestrians and bicyclists by adopting Vision Zero (no deaths or serious injuries on any state roads).

Rebecca Smondrowski

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My work representing District 17 on the Board of Education for the last 6 years, and my experience as a staff member in the General Assembly, as well as 3 years as VP of Legislation for MCCPTA, among other things have allowed me to forge relationships across the state. I have a reputation for collaboration and team work and an ability to network with all sides for the good of the community.

**REDISTRICTING:** Equity should be the shared interest of all stakeholders. We must reach out to our affected constituents get their input and collaborate with them before decisions are made. Any changes that I will support would be the ones that empower voters who are traditionally excluded from the political process. I support the creation of an independent nonpartisan redistricting commission.
ENENVIRONMENT: Addressing the health of the Chesapeake Bay, climate change, environmental pollution and sustaining a green future would be among my priorities. A lot more needs to be done about sensitizing our communities about their devastating impact on our world. I would be very supportive of funds and legislation to strengthen existing laws that promote environmentally-friendly behavior.

DISCRIMINATION: I am proud of my work on the Board and as chair of the Special Populations Committee where I have championed policies, practices, and training that foster zero tolerance for discrimination among our students and staff. I have worked with county agencies on innovative programs like The Choose Respect Conference that address teen and gender violence. I will do even more at the state level.

EDUCATION: We need creative and fiscally responsive ways to meet our children’s numerous needs, starting with a robust pre-K education, ensuring that struggling students with disabilities are fully supported, and reducing opportunity and achievement gaps based on income and race. We need to start by re-purposing funding, such as dedicating all casino revenue to education.

HEALTH CARE: First and foremost, we need to enact policies at the state level to ensure every resident has access to affordable healthcare. In addition, environmental hazards, health awareness education, healthy nutrition and supporting social and emotional health are significant challenges. We need to fund innovative programs and supports that address these concerns.

TRANSPORTATION: I support the widening and adding express toll lanes on I-270, with dedicated express-bus service on the new lanes to extend rapid transit to Frederick, and construction of the CCT. Telecommuting and local Bus Rapid Transit would also help relieve traffic. I would support a mix of state/federal funding, public-private partnerships, toll-backed bonds, and working with local leaders for funding.
REDISTRICTING: I support a non-partisan, independent redistricting commission, which I would like to see created along with Virginia. I support President Obama's and AG Holder's efforts at reform. I expect SCOTUS will resolve this issue in either the Gill or the Benisek case, or both, this spring.

ENVIRONMENT: Global warming is an ongoing planetary existential catastrophe. I support the Clean Renewable Energy and Equity Act for 100% clean energy in Maryland by 2035. My other priority is dealing with endocrine disruptors, a field in which I've done groundbreaking research. Such compounds threaten human fertility and sexual development.

DISCRIMINATION: I led the four campaigns in Maryland to protect and then defend the trans community. I have worked on marriage equality, racial discrimination, and supported efforts in the courts to protect gay and trans persons for the past decade. Currently I am the lead working to streamline the receipt of appropriate identity documents for the trans community, and working to ban conversion therapy.

EDUCATION: I support the leaked recommendations of the Kirwan Commission - universal pre-K, community schools, redistribution of support to lower income students - plus increased spending on vo-tech and teacher training, and a rollback of some standardized testing. I would fund them through reclaiming casino revenues, and legalizing marijuana and taxing it as we do other recreational drugs.

HEALTH CARE: We must replace the lost federal mandate with a state alternative to prevent ACA collapse. Longer term we need a single payer plan for universal access to care, a pharmaceutical all-buyer plan for the state to limit drug cost increases, significant funding for harm-reduction treatment for victims of the opioid epidemic, and adequate Medicaid funding for lower income persons and seniors.

TRANSPORTATION: I support the current efforts for a dedicated, bondable funding stream for WMATA. Once Metro is protected, we can repair and then adequately maintain it, build a better quality Purple Line, begin work on BRT, and then develop the CCT and Baltimore's Red Line. I support expansion of I-270 into Frederick but without tolls, and efforts to increase the number of bike lanes in urban/suburban areas.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my entire working life helping those in need. First, running the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project with Jamie Raskin, teaching students' rights and voter rights in D.C. and MoCo High Schools, then by creating the Financial Literacy Foundation, teaching disadvantaged teens financial management skills, and finally creating gyms where kids of any ability can be successful.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering is a serious issue in this country and flies in the face of equal representation. In Maryland's case, I believe an independent commission should draw district lines and computer software should be used to ensure that the results reflect the composition of the people's will. I believe that regardless of party affiliation, elected officials should strive to
support fairness in voting.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Maryland lags behind in supporting green energy and has only recently taken steps to remove trash incinerators from the Tier 1 list of renewable energy sources. My policies would include changing the requirements of the RPS to include only green energy in Tier 1 while eliminating dirty energy sources, fast tracking the percentage requirements for renewable energy, and investing in solar and wind.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support a Maryland free of discrimination and support the work of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights and other organization who fight to end discrimination. As a lawyer, I believe that all Maryland lawyers should be required to volunteer for at least one pro-bono discrimination case each year. Using the judiciary as the catalyst for change would force change where the legislature fails.

**EDUCATION:** The disparity between the socio-economic void is apparent in Maryland’s public school systems as wealthier areas provide better education than those in more disadvantaged areas. Universal pre-K as well as more funding to support students that need it (i.e., special education, ESOL, and FARMS recipients) could be funded if money from the Education Trust Fund was not diverted for other uses.

**HEALTH CARE:** Too many low-income working Marylanders lack healthcare. In addition to expanding Medicaid, the system should implement a sliding scale and co-payments (i.e., $5/primary; $10/specialize; $20 hospital) to incentivize primary care over hospital visits for basic healthcare. By allowing Medicaid recipients to pay, they will regain their dignity and feel prideful as they contribute to society.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I support public transportation and dedicated funding for Metro is a huge first step; however, Metro needs to stem the mass exodus of ridership that resulted in a $116M revenue shortfall from FY16 to FY17. Subsidizing low-income workers and students, as well as rebuilding Metro's reputation for safe and reliable transportation will help increase demand for Metro, which will increase revenues.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Born and raised in Montgomery County, I've been honored to serve in the Maryland House of Delegates for three terms. I'm now running for our vacant State Senate seat. I'm proud to represent our shared progressive values. And when it comes to constituent service--from power outages to potholes--I'm always happy to help. My office prides itself on being friendly, accessible, and responsive.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support an independent, nonpartisan commission to draw both congressional and legislative district lines in Maryland.

**ENVIRONMENT:** As a father, I want to make sure my children inherit a planet that is better than I found it. Climate change remains the most important environmental challenge of our time. We've made historic strides in Maryland, including a robust commitment to green energy, but there is still more to do. As for the Bay, I fully support continued funding of our dedicated
Chesapeake Bay Trust fund.

**DISCRIMINATION:** We must attack discrimination and structural racism head-on. The best thing we can do to address discrimination is dismantle the structures that allow this virus. We must end the school-to-prison pipeline, pass pay equity legislation, eliminate the criminalization of poverty, and support our neighbors with disabilities. I support equity and justice. I'll fight for it every day in the state Senate.

**EDUCATION:** Passing universal pre-K is one of my top priorities. As a father of three young children, I've seen the stark difference that early childhood education can make in kids' lives. This benefit should not be reserved only for those who can afford it. We must ensure that all Maryland children enter Kindergarten ready to learn. I would fund this through progressive revenue sources.

**HEALTH CARE:** The sheer cost of healthcare is the most significant challenge facing many Marylanders. I support universal single-payer healthcare in the state, and have proudly cosponsored legislation to achieve just that. Until universal healthcare is possible, I have advocated for shoring up the Affordable Care Act in Maryland, including re-instituting the individual mandate to help dramatically lower costs.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I strongly support smart growth and transit. That's why I helped lead the fight for a massive investment in our Metro system. This historic law, which creates perpetual dedicated funding, overwhelmingly benefits Montgomery County and will go a long way toward fixing Metro, expanding public transportation, and reducing traffic gridlock.

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**Legislative District 18 - House of Delegates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am not a professional politician. I am a wife, mother, attorney, and small business owner, and I understand the demands of finding a work-life balance. My focus as an attorney has been legislative and administrative policy. I have helped develop, draft and move legislation. I am a skillful negotiator and enjoy finding common ground among disparate views.

**REDISTRICTING:** I strongly agree with Governor Hogan that politics should be taken out of redistricting. The current gerrymandered system has produced voter apathy and cynicism. I would support and independent, bi-partisan commission to take responsibility for drawing districts to yield free and fair elections.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The most significant environmental challenges are the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, land use, and clean air (climate change). I support the renewal of the Forest Conservation Act to ensure green space to offset development. I support renewable energy, and I support the recent passage of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. I oppose offshore drilling off the coast of Maryland.

**DISCRIMINATION:** To address discrimination, I support greater transparency of hourly median pay among workers. The U.K. now requires companies with 250 employees or more to make
this information available. I also support same-sex marriage, reproductive rights, and public-private initiatives for low-income and disabled employees.

EDUCATION: Montgomery County is the fastest growing school system in the State, accounting for 40 percent of Maryland's student growth annually. State funding for our schools must account for this rapid growth. Surplus funds from State-sanctioned casinos should be used to supplement, not replace, the Education Trust Fund. School safety is a key issue requiring a comprehensive approach.

HEALTH CARE: Rising health care premiums are the most significant health care challenge in Maryland. Recent legislation passed by the General Assembly will help keep rates in check for the next few years, but we must work with our federal counterparts to create a long-term solution to the problem.

TRANSPORTATION: My transportation priorities include a focus on the maintenance and funding of all transportation projects in the State master plan, dedicated funding for WMATA, and the widening and adding of express toll lanes on I-270. If Amazon selects Montgomery County for its second headquarters, we must use the funds allotted in recent legislation wisely.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having represented District 18 since 2007 and re-elected twice, I have deep relationships and knowledge about the needs of my community. I am proud of my track record of success working to solve local problems & championing passage of over 30 bills through the House & Senate and signed into law. I am proud to be endorsed by Senator Van Hollen, Congressman Raskin, Teachers, Sierra Club & more.

REDISTRICTING: I voted against the current map and support best practices for drawing districts. I prefer a more inclusive process and the use of an independent commission for drawing compact districts. I wrote and introduced legislation to implement these reforms in Maryland and will continue to do so in re-elected.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is our most significant challenge. I am proud of my record on energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy sources. I supported successful efforts to partner with other states on regional and national initiatives. More must be done including cleaning up our electricity generation by raising the RPS and ending incentives for dirty fuels such as municipal waste and black liquor.

DISCRIMINATION: I support equal rights and reforms to our civil & criminal justice systems so that outcomes are not determined by income or skin color. I support improvements to state agencies so that we do not unduly burden financially fragile people. In light of federal attacks on the ADA we must strengthen state laws protecting the disabled. I believe that a person's gender should not determine a person's pay.

EDUCATION: I support a world-class school system that works for every student - this means
fully funding our schools and supporting teachers and staff with training and resources. I did not vote for the expansion of gambling in Maryland but I do support using this revenue for education. I also support generating additional resources through the enactment of fairer taxation such as combined reporting.

**HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare should be a right, not a privilege and we must make it more accessible and affordable. One challenge is our aging population. We need long term care options and medicaid policies that work well for elders and families. Another challenge is the inefficiencies & administrative burdens of our insurance system. The ultimate solution is universal health care and a single-payer system.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I oppose Hogan’s proposal to widen the beltway by adding privatized toll lanes. My transportation priorities include dedicated funding for Metro and an increased investment in MARC commuter rail, buses, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. These can be sustainably funded via our existing transportation trust fund.

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**REDISTRICTING:** Maryland’s legislative map is among the worst cases of gerrymandering in the nation. Due to the political lay of the land, that helps the Democratic Party. However, that makes it no less wrong than if were to benefit another party. This is due to the fact that such practices subvert the health of democracy. As a result, I am in favor of using an apolitical process to determine districts.

**ENVIRONMENT:** I think out biggest challenges are: keeping the Chesapeake clean, limiting the amount of plastic and foam containers in circulation and generating clean energy. I would propose banning foam containers and expanding opportunities for clean energy production through legislation.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a member of minority community, I will not tolerate any legislation or practices that discriminate or are designed to disproportionately affect people based on their race, gender, sexual orientation, health and economic status.

**EDUCATION:** For me, the first thing is school construction funding, second is creating an environment where we attract and maintain the best talent in to the teaching profession. I believe we can use the funds from the gambling revenue “lock-box” to accomplish this.

**HEALTH CARE:** I think our biggest challenge is reducing the gap in coverage for many people who make too much to receive Medicaid. I support further Medicaid expansion to remedy this and I would love to enact a public option here in Maryland.
TRANSPORTATION: The most important, now that there is a commitment to a dedicated funding stream for metro, is mitigating the impacts of the Purple Line build out. In order to do that we are going to need tight coordination for state and county agencies to make sure the public has ample notice of disruptions and therefore can provide input on alternatives routes to avoid heavy congestion in residential areas.

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REDISTRICTING: I strongly support non-partisan commission systems for redistricting. Maryland is among the most gerrymandered states in the country, and while I as a Democrat enjoy the advantages the current districts have for our party, on a fundamental level I believe the practice is deeply corrosive to democracy.

ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental challenge is climate change. Thus, I support a Carbon Fee and Dividend (CF&D) policy that imposes a gradually increasing cost on carbon emissions at the source, then redistributes the proceeds to everyone in the state. I support the idea that 80% of the collected fees be returned to the citizens, with the remaining 20% channeled to Green Infrastructure fund.

DISCRIMINATION: I support policies targeted at the systemic socioeconomic underpinnings of some discrimination: universal pre-k, paid parental leave, higher minimum wages, and greater investment in schools. I believe we need laws strengthening pay equity, cracking down on gender and sexual orientation discrimination. I believe in affirmative action.

EDUCATION: My education priorities are increasing total education, increasing school construction funding, and increasing the number & breadth of vocational training programs. I would fund these policy priorities via taxation profits from legalised recreational marijuana.

HEALTH CARE: I support a single payer system. MD is significantly further along this road than most states with our ‘all payer’ model. This trade-off may mean raising certain sources of tax revenue. I look forward to working to find the best models for moving in this direction, but we must be honest w/ voters that the huge advantages of a single payer system will likely mean everyone contributing to the costs.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to make public transportation as viable as possible, starting with the newly-passed dedicated funding for Metro & mandating expanded public transit options as part of any proposed new residential or commercial developments. I also strongly support expanding and/or mandating pre-tax employer-provided options to pay for transit through
programs like Metro’s SmartBenefits.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent decades working with government agencies at the federal, state, and county levels. My effective advocacy lead to my receiving the Congressional Unsung Hero Award. I’m a survivor of violence and use every aspect of life to do something positive with what I’ve learned through healing and by standing with others. My passionate leadership will serve district 18 well.

REDISTRICTING: Congressional lines should be drawn to represent the people – Republican and Democrat, where representation is proportional. Given how advanced technology is, I think we should consider using software to draw district lines that are proportional and fair – where human influence does not give any party an advantage.

ENVIRONMENT: Global warming and climate change are my highest priority. What we know from research is that life and health will look very differently – even if we make dramatic changes in how we live to reduce waste and pollution. Health, education, economic strength, employment, housing – all of this can and will be impacted. Focus on environmental protection, build community resilience, incentivize change.

DISCRIMINATION: I believe in our civil rights laws aimed at protecting all. I promote inclusion, educating about and celebrating many religions and traditions to build acceptance and understanding, providing access to a full range of life (education, employment, social, etc.) activities for individuals with disabilities, a livable and fair wage and wage equality, and jail diversion programs with job training.

EDUCATION: I believe a promoting positive school culture and social-emotional learning (SEL) are key to a safe, productive, and inclusive school environment. We know these methods reduce school violence, bullying, intolerance, vandalism, suspension, and expulsion. We know that they work to improve grades, happiness, and even teacher retention. Casino funds should be in a lockbox for education.

HEALTH CARE: Ensuring an affordable marketplace that is accessible to everyone is very important. Single payer could be a good option. I’m also very concerned about the continued rising costs of prescription medications. The opioid epidemic is one of my platform issues. A combination of smart policy, effective collaborations, and community outreach and education will help to address these concerns.

TRANSPORTATION: Reducing the number of cars on our streets is a priority - not only to reduce carbon emissions, but to ease traffic and the length of commute. Having well-lit established paths for walkers and cyclists can help significantly. A corporate tax bill could help cover transportation and education costs by offsetting Trump's tax bill with a surcharge.
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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the executive director of a public health organization and have two decades of executive leadership experience, a public policy graduate degree, and 20+ years of volunteerism with grassroots issues. We need a fierce negotiator who can bring fresh innovative solutions, sustainable economic growth, and the ability to create buy-in to ensure we achieve results. We need more women at the table.

REDISTRICTING: I support an independent bipartisan or nonpartisan commission to determine redistricting. We can’t champion gerrymandering when it benefits us, but argue against it when the outcomes hurt us. We lose moral authority if we choose our platforms on how they benefit our party only.

ENVIRONMENT: Our air and water are compromised. We need new innovative solutions. I will work to: mandate green spaces as part of developer contracts, invest in clean, renewable energy, ban the most harmful chemicals, champion the Clean Energy Act, clean up the Chesapeake Bay, and invest in public transit, electric buses, etc. I’m endorsed by former Maryland Governor Parris Glendening, environmental advocate.

DISCRIMINATION: Hate-filled groups are emboldened. We have current discriminatory laws as well. We must ensure: stricter penalties for hate crimes, stronger equal pay laws, paid parental leave, tax-free childcare, investment in mental health, supporting LGBTQ youth, the Safe Act to protect law-abiding immigrants who live in fear, bail bond reform, $15 min wage, and support for those with disabilities.

EDUCATION: Universal pre-K. Eliminating school overcrowding and portable trailers. Increasing support staff. Increasing teacher salaries. Investing in workforce development. Creating partnerships to pay for free community college. Funding initiatives: re-direct Casino revenues back to education, use established blueprints for new buildings, create a grant-seeking Authority and expand the tax base.

HEALTH CARE: Inflated prescription drug costs and unpredictable health insurance rates that nearly double each year must be stabilized. A single-payer program is a long-term option. Priorities: Help seniors stay in their homes longer by supporting home healthcare; reduce hospital infections like MRSA/C diff; prevent gun violence – a public health crisis. I received the Moms Demand Action candidate distinction.

TRANSPORTATION: We need immediate improvement of I-270, I-495, and the traffic-clogged roads that keep us from our families. We must leverage data and technology to reduce traffic. Priorities: Reversible lanes with high-tech signage, dedicated bus lanes, Metro funding, expanding MARC service, smart growth bike lanes and pedestrian walkways. Infrastructure investments have a high ROI and will entice new businesses

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have nearly 20 years of experience in public service, local leadership, and political activism. I’m an elected local government Council Member in Chevy Chase and was a senior Obama Administration appointee, being the only candidate in this race to have served the public at both the local and federal level. I’ll bring a unique combination of policy know-how and experience to the job in Annapolis.

REDISTRICTING: Maryland is one of the most gerrymandered states in our country and, if elected, I’ll advocate for the implementation of the recommendations of the independent citizen commission to transparently draw districts using objective and nonpartisan criteria. I am an enthusiastic supporter of my 9-year old daughter and wife who co-wrote The United Shapes of America, an anti-gerrymandering coloring book.

ENVIRONMENT: Combating climate change is our greatest environmental challenge. I taught environmental education in the Peace Corps and managed solar energy programs at the U.S. Department of Energy and have unique practical expertise on energy and the environment amongst the candidates. I will fight Trump’s attempts to drill off Maryland’s coast and work to ensure make Maryland a national environmental leader.

DISCRIMINATION: As a Chevy Chase Town Council Member, I fought hate speech by organizing a public forum combating the distribution of hateful flyers in my town. I also successfully fought for our town’s employees to have fully covered disability insurance. And I have fought for years against Islamophobia on MSNBC and FOX News. I strongly support full funding for Developmental Disabilities Administration programs.

EDUCATION: MCPS must receive its fair share of state funding to meet the needs of its diverse student population. As a former elementary education teacher with three daughters in the MCPS system, I am committed to investing in our educational infrastructure, both intellectual and physical. I will fight to grow the MCPS budget through a multi-faceted approach that locks-away funds in a secure Education Fund.

HEALTH CARE: I have had successful surgery and had health coverage, so I recovered without fear of financial collapse. No one should have to live in such fear, which is why Maryland needs a single-payer system. Yet because of the federal repeal of the individual mandate, many Marylanders live in such fear. I will fight for the state to backfill funding for Medicaid expansion to ensure that that doesn’t occur.

TRANSPORTATION: I will fight to ease traffic concerns in our district both north to south and east to west. For north to south, we should make the I-270 corridor lanes reversible, and for east to west, we should explore bus rapid transit options. I will also be committed to ensuring that community input is both sought and respected, so that decision-makers understand how their choices impact local neighborhoods.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an attorney by training, and have spent the last decade working to advance progressive policies at the federal, state and local level. Professionally, I fight to ensure access to high quality healthcare for patients with kidney disease, rare diseases and cancer. Locally, I have served on numerous boards of local community groups and have been heavily involved in our local Democratic Party.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandered districts have resulted in power being taken from the voters. However, in the 21 states that have currently enacted redistricting commissions, many of them are currently set up to give the majority party more seats on the commission, which results in control of the process. I support the formation of an independent commission that limits the direct participation of elected officials.

ENVIRONMENT: As a public health advocate, I am especially passionate about clean air, clean water, and investing in reliable public transportation. If elected, I would support increasing the amount of energy the state derives from renewable sources, limiting the use of antibiotics for nontherapeutic purposes in livestock, and expanding the plastic bag fee statewide.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination exists against persons of color throughout our community in educational opportunities; access to healthcare; and treatment within the criminal justice system. If elected, I will work to correct our broken school construction funding formula; will champion bold changes to our health system; and will work to improve police accountability and end the criminalization of poverty.

EDUCATION: I support investing in universal pre-K, and ensuring that higher need students are allocated more resources to provide services they require. Additionally, as the new state construction funding formula is crafted, I support it taking into account a county’s estimated growth rate so that each jurisdiction is not constantly playing catch up on its school construction funding needs.

HEALTH CARE: While the Affordable Care Act has undoubtedly provided an incredible benefit to many patients and families throughout the state by reducing the uninsured rate from 11.3% in 2018 to 6.1% in 2016, many families who are enrolled in plans through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange have seen premiums skyrocket. I support establishing a single-payer system in Maryland.

TRANSPORTATION: I support providing dedicated, bondable funding for Metro; expanding MARC services; and working with state and county officials to review common sense scheduling changes that could help improve the logistics and connectivity of our bus and train system. To fund, I support pricing carbon pollution from additional sectors, and using the revenue collected to invest in reliable public transportation.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my career in public service & education - as a high school teacher in Baltimore City, a school system administrator in DC Public Schools, & an advisor in the U.S. Senate. I know how to implement policy & I know how to write & pass laws to improve our community. I’ve worked across Maryland for progressive policies & will be able to build the coalitions needed to help Montgomery County.

REDISTRICTING: I support creating a non-partisan committee to draw our congressional & legislative district lines. When the legislature controls the process, it is subject to inherent bias that disenfranchises voters. Gerrymandering undermines the public’s faith in fair elections. Voters should pick their elected officials, not the other way around.

ENVIRONMENT: The most pressing challenge is climate change. We need to lower our greenhouse gas emissions, whether from power generation, transportation, or agriculture. We must hit our state goal of reducing emissions by 40% by 2030. We need to increase our investments in public transit & infrastructure not focused on cars. I am also an enthusiastic supporter of increasing our renewable portfolio standards.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination is unacceptable no matter the form or venue. I will work hard to protect women’s reproductive rights, fight discrimination in the workplace, & help ensure women earn equal pay. I will be a strong supporter of legislation to ban the sharing of salary history when switching jobs & would promote paid family leave. I will also fight for policies that close the equity gap in our state.

EDUCATION: My top 3 priorities would be 1) Access to universal child care & early learning opportunities; 2) Better career & technical education pathways so students have choices beyond a 4-year degree; & 3) Increased school construction resources. I would fund these by readjusting the casino revenue to levels originally promised, which could raise $400 million annually & pushing for an online sales tax.

HEALTH CARE: Access to healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Our biggest challenges are the cost of care, providing coverage for those that don’t have it, & providing mental health supports. I will do whatever it takes to ensure everyone has access to robust & affordable healthcare. I will work with our schools & providers to ensure we have adequate mental health professionals & destigmatize the issue.

TRANSPORTATION: We should be investing heavily in expanding transit - including funding for Metro, more bus rapid transit, including on route 270, increased MARC service, addressing the “last mile gap” to get people from transit hubs to employment, & improving regional connections with Northern Virginia. I will also work to closely monitor & hold the state accountable for the Purple Line construction process.

Legislative District 19 - State Senator

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Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been actively involved in civic and community organizations my entire adult life, including: 12 years as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates where I have served on numerous committees and joint committees, and I am currently the chair of the Subcommittee on Banking, Economic Development, Science and Technology.

REDISTRICTING: As a member of the Maryland House of Delegates I have, repeatedly, co-sponsored legislation to create an independent non-partisan commission to redraw congressional and legislative district lines.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the most pressing environmental issue of our time. With thousands of miles of waterways, Maryland is second only to Louisiana in its vulnerability to damage from sea level rise. I have been a lead sponsor on legislation to create a regional pact with neighboring states to implement a carbon cost collection program.

DISCRIMINATION: I have been a consistent supporter of legislation to address issues of bias. Marriage equality, gender equity in employment and pay, funding to close the racial gap in education, in state tuition for our “dreamers,” are just a small example of legislative initiatives in which I have been involved and that I have supported.

EDUCATION: I have advocated, and voted, for funding to ensure that Maryland has the best schools in the nation. I support recommendations that have come from commissions that were established to advise the legislature as to how best we can fund school operations and implement school construction and modernization. I am a fierce advocate for Montgomery County’s public schools and our educators.

HEALTH CARE: I support a single-payer health care system and voted for legislation this year that will help fund the Maryland Health Care Exchange. The state needs to remain proactive in minimizing prescription costs, particularly for our elderly residents on fixed incomes. Stabilizing the premiums of long term care insurance policies is also a priority of mine.

TRANSPORTATION: The state needs to ensure that mass transit alternatives remain a priority of transportation funding. It is also important that funding for needed road improvements in Montgomery County are also a prominent focus of state road infrastructure plans. This past legislative session, the Governor and the legislature worked cooperatively to provide a much needed source of dedicated funding for Metro.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a practicing lawyer for 29 years. Through my experience I have been learned to listen and understand both sides of an issue. I have also learned how to ask good questions. I believe practicing attorneys are the most qualified to serve in the legislature since one of our main duties is drafting legislation. I also have developed patience as I deal with a lot of difficult people.
REDISTRICTING: Yes, we must do away with gerrymandering from both sides. In Maryland, Gov. Hogan has proposed having a non-partisan committee to re-draw the districts in 2020. I support his proposal.
ENVIRONMENT: I believe sewage run off is a significant issue. I will support legislation that will hold each municipality accountable for their treatment plants. I also support funding the Chesapeake Restoration fund and strengthening the RPS to reach 50% renewable energy by 2030.
DISCRIMINATION: We must do a better job with the relationship between the police and the minority community. The distrust is at an all-time high. I support the use of body cameras. I support policies against racial profiling in traffic stops. I support equal pay for women.
EDUCATION: First, we need more money back from the State. We are not getting our fair share, especially in light of the increasing population in our schools. We need more quality teachers to work with students in poverty. We also need funding to keep our schools safe.
HEALTH CARE: The cost of health care is the most significant challenge. I'm open to a single payer system, but concerned about the cost to the taxpayers. Alternatively, we must have more than 2 options in the exchange. I would also support expanding Medicaid.
TRANSPORTATION: I do support widening 270 with reversible toll lanes. I’m open to the BRT, but concerned about whether people would use it. Cell phone use while driving is also a big concern. We need stiffer penalties for those who have cell phones in their hands while driving. It will cut down on accidents the flow of traffic.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am Computer Scientist which gives me a unique perspective when it comes to reviewing proposals. When I look at legislation, I look at facts, figures, and historical data so we can see the short term and long term impacts in order to conceptualize what it will actually do. This viewpoint ensures that I am doing the right thing for Maryland rather than what just sounds good.

REDISTRICTING: I am against the practice of gerrymandering. It is a form if disenfranchisement. I believe electoral lines should be drawn by a non-partisan commission. I believe it is up to the people to choose their representatives and not the other way around. Drawing lines fairly ensures that everyone's voice is heard.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is our biggest threat. I believe we need to get to 100% renewable energy as fast as possible. We also need to look at waste in this state. We need to make sure we are getting as close to 100% recyclables as well. If we can change how we get power and reduce our waste and trash we can start to reverse the effects of climate change.

DISCRIMINATION: To address these problems we should ensure that opportunities are given to minorities. One example would be equal pay. Women and minorities should be making the same as a white man for the same work. I believe in empowering women, the LGBT community, and minorities. I also believe that if we offer free college, paid time off, a living wage, and universal healthcare, it will help these groups.

EDUCATION: I believe the school calendar should be in the hands of people who know the students best; the teachers and administrators in the local jurisdiction. We need to make sure all of our schools are well funded so they can provide the world class education our children deserve. We also need to make colleges free so students do not graduate with large student loans which can take many years to pay.

HEALTH CARE: Medications are too expensive and we are not doing enough to control their cost. I would strengthen our anti-gouging laws so nobody has to worry if they can afford their medications year after year. We also need to provide universal single payer healthcare to all Marylanders. People should not need to worry about the cost of seeing their doctors.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to ensure that mass transit is safe, fast, cheap, and reliable. What we need to do is to look at mass transit options first rather than expanding our roads (i.e. creating induced demand). If we can make mass transit a better option, I believe it will get a lot of people out of their cars. The more people who ride mass transit, the less traffic and the better for the environment.

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REDISTRICTING: Redistricting should only occur when there is a demonstrated need to preserve balance and a sense of fairness or equity to a congressional or legislative district. I believe a non-partisan commission should be created that will draw congressional and legislative district lines in a legal, equitable, population based and constitutional manner.

ENVIRONMENT: o Climate Change-laws to create carbon tax and to ban certain pesticide use, Styrofoam use. o Chesapeake Bay-laws to ensure continued clean up. o Deforestation-laws to improve and update the forest conservation laws. o Alternative Energy-laws to support clean renewable energy sources such as wind and solar energy.

DISCRIMINATION: As an African American woman who has faced multiple levels of discrimination, I know that the “challenge” with combating any discrimination is addressed by passing laws that ban discrimination; insure that the laws passed are rigorously enforced; and, by education. Discrimination is not innate—it is learned. Let’s teach and let all learn fairness, equality and respect for each other.

EDUCATION: o Universal Pre-K. o Increase funding for school safety and security. o Expand capital funding for school construction. o Revise the school funding formula to eliminate disparities in schools. o Autonomy in the school calendar. o Policies with goals to close the achievement gap. o Expand STEM Education. o Attract teachers with benefits and increased pay. Funded from Maryland Education Trust Act.

HEALTH CARE: We need to ensure that the costs to participate in the Maryland Health Exchange remains accessible for all Marylanders. This will require laws that will reduce or maintain the current costs levels for participation in the Maryland Health Exchange. Also, we need to ensure that prescription drug prices are transparent to all Marylanders with laws that will require that prices are communicated.

TRANSPORTATION: We must ensure continued funding of Metro to ensure reliability and affordable regional transportation. Next, we need to take a closer look at alternatives in transportation such as dedicated Express Bus Lanes on I-270, BRT, continued funding and investment in the Purple Line and investing more in MARC Train Service to provide more train scheduling. Dedicated funding from the State Budget.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a former special educator, a local union president and a two-term delegate, I have learned that collaboration is essential to listen to diverse perspectives and work to bring groups with competing interests together to reach consensus. That has served me well in Annapolis and I have been appointed a Deputy Majority Whip and chair of the Insurance Subcommittee of the HGO Committee.

REDISTRICTING: After participating in the redistricting process in 2012, I recognize that we need to be more circumspect in this. Therefore I would advocate for a state commission, appointed by the presiding officers based on party proportional representation, to create the districts. Population should be the primary factor, but the commission could consider other factors it
determines to be important.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We must get agreement among Maryland and at least contiguous states to be more aggressive in developing safe renewable energy systems and more conscientious about recycling. New building requirements should include the use of solar power and geothermal technology. Policies and programs that include incentives should be developed and implemented in collaboration with the construction industry.

**DISCRIMINATION:** In this moment in time it is more important than ever for us to honor the diversity that makes our communities stronger. I have sponsored legislation to provide for compensation when a person is discriminated against in a public accommodation; I co-sponsored bills and advocated for Maryland Dreamers and The Trust Act. Including our diversity in our education curriculum is essential as well.

**EDUCATION:** I look forward to the passage in November of a state-wide referendum that would phase in 100% of the casino revenues to supplement educational funding. My priorities are universal pre-K, incentives for innovation and strong job-embedded professional development, including a residency program in collaboration with teaching colleges.

**HEALTH CARE:** Steeply rising healthcare costs not only hurt people, they will devastate our economy if not curtailed. We took some short term steps in the establishment of a reinsurance fund in the 2018 session. In the long term, I believe we must consider a single payer program that can be more than paid for by the amounts currently paid by individuals, employers and government.

**TRANSPORTATION:** My first priority is a thorough analysis of needs and options. There must be a strategic and comprehensive approach that includes all of the options, personal autos, ride shares, bikes, mass transit etc. This needs to be a joint state and local effort. 100% of the gas tax must be dedicated to transportation; we can also realign funds from current projects that are not effective or efficient.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am decorated combat veteran. I have been in Army National Guard for 19 years and currently service as a Major. I am a member of the MCDCC. In 2017, I volunteered in the legislative office of State Senator Roger Manno. My record of service to our country, state, county, and district coupled with my life experiences uniquely qualify me to be a leader for District 19 in Annapolis on day one.

**REDISTRICTING:** While I do not support the current configuration of Maryland’s Congressional District, I do support the current process for drawing congressional and legislative districts in Maryland. I am in favor of the idea proposed by Congressman Jamie Raskin that states in the Mid-Atlantic region agree to move to independent commissions collectively.

**ENVIRONMENT:** In my opinion, the significant challenges we face are centered around climate change and preparing for the green jobs of the future. I support strengthening the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to reach 100% clean energy. Additionally, I will continue to work on the
Clean Energy Workforce Account as I did in State Senator Roger Manno’s office to invest in green job apprenticeship programs.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination should not be tolerated at any level. I would seek to add to the diversity of decision makers by extending public campaign finance options to all electoral races. In my opinion, the first step to eradicating discrimination is to have reflective representation making decision that effect our community which will allow for holistic decision making.

**EDUCATION:** I support fully funding our schools to improve the working conditions of our teachers and the learn environment of our students. We must maintain the promise we made to Marylanders when they voted to allow gambling across our state. The constitutional amendment to provide dedicated funding to our schools will be on the ballot this year and I intend to work to ensure it passes.

**HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare is a fundamental right and we need to ensure all Marylanders have access to healthcare coverage. In Maryland we have a Democratic majority that needs to stop talking progressive and start acting progressive. We need to be implementing a single payer healthcare system and measures that reduce the cost of prescription drugs for Marylanders.

**TRANSPORTATION:** In these times, we need to be forward thinking. We need to be developing plans on how to move more people not more cars. A comprehensive plan should focus on utilizing cost saving, lower-dollar measures, by using existing road ways more efficiently and investing in more mass transit. As a legislator, I will prioritize environmental friendly, mass transit projects that will maximize public funds.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been fortunate to work with and meet people within the community that have taught me how to represent and work with them. At my core, I am serving in public office to improve people's lives. Hard work, real experience, and loyalty to our community - those are the qualities that I bring to this job to make government work for all of us.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support drawing district lines that properly reflect the population-no matter their political ideology. That's why I supported the northeastern pact redraw district lines in a non-partisan manner. I believe it's essential that people are counted properly represented at all levels of government. I'm working to ensure we don't implement questions that deter people from participating in 2020 Census.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Some of the most pertinent issues related to environmental challenges are preserving forested lands, ensuring we protect our environment from oil spills, and keeping our air clean. Some of the work I have done this year is to co-sponsor HB766/SB610, Forest Conservation Act. I voted for HB 1456 to ensure that oil companies are held liable and supported HB 230.

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a response to rape culture on college campuses I introduced HB 713 to...
hold receiving college institutions accountable for sexual assault perpetrators who transfer out of a campus to their institution. In response to the #MeToo movement and need to address sexual harassment in the workplace, the Maryland Women’s Caucus has released a report with recommendations to address this issue.

**EDUCATION:** Ensuring that all of our students receive a quality education is one of my greatest concerns. During this session, I co-sponsored the 21st Century School Facilities Act that restructured the process used to decide what schools will be constructed, renovated and repaired. Having a safe and welcoming classroom environment is essential in order for our students and educators to succeed.

**HEALTH CARE:** Having affordable medical insurance. I supported a bill to install a state personal mandate in order help keep medical care costs at a lower price, and set a system in which that personal mandate will be directed to pay for that individual’s medical insurance. I supported legislation working toward maintaining drug prices from increasing, and my own bill on maintenance drug prescriptions.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I agree with the new yearly fund of $167M for equipment and maintenance of our Washington area Metro system and includes the $5 billion incentive to bring Amazon’s second headquarter to Maryland, incentivizing job growth.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I work as a regulatory attorney, and therefore read statutes and regulations for a living. I have served in the White House Domestic Policy Council for President Obama and as the Policy Director for then-State Senator Jamie Raskin's congressional campaign. I’ve also served on the boards of the Action Committee for Transit and the Montgomery County Renters Alliance.

**REDISTRICTING:** I support an independent redistricting commission to draw district lines based on nonpartisan considerations. No matter what political party you’re in, gerrymandering is wrong. It allows legislators to choose their voters instead of the voters choosing their elected officials, and depresses turnout in the process. Maryland should end this undemocratic practice.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The most pressing challenge is climate change. We have a tremendous opportunity to turn this threat into an opportunity by investing in clean, renewable energy. We should also increase funding for transit infrastructure, which will provide alternatives to traffic congestion, create good-paying jobs, and reduce harmful emissions.

**DISCRIMINATION:** I support paid parental leave (with a "daddy quota") and paid childcare to address the gender pay gap. To reform the discriminatory criminal justice system, I will work to end solitary confinement, stop the construction of new prisons, eradicate cash bail, facilitate successful reentry, and oppose the expansion of prison sentences. I also support the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals.

**EDUCATION:** I support: (a) universal pre-K for three-and four-year olds; (b) school construction
funding; (c) community schools with wraparound services; (d) policies to improve teacher recruitment and retention; and (e) free higher education tuition. I would pay for these programs by 1) increasing the income and estate tax on millionaires; (2) legalizing and taxing marijuana.

HEALTH CARE: Nearly 400,000 Marylanders lack health insurance, and millions more struggle with medical bills. Thanks to our successful All-Payer system, Maryland is well positioned to become the first state to create a single-payer system and to serve as a model for the rest of the country. Also, I’m proposing to regulate prescription drug manufacturers like public utilities so they cannot gouge seniors.

TRANSPORTATION: I support: (1) expanding the Red Line of the Metro to Olney, with stops in Aspen Hill and Leisure World; (2) all-day and weekend MARC service; (3) the Corridor Cities Transitway; and (4) Bus Rapid Transit. We should pay for more transit construction with (1) a carbon tax and (2) by diverting funds away from expensive road projects that only induce more congestion and sprawl.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am not a career politician, I have the upbringing of doing what’s right and standing up for those who are in need. As a Delegate in D19, I will be poised and prepared, willing to step up and lead as I have done in the professional, academia, and community setting. I have the interpersonal skills to work in bipartisan efforts to ensure that comprehensive solutions are developed.

REDISTRICTING: Transparency in redistricting is essential and must be implemented for public involvement. Using election data for redistricting should be formidable. In fact, it should not be used to draw plans since this increases the state’s vulnerability.

ENVIRONMENT: A significant environmental challenge we must address is the fact that more than half the Montgomery County schools tested so far have shown elevated levels of lead in their drinking water. We must implement safe drinking waters for our students, this can be achieved by working with key stakeholders and the EPA. We must implement comprehensive strategies to clean up Chesapeake bay.

DISCRIMINATION: We must combat discrimination in all forms. Ensuring the Maryland Law Enforcement and Governmental Trust Act is passed is essential. Eliminating barriers to equal opportunities based on ones socioeconomic status, religion, gender, disability, age, or any other
factor is vital and our due diligence. Truth be told, voters have the power to impose public opposition, which can mitigate discrimination.

**EDUCATION:** Kirwan commission has laid out the path to creating a world-class education system. I am in full support of the recommendations laid out by the Kirwan commission. Funding these initiatives can be achieved through online revenues, increasing tobacco tax, and the legalization of marijuana.

**HEALTH CARE:** A significant health challenge facing Maryland can be seen with protecting the legislature, Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Act. We must protect Marylanders from any effort to undermine health care at the national level. We must continue to combat mental health, opioids, and gauging prices of prescriptions. All Marylanders must have access to quality and affordable care.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We must build up our infrastructure so that our transportation becomes our strength and not our weakness. We must improve our roads and mitigate congestion. Invest resources into public transportation and create more paths for cyclists. This can be achieved by increasing fuel tax and increasing the tax on motor titling.

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**Legislative District 20 - State Senator**

**Republican Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have over 20 years of experience in the private sector, I am not experienced in raising taxes, wasting taxpayer money, nor am I a career politician. Lastly I am a Republican!

**REDISTRICTING:** We should have a Redistricting Commission made up of Republicans because Democrats have shown they are irresponsible at drawing fair Congressional lines. Yes, I said it NO DEMOCRATS ON THE COMMISSION. They have proven themselves of being irresponsible and they won’t get another chance to Martymander the State.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We can all agree we all love the bay, the mountains, and the Ocean. With that said we need to have a responsible policy on the Environment, we can no longer have environmental policies dictated by a few environmental extremists, who go to extremes without considering the repercussions to Maryland’s Farmers and businesses.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Discrimination is a horrible thing; however, I don’t think discrimination is as wide spread as the left will have you believe. The left has over the years have cheapen the power Discrimination by claiming discrimination when it never existed, the left has “cried wolf” so many times that people have gotten numb to the charge.

**EDUCATION:** We need to use all the workable possibilities for Education. We need to offer more options, especially to kids in under-performing county schools. We need charter schools,
vouchers and home schooling as options. These would be funded by taking money from failed education programs and put towards things that work, like Charter schools and vouchers.

**HEALTH CARE:** The biggest health challenges facing Marylanders is Obama Care. We need to instruct our delegation to Congress to vote to repeal Obama Care.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need more roads and should look at all possible transportation solutions. Mass transit isn’t a silver bullet that will fix our transportation woes. I support the governor’s plans to widen the Beltway, I-270 and the Baltimore Washington Parkway. We can fund these by taking money away from what we give WMATA, MTA and use Hot Lanes. I oppose the BRT on 29 and Rockville Pike.

### Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

**Will Smith**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As your state senator I have built relationships around the state and practiced the type of principled and collaborative leadership I believe will benefit the residents of District 20. I have delivered for our community and I have been responsive to the needs of our district.

**REDISTRICTING:** If reelected to serve in the Senate I will support measures to institute an independent commission to oversee the upcoming redistricting procedures.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We in Maryland are well positioned to lead the nation in environmental protection. Apart from implementing strict liability for off-shore drilling (which passed this last session) we should look expand strict liability to pipeline drilling in karst geology. We should also look to move aggressively toward a 100% renewable portfolio standard.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Affordable housing - Today thousands of Marylanders are denied housing because they have a housing voucher. 79% of voucher holders in Maryland are people of color and 43% are single mothers. Equal pay - Among women who hold full-time, year-round jobs in the United States, African-American women are paid, on average, 60 cents while Latinas are paid just 55 cents for every dollar paid to a man.

**EDUCATION:** I support the recommendations made by the Kirwan Commission to create greater incentives for teacher competitiveness and establish funding for universal pre-kindergarten.

**HEALTH CARE:** Our state needs to secure the individual market such that the cost of health insurance premiums are affordable for all Marylanders. For instance, I supported legislation this past legislative session that creates a temporary Reinsurance program, which will help cover the most expensive claims from people insured on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

**TRANSPORTATION:** In effort to ensure Maryland continues to grow in a smart and sustainable manner we need invest in transit options like rail and rapid bus transit.
Legislative District 20 - House of Delegates

Republican Candidates
No Republican candidates filed for this office.

Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an immigration and special education attorney and advocate. I have advocated to members of US Congress, State Assembly & County. I have reviewed and analyzed laws and regulations and have drafted legal memorandums of law based on said regulations. I have served my community by providing free legal clinics and participating on panel discussions to educate residents.

REDISTRICTING: Until further review, I do not see where I could recommend changes to the congressional legislative district lines.

ENVIRONMENT: The most significant environmental challenges are dirty energy, climate change and healthy food challenges. I am in favor of an environmentally safe Maryland. From keeping Maryland safe from oil and gas companies that want to start drilling to supporting our local farm and farmers as well as solar energy. Therefore, I will support policies to address these issues.

DISCRIMINATION: We need to start with equal pay for men and women, passing the $15 per hour minimum wage, address policies that will directly speak to fair housing regardless of race, religion or gender. Policies that address early childhood care so single mothers can afford to have their children taken care while they go to work and that gives incentives to businesses to hire our neighbors with disabilities.

EDUCATION: I will support what I know of the Kirwan Commission recommendation and the funding proposal. I agree with what I know of the current proposed funding but will look closer at it. I will support policies that add money to our educational budget to update our schools and reduce overcrowding. Close the opportunity gap with resources added to schools. Policies to address after school programs.

HEALTH CARE: Opioid crisis, hypertension, Obesity HIV/AIDS and others. The State should proactively provide access to NARCAN to save lives and ensure that all emergency vehicles have it available when called in. I agree with holding drug manufacturers responsible for the crisis. I propose our own version of the Affordable Care Act to address hypertension, cancer, HIV/AIDS, infant mortality and the like.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe in affordable quality public transit. The Purple Line will help residents go from East to West Montgomery County. I testified for the BRT and will work to ensure that it runs smoothly and serves the purpose of getting residents to downtown Silver Spring rapidly. I agree with the current funding for both projects & if I get the honor to serve,
will fight for continue funding for both.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 20 years’ experience in Annapolis. I helped write and pass the Maryland Farms and Families Act. I worked with the Public Safety and Policing Workgroup and the Justice Reinvestment Commission on reform legislation and helped develop the policy guidelines. I championed the bill to establish the Commission on the School to Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices and serve on the Commission.

REDISTRICTING: I support an independent commission for state districts and a national commission for congressional districts, to address the gerrymandering plaguing our system. In the absence of a national commission, I support Maryland working in a compact with a majority Republican state, with both agreeing to have an independent commission redraw their congressional districts.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the most significant environmental challenge of our time. To address it, I will champion a shift to 100% renewable energy by 2035. I support a carbon tax and dividend model like the one being considered in DC. We must also reform of our food system, and I’ve worked for years to make it more sustainable for our environment, healthier for our bodies, and more economically just.

DISCRIMINATION: We must end institutionalized racism in all of its forms. I have worked for two decades to reform our criminal justice system, and I intend to expand this work. I will work to end the opportunity gap in our schools; fight environmental racism; support equitable and affordable housing and transit; protect voting rights; and address gender pay equity and sexual harassment in the workplace.

EDUCATION: I’ll support policies that ensure all students are college and career ready, with a priority on ending the opportunity gap. We should invest in education by closing corporate tax loopholes (such as combined reporting and “throwback” taxes), increasing the percentage of gaming profits going to the education fund, and returning the estate tax to pre-2014 levels.

HEALTH CARE: Access to affordable, quality healthcare remains the greatest challenge. It should be addressed by a single payer state or multi-state system. Research also indicates the significance of social determinants of health, so we must address social, economic, and environmental factors to achieve health equity. This includes living wages, affordable housing, parks, and access to healthy food.

TRANSPORTATION: I will prioritize public transit and pedestrian and bike friendly communities. We must ensure dedicated funding to Metro, build the Purple Line in a way that protects affordable housing and small local businesses, expand Bus Rapid Transit, and work with SHA to keep state roads safe for bikes and pedestrians. We can direct transportation funds toward these efforts rather than widening roads.
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QUALIFICATIONS: I've spent my career advancing social & economic justice as a grassroots organizer, nonprofit policy attorney and progressive political consultant. I've worked at organizations promoting civil liberties, election reform, women's empowerment, immigrant rights, smart growth, & more. I've also been intimately involved in electoral politics, having managed campaigns for Rep. Jamie Raskin & many more.
REDISTRICTING: When an entire legislative body can be drawn independently, we should do so. That's why I support independent redistricting for state legislative districts. But when district lines are drawn piecemeal, as happens in Congress, I support nationwide independent redistricting. In the meantime, I've cosponsored bills to push Maryland into treaties with other states to adopt this reform regionally.
ENVIRONMENT: I believe climate change (and nuclear weapons) are the greatest threat to humankind's continued existence. That's why I cosponsored legislation to push Maryland to produce 100% of its energy from renewable sources, and to stop subsidizing dirty energy like incineration and wood pulp. Additionally, we need to rein in pollution from agriculture, stormwater, lawn care & our transportation network.
DISCRIMINATION: In my first term in office, I'm proud to have supported bills to promote women's pay equity, track police racial profiling, obstruct unjust immigrant deportations, ban "conversion therapy" for LGBT kids, fund foster youths with disabilities, and decriminalize poverty. All of these, however, are problems that require ongoing, proactive monitoring and enforcement by legislators. I'm ready to serve.
EDUCATION: I am a supporter of universal pre-K, tuition-free community college, and robust funding for school construction & operations in Montgomery County. We have the fastest enrollment growth in MD, with a building's worth of new kids enrolling each year. But to pay for this we need to end the practice of casinos taking home most of the profits, restore progressive income taxes & repeal estate tax cuts.
HEALTH CARE: Maryland's unique "all payer" model restrains costs but needs to transition toward a system that provides universal, affordable coverage. We temporarily halted premium increases with insurance company fees, but may soon need a state individual mandate. We also need to constrain prescription drug costs at the state level & take back Congress to restore federal support to cover uninsured residents.
TRANSPORTATION: Sadly, Governor Hogan has proposed billions in new spending to widen highways, instead of investing in transit. Ironically, he also cut toll fees across the state, making new transportation funds dependent on private companies who will implement exorbitant tolls on "Lexus lanes." We should reverse course and put funds into RideOn, WMATA, MARC & other
transit, using his proposed highway funds.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have decades of experience as a civic leader, an environmental engineer and policy advocate, the chair of the Montgomery County ACLU, an educator and parent, a progressive activist in Annapolis, and as a local firefighter/EMT. You can count on me as a strong advocate because of my connection to our neighborhoods, my policy experience, and my service to our community.  

**REDISTRICTING:** As Chair of the Montgomery County ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union), I opposed gerrymandering. Voters should choose their elected officials, but gerrymandering allows politicians to choose their voters instead. I want to replace this backwards system. I support a fair, proven, nonpartisan process that would keep our community whole.  

**ENVIRONMENT:** As an MIT-trained environmental engineer with decades of climate policy work, I advocate carbon pricing. Maryland should lead on renewable energy the way Massachusetts led on health care. We can be the state that pioneers a new environmental policy, serving as a model for the rest of the country. If climate change and renewable energy are priorities for you, vote for Darian Unger.  

**DISCRIMINATION:** As a Howard University professor and chair of the Montgomery County ACLU, I have a long track record of fighting discrimination in all of its forms. To ensure equal opportunity for all, I support criminal justice reform, equal pay for equal work, education funding to close the achievement gap, and steps to combat discriminatory housing.  

**EDUCATION:** I am an educator who is endorsed by the MCEA (Montgomery County teachers) because of my longtime advocacy for public schools. Like most parents, my wife and I want all kids to succeed in MCPS. I support increased funding and revenue to reduce class size, improve education, and reduce the achievement gap. I also support universal pre-K and reduced state college tuition.  

**HEALTH CARE:** As a volunteer EMT and firefighter, I bring health care to people’s homes when they need it most. We will help everyone in a 911 emergency, regardless of who they are or their ability to pay. More of society should be like this. Health care is a human right, so I support universal access and a single-payer system.  

**TRANSPORTATION:** Ever been stuck in local traffic? I have too. We can fix this mess by: 1) Relieving traffic congestion, 2) Supporting public transit, 3) Creating walkable communities, 4) Opposing the misguided plan to widen 495. I have championed public transit, sidewalk construction, and safer intersections. I support dedicated funding from the transportation trust fund.

Jheanelle Wilkins  
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QUALIFICATIONS: I am proud to represent Maryland’s 20th legislative district and improve the lives of residents in our state. My legislative experience and record of successfully advocating for issues that make our community stronger prepare me to effectively represent constituents in an additional term. I have a strong record of championing issues like our environment, improving schools, and healthcare access.

REDISTRICTING: The integrity of our elections depends on equal voting power and fair representation. In Maryland, our congressional districts have drawn nationwide criticism and litigation. To ensure fair elections where voters have the full influence they deserve, I support the creation of a non-partisan, independent commission to draw our state and congressional district lines using evidence-based criteria.

ENVIRONMENT: Although Maryland has led the nation in our environmental initiatives, the most significant challenge facing our state is federal repeal of critical environmental protections. I am proud to have the endorsement of the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters for my leadership on issues like working to stop new pipelines from being built in our state and championing renewable energy.

DISCRIMINATION: For almost 10 years, my career has been in the field of organizing and advocating for civil and human rights, and I have a passion for equality and justice. I have voted for legislation to end discrimination in race, immigration status, housing, education, gender, income and other classes. I am a champion for anti-discrimination legislation such as the Trust Act and SAFE Act.

EDUCATION: As a legislator, I have also helped craft a comprehensive bill, the Protect Our Schools Act, that holds all schools accountable to the success of all students. To help fund our education system, I helped to close our state’s gaming fund loophole so that our schools and students receive the maximum supplemental education revenue from our casinos.

HEALTH CARE: I am deeply passionate about ensuring access to quality, affordable health care for every Marylander. The most significant health challenge is the rising cost of health insurance in our state. Earlier this year, I worked with legislators to create a plan that will re-insure and offset the cost of health insurance for many residents.

TRANSPORTATION: I am passionate about safe, affordable, public transit. The implementation of the Purple Line is my top priority. This project impacts countless residents and businesses in District 20. I am working closely with small businesses, the Purple Line Partners and residents to ensure timely and helpful communication with minimal disruption. As a red line rider, another top priority is Metro reform.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a lawyer with 15 years of professional and public service experience in our state. I've served the LGBTQ community, helped pass important legislation, and organized diverse communities. I'm pro-choice, pro-labor, and pro-small business so our local economy can achieve social and economic justice with cultural awareness. I fight for the environment and gun reform too. I'm prepared to serve.

REDISTRICTING: I am running for the House of Delegates to change the way government works in Annapolis. This includes fighting for measures that place greater power back into the hands of our voters. If elected, I will support an independent commission that oversees the process for drawing congressional and legislative district lines. Many Democrats in District 20 and around the state want this change.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change, finding green energy solutions and reducing carbon footprints are the biggest challenges. I support creating more green jobs to invest in climate resilience programs like green roofing, solar panel co-ops, cooling pavement, wind energy, and urban farming. We also need healthier transit options and cultural programs that allow diverse communities to seek environmental justice.

DISCRIMINATION: I support creating an online, anonymous reporting system for all residents to report hate crimes without the fear of doing so. Discrimination must be entirely eliminated. As a gay man who's been bullied, sexually abused and victimized by gun and gang violence, I've learned to survive. I've learned to never give up and forever fight for safer environments for all Marylanders. Let's keep resisting.

EDUCATION: I support more school construction funding, Universal-Pre K, anti-bullying measures, better mental health education/resources, cultural protections, career development, free community college, and better public school retirement benefits. Our casinos should better fund these goals and create gaming where 100% of casino funds go towards these projects to improve schools and reduce gun violence.

HEALTH CARE: I support a single-payer system and aim to improve the ACA until we reach that goal. We must continue to fight for paid sick leave, rights of organized labor and benefits for children and seniors. I fought for the Keep the Door Open Act to better mental health access to reduce gun violence and the opioid epidemic. Finally, cultural programs are needed to create equal access to health care for all.

TRANSPORTATION: BRT, bike lanes, safer pedestrian walkways, Purple/Red Line development, MARC train and Metro funding are my top priorities. Over 60% of voters support legalizing recreational marijuana, which can result in a transit fund to pay for these projects. Colorado's 2017 marijuana sales surpassed $1Billion. MD has 500K more people than CO. Do the math. Let's get better transit and create more jobs.

Legislative District 39 - State Senator

Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Al Phillips
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

**Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Most of my adult life has been spent in public service from volunteering in our public schools; to my years of service on the Montgomery County Board of Education; to my election to the House of Delegates and then to the Maryland State Senate. I have a proven record of results and have worked tirelessly to enact legislation to enhance our public schools and improve our citizens' quality of life.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that redistricting is an issue that should be addressed on a federal level, but am open to looking at any ideas that would promote fair representation and equal voting power.

ENVIRONMENT: There are several challenges that need to be addressed on many levels including renewable energy, land use, and the continued protection of the Chesapeake Bay and all of our waterways. I have a record of support of all of these issues and will continue to push for laws that protect our valuable resources.

DISCRIMINATION: I will support any policies that advance the elimination of discrimination from our society. I have supported all legislation that has come before me for a vote that ensures all citizens are treated equally.

EDUCATION: As a member of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (the Kirwan Commission) we are exploring many different options to ensure that Maryland schools are improving and will be able to provide our children with the education they need to succeed in the 21st century. I co-sponsored legislation which would place a lock box on gaming revenues to supplement current education spending.

HEALTH CARE: The cost of health care, insurance and prescription drugs is significant and I continue to work with my colleagues to address these issues on a state level, although I believe that the real solutions must be done on a federal level. I am open to exploring any ideas that would provide our citizens with cost effective and equitable choices in managing their health.

TRANSPORTATION: As a member of the Budget & Taxation Committee, I have worked with my colleagues to address Maryland's transportation problems. I will continue to advocate for transportation dollars, especially for mass transit, as we cannot grow our businesses and economy without a strong investment in our infrastructure. During this last legislative session we made a significant investment in Metro funding.

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**Republican Candidates**

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QUALIFICATIONS: The most important qualification a public servant can possess is perspective. I have been educated at HBCUs and Harvard. I have held non-profit and for-profit leadership roles. I am a wife, mother and immigrant, domestic violence survivor, entrepreneur. But most of all, I am an eternal optimist who believes that we gain more working together than we ever will tearing each other apart.

REDISTRICTING: I am not a career politician, so in my opinion, congressional and legislative district lines should not be artificially created so as to make the election process more beneficial to any political party or candidate. I support any reasonable updates that are fair, consistent and benefit the people of Maryland.

ENVIRONMENT: The EPA recently announced plans to weaken the vehicle emission standards. Maryland is a climate change leader and the weakening of these standards will erode the progress we have made. More importantly it will ultimately cost upcounty residents more money at the gas station. I will advocate for policies that keep prices at the pump low and incentives focused on electric/low emission vehicles.

DISCRIMINATION: Discrimination thrives in environments where there is underrepresentation. My being elected would be a step towards creating more diversity in our state legislature. To truly serve the needs of the people we represent, we must focus on finding common ground through what unites us, not what divides us. I will work to provide opportunities to all regardless of race, gender or political affiliation.

EDUCATION: Every child deserves the right to a quality education and yet the disparity in our system is evident. I would champion evidenced based policies to improve our school system. A major opportunity is early childhood education. We can help close the achievement gap by making sure every child starts Kindergarten, ready to succeed. Using the millions in unexpected revenue from the bag tax is a start.

HEALTH CARE: Maryland was the first state in the nation to declare a state of emergency as it relates to the opioid crisis. In the first half of last year, over 1000 Marylanders died as a result of opioid addiction. I believe we will see the greatest impact by focusing on education and prevention. We will still need programs and funding for treatment, but attacking the problem before is starts is key.

TRANSPORTATION: Completing upcounty infrastructure projects that are already funded but constantly delayed would be my priority. One example is the Goshen Road Widening Project. It seems that often times priorities for elsewhere in the county require the needs of those in the upcounty areas to take a back seat. I think completing projects that have already been funded and will benefit us is just common sense.

Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

Gabriel Acevero
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QUALIFICATIONS: I’m a union representative and organizer with UFCW Local 1994 Municipal and County Government Employees Organization where I represent county workers on workplace safety and contractual issues. I’ve also been on the frontlines of progressive fights such as criminal and juvenile justice reform, marriage equality, the Dream Act, automatic voter registration and environmental conservation.

REDISTRICTING: I vigorously support an independent, non-partisan redistricting commission to draw councilmanic, congressional and legislative districts. Voters should choose their elected officials, not the other way around. Gerrymandering is a partisan practice that is both corrosive to our democracy and marginalizes the voices of everyday Americans. As Delegate, I’ll work to end that.

ENVIRONMENT: We cannot leave the next generation a planet that is damaged. Climate change is a real and urgent threat. Maintaining clean water sources, building a clean energy economy, protecting and restoring precious natural resources such as the Chesapeake Bay will be among my priorities as Delegate. Further, reducing our reliance on coal plants for energy that continue to poison our air and streams.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland must lead the nation in implementing policies to end discrimination. Ending money bail, establishing civilian review boards throughout the state so law enforcement is both accountable and transparent, ending mandatory minimum sentences that studies have shown to be inherently discriminatory, as well as, ending pay secrecy laws that discriminate against women, and people of color.

EDUCATION: I’m a firm believer in the promise of a good public education; as Delegate, I’ll prioritize our public schools and ensure that our educators and support staff have the resources they need to meet the needs of every child. We can generate new revenue to fund our schools by instituting a carbon tax, as other states have, and closing corporate tax loopholes through combined reporting.

HEALTH CARE: Health care costs are too high, even for those with insurance. Too many hard-working families are saddled with medical debt; Dr. King once said that “of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.” I believe healthcare is a right, not a privilege and every Marylander should be guaranteed access to quality healthcare through a single payer system.

TRANSPORTATION: We must invest in smart transit solutions that alleviates traffic, creates jobs while also ensuring cleaner air and healthier communities. Cars generate significantly more greenhouse gas pollution on a per passenger-mile basis than transit systems. For every $1 we invest in public transit we gain $4 in economic activity. I’d like to see us invest in programs such Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

Bobby Bartlett
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QUALIFICATIONS: In my sales career, in both women’s soccer and the automotive business, I had to negotiate agreements, determine areas of mutual agreement and interest, make presentations, establish and maintain relationships, and persuade others, all practical skills that will translate well to legislating in the public interest. Furthermore, as a newcomer to politics, I owe no favors to any political machine.

REDISTRICTING: We should have a non-partisan process for redistricting, and one that is not beholden to or influenced by political concerns. Gerrymandering is a wrong committed against the people no matter which party perpetrates it; Maryland’s leaders should not let unscrupulous behavior in other states’ governments prevent us from doing the right thing.

ENVIRONMENT: Though it’s a big-picture problem that goes far beyond the scope of the Maryland legislature, that body must still contribute to the work against climate change, passing legislation to limit carbon emissions, reduce the number of polluting cars on the road and protect clean air and water for Marylanders.

DISCRIMINATION: I’ll focus on gender because it intersects deeply with race and poverty. Maryland passed good gender pay equality laws in 2016, but women still make 85¢ in Maryland for every dollar a man makes; a shortfall even sharper among minorities. To close that gap we must establish a living wage and guarantee paid family and medical leave, affordable childcare and access to comprehensive reproductive care.

EDUCATION: I support universal pre-k starting at age 3, Community School programs and tuition-free community college. We can start paying for it by passing the Fix The Fund act at the ballot in November and correctly appropriate casino funds for education. Other funding sources could include a carbon tax, proceeds from legalized cannabis, and repealing the 2014 estate tax cuts for millionaires.

HEALTH CARE: The most significant healthcare challenge in Maryland is the same challenge nationally - people are going broke paying for their healthcare, or can’t afford it in the first place. While using my office to advocate for a national solution we must work to establish a “Medicare for All” style single-payer system for Marylanders, possibly in cooperation with other, like-minded states.

TRANSPORTATION: We must invest in MARC rail’s Brunswick Line to establish two-way, full-time service between Frederick/Brunswick and Union Station, and connecting communities like Germantown, Montgomery Village, Clarksburg and Gaithersburg to Rockville, Silver Spring and DC. This will take cars off the road and relieve the congestion of our road network while encouraging denser, transit-friendly development.
attorney in private practice for the last 6 years representing individuals and families, and as a
HOA Board member in my community.
REDISTRIBUTING: I would be in favor of removing the line drawing to an independent voting
commission. Voter's voices are being diluted and strengthened in disproportional ways by
legislatures across the country, and Maryland has been no different. Two (or more) wrongs do
not make a right. This practice must end, and we must make this basic democratic reform.
ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the most significant environmental challenge we face. I
acknowledge that it is real, and that we need meaningful efforts to address it now. I would
favor expanding incentives for greener and renewable technologies and investing in more
public transit over roads where possible as a start.
DISCRIMINATION: Ending cash bail and the regulation of recreational marijuana are significant
efforts to end disproportionate incarceration of the poor. Investing in meaningful education for
all, including under performing schools. Allowing equal opportunity to go to college, and
removing financial barriers.
EDUCATION: I am in favor of universal pre-k, reducing class sizes, and making debt-free college
a reality. I think there are various opportunities to invest in these important priorities through
revisions to the gaming revenue, curbing cash bail (thus reducing incarceration costs), and
potentially the legalization of marijuana (where legalizing states have invested significant
revenue back into education)
HEALTH CARE: Health care is seemingly at the whim of politicians in Washington DC. Just when
there are reasonable advances under the Obama administration, Congress has undercut the
law. In Maryland, we stand at a moment where we could be bold and ensure all Marylanders
quality healthcare to be healthy, without worry about basic coverage, and thrive in the new
economy.
TRANSPORTATION: I favor investing in public transit over roads that are not keeping up with
the pace of development. Dedicated funding for Metro to address the significant safety
shortfalls, advocate strongly for the Corridor Cities Transitway, & encourage greater bike
networks. Revisions to the transportation code, taxes on gas, & use (i.e. tolls) are fair places to
find revenue to support these priorities.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an educator, nonprofit leader, union workplace lead and Congressional
staffer, I have spent years working to better the lives of women, working families and
immigrant families like my own. And that's who I'll be as a legislator. As a survivor of domestic
violence, I fought to pass the Violence Against Women Act in 2013. I serve on the MC Board of
Social Services, NARAL MD and Girl Scouts.
REDISTRIBUTING: I strongly support a non-partisan commission to redraw the congressional and
legislative district lines in Maryland, like in California and Arizona. Every voice should be heard,
represented and connected to their government. Independent redistricting, perhaps linked to
regional efforts, will help make this happen and reduce crippling partisanship.

ENVIRONMENT: As the EPA is weakened, protecting Maryland's resources is a priority. I'm proud to earn the endorsements of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and the Maryland Sierra Club. 1) Protecting groundwater and the Chesapeake Bay through more accountability in corporate agriculture and uniform enforcement 2) Building needed infrastructure in an environmentally sound ways 3) Stormwater management

DISCRIMINATION: I will work to: 1) End the achievement gap through early childhood education 2) Support legislation that reduces wage inequality 3) Fight discriminatory federal programs aimed at ethnic and religious minorities, among other targeted groups 4) Support criminal justice reform and efforts to increase community policing, including deescalation techniques

EDUCATION: As an educator and daughter of a public school teacher, I know how vital it is to support public schools. Top policy priorities: early childhood education, low or no cost community college, student loan repayment options, and "community schools." I would fund these measures by taxing marijuana as it becomes legalzed.

HEALTH CARE: In short, we have no idea how Trump will dismantle the ACA and we need to protect Marylanders from whatever may occur. I support looking at ways to implement a single payer option, as it would reduce the financial burdens on both working families and small businesses.

TRANSPORTATION: It is long past time for the state to develop a comprehensive transportation solution, including offering more low-cost public transportation, environmentally-friendly rail systems, and expanded highway systems. I support dedicated funding for WMATA to allow Metro to expand services, reversible lanes on I-270, development of the Purple Line and increased public transit.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a Maryland Delegate representing District 39 since 2007, and have a strong track record of progressive leadership on issues related to healthcare, education, environment, and transportation. I also am proud of my record of providing effective constituent services. Outside of the legislature, I work as a federal government contractor and attorney specializing in government procurement.

REDISTRICTING: I am proud to have been the lead sponsor on legislation for redistricting reform, and will continue to be a champion of a redistricting policy that creates a nonpartisan, professional form of redistricting, while also ensuring that the policy is fair to all parties through an interstate compact with Virginia.

ENVIRONMENT: Maryland's challenges are two-fold. First, we must work to ensure policies that move us from a dirty fuel economy to one based on clean, renewable energy. In addition, we are in the unique position of being one of the few states with the responsibility of caring for the Chesapeake Bay, and must continue to ensure a clean, productive Bay for our future.
DISCRIMINATION: I have consistently sponsored or supported policies that have worked to end discrimination for all, including marriage equality, pay equity, and racial disparity. I believe that all deserve the same rights and chances, that life after a prison sentence should have all of the same opportunities, and that no one should be placed at a disadvantage for any reason out of their control.

EDUCATION: I support full funding for public schools, both K-12 and higher education. I have consistently worked to fund all of our state's public schools, and fully support implementing the Kirwan and Knott Commissions to fully realize our school's potential. I also believe we need to move towards at least debt-free higher education, and eventually moving towards tuition free higher education.

HEALTH CARE: Stabilizing the ACA marketplace and lowering costs are a priority in the short term. In the long-term, I am sponsoring legislation to provide for a single-payer style system that provides care at minimum cost to all of Maryland's residents. This will not only eliminate high health care costs and health related bankruptcies, but will tackle our opioid and mental health epidemics as well.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe in an all of the above approach. I do not object to expansion of highways, if coupled with mass transit options such as expanded MARC, construction of the Corridor Cities Transitway, countywide BRT, and an eventual extension of Metro through Frederick County. I believe that utilizing a public-private partnership model can be appropriate if government oversight and control is utilized.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served two terms in the House of Delegates and I am currently the Chair of the Montgomery County House Delegation. I have extensive government relations and advocacy experience, and have spent my career in the nonprofit sector. I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zambia from 2002-2005, and I've lived, worked, and studied on five continents.

REDISTRICTING: Redistricting should be handled by a non-partisan commission and not elected officials.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is perhaps the largest environmental challenge facing Maryland and the world. This year I sponsored a piece of legislation that would take Maryland to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2035. I plan to introduce it again in 2019 if I am reelected. I was also the first legislator to sponsor a fracking ban in 2013.

DISCRIMINATION: Maryland has structural inequalities and cultural biases that need to be dismantled if we are to effectively address discrimination. We need to acknowledge these inequalities and face them head on. This year I sponsored a bill that would make driver's licenses gender neutral by providing a non-binary option. There are myriad issues such as this one that we need to address legislatively.

EDUCATION: School construction funding and closing the achievement gap are two of the biggest educational issues that we are working on. This year the Montgomery County Delegation secured close to $60 million towards school construction in Maryland. To assist with additional funding, I consistently oppose the use of public funds for private education.
HEALTH CARE: Access and affordability continue to be the biggest barriers to health care in the state. I support universal health care and medicare for all.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe we need to fully fund metro and provide a diversity of options for commuters in Maryland. I'm happy to report that the General Assembly has allocated $167 million to Metro this year. I also support the Purple Line, the Corridor Cities Transitway, Bus Rapid Transit, and other public transportation options to help pull vehicles off the road.

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Montgomery County Executive

**Duties:** The County Executive provides direction to all county departments and proposes plans, programs, budgets, policies, and legislation to the County Council. The County Executive also adopts Executive Orders and Regulations and appoints residents to boards, committees, and commissions.

**How Elected:** Elected Countywide

**Term:** Four years. Limited to three (3) consecutive terms.

**Salary:** $190,000 per year

**Website:** montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/index.html

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**Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples:

**DEVELOPMENT:** How would you manage the county’s growth while protecting the environment?

**BUDGET:** With regard to the county’s budget, should programs be added, decreased, increased or cut? Give some specific examples of measures you would take to address the county’s projected budget deficit.

**TRANSPORTATION:** What is your plan to address the county’s top transportation needs?

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

**HOUSING:** What action, if any, should county government take to increase the supply of affordable housing?

**JOBS:** What role, if any, should the county government play in encouraging economic development and job growth?

**PRIORITIES:** What are your top three priorities?

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**Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** • Passed Term Limits Charter Amendment with 70% vote, over opposition of all County Executive opponents. • Passed Charter Property Tax Limit requiring unanimous Council vote for property tax increases over inflation rate, saving average homeowner $10,000 since 2008. • Only candidate with ANY Maryland Court experience---35,000+cases! • Honorable Discharge, US Army

**DEVELOPMENT:** • Reject present attempt to urbanize entire county. • Am ONLY candidate
living in Agricultural Reserve. • Require adequate roads and schools for any new development. • Any dense development should be near Metro stop unlike terrible Council-approved Westbard plan.

**BUDGET:** • NO tax increases next four years. Recent 9% property tax, 30% real estate transfer tax and 156% residential energy tax hikes were unnecessary. • County’s $400,000,000 debt has been increasing five times inflation rate. Reverse increases. • With record stock market increases, county’s reserve, pension and health benefit funds have underperformed.

**TRANSPORTATION:** • Improve parking lot called I-270 with new reversible lanes. • Widen Cabin John Bridge. • Build M-83, Montrose East Parkway. Widen Goshen Road, northern 355. • Dedicate Metro funding. • Complete Purple line. • Stop forcing people from cars, onto busses. • Work with Governor, not against him, for improvements. • Reduce non-school-zone speed cameras.

**DIVERSITY:** • Every Monday 6 a.m., I’ll hold first come, first serve, hours with voters to hear new ideas, discrimination or unfairness accounts, hopes, suggestions. • As defense attorney, I’ve represented rights of tens of thousands minorities. • Appointed first general counsel National Caucus of Black Aged by Rosa Parks, Jacquelyn Jackson. • I’ll help everyone!

**HOUSING:** • Enforce housing codes. • NO property tax or real estate transfer tax increases. • Consult with national affordable housing experts, • Promote green, solar housing. • Simplify building regulations. • Cooperate with builders. • Support fair master plans. • Improve accessibility, end transportation gridlock. • Allow dense housing only near Metro stops.

**JOBS:** • As County Executive, have friendly, welcoming attitude. • Have good working relationship with Governor, Congress, Administration, DC, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and WV. • No tax increases for 4 years. • Be advocate and cheerleader for people of Montgomery County---Goodwill Ambassador! • Support strong educational goals. • End transportation gridlock.

**PRIORITIES:** • Kinder, gentler government with 50% female appointments. • Prosperity with Amazon HQ2, new FBI headquarters, fewer regulations, better roads, fair share state dollar$, no tax increases, less debt, challenging education, every day a chance to excel! • I’ve never met a Montgomery Countian I didn’t like. County government will reflect that view!

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**Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My extensive record of service at all levels of government, my temperament, and my ability to get things done have prepared me to fulfill the duties & responsibilities of county executive. Leading our county requires careful listening, inclusionary policies, a clear vision, & the ability to bring people together to improve our resident’s lives. I have proven success in all four areas.
DEVELOPMENT: To remain prosperous & competitive in the region, growth must be planned & accommodated in the most sustainable way. Encouraging growth around metro stations & transit infrastructure will provide the most sustainable path forward. By locating housing & jobs near transit, we can prevent further sprawl, protect open space, reduce carbon emissions, & create a sustainable blueprint for the future.

BUDGET: I will implement a zero-based approach -- start fresh & build the budget with the fundamentals of local government: education, transportation, economic investment, environmental protection, libraries & recreational facilities, public safety, & safety net services for the most vulnerable. We must live within our means, grow our tax base, & deliver efficient, quality services to our residents.

TRANSPORTATION: We must increase mobility options for residents by getting Metro back on track, building the Purple Line and the Corridor Cities Transitway, and implementing Bus Rapid Transit. We must focus on keeping our streets paved and maximizing the efficiency of our existing roads by upgrading our traffic signal system and adding managed lanes on 270 and 495 through the American Legion Bridge.

DIVERSITY: Our county government must be reflective of the diverse populations it serves. My administration would have a seat at the table for all county stakeholders & practice inclusionary policies. Public outreach must take full advantage of innovative technologies and practices to reach as many residents as possible. An engaged community is an empowered community.

HOUSING: Our Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) program which requires a percentage of all new development projects to provide affordable units is a national model. We must strengthen it when possible. We must also increase investment in our Housing Initiative Fund which helps preserve existing affordable units, create housing for residents with special needs, & increase our affordable housing stock.

JOBS: County government can & should play a significant role in encouraging economic growth. Our economic development corporation must be among the most effective in the nation & attract new companies/jobs to our community. Our regulatory processes must be based on sound policy but streamlined & business friendly. Our land use planning must dovetail with economic goals/objectives.

PRIORITIES: 1) Strengthening our economy/increasing our tax base; 2) Increasing economic opportunities for all residents by maintaining an excellent public school system, increasing work force training, & attracting new companies & well-paying jobs to the county; 3) Reducing traffic congestion by increasing transit options, improving existing infrastructure, & modernizing our traffic signalization system.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I’m a lifelong Montgomery County resident and I’m entrepreneurial at heart. What’s required to create jobs, I learned through hands-on experience. Leading a Fortune 500
company in Rockville, I developed a deep sense of accountability, strong grasp of fiduciary restraint, and importance of putting customers first. It’s this unique perspective that makes me an ideal candidate for County Executive.

**DEVELOPMENT:** We must take proactive measures to reduce transportation emissions, invest in green technologies, like solar and battery storage, and use best practices from across the country. We must move our county toward a Zero Waste Plan, appoint a climate official to oversee the county’s greenhouse gas reduction efforts, and implement a sustainable “buy-local” campaign that supports our businesses.

**BUDGET:** The best path forward to increase county revenue is expanding our tax base through job growth and fiscal discipline. I’ll scrutinize every budgetary dollar, with a comprehensive review process to eliminate redundancy and excess. For example, we spend $65 million annually on overtime. By properly staffing our departments, we could save $10-$20 million to invest in our public schools and services.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Some of my short-term solutions to address our transportation needs, include free BRT, reversible lanes on I-270, and adaptive traffic lights that keep residents moving. In the long-term, I’ll ensure we follow through on our transportation Master Plans and create new transit options for Clarksburg residents, who have been struggling with severe traffic.

**DIVERSITY:** A priority throughout my term as County Executive will be to increase minority and female representation, among committees, boards, and positions of leadership within the county. I’ll ensure our county leaders and decision makers hold open and transparent discussions with community activists and business owners on issues affecting county land use, businesses, and residents.

**HOUSING:** In order to provide more affordable housing units that are large enough for families, we need creative solutions for our Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) system. As County Executive, I’ll make better use of existing county assets. We need creative solutions like in Fairfax, Virginia where the county leased county-owned land for one dollar to subsidize a 100% affordable housing development.

**JOBS:** Our released Jobs and Economic Growth Plan draws on my experiences as founder and CEO of a Fortune 500 company to identify the best ideas to move Montgomery County forward. The county government should support entrepreneurship, change the culture to put Montgomery businesses first, and conduct an aggressive buy-local campaign to shift more spending to local businesses to grow our local economy.

**PRIORITIES:** 1. Creating high-wage jobs, increasing economic growth and expanding our tax base to pay for services we need and have come to depend on; 2. Closing the achievement gap and investing in our public schools; 3. Improving our infrastructure and reducing traffic

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I’ve been the progressive leader on the County Council for 12 years and chair the Public Safety Committee. Before that, I was a Takoma Park Councilmember for 19 years, taught public school here for 17 years, and served on county transportation planning and master plan committees. I understand how government works, how to run an organization effectively, and how to advance social justice.

**DEVELOPMENT:** We should increase density around Metro stations. But the county, because of developer influence, has increased density with insufficient infrastructure and ignored research-based definitions of walkability and transit-oriented development. I am the only candidate who has never taken money from developers and I would reduce their influence to benefit communities and protect the environment.

**BUDGET:** We have rising needs but limited resources, so we need to restructure county government operations to make them more efficient. I will partner with our labor unions, who have endorsed me, to pivot people and resources to improve services. My plan for doing so is on my website and includes ideas like gainsharing (a labor-management partnership) and a business process improvement system called Lean.

**TRANSPORTATION:** To reduce congestion, we need affordable, real transit solutions. My bus rapid transit (BRT) system connects people from where they live to where they work. We also need to make developers pay their fair share of infrastructure costs: we must ensure we have the schools and transportation needed to support the redevelopment of our community. Our Virginia competitors do this and they build projects.

**DIVERSITY:** I intend to introduce a racial and gender equity lens into county government to require us to consider the likely impacts of all of our policy and staffing decisions on women and people of color. We must partner with communities and advocacy organizations to evaluate the results of those decisions. I am confident this lens would have immediate positive impacts in zoning and other policy areas.

**HOUSING:** I have been a vocal supporter of preserving existing affordable housing in our master plans. I also support a limited rent stabilization plan that would focus on properties near transit stations. I have already passed major tenant rights legislation in Montgomery County and would like to build on the work I did on the Takoma Park City Council to help people move from renting to homeownership.

**JOBS:** Because study after study shows that quality of life is the most important driver of economic growth, the county should continue to focus on good schools, reduced congestion, improved transit, and green space. I also want to help people start and grow their own businesses by creating a robust variety of incubators, ensure a sensible and fair regulatory environment, and support employee ownership.

**PRIORITIES:** 1) Close the opportunity gap and improve educational quality for all students, expanding pre-K, adequately funding schools, and raising family incomes. 2) Create jobs by improving the quality of life, building BRT, and promoting economic development. 3) Restructure government to make it more efficient and equitable by partnering with our workforce and implementing a racial and gender equity lens.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience is ideal for our next County Executive. As a ten-year veteran of the General Assembly and the current Majority Leader, I have a proven track record of success achieving Democratic priorities, such as gun control. But since I do not come from local government, I can bring the new perspective and implement the reforms we need, including getting the county out of the liquor business.

DEVELOPMENT: Our County is growing, but it isn’t growing evenly. As cranes dominate Bethesda and the Pike District, other metro-accessible portions of the County are lacking in new investment. I would jumpstart the revitalization of Wheaton and promote economic growth in Silver Spring after the loss of Discovery.

BUDGET: We need to focus our spending on the core missions of local government: public education, transportation, and public safety. Too often, our spending is aligned not with voters’ priorities but with the Council’s own priorities. I want to fund our school system, not council salary increases or their taxpayer-funded media networks & political campaigns.

TRANSPORTATION: I support an aggressive, “all of the above” strategy that invests in roads and mass transit. The daily traffic nightmare on I-270 absolutely must be addressed, either with Governor Hogan’s P3 approach or by working with Frederick County to build reversible lanes. I would modernize our traffic signals and move toward on-demand microbus service to make our existing road network more effective.

DIVERSITY: Our leaders cannot live and work in a bubble. I would be an Executive that lives and works out in the community, walking the streets, visiting our schools and workplaces. I have been an open and accessible public official, using social media to provide immediate & excellent constituent service. I would also build a leadership team that reflects the diverse and worldly community we serve.

HOUSING: I support innovative partnerships between the County, Housing Opportunities Commission, and the private sector to develop communities that include both market rate and below-market housing, as well as programs that will retain our legacy affordable rental units. Importantly, we need single family options for the middle class; too many families are forced to locate in Frederick or Howard counties.

JOBS: With Montgomery’s talented workforce, we should be leading the national economy, but we aren’t. We need tax and regulatory policies to foster and grow our local businesses and to attract investment from around the world, not policies & rhetoric that show us to be hostile to the private sector. Building our tech sector is a priority; 8 of the 10 top performing cities post-recession are tech hubs.

PRIORITIES: I want to bring Montgomery County into the 21st Century. We need a 21st Century economy, a private sector as vibrant and successful as our residents. We need a 21st Century government, modern and responsive but also efficient and focused on serving the public. And we need 21st Century communities, attracting young professionals with nightlife and housing choices that reflect today’s standards.
QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate with governmental executive experience since I served three terms as Mayor of Rockville. Under my watch, downtown Rockville was redeveloped and both the King Farm and Falls Grove were approved. I also worked for 13 years at the Montgomery Planning Department, overseeing the Zoning Code Rewrite and numerous Master Plans. The County needs a visionary new leader like me.

DEVELOPMENT: The County's growth has slowed to 1% a year, but that is still about 10,000 residents annually. I will continue to protect the Agricultural Reserve and support new development near existing infrastructure, such as in Downtown Bethesda, White Flint and Wheaton/Silver Spring. We must improve our stormwater management, preserve as many trees as possible, and provide multi-modal transit options.

BUDGET: Budgets are about priorities. We must define these and cut programs that are no longer helping us achieve them. To keep our Triple A bond rating, we should reduce debt service to 10% and enhance our economic development efforts. We must streamline the delivery of government services to create savings to be used for direct services to residents and establish more public private partnerships.

TRANSPORTATION: County residents are tired of being told that our master plans are balanced in terms of infrastructure and growth because the promised infrastructure never seems to get built. We must provide more multi-modal transportation options, including some new roads. We should enhance the connectivity of our sidewalk and bicycle networks and ensure that Metro remains viable.

DIVERSITY: Although proud of our county’s diverse population, we do not do enough to ensure that everyone can live here successfully. It’s hard to be involved with government if you don’t trust it or if you are working multiple jobs to be able to feed your family. We need to increase staff at our regional service centers and find better ways to educate residents about the services available to them.

HOUSING: We need more housing for those making 50% or less of the average median income and more workforce housing. I would sit down with the development community to better understand what governmental incentives or programs would make it financially feasible for these types of housing to be built. I would also streamline the process for approving housing built on county-owned land.

JOBS: The county government must play an active role. We have jobs that go unfilled because residents don’t have the skills needed. We also have many high school seniors who graduate without being college or job ready. We should prepare these students to meet our workforce needs. We must provide incentives to grow existing businesses and attract new ones. We need to streamline our regulatory process.

PRIORITIES: 1) We must maintain the quality of our public schools so that all students receive a great education and can move onto college or into jobs that pay a living wage. 2) We must start
building the transportation infrastructure called for in our master plans. 3) We must step up our economic development efforts so that we can continue to provide great services without raising taxes on our residents.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a four-term, at-large County Councilmember who has worked through the details of 16 budgets, I understand the mission and function of every county department. I understand how to inspire managers to get results. My leadership in public office has utilized innovative methods of serving those who, but for the help of government, could not achieve a high quality of life on their own.

DEVELOPMENT: The most critical issue confronting the county is reducing greenhouse gas emissions. I would emulate good ideas from other jurisdictions including: a community choice aggregation alternative to private electricity providers; an Office of Climate Policy and Programs; energy audits of county facilities and support for energy audits of homes and commercial buildings; and promoting local agriculture.

BUDGET: As always, I will advocate to protect programs that benefit the most vulnerable members of our community. I will seek budget savings by eliminating redundancy in county government, for example joint health insurance procurement between the county government and the school system could lead to substantial savings. We should carefully review the effect of the federal tax law on Maryland.

TRANSPORTATION: I championed the Purple Line and support a dedicated revenue source for Metro. I support bus rapid transit on Route 29, Veirs Mill Road and Route 355 now and the Corridor Cities Transitway and other BRT expansion in the future. I'll add capacity and/or toll lanes to I270 to help relieve traffic during rush hour and work with MD to add capacity to American Legion Bridge and I-495 west of I270.

DIVERSITY: I will foster a community in which everyone lives and loves and thrives and prospers together. I will make sure that services are delivered to residents in the language they understand, so they can get the benefit. All my appointees will reflect the demographics of our community. I will add an LGBTQ+ community liaison and hold my Chief of Police accountable to be fair and value diversity.

HOUSING: I will increase the Housing Initiative Fund by $100 million in my first term and expand county housing vouchers for low-income county residents. I will develop a GIS mapping system of houses of worship to identify locations where affordable housing could be developed, then partner with willing houses of worship with developers to utilize available land for a multiplicity of affordable housing type

JOBS: I will continue our placemaking efforts to build great urban communities in locations served by transit. I will increase vocational training in our schools, continue focused efforts to streamline our planning, permitting and procurement processes to see where they can be made
more efficient and business-friendly, and designate Enterprise Zones to attract investment to areas that are struggling.

**PRIORITIES:**
1. Achieving measurable reductions in the academic opportunity gap and investing in school construction and class size reduction;
2. equity, social justice, and radical inclusion and providing assistance to those who most need a government on their side;
3. government that works and gets results, with a culture of customer service that ensures a satisfactory effort to answer your question..

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Montgomery County Council

**Duties:** The Council is the legislative branch of County Government. Members of the County Council pass legislation, appropriate money to fund the capital and operating budgets, set county property and other local taxes, and make planning, zoning, and subdivision decisions. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees, and commissions that report to the Council. It also exercises oversight over County programs.

**How Elected:** The Council has nine members, all elected at the same time, to four-year terms. Four at-large council members are elected countywide, represent the residents of the entire county, and may live anywhere in the county. The county is divided into five council districts. Each of the five additional council members is elected by and represents one of the five council districts. Each voter may vote for four at-large candidates and for one candidate from his or her district.

**Term:** Four years. Limited to three (3) consecutive terms.

**Salary:** $128,519 per year.

**Website:** montgomerycountymd.gov/council/

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**Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples:

**DEVELOPMENT:** How would you manage the county’s growth while protecting the environment?

**BUDGET:** With regard to the county’s budget, should programs be added, decreased, increased or cut? Give some specific examples of measures you would take to address the county’s projected budget deficit.

**TRANSPORTATION:** What is your plan to address the county’s top transportation needs?

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

**HOUSING:** What action, if any, should county government take to increase the supply of affordable housing?

**JOBS:** What role, if any, should the county government play in encouraging economic development and job growth?

**PRIORITIES:** What are your top three priorities?

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**County Council At Large**

**Republican Candidates**

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QUALIFICATIONS: A lifelong resident, I have the most countywide experience and accomplishments of all the candidates running. I’ve been an activist on transportation, development and disability access issues for over a decade. Most importantly, I’ve gotten results. I was engaged on big issues like Westbard, MCPS bus depot, keeping Damascus rural, Rockville Pike Plan. I have real-world business, budget experience.

DEVELOPMENT: Residents now realize the Council & Planning Board no longer listen to us, and don’t care about overcrowded schools & roads. I won’t reappoint any current PB commissioner. I’ll restore the Office of the People's Counsel to represent residents' interests in zoning/planning, and restore resident committees for sector plans. I won’t vote for development without the necessary infrastructure. Period.

BUDGET: I will propose repealing the 2016 property tax & 2010 energy tax hikes incrementally over 4 years. We must significantly cut spending, and address skyrocketing debt. If our debt was a department, it would be the 3rd largest department in the County government! Adopt Zero-Based Budgeting, so that we no longer assume the budget will simply get bigger every year. Cancel $10 billion BRT boondoggle!

TRANSPORTATION: We have no choice but to focus on projects that move the most people for the least money. I strongly support Gov. Hogan's Express Lanes for I-270/495. We need a new Potomac River crossing to Dulles. As privately built toll projects, they'll cost taxpayers almost nothing. M-83 Highway must be our top County-funded priority, along with Montrose Parkway East and the Norbeck-Georgia Ave. interchange.

DIVERSITY: If elected, my door will be open to all residents who need help on a personal or community level. In a County where 1-in-10 have a disability, I pledge to have one staff member who will specialize in disability issues. Right now our corrupt County Council isn't responsive to their constituents who speak English, much less a foreign language. Election winners must restore faith in good government.

HOUSING: I support and would implement the recommendations of the County Executive's Tenants Work Group, including rent stabilization for older apartments. We simply don't have money to fund new construction, so we must focus on preserving the affordable buildings we have, and acquiring new ones as opportunities present. Reducing property/energy taxes will lower rents. Increase 12.5% MPDU req. near Metro.

JOBS: Our impotent Council has failed to attract a single major corporate HQ here in 2 decades. We have a net loss of 2100 retail jobs since 2000. We must provide a business-friendly tax and regulation environment, and the Dulles Airport access international businesspeople require. Focus on high-wage jobs, such as aerospace, defense, and tech corporate HQs, and related research/manufacturing facilities.

PRIORITIES: 1. Transportation (New Potomac River crossing, I-270/495 Express Lanes, M-83 Highway, Montrose Parkway East, Norbeck-Georgia Interchange). 2. Create a more-responsible land-use planning process that protects existing suburban and rural neighborhoods, and our quality of life. Keep Aspen Hill, Gaithersburg East, Germantown suburban, NOT urban. 3. End the County liquor control and sales monopoly.

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**QUALIFICATIONS**: For over 40 years, I have resided in Montgomery County. I have lived in Bethesda, Rockville, Derwood, Olney and Silver Spring. Thus, I am aware of issues and concerns of many different locations in Montgomery County. That experience is valuable, since I am a candidate for County Council At-Large where my constituents are all residents of Montgomery County.  
**DEVELOPMENT**: I support future growth to be primarily located within a half mile radius of the Metrorail stations in Montgomery County.  
**BUDGET**: I am seeking a much more efficient Montgomery County Government (MCG) and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). I am proposing free tuition at Montgomery College for students who provide volunteer services to the MCG and MCPS. Also, I oppose the $1 billion 100 miles Bus Rapid Transit; and I propose a Bus Lane Toll (BLT) system at no taxpayer cost.  
**TRANSPORTATION**: Rather than the incumbent's $1 billion 100 miles Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), I am proposing a Bus Lane Toll (BLT) solution where the left lane on our 3 and 4 lane roads would be reasonable variable toll lanes during rush hours for cars and buses. The BLT can be quickly implemented at no taxpayer cost. Also, some of the toll revenue can be used to reduce bus fares along BLT routes.  
**DIVERSITY**: I am proposing to change the current County Council (5 geographic districts and 4 at-large districts) to a new County Council of 9 geographic districts. Thus, the 9 geographic council members would live closer to their constituents, be more accessible to their constituents, and be more aware of the needs of their constituents.  
**HOUSING**: The Montgomery County Government should help raise the income of the working poor, so that they can afford housing in the county. I support expediting a $15/hr minimum wage for high school graduates. However, the $15/hr minimum wage would not apply to very small employers with less than 10 workers or less than $500,000 annual revenue.  
**JOBS**: Montgomery County should modify its minimum wage law to expedite the $15/hr minimum wage; but only for high school graduates, to provide entry level jobs (at the federal minimum wage) for high school students. Also, the $15/hr minimum wage should not apply to very small employers with less than 10 workers or less than $500,000 annual revenue.  
**PRIORITIES**: 1. Improve the quality of life for Montgomery County's resident. 2. Reduce the cost of living for Montgomery County's residents. 3 Ensure that the Montgomery County Government taxes fairly, spends wisely, and is subject to strong oversight by the County Council.
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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served in the cabinet of County Executive Ike Leggett as Recreation Director since 2007, a Department with 3,000 employees and a $37 million budget. I have served on 37 boards, commissions, and advisory councils at the state, county, and non-profit level, which includes Chairing the Montgomery County Democratic Party. I know where we have been, where we are, and where we need to go.
DEVELOPMENT: I support Smart Growth, and creating livable, walkable communities near transit such as Pike and Rose while protecting sensitive environmental areas, like Ten Mile Creek. We need to expand transit options such as Bus Rapid Transit along Routes 29 and 355, as well as New Hampshire Avenue. Focusing growth near transit reduces impervious surface, stormwater runoff and protects the environment.
BUDGET: I would first focus on growing our economy, which will help enhance revenue to address our many challenges. I support establishing a two year rather than one year operating budget, which would give more time to evaluate programs and services. Third, I would enhance data collection among agencies to ensure better efficiency and scale back programs that are ineffective or could be consolidated.
TRANSPORTATION: I support a balanced approach of mass transit projects such as BRT as well as road projects such as the development of reversible lanes on 270. We also must address our infrastructure needs that contribute to traffic congestion. We also must focus on getting people out of their cars by supporting smart growth principals in master plans and the development of shared work spaces closer to residents.
DIVERSITY: Our diversity is among greatest strength. As policy I support adding questions to employee interviews at all levels of government related to the importance of inclusion and cultural sensitivity and ensure that our workforce reflects the diversity of the communities we serve. I would ensure that government information is available in multiple languages and that we expand regional service centers.
HOUSING: I am a passionate advocate for affordable housing and will support expanding the Housing Initiative Fund, growing partnerships with non-profit and for-profit organizations to preserve and expand units, MPDU laws and zoning ordinances that promote affordable housing especially near transit systems. I also support the expansion of Ancillary Dwelling Units and more public and private partnerships.
JOBS: Government should help create the conditions that ensure a strong economy both directly and indirectly. This includes ensuring that as a community we are strong in the areas of housing, transportation options, public schools, public safety, infrastructure, environment, secondary education, and that we maintain a high quality of life. Beyond that, we should focus on policy that supports businesses.
P Priorities: I will emphasize economic growth so that we can secure additional revenue to
address our growing needs as a community. I will also focus on education, including efforts to expand pre-K programs. Strong schools are key to successful economic development and ensure that our children are prepared. I will also focus on issues that impact quality of life such as transit, housing, and environment.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My job as a linguist/intelligence research analyst at National Security Agency prepared me for analyzing the various issues that County Council has to deal with. Also, my knowledge of several languages helps me interact with the diverse population in Montgomery County. Co-founding my Civic association and being its President and Vice-President for several years shows my leadership skills.

DEVELOPMENT: I would make sure we don’t overdevelop at the expense of our environment. I'd protect Ten Mile Creek, our pristine water supply. I'd make sure we had much green space and many parks and trails. Protecting the Agricultural Reserve would be a high priority for me. I'd make sure the impervious surfaces in new developments would be at a low level.  

BUDGET: I'd check to see where there was duplication of effort in the various departments in our County government and cut where possible. I would have less high salaried administrators. I'd send information over the internet and try to cut down on printing and mailing expenses. I'd try to form more Public/Private Partnerships to pay for various things.

TRANSPORTATION: I’d complete the remaining 5.6 miles of M-83, the Midcounty Highway, in order to alleviate the horrific congestion in the Upcounty. I’d increase transit where possible, as well as buses. I’d fix I-270 by adding new lanes, perhaps adding tolls to the new lanes. I’d have reversible lanes during rush hour. I’d consider BRT, if enough people would use it.

DIVERSITY: I would have a staff reflective of the diverse population in the County. I’d keep the lines of communication open with leaders of the various diverse groups and LISTEN to what their needs are and attempt to meet them. I’d work with the County Executive to make sure we're all "on the same page" and provide services for all. I’d name more diverse individuals to County Boards/Commissions. 

HOUSING: When new developments are proposed, I'd increase the percentage of MPDUs from 12.5% to at least 15% or perhaps even 20%. I would have MPDUs in all communities in an even distribution. I'd study the possibility of using empty commercial buildings for affordable housing.

JOBS: We need to market Montgomery County as a friendly place to do business, for small, medium, and large businesses. I believe it’s a good thing we have the new Economic Development Corporation to market and attract businesses. We must cut down on the red tape for businesses to start up and thrive. We need to retain the businesses we now have in the County.

PRIORITIES: 1. TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE --- Worst congestion in the Nation. Find solutions in all modes, transit, the road M-83 for Upcounty, fix I-270, bicycling, walking, and helping METRO. 2. EDUCATION --- Close the achievement gap, hire competent, caring teachers,
and bring magnet/choice programs to Upcounty. 3. ECONOMY---Market Mo. Co. as welcoming place for all size businesses. Cut red tape.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I’m an accountant with 35 years experience. I have a PhD in Organizational Psychology and a thorough understanding of the issues facing the County. I have successfully advocated for libraries, fire stations, parks, transportation projects, as well as opening BlackRock Center for the Arts. With 25 years of accomplishments in the community, I’m one of the most qualified candidates in the race.

DEVELOPMENT: Protection of our streams and watershed is one of the most important environmental concerns. I would require that stormwater management fees charged by the County be restricted to stormwater projects to reduce the negative impact of impervious surfaces. We also need to ensure that the County’s residential and commercial building code keeps pace with the most advanced green building standards.

BUDGET: I worked in the County for several years with budget responsibility for the regional services centers and have a good understanding of the budget process. The existing system protects the status quo and we can’t achieve significant cost savings without a major overhaul of the process. I advocate zero-based budgeting and debt reduction to ensure the most effective use of our limited resources.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to increase capacity on I-270 through reversible lanes, express bus service, along with a public-private partnership to fund additional lanes. We need to work with CSX to increase MARC capacity including bi-directional trains throughout the day. I fully support transit options including the Purple Line and Bus Rapid Transit, but we can’t ignore the need to increased road improvements.

DIVERSITY: As an elected official, it would be my responsibility to make sure that everyone in our community feels safe, empowered and has a voice in local government. The best way to ensure this happens is have adequate representation on all County boards and committees by all sectors of our community. We must also be sure to have an equitable distribution of programs and resources throughout the County.

HOUSING: Affordable housing is one of the most complex issue we face in Montgomery County. One of the best ways for the County to increase affordable housing is to purchase naturally occurring affordable units to maintain the affordability and livability of the units. I support the MPDU program and an increase in the Housing Initiative Fund and wrap around services to help families stay in their homes.

JOBS: The County has a direct responsibility for job growth. We live in a great community with great needs and we cannot meet those needs without a strong, robust economy. As a Chamber of Commerce president, I work with small businesses every day and know the obstacles they face. I support full funding of the County’s economic and workforce development initiatives to attract, retain, and expand jobs.
PRIORITIES: 1. The only way we can achieve a sustainable budget is to expand our tax base and create or expand mid-level jobs, offering strong career pathways for all our residents. 2. If we are ever going to reduce the achievement gap, we must start earlier with pre-K with a multi-generational approach to early education. 3. Infrastructure needs to keep pace with our growth while protecting our environment

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former 30 year MS Math teacher and have served for the last 20 years in the Maryland General Assembly. I believe my long track record shows I am ready to take on the challenges we face as a county. Having taught in Takoma Park, Wheaton, Bethesda, Rockville and Gaithersburg have shown me problems all parts of our county face on a daily basis.

DEVELOPMENT: I believe in smart growth. We first need to develop areas near public transportation either BRT or Metro. We cannot allow excessive development if the infrastructure is not there to support it. We should develop the infrastructure first and then build.

BUDGET: As we start with a new Executive and mostly new Council we will need to look at every program the county offers to see if it should be continued. I do not believe in simply cutting programs a certain percent. Schools will need more money so we should be lobbying the State to increase their share. We passed legislation to restrict casino money for education which should bring in $500 million.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to start with dedicated funding for Metro which we just approved at the State level. Make sure the Purple Line is built. Expand BRT. Improve I-270 including implementing the CCT. There are certain roads that need widening - Norbeck Rd. near Leisure World, 355 north of 27 and 27 north of 355. We have to get our fair share of state dollars to support these projects.

DIVERSITY: We can start by making sure we follow open meetings rules. Make everything we do in government as transparent as possible. We need more town hall meetings throughout the county. We need to hire officials in county jobs that reflect the diversity of our population. As a Council member I must really have an open door policy at all times.

HOUSING: Montgomery County has to work with private developers to make this happen. We might need to provide some tax incentives to developers to build more affordable housing. We should increase the requirement for the number of moderately price units. We should also provide some financial help for first time home buyers.

JOBS: The County should play a major role in encouraging economic development and job growth. The county set up an independent economic development group, we need to make sure they are working to attract new businesses. We did our job at the state level by approving an incentive package to attract Amazon's second headquarters. We have good schools, skilled employees and mass transit.
PRIORITIES: 1. Improve our schools 2. Expand economic opportunities 3. Invest in transportation

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have a breadth of experience leading corporate, non-profit & community organizations. I have led initiatives on education, immigration, affordable housing & healthcare among others as board member of Kensington Heights Civic Association, local, County & State PTA, as President of Takoma Foundation, as founding member of community groups, on County Commission of Children & Youth. Worked at MCPS.

DEVELOPMENT: Include perspective of environmental groups in planning & decision-making process. Seek alternatives like utilizing unused office space to create affordable housing, dedicating space in corporate buildings for programs like child care or per-kindergarten. Promote energy efficient initiatives like upgrading county buildings to have solar panels or green roofs. Encourage use of electric vehicles.

BUDGET: Use County resources efficiently. Build partnerships between the profit & nonprofit sectors to work toward common goals; Attract new jobs & businesses that will generate revenue to expand our tax base. Strengthen the business climate to welcome small businesses. Get more state funding, including dedicated funding from gaming; Jointly invest with neighboring jurisdictions on transportation projects

TRANSPORTATION: Ensure public transportation is efficient, affordable & accessible to all families. As a member of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) committee, I support BRT which brings great promise if well implemented. I support Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT), full funding for metro; Shuttle services for seniors; Sidewalks & dedicated bike routes, minimizing community concerns with Purple line construction.

DIVERSITY: Improve communication & outreach efforts; Organize community forums & town halls to be more open to addressing concerns, sharing information, collecting input & engaging the broader community; Expand interpretation services. Ensure responsiveness through increased accountability. Strengthen guidelines on governmental response time. Independent evaluation process for county’s response to community.

HOUSING: Invest in Workforce Housing. Expand mixed-income housing & family-sized units of 3-4 bedrooms. Preserve rental housing, strengthen laws to protect tenants’ rights, allow rent stabilization to keep rental housing affordable & accessible for working families. Create incentives for first time home buyers, enforce fair lending, increase public-private partnerships & housing for people with disabilities

JOBS: Build private & non-profit partnerships. Expand tax base by investing in corporations that will create more 21st century jobs. Support small businesses by addressing their concerns about rising rents and making the regulatory process more equitable. Invest in education to improve workforce development. Expand vocational programs and free community college to increase
the skilled labor force.

**PRIORITIES:** Ensure well-being of all families by ensuring Montgomery County is a welcoming place, with equity & opportunity for all. Quality childcare & education - pre-k, vocational programs & option for free community college. Improve quality of life - invest in schools, affordable housing, transportation & healthcare. Economic development - expand tax base, support small businesses, attract 21st century jobs

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Before being appointed as Procurement Director, I served as the interim District 5 Council Member in 2014. I represented a district with 200,000 residents, served on the Education Committee and Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, handled issues including the budget, zoning, and transportation, and provided effective constituent services. I am ready to serve on day one.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Master plans must be regularly monitored to ensure that growth and development does not undermine the quality of life for current residents or harm sustainability goals necessary for our children's quality of life. Sustainability goals, based on Smart Growth principles, will permit development and redevelopment efforts without compromising the quality of air, water or harming the climate.

**BUDGET:** Every budget is a policy document that sets forth priorities. Programs should be “right-sized” based on data and evidence of need and effectiveness. Also, the County must explore additional sources of support, including federal, state and private sector grants to help fund programs. There must also be a focus on increasing revenue by growing small and mid-sized businesses.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The county must work with the state of Maryland to assure completion of the Purple Line, funding for the BRT, the repair of existing heavily used roadways and analysis of new road construction. Additionally, the County must examine the establishment or expansion of Ride-On routes in areas experiencing population growth. The county must implement the Vision Zero plan to provide pedestrian safety.

**DIVERSITY:** Under my leadership, the Office of Procurement has increased diversity in county contracting from 18% to 23% in two years. These results can be replicated in other components of county government. The County’s embrace of diversity must include a commitment to diversity in employment, contracting and grant-based resource distribution. Also, the Office of Community Partnerships should be expanded.

**HOUSING:** Increasing the supply of affordable housing must include code enforcement to assure the safety, security and habitability of existing affordable housing units. Additionally, the county must work with the private sector to support the development of affordable housing units by increasing MPDU requirements and providing additional incentives for the development of work-force housing.

**JOBS:** The county’s political leadership must adopt a comprehensive approach to economic development and job growth that includes the active participation and cooperation of the
school system, the business community and the non-profit sector. Additionally, the county must assure that its policies encourage the development of small, locally owned businesses and the growth of mid-sized businesses.

**PRIORITIES:** If elected, my top priorities will be providing effective constituent service that helps residents resolve their problems and answer their questions about the operation of county government; assuring fairness and equity in county government, and assuring that county budget priorities include funding to support affordable housing initiatives and small, local businesses growth and development.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an activist, educator and designer. I’ve worked in nonprofit advocacy and organizing for nearly 15 years, fighting for environmental, social, and economic justice. I have a professional and academic background in land use planning as well as organizational management and public administration. My areas of expertise include community engagement, community design and planning, and food justice.

**DEVELOPMENT:** We need to make sure that development in the county is done sustainably and responsibly. This means ensuring that development projects are energy efficient and accompanied by transportation infrastructure, particularly connections to public transit. I am also committed to protecting the Agricultural Reserve, which improves our environmental health as well as offering outdoor recreation options.

**BUDGET:** The answer is all of the above but in order to best determine what needs to be added, decreased, increased or cut, we need a participatory budgeting process that engages all residents in this critical public decision-making. We must work with county residents to identify the programs that are most effective at creating safe, healthy communities where prosperity is equitably shared.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need a fully multi-modal transportation network - roads, light and heavy rail, strong bus systems, and bike & walking paths - that reaches as deep into the county as possible and where each mode gets users efficiently to their destinations. Full implementation of proposed Bus Rapid Transit corridors (Rts. 29, 355, 586) and the Corridor Cities Transitway are two of my top transit priorities.

**DIVERSITY:** We need decision-making structures that empower residents to play an active role as advocates and ambassadors who set and implement public policy. Language access is also a critical factor for community participation. Rather than viewing resident engagement in government processes - even protest - as a nuisance, we need to welcome and support it as the essence of democratic self-governance.

**HOUSING:** We need to empower more people to participate in building out the housing we need for residents at all income levels, and we need to use the best tools from around the country to address our affordable housing crisis. I support rent stabilization and just cause
eviction, prioritizing community developers who focus on affordable housing and commercial
space, and shared-ownershio housing models.

**JOBS:** We must change our approach to economic development so that it no longer focuses on
giveaways for wealthy corporations, but on shared economic prosperity. I want to use a fiscally-
responsible, evidence-based approach to local economic development that prioritizes growing
wealth for families and small businesses and enabling community members to lift themselves
out of economic hardship.

**PRIORITIES:** Housing for All: Everyone in Montgomery County should have safe, healthy,
affordable housing – and our county should not be segregated by race and class. Economy for
All: We need an economy based on equity, not exploitation – where our contributions to that
economy are fairly rewarded. Transportation for All: We need a fully multi-modal
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I believe I am qualified for the duties of this position. I have a myriad of
experience dealing with, amongst other things, creative
problem solving and suitability. However, more importantly, I would like to draw from my personal experience as Father,
Husband, and life-long Montgomery County resident, who is familiar with all the challenges
residents are facing on an everyday basis.

**DEVELOPMENT:** I think there are a couple of things we can do. First, we need to focus on
implementing green initiatives and mandates that require and promote the proliferation of
green culture. We need to find a way to incentivize our residents who comply instead of taxing
them. There’s also a deep synergy between an improved transportation network and
dependency on motor vehicles (less congestion).

**BUDGET:** I think all options are on the table. Obviously, we need to be thoughtful and
compassionate when making cuts and decreasing funding. Simply put, we need to roll our
sleeves up and comb through the budget in its entirety. I would suggest two things; contracting
outside and unbias eyes, as well as meeting with program liaisons face-to-face when making a
decision that calls for defunding or arrest.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need dedicated funding for WMATA. It’s that simple. We need a huge
infrastructure bill. We need to invest in innovative alternative transportation ideas that will
generate interest among residents. Such as; more bike and (e)bike initiatives and programs,
transit-oriented developments which encourage the use of public transit, & incentives for our
residents to use alternative modes of transport.

**DIVERSITY:** This county is extremely diverse and I think we need to be more sensitive to the
needs and culturally aware of the challenges. We need more diversity and more cultural
inclusion. Part of what I proposed is that we focus extensively on programs that incrementally
bring disenfranchised groups into the fold and elicit their participation. Almost like a county
cultural ambassador program.

**HOUSING:** We should be mandating a certain amount of any development be portioned for affordable housing as well as promote accessory dwelling development using funding from alternative revenue streams and commercial linkage fees. Again, I am a proponent of transit-oriented developments which roll back unnecessary zoning codes to make a property more affordable.

**JOBS:** We need more progressive and innovative businesses here that are going to encourage technology-based businesses to start up here and convince other similar businesses to move to our county. But at the heart of economic development is addressing the things that will improve quality of life and be a true incentive for current & potential residents, and stimulate our local economy.

**PRIORITIES:** School and the education system Equal rights, pay, and opportunity Local economy growth and synergy

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As Senior Counsel to the Senate Energy Committee I wrote major legislation that broke the utility monopoly on generation and lowered electricity prices for consumers. Since then I’ve been chief legal officer to a Fortune 500 company, an entrepreneur, and a partner in major law firms working on wind and solar projects. I’ve been active in County civic and political affairs for more than 22 years.

**DEVELOPMENT:** I would continue the County’s focus on transit-oriented development in order to avoid sprawl and associated increases in traffic, air emissions, and water pollution. At the same time I would seek to protect neighborhoods from unrestrained growth. I will be a champion of our parks, open spaces and especially the Agricultural Reserve which serves as the lungs for our County.

**BUDGET:** I think we should be spending more not less in certain areas such as early childhood education. Rather than cutting other programs, I would hold their expenditures flat. In any case, our needs are substantially outstripping our revenues. Substantial tax increases are not the answer. It is critical that we focus on growing the tax base by attracting new business and jobs to the County.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I favor an “all of the above” approach. We need a continued focus on mass transit including permanent Metro funding, completion of the Purple Line, BRT, and better Ride-On and MARC service. All projects should have pedestrian and bike components where
practical. We need intersection improvements, advanced traffic signal tech, new reversible lanes on I-270, and a widened American Legion Bridge.

**DIVERSITY:** 4 of the top 10 most diverse U.S. towns are located in our County. I love the energy that our diversity brings. Beyond supporting our existing assistance programs, the biggest thing I can do is personal. As a Council member I will be a welcomer, promoter and cheerleader for all of the ethnic and racial communities that call our County home, especially those who regularly face hate and intolerance.

**HOUSING:** The 2017 Rental Housing Study commissioned by the County set out a series of changes to County programs in the areas of MPDUs, land use/zoning, housing, preservation and finance. All of these changes were designed to improve rental affordability and should be evaluated for purposes of implementation. We should also be building more housing in general which will drive down prices over time.

**JOBS:** We are a County that believes in extending a helping hand and empowering people to better their lives. We will not be able to continue that role without increasing our tax base through job growth. The County government must aggressively market the County through the Economic Development Corp., streamline regulatory processes, work to attract young people, and play to our strength in the sciences.

**PRIORITIES:** My top priorities are jobs, transportation, and education. My objectives are to 1) add more high-paying jobs in the County to address the projected gap between tax revenues and needs, 2) address traffic congestion with a combination of mass transit and road solutions, and 3) provide every child with a 21st century education by addressing school overcrowding and performance gaps among our students.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Professionally, I’m a budget expert currently managing three multi-million dollar budgets for the federal government. I am a former refugee from Vietnam who grew up in the County, and so I understand the challenges of working families and immigrants. For nine years, I served as President of Association of Vietnamese Americans which helped resettled over 25,000 refugees and immigrants in Maryland.

**DEVELOPMENT:** I would manage the county’s growth by continuing to support the policy of smart growth by prioritizing transit-oriented development, as well as ensuring well defined open spaces for environmental and public health. I am also committed to protecting and preserving our County’s Agricultural Reserve so future generations can enjoy its parks, open spaces and agricultural industry.

**BUDGET:** As a budget expert, managing three multi-million-dollar budgets, I am committed to maintaining the same level of services for our County residents, while finding innovative ways to close budget gaps. I propose leasing and re-purposing vacant commercial office space into classrooms, and combining new schools with recreation centers to reduce the overall cost of new constructions and bond payments.
TRANSPORTATION: We need to take a comprehensive multi-modal approach to reduce traffic congestion. I support adding reversible toll lanes and bus-rapid transit (BRT) to I-270 from the Beltway to Frederick County. I also propose a cost/benefit study for a pilot program to provide public micro-transit service (door-to-door ridesharing) to resolve the “first mile/last mile” challenge for seniors and commuters.

DIVERSITY: For over 30 years, serving on more than 15 nonprofit and advisory boards, I have worked with our diverse communities to increase their engagement on civic, social, economic, and political issues. I propose leveraging existing social media, ethnic media, and online platforms to engage our County residents in different languages and allow them to provide online feedback on issues that concern them.

HOUSING: I believe the County government should increase the Housing Incentive Fund which provides flexible loans and grants to help create and preserve affordable housing for the County’s families, singles, seniors and people with special needs to $100M by 2022, and address the mounting crisis of distressed Common Ownership Communities facing bankruptcy, to preserve our existing affordable housing stock.

JOBS: Our County government should work with businesses to facilitate innovation and job growth while, at the same time, provide and enforce policies that protect consumers, workers, and the environment. Initiatives such as the public/private Economic Development Corporation is a good first step, but we need to do more to actively engage our business communities as partners to help businesses grow.

PRIORITIES: My top three priorities are called J-E-T: Jobs, Education, and Transportation. For jobs, we must work with small businesses to ensure they can grow and create good paying jobs in the County. For education, we should increase pre-k and vocational/technical programs. For transportation, I propose a micro-transit service (public ride-sharing) for seniors and commuters to reduce traffic congestion.

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QUALIFICATIONS: The key? I’M NOT A CAREER POLITICIAN. THANK GOD FOR TERM LIMITS, which provided a well overdue purge of the system. I don’t need this job. Rather, I want this job. It is time for a fresh look. I am the only one in the field with both extensive private business & inside the govt experience. 31 years as a partner in a MOCO law firm & 30 year MOCO police vet, retired Sgt. No community organizer here.

DEVELOPMENT: Ensure the TDR Program, which preserves farms in the Agricultural Reserve, continues. We must also revisit the RE1 & RE2 codes used for single-family homes which also allows religious assembly facilities to be built in these areas. Population & traffic densities are greatly different between residential and assembly venues & these facilities overwhelm the community in which they are placed.

BUDGET: No programs should be added unless public safety is at risk. We have all observed lots of tax dollars wasted. Uncle Montgomery must get his hand out of our pocket to fund non-essential programs. Special interest pet projects must cease. I will vote NO to any tax increase. We must strive to make do with what we have. We must allocate our resources properly.
TRANSPORTATION: I’ll work with the SHA to improve roads. The ICC was a godsend in easing east/west congestion. In considering the ICC, the SHA had the foresight to require substantial environmental improvements & insisted on public input prior to construction. Environmental concerns & public input must be the benchmark prior to future road construction, with the key being minimizing impact upon the environment.

DIVERSITY: Uncle Montgomery is very engaging and responsive to the diverse population. I strongly believe every citizen is on equal footing with fellow citizens. All citizens must be treated fairly and equally with no favoritism towards one facet of the citizenry as opposed to another. This must be the benchmark. We must engage and be responsive to all citizens, equally.

HOUSING: It isn’t the county’s job to subsidize below market rate housing. Citizens must live within their means. That being said, the concept of MPDU’s for first-time buyers has worked well in the past. This must continue. I know many who have taken advantage of MPDU’s and took pride in being a first time home owner. I believe hard work and determination, not handouts, will improve one’s lot in life.

JOBS: The county must be attractive to new business. It begins with ensuring a quality education system for kids is in place to attract businesses who want to base operations in a family friendly environment. We must support the police without reservation, to keep the county safe and free from the influx of gangs which permeate the region. Do this and new business will be flock to MoCo.

PRIORITIES: 1: Provide quality educational opportunities for the children by ensuring we secure the best teachers. 2: Ensuring police and fire/rescue become a priority for this community and are treated with the respect they deserve. 3: Vote no for any tax increase. We must learn to live within our means. No more pet projects for council members. Serve all citizens equally.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a resident of Montgomery County for more than 30 years. During this time, I’ve served communities in many capacities - served as an election chief judge, advocated for various legislations, and held leadership roles on State and local boards commissions. I have a B.S. degree in Business Administration, an M.B.A. in Finance, and a Certification in Contract Management.

DEVELOPMENT: Develop policies that focuses on universal economic viability - affordable housing and child care, job growth, sustaining wages, and improve transportation infrastructure. I will seek to reduce emissions, improve water quality, minimize the use of harmful materials and waste, and clean up our parks and outdoor recreation sites.

BUDGET: The county's budget, for programs, should be increased. Increase job growth, solicit and retain companies in and around our communities, and encourage residents to support small businesses.
TRANSPORTATION: Provide additional modes of public transportation to support for our growing county, expand our major thoroughfares, and change the commuting patterns.

DIVERSITY: I would host quarterly town halls meetings that allows our diverse population to engage in open dialogue, with elected officials, about concerning matters. On a smaller scale, Additionally, I want to personally meet with our divers residents, listen to what they have to say, share my findings with the county government, and find sustainable ways to address make improve quality of life's experiences

HOUSING: Acknowledge the growth potential in the next five years and build more affordable housing that is accessible to public transportation and employment opportunities.

JOBS: The county government should be the driving force that encourages economic development and job growth.

PRIORITIES: 1) Quality education 2) Universal economic viability 3) Transportation infrastructure

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QUALIFICATIONS: My strong history of public service, proven leadership & voting record as a MoCo school board member, decades-long documented commitment to community partnership, and experience advocating for county needs at both the state and federal level. Thirty-year career of service beginning as a full-time volunteer with Habitat for Humanity to current leadership on myriad community boards & committees.

DEVELOPMENT: Partnering with the community, place-making hand in hand, will provide the kinds of growth our community would like in the locations where we need it. We need higher-paying jobs in areas with more affordable housing, concentrated at new transit hubs that will come on-line with BRT, Purple Line, etc. Support green business practices with tax credits and incentives. Expand solar. Preserve Ag Reserve.

BUDGET: Full-scale review of county’s departmental expenditures in partnership with community, aligned to county’s expressed needs. Deficit represents an investment in our future but must balance with cost of servicing dept. Must attract higher-paying jobs, reduce barriers for growth to small businesses, expand shared resources through the MC Economic Development Corporation, job training/connections.

TRANSPORTATION: Support progress on Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master plan. Bus Rapid Transit with expansion plan to Viers Mill and New Hampshire Avenues, Purple Line, CCT and new dedicated funding stream for Metro will relieve congestion. Expand Marc service and create reversible lanes to relieve I-270 congestion. Expand bus service routes and hours will help residents get to jobs & higher educ.

DIVERSITY: Our schools have students from 150 countries that speak over 157 languages and 1/3 of our residents were born in another country. Our diversity is our greatest resource and has the potential to draw international business with high-paying jobs. Reaching deeper into community will benefit MoCo in myriad ways by connecting our talent to our future, honoring
residents languages & cultural insights.

**HOUSING:** MoCo’s short 50,000 units of affordable housing. Research shows safe, stable, affordable housing improves health & academic outcomes, and economic mobility. I’ve testified in support of renter protections who are 1/3 of residents. Must preserve & support community-owned properties, save older buildings, increase housing supply to decrease prices, exchange building height for MPDUs closest to hubs

**JOBS:** By creating a business-friendly environment through incentives, regulation overhaul, and contracting, small business can expand, new businesses can lift off, and high-paying jobs can be created. We must increase the revenue stream so the school system can remain strong, we can put debt in check, and residents can continue to enjoy the services and amenities they expect.

**PRIORITIES:** Increase revenue to support services residents depend on and sustain school system budget. Almost 1/3 of students live in poverty. Education is key. Fund school facility budget to address portables, $790 million backlog in system-wide facility repair needs. Increase tax base through economic opportunity, better supporting small businesses, bolstering career pathways. Equitable, smart development.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I lead the county unit that enforces anti-discrimination laws and labor protections. As a lawyer, a mediator, and a social justice activist, I have worked with community leaders and will be able to work effectively on issues that are important all. I have experience writing and working with legislation. I have 10 years as Treasurer for organizations and 10 years of experience with county budgets.

**DEVELOPMENT:** With more than a million people, we need development. I commit that I will work to balance proposed development with considerations of: how to protect the Planet, preserve the agricultural reserve, and set aside green spaces; how to pay for facilities; whether infrastructure can support the proposal; and how to equitably distribute facilities and services, among others.

**BUDGET:** I have 10 years of experience as Treasurer of organizations, and 10 years managing a county agency during tough financial years. In economic terms, programs are reviewed through a cost/benefit lens. In practice, considerations will include, how much does it cost, who will benefit, is there an alternative that is cost-effective, who will pay, or how can we raise revenues to cover the costs?

**TRANSPORTATION:** I will use an all-of-the-above approach to transportation solutions. Public transit can be boosted and built out along major corridors. For commuters, we should improve connections with Metro and MARC. We need to focus on the major arteries. Route 28 is a cross-county corridor that may become a future artery. Another bridge across the Potomac could alleviate congestion on I-270.

**DIVERSITY:** I lead the unit of county government that enforces anti-discrimination laws and labor protections. I work to enforce the rights of women, religious, ethnic and racial minorities, immigrants, and people with disabilities. It is important to continue enforcing these laws.
Education and community outreach are equally important. I work to educate groups about their rights under these laws.

**HOUSING:** Housing prices are subject to supply and demand. I would encourage an increase in the number of housing units to exert downward pressure on housing prices. Federal law requires a new development that includes housing to make 12.5% of the units available under subsidized housing programs. I would continue trying to raise the percentage of affordable units upwards to 15-20%.

**JOBS:** County government has a workforce. Businesses and nonprofits hold the lion’s share of jobs. I commit to improve the county’s business-friendly environment. A review and streamlining of county laws and requirements could have some impact on businesses operating or locating in the county. I would consider a business incubator, in partnership with Montgomery College, or Universities at Shady Grove.

**PRIORITIES:** - a balance between development and infrastructure; - meeting transportation needs through public transit, roads, and bike paths; - jobs & economic opportunity, making the county more business friendly; - Education: enhanced pre-K learning, all-day kindergarten, reduced high school drop-out rates, increased college enrollment & graduation, and assistance with financial aid and student debt.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Only candidate elected to countywide office four times. Experienced and get things done. President/VP of 43,000+ member MCCPTA: very successful full-time advocate for MCPS. Board of Education sought me out in 2016 to champion their request for $100M more than the state required. Melissa McKenna and I pursued this funding for months, and the Council agreed to an $87M increase: a county first!

**DEVELOPMENT:** We need to maintain a policy of smart growth. Redevelop areas like White Flint and Lakeforest Mall into walkable, mass transit friendly communities. I will be at the forefront of bringing in new businesses, and encouraging expansion of current ones to utilize the 10M vacant square feet of office space. We must protect our cherished Ag Reserve and encourage the addition of parks in city centers.

**BUDGET:** Right now we have a good mix of programs. I will work with my colleagues to form a commission to examine how we deliver services with an eye towards reducing duplication by well meaning organizations. We also need to move toward a two year budget process to save time and money. We must encourage the growth of business to build our tax base, and I will be a tireless advocate for this.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need coordinated, intelligent traffic signals. How often have you driven from one red light to the next? This must end. All lights along major roads need to be green for at least a minute, then turn red to allow for cross traffic. Metro needs to continue needed upgrades. Bus Rapid Transit plans should be fully rolled out. Top priority will be to create jobs here so commute times are reduced.
DIVERSITY: As MCCPTA President and long-time host of their TV show, MCCPTA Presents, I was a leader in encouraging diversity and engaging ALL communities. Was often called upon to use my limited Spanish speaking ability to engage our Latino and other immigrant communities in how to make their voice heard. Proud member of the NAACP, AARP and am often in contact with leaders in many of our diverse communities.

HOUSING: I am a firm proponent of the expansion of successful organizations like the Montgomery Housing Partnership. They take existing smaller apartment buildings, fix them up, and provide both affordable housing and enrichment opportunities to their student and adult residents. We need to work with developers to create affordable housing opportunities for MCPS educators and first responders.

JOBS: We must have a leading role, working with our Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation, in encouraging businesses to move and grow here. Each day 200,000 of our residents leave the county to work elsewhere. Today, we have enough free office space for every one of them. I will be the best jobs advocate the Council has ever had. We will be THE place to live, work, and thrive in!

PRIORITIES: 1) Education: I will continue my unprecedented efforts to bring back more investment from Annapolis, $18M so far, in the form of casino gambling to fund school projects. 2) Transportation: smoother, speedier flow of traffic. Coordinated signaling. More bus and bike options. Improved Metro. 3) Economy: encouraging the growth of existing businesses and welcoming in world class companies. Amazon HQ2.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former CNN journalist and current executive director of a nonprofit serving our county’s youth. I have also spent 15 years as a civic leader championing progressive initiatives. I know how to institute proper oversight and instill accountability so that government programs are helping our residents and communities. I will be the watchdog to ensure our government gets things done right.

DEVELOPMENT: I earned the Sierra Club’s endorsement, which is a testament to my track record of promoting environmental sustainability throughout the county. I have successfully championed transit-oriented development that ensures open green space/parks and the protection of our trees and natural waterways. I will work to ensure our environmental resources are protected and expanded.

BUDGET: Instead of increasing taxes or cutting programs, I am focused on expanding the tax base and creating new sources of revenue so we can invest in our roads, schools and support services for seniors and youth. We must continue attracting businesses in the life sciences sector, which desire proximity to FDA, NIH and other federal agencies. I am committed to expanding prosperity to the entire county.

TRANSPORTATION: My top priority is fixing Metro and ensuring that it is safe and reliable. If
Metro fails, more residents will flee the system and traffic in our region will only get worse. In addition to expanding public transit options across the county, I also want to work with state leaders to improve traffic performance on I-270. But let me be clear: under no circumstances do I support expanding the Beltway.

**DIVERSITY:** If elected, I would be the first LGBTQ member of the County Council. Diversity and inclusion are extremely important components of good and fair governing. We must increase our language support for non-English speakers and hold official Council meetings at locations outside of Rockville and at times that can accommodate more participation from our diverse community.

**HOUSING:** I currently serve as vice chair of Montgomery Housing Partnership, the county’s largest nonprofit developer of affordable housing. I understand first hand how to preserve, protect and expand affordable housing. We need to create more units for individuals at all levels — seniors, workers and low-income residents. Current housing policies are inadequate and I will use my experience to improve them.

**JOBS:** I will work hard to stimulate job growth so that we can expand the tax base. We can then use the new tax revenue to support universal pre-K, expand public transit and increase programs for seniors, youth and those in need of healthcare, food and housing. Without new jobs, we will not have the revenue to provide these services. More jobs will increase the tax base so we can pay for new programs.

**PRIORITIES:** (1) Improving MCPS and ensuring that every child receives the best education possible. (2) Fixing our transportation infrastructure so residents can travel safely and with efficiency. (3) Ensuring that residents can afford to live in Montgomery County by providing more affordable housing. Affordable housing is critically important for seniors to age in place and residents who are struggling.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I started my political career in 2007 advocating for my neighborhood (4,000 households) and advocating for the Rockville residents (65,000 residents). As a Certified Public Accountant, I worked for National CPA firm for eight years. As a CFO and Controller for ten years, I have extensive experience in budgets and working with boards of directors. Examples issues on refuse, bus depot & office build

**DEVELOPMENT:** I would manage the County’s growth by enforcing the APFO ordinance (limits on overcrowding of schools, traffic congestion, costs for new infrastructure including water and sewer and the impact on the Metro system. The Bethesda residents are fed-up with development. I would advocate to increase car pooling by providing employee incentives and increasing the Car N Ride and Seniors Ride Free programs

**BUDGET:** I would look at generating revenues to the County’s budget. The first place I would advocate is working with our State delegation to get our fair share of the casino revenue from the Education Trust Fund, which the State has kept for themselves to fund their operating
budget. We have a "new economy" for which local taxes are not charged; I would advocate to have taxes assessed on these companies.

**TRANSPORTATION:** AMAZON, AMAZON, AMAZON! $2 billion dollars transportation funding! On I-270 I would open up the two inner-service lanes and use these two lanes during rush hour. I would develop a database in the county where the residents identify which streets are the major roadblocks for the residents to move in and out of their neighborhoods and use common-sense solutions to fix these bottlenecks.

**DIVERSITY:** Communication is the key! I would hold Town Hall meetings on a quarterly basis and talk with all of the residents in the County keeping them up to speed on what's happening in the County and listening to what their needs are and being accountable to resolve these issues. I would have a radio show where residents can call in and ask questions and address their concerns.

**HOUSING:** Montgomery County already has a program for affordable housing called "Design for Life" where additions are put on existing single family homes that our parents can live in, separately from their children. The percentage for MPDU's is too low at 12.5%. We need to increase this percentage, especially near the new developments near transit-oriented centers, for example, along the new Purple Line.

**JOBS:** I will be advocating for a new zone called MPBU's (Moderately Priced Business Units so that start-up companies can afford the commercial rents. For new businesses, I will advocate for rents to match their revenues, so when the home office business moves to a commercial space at $500/month, as the home office revenues increase so does their rent. Finally, we need to lower the cost to live in MC.

**PRIORITIES:** My top three priorities are: 1. Transportation: Utilize the inner service lanes during the rush hour. Utilize Smart Traffic signals and fix the timing of our traffic lights. 2. Really balance the budget and stop having shortfalls for the next six years by going after revenue that is left on table from the education trust fund 3. Economy: Provide MPBU's and Small business tax relief program.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have worked as the County Council’s legislative information officer for 10 years and for the County Executive. No other candidate in the at-large race has as many years experience working with the Council. I worked for the City of Rockville for six years and as a reporter for The Washington Post for 20 years. I know how government operates and have an insider’s view on how to get things done.

**DEVELOPMENT:** We need to continue to grow, but every development plan approved must include realistic plans for roads, transit, parking spaces and school capacity. For the new roads we build, such as M83 in the northern part of the county and an expansion of I-270, the best answer for our environment will be to have fewer—but reversible—lanes. We must remain committed to protecting the Agricultural Reserve.
BUDGET: The biggest budget question is not about adding or cutting programs. The issue is about doing some hard work to reallocate the funds we have. We just need to spend it better. I will use the county law, approved by voters, that allows one Councilmember to block an increase in property taxes to keep spending in line. I will GUARANTEE that property taxes do not increase for the next four years.

TRANSPORTATION: Montgomery’s future cannot just be transit or just new roads. It must be both. We must continue to look at possibilities for BRT. Building the Corridor Cities Transitway from Shady Grove to Clarksburg would give additional life to I-270, Route 355 and even the Beltway. We need to build M83 and add reversible lanes to I-270.

DIVERSITY: My career has been in communications. I started the Council program of having bilingual communist specialists dedicated to the Hispanic and Asian communities, respectively. This needs to expand to include other communities. We need informal meetings with community leaders. I would hold regular meetings between Councilmembers and media targeting specific populations to exchange ideas directly.

HOUSING: Increase affordable housing by expanding the “optional method of development” that allows for developers to increase density in some projects in exchange for county benefits—such as increased affordable housing. In addition, I would look at making existing housing more affordable for workers by allowing tax benefits for teachers and public safety workers who want to remain living in the county.

JOBS: The County must increase its commitment to our Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation by providing more funding. In addition to targeting large companies, we need to spend more money and resources to attract medium and small businesses that could thrive if given the right start. We must expand our great Small Business Navigator program beyond the one main employee that now staffs it.

PRIORITIES: No. 1: Start approving development plans with realistic infrastructure support and better consideration of existing neighborhoods. No. 2: Make government more efficient and to GUARANTEE that property taxes will not increase for the next 4 years. No. 3: Our school system must continue to add innovative courses that will better prepare students—whether for college or for jobs beyond high school.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an accomplished community leader – a two-term elected Takoma Park Councilmember (2011-5), a current member of the Montgomery County Board of Social Services and Shepherd’s Table board of directors, and a progressive activist – combining public-policy skills with 20+ years as a Montgomery County small business owner, public-school parent, and neighborhood organizer.

DEVELOPMENT: It’s time for a fresh look at County growth policies, planning processes, and developer relationships, for a rules rewrite that will put community stakeholders and developers on an equal footing. We must strategically locate density -- needed housing and
commercial development and amenities -- in transit-rich corridors and emerging municipal centers, linked to school and infrastructure creation.

**BUDGET:** How to stay ahead of a changing economy and national political turmoil? A challenge! Montgomery County is entitled to more state education and transportation funding than we receive. Let's exert our power to change that AND to foster economic growth -- job and business creation -- to keep our local economy healthy in challenging years to come, allowing us to consider changes to our revenue mix.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Montgomery County's top transportation challenges include congestion and commute time: The difficulty getting from one place to another quickly. Let's address the challenges (rather than making them worse) by expanding transit -- dedicated Metro funding, BRT, bi-directional all-day MARC Brunswick service, better bus service -- and promoting walkability and bikeways.

**DIVERSITY:** I practice the politics of INCLUSION, embracing our diversity and taking steps to ensure that all voices are heard and respected. I lived by this rule as a former elected Takoma Park Councilmember. I passed 16-year-old voting and ex-felon voting and steps to boost renter and minority voting. I will bring government to the community, rather than insisting that community members come to government.

**HOUSING:** Montgomery County's inclusionary zoning, requiring developer creation of affordable units, has been a great success, as has our work with partners such as Montgomery Housing Partnership, Victory Housing, Action in Montgomery, and the Housing Opportunities Commission. We need more of the same: sustained support to build the affordable housing that will ensure community vibrancy for years to come.

**JOBS:** Montgomery County -- working state government, business, education, and nonprofit partners -- must play a central role in promoting economic development and job growth, focusing on entrepreneurship and small business creation, growth, and retention. We should nurture small business that will grow into tomorrow's Discovery, MOM's Organic Market, Cava, and Honest Tea: businesses started here!

**PRIORITIES:** - The environment: fighting climate-change locally via clean-energy, waste reduction, transit, and conservation programs. - Expanded early child care and education, especially helping children from disadvantaged backgrounds, equipping tomorrow's workforce, and creating economic opportunity for younger women. - Equitable economic growth, balanced with school and infrastructure creation.
issues that matter most to county residents.

**DEVELOPMENT:** From reducing carbon emissions to protecting our waterways from runoff, protecting the environment will always be my priority. I will preserve the Ag Reserve, increase electric car charging stations and reduce impervious surfaces. Also MoCo should offer additional building height and density to developers for installing solar panels, making buildings energy-efficient, and other green initiatives.

**BUDGET:** We must balance the budget while not cutting essential services or trying to tax our way out of the problem. Short term, we should lower our county’s operating reserves - now at 8.9% - to balance the budget. Other MD counties with AAA bond ratings have 7% reserves. Long term, we must expand our tax base by recruiting new businesses, large and small, to increase jobs and residents in the county.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I support a comprehensive transit and road infrastructure plan to reduce traffic congestion, pollution, and provide greater access for residents. Communities UpCounty and DownCounty face different issues and require different solutions. I support the Purple Line, Bus Rapid Transit, the Corridor Cities Transitway, limited roadway investments, like M-83, and designated bike lanes and sidewalks.

**DIVERSITY:** Working for President Obama taught me that “People are Policy,” and that a government should reflect the people it serves. My 15 campaign advisors are 80% women, 60% people of color and 20% LGBTQ. I will be a wholehearted partner and ally to diverse communities by attending events, speaking with leaders, doing constant outreach, and hiring and appointing people who represent the diversity of MoCo.

**HOUSING:** As Deputy White House Liaison at HUD under Sec. Julián Castro I worked to ensure that a person’s zip code doesn’t determine their success. MoCo urgently needs more affordable housing. We must increase affordable unit requirements from 12.5% to 15% for new buildings. I will also increase the % of taxes that fund the Housing Initiative Fund - it currently receives 2.5% of the county property tax.

**JOBS:** Encouraging economic development and job growth is key - because of investments made by local government, my parents are successful small business owners. MoCo should encourage economic growth through smart growth and mixed-use development, a comprehensive transportation infrastructure plan, providing more professional development and training opportunities, and assisting small business owners.

**PRIORITIES:** AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE FOR ALL: Everyone should have access to affordable healthcare. I’ll work with MoCo providers to ensure access & affordability. REDUCE OUR OPPORTUNITY GAP: We must reduce the education opportunity gap by supporting students, regardless of zip code. STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY: I’ll advocate for increased job training programs and increased local career opportunities for workers.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have deep policy & political experience from Capitol Hill & the Obama Administration. But I’m guided by my experience growing up low-income in Silver Spring, son of an immigrant & acutely aware of disparities. From fighting for equity in our schools to running the county’s largest career exposure program, I have a record of public service stretching from Long Branch to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

DEVELOPMENT: To end sprawl we should use a carrot-and-stick approach to encourage smart growth near existing mass transit. Open green space must be protected, but down county & up county, but where there is construction we should have codes & programs to encourage use of impermeable surfaces to manage water quality and use renewable energy sources.

BUDGET: With historic turnover of county leadership, we have an obligation to review every aspect of how we spend the county budget. But we also have an obligation to see how we collect the county revenue, as we see individual taxpayers today paying a greater proportion than ever before, while major corporations pay their smallest share ever.

TRANSPORTATION: We’ve suffered from a historic imbalance in transportation investments. We must bring balance by increasing investment in public mass transit - remaking RideOn into a reliable, speedy and attractive alternative with reach - rapid bus lanes - smart intersection control to alleviate congestion - networks of dedicated bike lanes.

DIVERSITY: Every citizen, no matter their ethnicity, race or income, should be able to avail upon county programs & services. We must train for cultural competency at every point, from MCPS to MCPD and across county offices and keep equity as a top objective. My entire public life has been devoted to engaging underrepresented communities. I commit to continue that work.

HOUSING: Identify additional revenue sources for the Housing Initiative Fund to support affordable housing loans. Audit existing county land to identify parcels suitable for lease to developers that commit to mixed-use and mixed-income buildings. Higher density, mixed-income development near mass transit. The current ratio of MPDU is not enough.

JOBS: More small- and mid-sized business low-interest loans. More resources in the county’s Business Navigator’s Office, where a single person helps small business. Streamlined inspections and regulations that don’t sacrifice health or public safety, & lower hurdles to opening businesses. Encourage organic growth of locally-rooted enterprise.

PRIORITIES: Affordable, accessible child care & early childhood education. High quality public schools, no matter the Zip Code, with robust wraparound services in every school to close opportunity & achievement gaps. Fair & affordable housing, near renewed mass transit, for young families as well as our aging neighbors.

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QUALIFICATIONS: VP of 45,000 member County PTA. Successful, extensive advocacy for 4 years on behalf of 160K+ students to Board of Ed, Cnty Council, Planning Bd, in Annapolis and cities. Strong working relationships with elected officials at all levels. Increased MCPS Op Budget by $87M in 2016, $21.5M in 2017. MCPS CIP funds: increased Cnty by $67M in 2016-17, brought $18M new from Annapolis 2015, 2016.

DEVELOPMENT: Ensuring that new commercial or retail construction incorporates energy savings, green building standards, and green or reused materials as part of their design. Protect the Ag Reserve and green/open space as much as possible. Incorporate green into buildings through green roofs and plantings on building exteriors. Provide transit options to reduce vehicle gas emissions.

BUDGET: Closing a revenue shortfall of ~$180M will be challenging. Scrutinize procurement practices for cost savings. (not service providers, ie, nonprofits). Review programs for duplication and efficacy and possible consolidation. Substantial energy efficiencies should be possible with a modest investment. Rein in school construction costs through refresh projects, open bidding, and reasonable design.

TRANSPORTATION: #1: smart signal timing to keep vehicles moving. Better research to determine where/when people want/need transit, not necessarily where it currently exists. Investigate bus rideshare startups to challenge traditional mass transit through crowdsharing. BRT on Rt 29. Revisit M83 and CCT. Two reversible non-toll lanes on I270. Work on reliable, accessible transportation options and ease of use.

DIVERSITY: My role is to listen, then work to improve our County and residents' quality of life. We need to get out there and ask! Be in the schools, businesses, and where people gather to learn their needs and desires. I meet people where they are to hear them and make a concerted effort to get to community events large and small. Remove language barriers in info provided and translation services.

HOUSING: Greater funding to the Housing Initiative Fund to preserve and acquire existing affordable housing. Yes, more MPDUs when possible to be reviewed by project, not at Master plan blanket level. Sometimes Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to retain or provide affordable housing at another site. Provide opportunities for innovative public-private partnerships.

JOBS: We should play an encouraging and supportive role. Small businesses, as 90% of county employers, need ways to grow. Reduce/streamline paperwork and a one-stop shop for all things business. Create a small business program in new, mixed-use development areas (reduced lease incentives) to create business diversity and immediate sense of community. Leverage enterprise zones to spur job creation.

PRIORITY: Education. Kids are the age they are only once, and we need to make it the best it can be every year. Early childhood, pre-K, and post-secondary support. Opportunity. To get ahead educationally, economically, and where and how you live in a way that is meaningful to you. Livability. To physically get where you want to go, to enjoy clean air/water, and enjoy a high quality of life.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a scientist, I have 20 years of experience solving difficult problems using evidence, not politics. As the ‘free-range mom,’ I stood up to the County bureaucracy when my children were detained by the police for walking home from the park without an adult. I fought back because no family should suffer the way we did and one should feel so powerless when dealing with our local government.

DEVELOPMENT: We must protect the environment to ensure a safe, healthy future. To sustainably accommodate our County’s growing population, we must build and expand transit to reduce traffic and pollution, focus development in walkable neighborhoods near transit, limit sprawl & preserve open space downcounty and in the Ag Reserve. We need to green our building practices and shift to 100% clean renewable energy.

BUDGET: We must increase child-care subsidies and offer universal access to pre-K to better support our families and youth. We can save money and generate revenue by creating our own public banking facility. We can monetizing resource-recovery by transitioning to zero waste, cut fuel costs by electrifying buses and increasing renewable energy use, and raise impact fees for luxury development.

TRANSPORTATION: Efficient transit is critical to economic development. We need a strong countywide transit network with MARC service all day both ways, fully-funded Metro, and Bus Rapid Transit, to give all residents better access to jobs, customers, schools, and services. We do not need new or bigger roads. Studies show that expanding roads makes traffic worse by creating more demand for driving.

DIVERSITY: Montgomery County is the most diverse county in the US with residents from over 100 countries. We must ensure that everyone feels safe, welcomed, and included in County decision-making. This includes protecting DACA and TPS recipients from deportation, providing dual-language education where needed, and ensuring County services and information are provided in culturally-appropriate ways.

HOUSING: We must expand Moderately-Priced Dwelling Unit program, including family-sized 3-4 bedroom apartments, but also invest in new public housing. We must change zoning rules to allow for accessory apartments, especially near transit. We also need rent stabilization, stronger tenants’ rights laws, and a just-cause eviction law to increase housing security, especially for seniors with fixed incomes.

JOBS: To create wealth for working families, we should focus on creating good jobs for lower and middle-income residents. Our resources should be used to help incubate and encourage small and medium-sized local businesses, not all given away to large corporations. We must invest in transit and public education, expanding STEM programs, so our students are prepared for today’s high-skill, high-wage jobs.

PRIORITIES: Universal pre-K, a proven way to help all children have better grades and better opportunities. Efficient transportation to end long drive times and traffic and help all residents have better access to jobs, customers, schools, and services. A clean and healthy environment with clean air to breath and clean water to drink, free from harmful chemicals and climate-damaging pollution.
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QUALIFICATIONS: I am currently the Montgomery County Council President. Since 2010, I have worked through the challenging impacts of the Great Recession, while enacting policy initiatives such as reduced class size, expanded access to pre-K and afterschool programs, new STEM programs, raising the minimum wage to $15, paid sick leave, increased affordable housing, campaign finance reform, and more.

DEVELOPMENT: As a leading smart growth champion, managing our growth while protecting the environment has been one of my highest priorities and it is why I am endorsed by the Sierra Club. My initiatives include: Supporting smart growth housing and transportation policies that reduce emissions by focusing development in our downtowns near public transportation and protecting Ten Mile Creek from overdevelopment.

BUDGET: One of my first initiatives as Council President this year was enacting a $53 million savings plan while protecting our community priorities. My budget priorities for the upcoming year include fully funding education, expanding pre-k and afterschool programs, supporting parks and libraries, increasing affordable housing, protecting nonprofits and services for the vulnerable.

TRANSPORTATION: As one of the council’s transportation leaders, I have championed innovative approaches to mobility including; funding Metro; traffic signals using adaptive intelligence to improve flow; incentives for employers to promote telecommuting and public transportation; building protected bike infrastructure; new rapid bus options on MD 355, MD 29 and MD 586; snow removal from sidewalks.

DIVERSITY: As politics targets our neighbors for exclusion and isolation, we must remain an inclusive community where everyone is valued and welcome. We must oppose using our police department to enforce immigration; support nonprofit services to new immigrants; expand non-English communication; strengthen school programs for immigrant children; ensure that our County’s workforce reflects our diversity.

HOUSING: Housing is a top priority. My record: Raising the requirement on developers to set-aside more affordable housing MPDU’s; Increasing funding to the housing trust fund to support affordable housing; New incentives for housing developments that set-aside more affordable units; New master plans that will increase the supply of housing; code enforcement to maintain affordable housing quality.

JOBS: Without a growing base of high-paying jobs, Montgomery County will not be able to fund our schools, parks, and libraries; and our families will not be able to provide for themselves. We must continue investing in our talent because our workforce is our strength. We must support biotech, cybersecurity, and local manufacturing. Education, transportation, and thriving urban areas are key.

PRIORITIES: 1. Strengthening education by reducing class size, supporting school construction and pre-K. 2. Promoting housing affordability and protecting our environment through smart
growth. 3. Investing in transportation, particularly walking, biking and public transportation infrastructure.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a business owner and understand job creation from my career in the private sector. I am also a CPA and know how to balance the needs of an organization against the budget available. I have been active in my community on land use, transit, education and hunger issues. I will bring the right balance of fiscal responsibility, community engagement, and management skills to the Council.  
DEVELOPMENT: In my opinion, the county already has many of the appropriate protections in place to ensure our environment is protected while the county grows. I would ensure these regulations are followed while growing our local economy.  
BUDGET: Our tax base is shrinking due to large numbers of retirements from the workforce. The best way to protect our budget priorities is by creating jobs that will grow the tax base, rather than trying to simply cut programs here and there. I will implement the strategies in the Countywide Comprehensive Economic Survey in order to grow the tax base.  
TRANSPORTATION: I will build the M-83 (Mid-County Connector) to give upcounty residents the transportation infrastructure they have been promised for years. I will work towards reversible toll lanes on I-270. I will support BRT in dedicated lanes, but not in mixed traffic. And finally, I will work to ensure the dedicated funding agreement for Metro is implemented.  
DIVERSITY: We need more citizens appearing in front of the council to give their views, so that we are hearing from more than the “usual suspects.” I will create a blue-ribbon panel on citizen engagement, with native-speaking representatives from the communities in our county. The representatives would then discuss issues with their communities and tell them how to best give their input to the council.  
HOUSING: There are currently 25,000 approved and as yet unbuilt units of housing in the county’s housing pipeline. Following the 12.5% MDPU requirement on these units would result in an additional 3,000 units of affordable housing, which is a good start. I will also work to ensure the affordable housing units that were lost due to Purple Line construction are replaced.  
JOBS: The county has already done much work in planning for economic growth, which culminated in the Comprehensive Economic Survey that was published in November 2016. I feel strongly that the strategies and goals of this document should be followed so that the county can achieve the economic growth we need to replace tax revenue we are losing due to large numbers of retiring workers.  
PRIORITIES: My top three priorities are: 1) pursuing economic development by following the strategies listed in the MCEDC Countywide Comprehensive Economic Survey, 2) improving congestion by funding transportation solutions that are a mixture of roads and transit (not just one or the other), and 3) providing fiscal accountability to ensure that tax dollars are being
spent on the services residents need.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a life long resident of Montgomery County, a mother with 3 kids, that went through the K-12 public school system, a small business owner, and an advocate for inclusion and progressive values, I am confident that I can bring this experience to serve Montgomery County. The coun
DEVELOPMENT: I will respect the Agricultural Reserve and continue our focus on transit oriented development to insure that we are building with a long term focus that is best for the environment and enables us to have less dependence on fossil fuel.
BUDGET: We have to be more strategic to bring more companies to our county. Strategic to bring research, technology, health, and internet commerce to build on the industry base we have in Montgomery County. These industries are the future and will provide the salaries and tax base we need.
TRANSPORTATION: We need to look at rapid transit alternatives coming from Up County. Also do a assessment of the ride on routes to make them more efficient. Look at other alternatives to make traffic congestion better including M-83.
DIVERSITY: As an advocate for inclusion of diversity in county programs and services, I intend to continue this expand on this priority in the County Council. As a Latina I have always brought this perspective and included this as a mission for women and communities of color in all the work I do.
HOUSING: Transit oriented development requires building housing near metro stops and other transportation hubs. Our housing model with MPDUs coupled with housing will allow us to provide housing options to millennials that will fill the jobs in the industry we desire to attract.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 40 years of professional and management experience. I am an engineer and will bring to the table a more analytical approach to decision making process. I have experience working with county issues as an appointee in the Montgomery County for over three years. In private sector I have monitored budgets up to $1.2 billion and assured savings from the budgeted amounts.

DEVELOPMENT: First and foremost Ag reserve is an untouchable area. I feel smart growth is the future of our county. Population growth should be close to Metro and other transportation centers. Instead of horizontal expansion, vertical expansion is preferable. For better environments lesser cars on the roads is an imperative.

BUDGET: Fiscal efficiency will reduce waste and misuse of tax dollars. With my experience my guesstimate is that we can save 8-9% of the budget. Capital projects and several operations can be closely monitored to save tax dollars. I won’t cut security and subsidies to poor population. I will adjust priorities on capital projects and high ticket items.

TRANSPORTATION: I strongly favor public transport. Make Ride On reach every corner of the county. I will work with the sate to make reversible lanes on interstate highways and make them BRT accessible. BRT and CCT should be made the priority. However, first order of business should be to synchronize the traffic lights to avoid traffic congestion on major county roadway. Metro funding should be maintained.

DIVERSITY: As a first generation immigrant I feel the deprivation the minority population feels. Being a minority-majority county, the empowerment of the diverse population is essential. Special attention must be paid to the vocational training for our minorities to make them more productive and realize the dream of land of opportunity. Qualified individuals should be encouraged to attain suitable jobs.

HOUSING: Besides being one of the most effluent counties in the country, we still have population which cannot afford housing. We must ensure current percentage of MPDUs is maintained and adjusted as needed. Our senior population should be given priority in acquiring MPDUs.

JOBS: Government can play important role in job growth. Tax incentives should be provided to small and large businesses to relocate into the county provided they create a certain number of jobs. We have one of the most educated and skilled workforce and we should use it as marketing incentive. It is essential for sustained economic growth.

PRIORITIES: 1. Fiscal efficiency to cut waste and misuse of tax dollars. 2. Sustainable economic growth to create jobs. 3. allocation of more resources to schools by saving dollars through fiscal efficiency.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I was born, raised, and have lived in Montgomery County my whole life. I have spent 18 years as a radio producer and host. I work as hard as anyone else, our listeners appreciate my honesty and straight-forwardness, and I work well with my team to put on a great program every day. These are qualifications that I believe will translate well to the County Council.

DEVELOPMENT: We can balance development and the environment. I would work with the Planning Department to continue environmentally sound projects that promote sustainability. I'm a supporter of our over 400 parks in Montgomery County, and I love that our county balances urban and rural areas with nearly 1/3 of it still as forest and tree areas. This county has dense population areas and the Ag Reserve!

BUDGET: I believe a cost/benefit analysis needs to be done with many programs in our county. We have an incredible operating and capital budget that just needs smarter spending. This would solve our budget shortfall. I would also cut out a lot red tape and bureaucracy that is a hindrance to many businesses.

TRANSPORTATION: We need more incentives for companies to have telecommuting workers. The federal government does it with thousands of employees in Montgomery County, private companies need to do it as well. It is not only a benefit to the worker, but reduces traffic congestion. Also, we need to speed up road construction projects. They are often over time and over budget.

DIVERSITY: I think the County Council has done a very good job of engagement. We have citizens come to testify before the Council. Anyone can get their voice heard, and that's a good thing! The Council also has many town halls and community discussions (many of which I've attended first hand to see how well they work) all around the county.

HOUSING: We have 177 affordable housing apartment complexes in Montgomery County, many of which have vacancy signs. We need better programs to match people with available housing options. I would support the current programs that work well, such as MPDU, housing vouchers, and rental assistance.

JOBS: We need to make Montgomery County a place where businesses want to come. We have a 15% vacancy in our commercial real estate buildings, yet we keep building more. We are a wealthy county with the incentive of great schools, that should be a place businesses want to set up shop in.

PRIORITIES: 1. Reduce traffic congestion and speed up road construction. 2. Better support for fire/rescue. Did you know most firefighters work a second job, work overtime in another firehouse, and don't live in Montgomery County because they can't afford it. 3. Support our libraries - I would never cut the library budget. We have incredible programs, events, and activities for children and adults.

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QUALIFICATIONS: The most effective councilmembers understand the mechanics of excellent constituent service, and they know how to work with community members to build support for their policy goals. I have direct experience in constituent service as a former staffer for local Democrats like Jamie Raskin, and I’ve engaged in the Council budget process while working as an organizer with IMPACT Silver Spring.

DEVELOPMENT: I will protect the agricultural reserve from development, and I will support the passage of an Adequate Public Facility Ordinance to ensure that the County and developers are required to provide the school space, parks, roads, and buses necessary to accommodate new development. I will fight to close the trash incinerator in Dickerson and to create a county-wide composting program.

BUDGET: In order to keep up with the demand for basic services, we need a top-to-bottom review of the management structure and salaries in County departments. There is zero fat to cut amongst our frontline employees - librarians, bus drivers and social workers are already working extra hours to cope with a reduced workforce, while the head of the Department of Transportation makes $223,000 per year.

TRANSPORTATION: We took a huge step forward this year when dedicated funding for Metro passed in Annapolis. I will fight for increased reliability and frequency for Ride On bus service, as well as a dedicated, reversible lane for Bus Rapid Transit on major corridors to alleviate traffic and provide alternatives to driving. I will prioritize maintenance of our current road network over new highway construction.

DIVERSITY: I’ve spent the last ten years working directly with immigrant communities all over the county as a nonprofit staff member, policy staffer, and now as an ESOL teacher. We need to create structures so that people who can’t attend 7 pm hearings in Rockville can still have their voices heard on vital issues. I will push the Council to hold more work sessions out in the community.

HOUSING: The County’s affordable housing strategy of relying on developers to provide small numbers of affordable units in new developments has proven inadequate to meeting the needs of moderate and low income families. The County should increase the MDPU requirement and use publicly owned land and low borrowing costs to produce new affordable units at a much lower cost than private developers can provide.

JOBS: The County must do everything it can to protect and support small and medium sized businesses, which are the main drivers of job creation. This means putting real measures in place to enable current businesses to survive and benefit from redevelopment in areas like Wheaton, Bethesda and Downtown Silver Spring; businesses are not using the current system because of extreme compliance requirements.

PRIORITIES: Maintaining the quality of our public school system through robust funding and increased oversight and accountability for system administrators - we need an independent Inspector General for MCPS. Pushing for racial equity initiatives, including affordable housing and locally-focused economic development. Investing in public transit and creating a zero-waste plan for solid waste disposal.
County Council - District 1

**Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I do not have experience within government. What I would provide is a different method on how to fix problems within our county. For example, I do not adhere to an overarching ideology that hinders my decision making. I am someone who will look at a problem and find the most efficient way to solve it. Whether that solution is “right” or “left” wing makes no difference to me.  

**DEVELOPMENT:** I think that protecting the environment is incredibly important. Even with all the development in our county I would still like to be able to see some “green” in places like downtown Bethesda and other urban hubs. I’d find a way to funnel money into our public park system, weather that is: mandating developers to pay for the infrastructure, re-organizing spending, or another innovative solution.  

**BUDGET:** Due to a ballot question in 2008 the county council cannot increase property taxes over the chartered limit without a unanimous vote. I intend to be that vote, unless absolutely necessary. I’d like to point out that council members only meet on Tuesdays unless there are committee meetings. With all the extra time on my hands I’d like to review every institution to look for inefficiencies.  

**TRANSPORTATION:** Cost effective transit, more lanes and adequate trails for bikers is my goal. I defer to planning board experts on how to achieve this.  

**DIVERSITY:** If elected I would represent the most underrepresented group, young people. The majority of our council members are in their early 50’s or late 60’s. I believe this is part of the reason a lot of issues within the education system and recreation centers are not brought up, which I intend to solve.  

**HOUSING:** Maybe it should not keep increasing property taxes and regressive taxes that increase the cost of living? Other than that our council mandates a certain percentage of new development to have affordable housing. I’d make a decision to increase or decrease that mandate depending on what experts in the field prescribe.  

**JOBS:** I prefer to refrain for dodging questions, however I do not have access to all the information necessary to comment on council action regarding economic growth.  

**PRIORITIES:** 1. Increase amount of coding, STEM, and trade oriented classes for high school students. 2. Reduce Montgomery College Tuition by defunding collegiate sports. Montgomery College is a 2 year institution, ask yourself if it is the job of the majority of students to pay for a few athletes? 3. I'd like to be a council member that brings up everyday issues, rather than just talking about development.

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**Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I run a small business doing video production. Which means I understand the struggles of small businesses and I understand the struggles of people who work for a living. As an activist, I have volunteered for Democratic campaigns and progressive causes including raising the minimum wage, paid leave, fossil fuel divestment and banning fracking in Maryland.

DEVELOPMENT: With the impacts of climate change increasingly perilous, stewardship of our environment is paramount. We must make every effort to protect our green spaces and tree canopy, demand environmentally friendly construction methods while investing in public transportation.

BUDGET: Schools are increasingly overcrowded and the achievement gap persists. By the year 2020, District 1 schools are expected to be 160% over capacity. We should make school construction a priority in our budget and forgo any additional programs until we have dug ourselves out of this hole.

TRANSPORTATION: Our efforts to alleviate congestion should be focused on scalable, environmentally friendly solutions. Roads are neither scalable nor environmentally friendly. So, we must focus on bus rapid transit, metro, and creating walkable/bikeable communities. We can provide incentives to businesses that allow teleworking and incentives to residents who use transit.

DIVERSITY: The first step is listening to our residents. The second is strengthening the voice of our residents - which is why we should make it easier for towns and cities, like Bethesda or Silver Spring, to incorporate and form their own local governments.

HOUSING: The shrinking availability of affordable housing in our community is forcing young professionals, our children, retirees and lower-income residents to live elsewhere. We should increase the new construction requirement of 12.5% affordable housing to 15% and adopt a policy of ‘net-zero loss on affordable housing’ - meaning: if you demolish affordable housing units, you must replace them.

JOBS: The biggest complaints from the business community include taxes and regulations. We should eliminate the energy tax which puts businesses at a competitive disadvantage and reform regulatory offices to prioritize helping businesses navigate the process and avoid infractions instead of being focused on imposing fines.

PRIORITY: 1.) Reform land use decisions: Developers need to pay their fair share - new growth should benefit the residents as well as the developers. 2.) Prioritize school construction: there is no service more important to our county’s success than our schools. 3.) Protect affordable housing: We are demolishing affordable housing faster than we build it. We need a policy of net-zero loss.
**QUALIFICATIONS:** As Mayor of Kensington and MD Deputy Secretary of State, I forged relationships at all levels of Government allowing me to advocate on behalf of Montgomery County. As Mayor I chaperoned a master plan through the arduous County process. I increased public involvement, inclusion and transparency. As Deputy Secretary I oversaw domestic violence & human trafficking programs, and prisoner extraditions.

**DEVELOPMENT:** I work with LEED certified construction projects and have taken classes sponsored by the Green Building Council. As Kensington’s Mayor, I commissioned and helped design the County’s first bio-retention parking facility in 2008. In order to safeguard our environment, we must reduce impervious surfaces, educate on the damage inflicted by poor land use planning, promote smart growth.

**BUDGET:** With an 8.7% property tax increase, recordation fee increase of 4%, $375M interest payment, & County budget $120M in the red, we can’t afford waste. I will work within the capital projects fund & the operating fund to bring the best services for our community. I will only vote to sponsor effective programs, demand accountability from departments & all branches of County government to avoid overlap

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transit improvements such as updated MARC stations, Bus Rapid Transit, and Metro funding must take precedent. My plan to tackle the lack of funding would be to implement the experimental LATIP (Local Area Transportation Improvement Program) across the County. It is being used in White Oak and is promising. The formula calls for traffic solutions to be outlined at the time a master plan is created.

**DIVERSITY:** We are fortunate in Montgomery County to have a variety of cultures. As a Council Member I can lobby for effective outreach to our differing communities, for seats at the table varying in representation (age, sex, nationality, sexual orientation, business, nonprofit) from individuals and organizations, and demand results showing progress.

**HOUSING:** We need to preserve existing housing stock & produce options through new development. Each community has different needs and master plans should be viewed individually to set affordable housing percentages. The County must work with the business and nonprofit sectors to provide incentives for first time home buyers such as tax credits, transit vouchers, superior health benefits, and childcare.

**JOBS:** We need to work closely with the Economic Development Corporation, Chambers of Commerce, WorkSource Montgomery, Planning Board & municipalities so the County creates economic growth. Well thought out master plans spur vibrant economic development increasing our tax base. I bring an understanding of zoning, education in Urban Planning, and experience serving as the Chair of an economic corporation.

**PRIORITIES:** I will focus on easing our school overcrowding, tackling our traffic and transit problems, helping our seniors age in place, and attracting new business to Montgomery County. County Council Members must have a vast understanding of land use/zoning and how to balance a multi-million dollar budget. I am the only candidate running in District 1 who has both of these attributes.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've focused my career in public service on bringing people together to solve problems and improve how government works, scrutinizing billions in public contracts to ensure transparency and accountability, restructuring Maryland’s $6B 529 College Savings Plans, providing programming for the County’s at-risk youth, and helping launch new statewide savings accounts for Marylanders with disabilities.

DEVELOPMENT: We must promote smart growth that prioritizes transit-oriented, mixed-use development and preserves our precious open spaces, creating the livable, walkable, accessible communities that young families and businesses increasingly desire. It must be combined with investment in transit, pedestrian and bike access, and affordable housing to sufficiently protect our environment and our quality of life.

BUDGET: We can’t just cut or tax our way to prosperity. We must grow the economic pie. We also need to modernize county government so it actually works when residents and small businesses need it, institute zero-based budgeting to promote innovation, employ a top-to-bottom review of county spending, and include the effect of county legislation on small businesses in every county fiscal impact statement.

TRANSPORTATION: Metro is the backbone of our regional economy, which is why I was proud to testify in strong support of the first-ever dedicated funding source in Annapolis earlier this year. I’ve been a strong and consistent supporter of the Purple Line and Bus Rapid Transit, and see both as crucial components of our near and long-term transportation needs, supporting economic development and mitigating traffic.

DIVERSITY: Diversity is our strength – socially, culturally, and economically. It’s an opportunity to better prepare our students and better position our local businesses to compete and succeed in an increasingly global and interconnected economy. It does require proactive communication which is what I’ve always focused on while running organizations and large public agencies and serving diverse populations.

HOUSING: Given the magnitude of our affordable housing crisis, we need a comprehensive, all-in approach which must include both below market-rate and market-rate options: including greater investments and prioritization to increase funding to the Housing Initiatives Fund, establishing a countywide MPDU standard of 15% for all new construction, and an overall increase in housing supply to hold down costs.

JOBS: We must start by supporting our existing 32,500 small businesses and helping them grow, and capitalize on our core assets that make Montgomery County attractive beginning with forward-looking investments in education and transportation. I’ve been an outspoken and consistent advocate for both, including testifying this year in strong support for the first-ever dedicated funding source for Metro.

PRIORITIES: In order to Ease the Squeeze on our congested roads and overcrowded schools, on young workers and new families who can no longer afford to move here, and on seniors struggling to stay here, we need private sector economic growth. That requires forward-looking investments in our core assets - education, transportation, and economic development - which provide the highest economic and social return.
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QUALIFICATIONS: My 16-year experience as a state legislator on the MD House Appropriations Committee and 8-years on the Board of Education prepared me well for making public policy and budgetary decisions that a Councilmember must make. Examples: preparing fiscally responsible balanced budgets; making good planning decisions; setting priorities; ensuring effective governance & delivery of quality public services.

DEVELOPMENT: -By adopting environmentally responsible standards & guidelines to be applied prior to approval of development projects and growth-related decisions. -By monitoring & enforcing existing laws resulting in stronger air & water protections, and ensure MoCo’s Master Plans strictly guide land use, growth, storm water management, wastewater treatment capacity, and water quality regulatory requirements.

BUDGET: Decrease/cut non-essential programs—Examples: Evaluate existing mandated vs. discretionary programs based on performance, delivered results, cost effectiveness. Set funding priorities for essential public services: education, health, public safety, housing, transportation. Consider staffing reductions while maintaining prog. effectiveness. Seek new revenue sources plus “fair share” of State funds.

TRANSPORTATION: My plan to meet MoCo’s top transportation needs, while reducing congestion & protecting our environment, includes: ensuring stable local, State, Federal funding sources; improving safety, especially for pedestrians & bicyclists; increasing investments for future transit projects, e.g., WMATA/Metro, Ride-on, expansion of Bus Rapid Transit along US29, MD355, MDS86, Corridor Cities Transit Way.

DIVERSITY: As the first Latina elected in Maryland, an immigrant, and a longtime community activist, I have experience & understand the un-met needs of our diverse populations, especially in our schools & County services. Actions: hire a more culturally, linguistically capable workforce. Measure policies and programs by effective outreach to all communities, inclusiveness, and satisfaction of urgent needs.

HOUSING: Must respond to housing crisis by: requiring higher % of MPDUs in new projects; lower price of MPDUs; expand Housing Initiative Fund to incentivize building of units; create set-aside thru federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit; mandate Zero Net-Loss of existing stock; protect existing units from gentrification that reduce # of units; stop conversion of family-size, 3-BRs to lower capacity units.

JOBS: Our government must continue to play an important role in economic development by promoting expansion of high-tech, high paying jobs in science, technology, health, etc. & increasing our tax-revenue base, based on more economic investments, quality jobs, and a well-educated workforce. Must reduce poverty by creating more living-wage jobs plus greater investment in public education & job training.

PRIORITIES: -Stable School Funding: Increase funding for operating & capital budgets, to meet enrollment growth & critical needs -Smarter Growth: Must control growth & development so infrastructure needs are met: school capacity, transportation, housing, etc. -Closing the
Achievement Gaps: Must provide 1st class education for all students, including low-income & minorities to prevent gaps from growing wider

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QUALIFICATIONS: (in 400 characters?) I am an activist with an MBA who administers a $180 million health benefit plan. I work with lawyers; accountants; and other professionals. I can identify key issues that are important to both sides and find solutions. I have developed a reputation of asking penetrating questions. Both are important and necessary skills as a county council member
DEVELOPMENT: The biggest challenge for the county will be not just managing growth but managing transformation. We will need to unwind the county’s car-centric development past. The county’s business development strategy prioritizes bio-tech and traditional tech. We should prioritize waste reduction as a business strategy. How do we reuse, recycle and reduce waste? Make protecting the environment profitable.
BUDGET: The needs of the county are great, and I would not want to reduce budgets that affect our most vulnerable citizens. Looking for programs to cut, I would first look to road projects to see if they still make sense as our priorities shift. Next, I would look at debt service. In a rising interest rate market, we should not look to take on additional debt but instead find ways to reduce existing debt
TRANSPORTATION: One of the top transportation needs is a vision – what will the area’s transit system look like on METRO’s 100th anniversary. The current system is aging. It will break down. We need to plan for redundancy The key to reducing congestion will be to co-locate housing shopping and work in a way that reduces trip distance and trip demand.
DIVERSITY: We need to listen to the diverse populations. A current example is the demand articulated by the Macedonia Baptist Church on River Road for a memorialization of the cemetery that now lies under a parking lot owned by the Housing Opportunities Commission, and for a museum dedicated to the Montgomery County communities of freed African slaves that emerged in the county after the Civil War.
HOUSING: We need to expand the definition of “affordable housing” to be more than “below market” or “low income”. Affordable housing needs to be appropriate for a family with children, or even multi-generational and affordable for their income. It needs to be integrated into communities and not seen as isolated developments. Too many county employees cannot afford to live in the county.
JOBS: We hear that we should promote and grow small businesses, but how?. Business incubators help, increased vocational training and employment specific training help. But we also need a more business friendly environment at the county one that doesn’t let rigid adherence to rules obscure larger goals. I would advocate for the equivalent of an agricultural extension service for small businesses
PRIORITIES: My campaign slogan is for a “greener, healthier Montgomery County that supports
working families” What does that mean? But above all greener means reducing the carbon footprint. A second priority would be to find creative solutions to the issue of housing affordability. A third priority would be to protect and grow current wages and to expand job opportunities in the county.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked at all levels of government -- as a tax lawyer at the IRS, legislative aide in Annapolis, and chief of staff to the D1 councilmember. I am familiar with tax and budget policy. I am also a strong advocate for women and families, including as Board Chair of our local Planned Parenthood, President of the Commission for Women, and Senior Counsel at the National Women’s Law Center.

DEVELOPMENT: Transit-oriented development will support economic growth and protect the environment. We must improve our transportation infrastructure to provide convenient, affordable, safe options to driving. And, we must ensure that most new investments in development are in high density, mixed-use, mixed-income, walkable neighborhoods that include green space and affordable housing.

BUDGET: The budget reflects our values and priorities as a community. My budget priorities are maintaining safety net services now that Congress is cutting federal funds, closing the educational opportunity/achievement gap, and addressing traffic congestion. Instead of raising taxes, we should increase revenues by bringing more good jobs here to increase our tax base and support local businesses.

TRANSPORTATION: We must provide commuters with safe, affordable, reliable alternatives to driving. That means dedicated funding for WMATA and the oversight that comes with that, completion of the Purple Line, expanded MARC service, enhanced bus service, reversible lanes on 270, and new technology such as smart traffic signals with real-time response to actual traffic in order to reduce idling and emissions.

DIVERSITY: If elected, I would work to ensure that my staff is able to communicate with diverse constituencies in the county, encourage government agencies and MCPS to provide staff training in cultural competency, and, whenever possible, publish materials in several languages, as we did when I was president of the Commission for Women.

HOUSING: Increased density in return for affordable housing will incentivize new construction near transit. The county should follow DC’s lead and increase dedicated HIF funding to at least $100 million annually. Because master plans are often in effect for decades, publicly-owned land should be zoned to allow for affordable housing, whether that option is realized in the near term or far in the future.

JOBS: Government’s role in encouraging economic development is critical. To promote job creation, MCEDC should continue to aggressively market the county as a great place to do business, the county should re-examine its regulatory structure, and the budget should sufficiently support workforce development because our talent pool is our biggest asset in drawing new businesses.
PRIORITIES: (1) Ensuring that our schools and teachers have the resources they need to educate our growing, diverse student population; (2) investing in our transportation infrastructure to support economic development, protect the environment, and enhance quality of life; and (3) promoting fiscal responsibility so that we have the resources to maintain human needs services.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am currently a Foster Care Social Worker, and intimately understand the very real issues that are impacting families today. As a Program Manager, I've balanced programmatic budgets. As a Quality Assurance Coordinator, I've measured outcomes and advocated for legislative policies that impact the individuals I serve. I'm an advocate, an organizer, and get things done the right way.

DEVELOPMENT: I do not believe that development should impede on both our current community members and the environment. I will only support projects that are willing to include everybody's voice and that do not cause more damage to the environment. We can be pro-development without endangering our planet's future.

BUDGET: Educational programs should be added, first and foremost. We need to invest in every student, regardless of their zip code. While I can appreciate the desire to invest in local politics, the campaign financing system is expensive and that money could have been used for our schools. I would discontinue that and invest that money into our community.

TRANSPORTATION: I'll invest in Bus Rapid Transit programs to alleviate traffic congestion in the County. I'll push to create more bicycle only lanes, similar to what has been used in Portland, Oregon. I'd also invest in the Metro, and make sure that we are really pushing for transit-oriented development that makes District 1 Residents's life easier.

DIVERSITY: I believe in transparency, and in ensuring that everybody's voices are heard. I will organize meetings with District members, mail out surveys, and use data to make informed decisions for the people that I am sworn to serve. If elected, I would serve everybody in District One, and it is important that everybody has their voice heard.

HOUSING: The County should ensure that developers are increasing the amount of affordable housing units earmarked for community members. The County should work to pass rent-stabilization laws and ensure that due process eviction proceedings are followed. We also need to ensure we're developing units at the necessary rate to ensure housing costs can be kept down.

JOBS: County government should take a vested interest in encouraging economic development and job growth by investing in entrepreneurs in our County. Partnering with the Small Business Administration to host info sessions and assistance with applying for funding is something the Government should be willing to do.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are ensuring that every person in Montgomery County can afford to
pursue whatever kind of education they want, that our community members (both already here and future) can afford to live and work here, and that we protect the environment for future generations. I believe I’m the best person to ensure the County continues to grow for everybody, regardless of race or gender.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Eight years on the Montgomery Planning Board and over 20 years working with communities have prepared me to serve on the County Council. As an attorney with deep knowledge of the County, I will use my experience with 11 master plans, innumerable development projects, parks like Josiah Henson, and a $100M budget, and work closely with others to find solutions to our most pressing problems.

DEVELOPMENT: I support development at transit nodes and conservation of our stream valley parks, water sources, and Ag Reserve—our wedges and corridors. New buildings must be state of the art in terms of low greenhouse gas emissions & better stormwater management, and add nature to CBDs. For transportation, we must offer an efficient alternative to cars, like electric BRT, again to reduce carbon emissions.

BUDGET: I support a full review of the County’s budget and tax policies, and a more transparent Montgomery County Public School’s budget. Clear budgetary priorities—instead of a feeling that we can and must do everything—will enable us to address our most pressing needs and preserve our safety net, while not raising property taxes that adversely impact the ability of the elderly to age in place.

TRANSPORTATION: The County needs an integrated, countywide transportation system whereby travel times for longer trips are much shorter and more comfortable on transit—BRT, Metro, regular buses—than the same trip in a car. The key is a system that is reliable, frequent, comfortable, seamless, and affordable. For short trips, we need sidewalks, bike lanes, ride-hailing services—to get us to our destinations.

DIVERSITY: I will make sure that I am available and responsive to the diverse populations who live here. I will hire staff that reflects the diversity and languages of our County, and that treats all with equal respect. At the Planning Board, I supported all efforts to engage new voices, and to reach out to communities not often heard from. If elected, I will conduct a robust and active outreach program.

HOUSING: The County should complete an integrated, full transportation system to open up more locations for affordable housing near transit. I support expanding the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) program, increasing through new revenue sources the Housing Initiative Fund, co-locating housing on public land, and preserving naturally occurring affordable housing through density incentives.

JOBS: Through the County’s Economic Development Corp, we must court businesses with good jobs by offering help for start-ups, small businesses, and new entrepreneurs. We must remove
barriers to business by revamping the tax structure and streamlining the permitting processes, and train our students for middle-skilled and jobs in health-related and info technology occupations—the jobs of the future.

**PRIORITIES:**
1) Restore balance between development and public infrastructure—build schools; add transportation, affordable housing, parks & open space; and assure the public’s safety;
2) Increase economic development & persuade companies with excellent wages, hours, and working conditions to set up business in MoCo;
3) protect our environment—reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve stormwater management.

**County Council - District 2**

**Republican Candidates**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have an MBA in Finance, and a decade consulting experience helping local governments improve operations and control costs. My second career was in education, beginning as a teacher. As a board member of MC Taxpayers League and working with MC Civics Federation I have long advocated for accountable/responsible gov’t, and have become familiar with the county’s operations and budget.

**DEVELOPMENT:** I will: 1) give impacted communities/residents greater participation in proposed development and sector plan updates; 2) revisit “Smart Growth” policies which don’t properly consider market preferences or the ability to provide infrastructure; and 3) review the process for ensuring adequate infrastructure - the current process is failing and can lead to abrupt moratoriums.

**BUDGET:** Solutions involve controlling costs and revenue generation. Too many programs have costs that exceed benefits or do not meet stated goals. I will call for regular audits. Large savings can be found in school construction, storm water projects, housing, and elimination of most proposed BRT routes. On the revenue side, we need to be more business-friendly to grow the commercial tax base.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Make objective analysis the basis for decisions, not political agendas. Priorities: 1) Widen I-270; 2) Build M-83 highway from Clarksburg; 3) Real-time adaptive traffic signals for roads; 4) Study potential for light rail network, with MARC train ext. to maximize reach. 5) Further study of a Corridor Cities Transitway; 6) Regional Transportation Plan for Montgomery-PG-Frederick-NOVA region.

**DIVERSITY:** All residents benefit from a county that is more affordable, with reduced taxes. Recent immigrants, especially, benefit from a business-friendly climate that creates jobs and rewards entrepreneurs. I would also improve access to schools that better meet the individual needs of a diverse student population through education alternatives and school choice.
HOUSING: Current policies are not working: while 1,600 are served by HOC vouchers, 34,000 are on the waiting list. I want to review the policies that are currently reducing the stock of affordable housing and resulting in many potential recipients turning down homes. I also want to reduce the costs and streamline the process for developing properties to make homes more affordable to build.

JOBS: It plays a big role including: 1) Creating a competitive tax system; 2) Eliminating regulations with costs that exceed intended benefits; 3) Simplifying permitting processes; 4) Providing needed transportation infrastructure; 5) Supporting world class schools, including school facilities, that keep up with growth; 6) Creating incentives to businesses that provide job preparation and training.

PRIORITIES: 1) A more AFFORDABLE county with lower taxes and reduced spending, focused on core services and needed transportation and school infrastructure; 2) A county where BUSINESS flourish and create JOBS, 3) SAFER communities, with SCHOOLS that are improving, instead of falling behind as a result of reforms to close the achievement gap.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 33 years of direct experience in the flaws in our system. As a business owner I know the importance of small businesses and the important role they play in the growth of our community. I have certified over 3200 people and helped over 78 start businesses of their own. As a non profit founder I have help community members at their lowest moment and assisted them on their journey to success.
DEVELOPMENT: I will make sure our recycling and organic programs are top priority. All developers will have to follow mandatory recycling and organics policies or be penalized and
fined. We will be able save money, energy and natural resources. That will also produce jobs, grow the economy and help secure our future.

**BUDGET:** It is important for the county government to make sure we are not wasting money on programs that are outdated and not producing the necessary outcome and services for the members of our community. I will make sure we are providing income to the programs that are producing the outcome and actually working towards securing our future. I will pay close attention to the details of the budget

**TRANSPORTATION:** will make sure we secure and expand our current transit system. Allowing access to every community in our county. our trains and buses are what will provide us with the mobility we need while protecting our environment.

**DIVERSITY:** I will make sure everyone is considered in the decisions that are made for our community. The diversity of our community is what makes us the best county in Maryland and I will make sure we embrace and protect it.

**HOUSING:** We need to make sure we are helping people who participate in our housing programs move towards home ownership. We need to make sure we are using our housing programs and affordable housing as a stepping stone to family strength and stability.

**JOBS:** It is important for the county government to make sure everyone has a fair opportunity to obtain substantial employment. With the option for growth and advancement.

**PRIORITIES:** 1. Social Services/ Welfare reform 2. Early Childhood education & Nutrition 3. Vulnerable community & addiction education and resources

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a former member of the MD General Assembly and two-term member of the County Council, these experiences have allowed me to develop a great understanding of the inner workings of Government and develop relationships with Government, non-profit and private sector groups. This understanding and the relationships will help me to continue to be successful in addressing our most difficult challenges.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Protecting our Ag reserve is a top priority as my District encompasses a large portion of it. We must promote infill development in areas close to Metro and other transit hubs to accommodate growth while ensuring stormwater management and other measures are strong enough to help protect our environment. Promoting clean energy in those areas of growth will also help balance the increased housing.

**BUDGET:** The budget is a complicated mix of priorities and values. Reducing items result in needs growing in other areas. Increases in areas mean more resources, i.e. taxes are required to pay for them. It is a delicate balance that each year reflects the needs of the community and the values of its residents. I believe each budget has been an accurate reflection of what our County residents needed.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The way to fix our transportation woes is via a multi-tiered approach. We must continue to expand transit options for those that don't have access to Metro. This means
a BRT route along 355 and in other needed areas of the County. We have to fix I-270 and the American Legion bridge and build road projects that will undo traffic bottlenecks throughout the County.

**DIVERSITY:** Montgomery County is a leader because of our fabric of cultures. People of all nationalities call this region home and virtually every language is spoken here. We celebrate the cultural diversity that flows in our communities and need to support them through inclusionary practices on all fronts. Our new resolution promoting an equity lens for all legislation/policies also supports that vision.

**HOUSING:** We need to continue to devote money to our Housing Initiative Fund that can incentivize developers to build more affordable housing units. In addition we must allocate more money to our rental assistance program. In our planning of future developments, we must insist on higher percentages of affordable units to ensure those that work in the County can live in the County.

**JOBS:** The County privatized economic development through our economic development corporation. I believe this was the right decision as we need to continue to innovate outside of the Government space. But the County must support the business environment through policies and incentives to small and medium sized businesses that are the lifeblood of our economy and provider of the majority of our jobs.

**PRIORITIES:** Ensuring the fiscal stability of the County through smart and measured growth in residential and economic development. Working with the State delegation and the Kirwan commission to ensure increased funding for school construction and education formulas. Creating meaningful transportation projects to reduce overburdened residents who have no access to transit, are sitting in traffic or both.

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**County Council - District 3**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I’m a lifelong Montgomery County resident and a former small business owner. I previously served on the Gaithersburg Planning Commission, City Council, and as the Mayor of Gaithersburg. During my first term on the County Council, I passed legislation on mental health courts and a senior tax deferral. I’m also the only candidate in the District 3 race participating in public financing.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Under my leadership, Gaithersburg pursued smart growth strategies. I was involved in planning the neo-traditional, transit-oriented developments of Kentlands,
Lakelands, and Crown Farm. I’ll continue use the knowledge I’ve developed through 40 years of experience serving in local government to pursue smart growth strategies that balance our growth needs with a concern for the environment.

**BUDGET:** I am very concerned about the amount debt that Montgomery County government has taken on. We need to have the right formula to change this trajectory, and I worked on this recently as the Council took up its annual spending affordability guidelines. Each department as well as the County as a whole must look at their respective programs and evaluate the success and necessity of their programming.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need to have a multi-modal approach to transportation solutions. I voted in support of Delegate Korman’s dedicated funding bill. The Council needs to continue to work with Metro to improve its governance and to ensure Metro provides a reliable service that riders want to use. We need more MARC service, and we must continue to implement BRT. I also supported the new Ride On Extra bus.

**DIVERSITY:** As an elected official, I’ve worked with the various populations across District 3. I host regular town hall meetings and senior forums to meet with and hear directly from my constituents. It’s important to me that my staff at the County Council be able to communicate with and be responsive to all of the diverse populations in Montgomery County.

**HOUSING:** We need to increase the percentage of affordable housing in new construction. I support changing the MPDU law to require a minimum of 15% in all new residential construction developments, and I have been advocating to see what we can do to incentivize some new developments have 25% affordable housing. We also need a renewed focus on workforce housing.

**JOBS:** As a former small business owner, I understand that small businesses are the backbone of our economy. As Mayor, I made sure that Gaithersburg was open for business. We need to continue the County’s toolbox of programs and office assistance programs and we need to continue to work with the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) to ensure we’re welcoming to businesses.

**PRIORITIES:** My top three priorities are ensuring a quality education for all of our students, multi-modal transportation solutions to address traffic, and fiscal responsibility to ensure the County remains on sound fiscal footing.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** From helping to grow progressive groups like Bend the Arc and J Street professionally to serving as a Human Rights Commissioner in Rockville and on the Board of the Action Committee for Transit, I have experience organizing coalitions to implement progressive policies. That’s the approach I’ll take as councilmember. I’m proud to be endorsed by our County’s teachers, and other progressive groups.

**DEVELOPMENT:** I would prioritize smart growth strategies that focus growth near transit and
ensure we grow in a manner that preserves green space, minimizes impermeable surfaces, and provides residents with ample opportunities to access transportation options other than driving. That’s what I advocated for on the board of the Action Committee for Transit and I’m proud to be endorsed by the Sierra Club.

**BUDGET:** We must focus on funding core priorities while working urgently to expand our tax base. My funding priorities would be our schools, social safety net, and transit network. I would also want to focus economic development resources on our small businesses, which are often overlooked. Finally, I’d seek authority from the state to tax more progressively to secure more revenue in a more just fashion.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need to focus on a multimodal approach to addressing congestion. I would advocate for more express Ride On service to commercial and employment centers, all-day, week-long MARC commuter rail service along the I-270 corridor, and building out a comprehensive Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network.

**DIVERSITY:** Our local government needs to proactively reach out to communities across the county, and not simply wait for constituents to approach local government via the formal channels. We need to facilitate listening sessions outside of the Council Office Building. I would also organize a “kitchen cabinet” that’s representative of our community to ensure I’m aware of the challenges constituents face.

**HOUSING:** We should toughen our Moderately Price Dwelling (MPDU) laws to mandate more affordable housing with new development. We should also establish a standard of no net-loss of affordable housing stock for new development to minimize the amount of families getting squeezed out of their neighborhoods. Finally, quality transportation options must be prioritized to ensure affordable housing is accessible.

**JOBS:** We need to prioritize mixed-use redevelopment that fosters neighborhoods where employers want to locate because employees can live, work, and play within relative proximity. We must also ensure MCPS offers a quality education to every student, invest in more transportation options to alleviate traffic, address our infrastructure needs, & focus economic development resources on small businesses.

**PRIORITIES:** My top three priorities are working toward tuition free Montgomery College for MCPS students who can’t afford tuition, expanding our transit offerings to serve all communities, and boosting our affordable housing supply. Achieving these goals would help ensure that everyone can afford to live and thrive in our community.
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QUALIFICATIONS: It has been a great honor to serve the residents of the County in various ways. I was Member and President of the Montgomery County Board of Education, from 2004 to 2009. I have served as Member, and President of the Montgomery County Council, (2009 to present). Currently, I am Vice-President, Chair the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, and serve on the Education committee.

DEVELOPMENT: I have always voted to protect our environment because we have one planet, and we are here temporarily. I am a staunch proponent of smart growth development policies and principles, and have continually championed environmentally innovative approaches to development, as well as non-auto transportation options for County transportation projects.

BUDGET: I believe in programs/initiatives that are evaluated for outcomes, are high quality, sustainable, and scaleable. I also believe in leveraging our dollars as much as possible. This means that we must evaluate what is working and eliminate programs and initiatives that are high-cost and low-return. We will need to consolidate or re-purpose wherever necessary, in order to achieve the best outcomes.

TRANSPORTATION: My priority for alleviating congestion in the County is expanding transit and other non-auto modes of transportation. I have supported expansion of bike infrastructure, BRT, the Purple Line and extended Ride-On service I am a big supporter of BRT. Where possible, I favor dedicated lanes for buses. I do favor rededicating lanes of auto traffic to BRT.

DIVERSITY: As the first Latina and immigrant ever to be elected to the Montgomery County Council, I take this issue very seriously. We also know that 4 of the top 10 most diverse cities in the Country are in Montgomery County. It is all about expanding access to opportunities on every level, and addressing the existing disparities.

HOUSING: I have led and supported every effort that can move us towards providing more affordable housing units. We have our MPDU program and our HIF as staples of this effort. In addition, we have required that every public facility proposed for construction, must be evaluated for possible housing co-location and already several projects have that housing component.

JOBS: Our master plans, redevelopment and revitalization projects play a vital role in encouraging or expanding job growth and economic development in Montgomery County. This is true in the Mid-East part of the County, which I represent. In addition, our Economic Development Corporation and WorkSource Montgomery, perform important functions in facilitating the branding and marketing of our County.

PRIORITIES: 1. Redevelopment/revitalization projects in D4 Wheaton Revitalization, White Oak Science Gateway and Glenmont Sector Plan. 2. Civic Engagement in underrepresented/disenfranchised communities 3. Address the opportunity gap which leads to the achievement gap. Establish a dedicated funding stream for Children and Youth programming, and the adoption of a County Equity Policy

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Republican Candidates
Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My 33-year professional career in the private, government and nonprofit sectors provides me with a uniquely varied perspective. Professional experience as a Sr. Planner with MWCOG, M.A. in Community Planning, experience in building small businesses from the ground up, and multicultural bridge building have prepared me well for the diversity of issues one must manage as a Councilmember.

DEVELOPMENT: We need to do a better job ensuring that new development comes with adequate infrastructure to accommodate it. We also need to attract more employers to the eastern side of the Red Line to cut down on commuting times and congestion for residents on the eastern side of the region. Locating jobs at these underutilized transit accessible activity centers will reduce overall vehicle miles traveled.

BUDGET: Given the budget deficits, I don’t anticipate adding programs at this time. We should prioritize programs, reduce duplication and expand our tax base with new job creation so that we can continue to fund programs. Reduce exemptions from impact taxes that developers receive which are supposed to contribute to school and transportation capacity projects.

TRANSPORTATION: Work to ensure long term viability, dedicated funding for Metro, the transportation backbone. Advocate for more Metrorail capacity to 8 car trains and increased MARC service. Better, more frequent bus service for all. Provide adequate bus shelters, better pedestrian, bike access to transit stops. Support Vision Zero for ped safety. Implement smart, adaptive traffic signals to reduce congestion.

DIVERSITY: Meet regularly in the community with community groups, and attend round tables and forums to discuss issues. The Office of Community Partnerships, Regional Centers and our nonprofit partners are important links to our diverse communities. The Council should provide as many opportunities and translation services as possible for residents to provide feedback whether in person or online.

HOUSING: We should consider recommendations from the recent Rental Housing Study. Phase-in MPDU requirements to 15%; developments less than 20 units should contribute to the Housing Initiative Fund; all public property should be reviewed for feasibility of affordable housing prior to sale or lease; co-location on public property where feasible; preserve market rate affordable housing as much as possible.

JOBS: The Council can help to encourage building a strong local economy that creates good paying jobs. For every $100 spent in a local independent business, $43 stays in the local economy versus $13 when shopping at a large chain. We should focus our economic development efforts on incubating new small businesses that will provide good-paying jobs to
our residents.

PRIORITIES: Creating Economic Opportunities: Building a strong, vibrant, local economy that attracts and creates good paying jobs through local small business development. Responsive Government: Prioritize delivering excellent core services such as high quality schools, transportation and public safety. Sustainable Development: Properly planned sustainable growth is essential to our future.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30 years of experience as a community organizer, nonprofit executive, State lawmaker & Councilmember. Since I joined the Council, we shrank class sizes, improved our transportation system, and strengthened our environment. This election will bring a large class of new elected leaders. I bring the experienced leadership that is vital to build on past successes for the next four year term.

DEVELOPMENT: As a long-term environmental advocate and the Council’s Lead for the Environment, protecting the environment is my priority. My approach to land use insists on transit-oriented development to avoid sprawl. I have worked with the LWV for years to advance the Purple Line & Bus Rapid Transit to reduce carbon emissions and allow well-regulated growth near transit.

BUDGET: Budget priorities speak to our values. So I prioritize education and safety net programs. I have passed new revenue measures such as the tax on e-cigarettes. I have also advocated for in-sourcing, for example tree maintenance, when it reduces costs. I promote transparency, encourage whistleblowers, and insist on strong oversight of waste, excess and abuse to ensure county funds are well-spent.

TRANSPORTATION: Greatly improve transit. Expand affordable housing so people can live near work. And encourage telecommuting. I’m elated WMATA will have dedicated funding to improve service & safety. I have worked with the LWV for years as a vocal champion of the Purple Line. And I support expansion of the countywide BRT network, the CCT, MARC service, RideOn Express, and free buses for seniors and students.

DIVERSITY: Montgomery County has distinguished itself for decades as a community where people of all backgrounds can feel safe and build a family. By doing so, we have built the third-most racially and ethnically diverse community in America. I expect county government to embody the values of inclusion, compassion, tolerance, opportunity and sacrifice for others.

HOUSING: Too many residents struggle to locate affordable housing. The County needs to continue to aggressively invest in this. This term we raised the transfer and recordation tax which allowed us to increase the funding to the Housing Initiative Fund by approximately 60% in both FY17 and FY18. We also must maintain existing affordable units, which are often lost before the County government intervenes.

JOBS: Most important, we must maintain our first-class schools and transit system. We must do more to support existing small and medium-size businesses while creating an attractive
environment to new companies and top talent. We should support the Economic Development Corporation and insist on strong outcomes. And we must prioritize high-road over low-road economic development.

**PRIORITIES:** My top three priorities are: Secure dedicated revenue to expand pre-K Continue to fight the achievement gap by working to shrink class size, improve student supports, and raise standards for our students while still enabling the top performers to thrive Champion the establishment of a county program to refinance student loans to lower cost of living and retain & recruit educated workers

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Having worked to find resources for others has prepared me to create a Council office that is ready to make the connections and provide information to residents so they may continue to pursue their goals and live their best lives in Montgomery County. My work in nonprofit and with different agencies has also exposed me to the budget constraints, but also the areas that haven't been sought before.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Growth in Montgomery is expected. We must manage growth by prioritizing the maintenance of our existing roads and buildings, and upgrading all of our systems to be more environmentally friendly. We must also look for ways to incorporate codes that permit homes and businesses to build beyond the standard LEED certifications, so everyone can choose how "GREEN" they want to be.

**BUDGET:** The county’s budget deficit is a big concern, we must review income generating activities and find where we can receive more fund from the state & federal reimbursements. We should also seek to attract great employers into the county to increase the amount of revenue from income earned within the county. I bring a new budget perspective to how the county has been operating.

**TRANSPORTATION:** I want to work with stakeholders to find options that add to our existing transportation systems. Underserved communities deserve public transit options with increased routes and regularity so that they can access other areas of the County where they may be employed. Transportation provides freedom and independence and is key to increased income, economic development, and better quality of life.

**DIVERSITY:** Respecting the community for its diversity through inclusive decision making processes and seeking constant input will be how I respond to the communities needs. Recognizing that our inclusion includes race, gender, religion, AND education, socio-economic and life experiences. My recognition of this allows me to see the needs of the community as unique, and we need more than one solution.

**HOUSING:** Providing affordable housing is needed to reduce homelessness and housing instability rates. There are many ideas out there, I would like to work with Montgomery County residents that rent, and own; community organizations, and developers to find a solution that addresses these issues from the stakeholder. We need everyone at the table to make sure we
find a solution that works for all of us.

**JOBS:** County government should be ambassadors for companies to view Montgomery County as a viable location to create headquarters or satellite offices. Being able to highlight the benefits of being in Montgomery County without reducing revenue to improve the quality of our schools and maintain our roads is key. We need to balance growth with maintenance.

**PRIORITIES:** Educational equity for students and school facilities in District 5. Transportation in the form of public transit for seniors and underserved communities Public Safety

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### Judge of the Circuit Court - Circuit 6

**Duties:** Judges preside on 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 may decide appeals from the District Court and certain administrative agencies. The Sixth Circuit Court serves Montgomery County.

**How Elected:** Elected Countywide. 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.

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

Salary: $154,433 per year.

Website: [montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/)

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**Questions**

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

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

**Court Needs:** What are the greatest needs of Maryland’s court system and how can these be addressed?

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**Candidates**

Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 7.

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**Qualifications:** Judge, Circuit Court Montg. Cnty., MD; appointed 7/6/17. UVA, Econ., ’78 with distinction; UM Law, ’82. Family Magistrate, Circuit Court, ‘13 – ‘17, hearing family cases. 30-year private practice in all areas representing individuals, small businesses and children before the courts. Active public service including Board Member Montg. Gen. Hosp/Medstar Montg. Med. Center, ’96–’18; Chair ’03–’05.
Discrimination: Each sitting judge is committed to providing fair, efficient, effective justice for all regardless of gender, race, cultural background, religious beliefs, and sexual orientation. We ensure that domestic violence victims, indigent defendants, self-represented litigants, disabled parties, non-English speakers, are each treated with respect, courtesy, and dignity and are given access to services.

Court Needs: Our system needs investment in legal representation for the poor, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and mediation. Each sitting judge strongly supports expansion of these services and funding for enhanced pre-trial release services, drug treatment and addiction services, domestic violence awareness, mental health treatment and counseling services.

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Qualifications: I have been privileged to serve as a judge on District Court of Montgomery County for over 4 years. Before then, I was a prosecutor, a defense attorney, a shareholder at a large firm, and I have run my own small firm. I was nominated and selected after undergoing a rigorous vetting process based on proven merit. I am proud to be the first Asian-American judge appointed to the Circuit Court.

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Qualifications: As a litigator for 29 years, I have extensive experience handling complex trials throughout MD and D.C. I have tried over 120 jury trials to verdict and have argued cases before the Appellate courts. I have held leadership positions, such as Managing Attorney, which equipped me with the skillset to make difficult decisions in challenging situations that impact others with dignity and respect.

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**Qualifications:** Appointed Judge Mont County Circuit Court Nov 2016. AA Mont College; BS, MS and JD American University. Special Agent FBI; Asst State’s Atty Mont County 1988-2002; Asst U.S. Atty 2002-2016; Deputy Chief DOJ’s Organized Crime and Gang Section 2014-2015. Community activities include Mont College Alumni Assoc Board of Governors (VP, 2016) and Rockville Human Rights Commission (Chair, 2010-2011).

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**Qualifications:** Before becoming a judge, I was an attorney for over 34 years, handling diverse and complex cases, both civil and criminal. I’m committed to the causes of diversity and advancement of women and minorities, having served as a Commissioner on the Montgomery County Commission for Women (1996 to 2005) and on the MSBA/Maryland Judiciary Select Committee on Gender Equality in the Courts.

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Court Needs: Our system needs investment in legal representation for the poor, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and mediation. Each sitting judge strongly supports expansion of these services and funding for enhanced pre-trial release services, drug treatment and addiction services, domestic violence awareness, mental health treatment and counseling services.

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Qualifications: I am prepared for the duties of a judge because I am qualified, effective, and fair. I have the legal acumen and a record of community service that is unmatched. As a lawyer and veteran, I have served and protected the community. I love Montgomery County and I love serving the community. Please give me an opportunity to serve and protect Montgomery County on the bench. Vote Marylin for Maryland!  
Discrimination: Discrimination is an injustice that threatens us all. Discrimination and justice cannot occupy the same space. When justice is served, no one needs to worry about discrimination. The courts can minimize or eliminate discrimination by applying the law without personal bias, recognizing the humanity in people, and addressing people with courtesy, respect, and dignity.  
Court Needs: The greatest need of Maryland’s court system is to provide meaningful access to justice. Many middle and lower income people do not have access to justice because of the high cost of litigation. The court can address this issue by increasing the funds in the appointed attorney programs, encouraging attorneys of greater means to do more pro bono work, and
educating the public about their rights.

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**Qualifications:** I am a Montgomery County Circuit Court judge and had the privilege to serve as a District Court judge for 4 years. In both courts, I have presided over numerous cases. I was an Assistant State’s Attorney for 30 years trying over 150 jury trials and countless non-jury cases. Vetted by the bar and nominating committee, I was found to have the necessary intelligence, integrity, and temperament.  
**Discrimination:** Each sitting judge is committed to providing fair, efficient, effective justice for all regardless of gender, race, cultural background, religious beliefs, and sexual orientation. We ensure that domestic violence victims, indigent defendants, self-represented litigants, disabled parties, non-English speakers, are each treated with respect, courtesy, and dignity and are given access to services.  
**Court Needs:** Our system needs investment in Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and mediation. Each sitting judge strongly supports expansion of these services and funding for enhanced pre-trial release services, drug treatment and addiction services, domestic violence awareness, mental health treatment and counseling services.

State’s Attorney

**Duties:** The State’s Attorney is the chief prosecutor for criminal violations in Montgomery County. The State’s Attorney educates the public about criminal justice issues, addresses inequality and promotes fairness in the criminal justice system, ensures access to the criminal justice system, promotes professional relations with judges and attorneys, and furthers the efficient use of criminal justice resources.  
**How Elected:** Elected countywide. Candidates must be members of the Maryland Bar.  
**Term:** Four years, no term limit.  
**Salary:** $202,184 per year.  
**Website:** [montgomerycountymd.gov/sao/](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/sao/)  

**Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.:

**PRIORITIES:** What are your top three priorities?

**RACIAL DISCRIMINATION:** What specific action would you propose to avoid racial discrimination in prosecutions?

**ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION:** Would you provide alternatives to incarceration for individuals convicted of some crimes? Please explain.:
Republican Candidates
No Republicans filed for this office.

Democratic Candidates
Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: 40 years of experience as an attorney, 37 years with Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office. State’s Attorney since 2006, Deputy State’s Attorney for 10 years prior. Previously served as Chief of every division in the office. Trial lawyer with hundreds of major felony trials. First Maryland Prosecutor ever elected to American College of Trial Lawyers in 2007. Former President of the MSAA.
PRIORITIES: 1. Reduction of gang violence particularly homicides and armed robberies. 2. Expand protection of our senior population which will grow to 260,000 individuals in MC by 2020 against fraud, neglect and abuse. 3. Explore solutions to address Opiate epidemic that confronts Montgomery County and entire State. 4. Implement creative alternatives to incarceration while maintaining public safety.
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: Hire a diverse workforce that reflects the diversity of MC. Establish empirical data that allows analysis of current charging and sentencing impact on the community. Maintain outreach relationships with diverse advocacy groups in the community, continue expansion of Truancy Prevention Program, of which 90% of current participants are members of the minority community.
ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: We already provide a number of programs as alternatives to incarceration. Those programs include Teen Court Program, Teen Diversionary Drug Program, Adult Drug Court, newly established Mental Health Courts in both District and Circuit Courts, mediation division which settles hundreds of criminal cases each year, Truancy Prevention Program, and the Alternative Community service diversion program.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Duties: The Clerk of the Circuit Court oversees the office that performs administrative duties for the Circuit Court. The Clerk's office maintains records of court proceedings, court records such as deeds, issues business and marriage licenses, performs civil wedding ceremonies, and administers the Oath of Office to elected officials, judges, and certain county employees.
How Elected: Elected countywide
Term: Four years, no term limit.
Salary: $114,500 per year.
Website: [montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/about-us/clerk.html](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/about-us/clerk.html)

Questions
QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.:
PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?
AREAS OF NEED: What changes, if any, are needed to ensure effective and efficient operation of this office?

**Republican Candidates**
No Republican candidates filed for this office.

**Democratic Candidates**
Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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PRIORITIES: 1. Electronic filing is a top priority, as are innovations in the Court House that will help the public & attorneys do their work more quickly, efficiently and effectively. 2. Ensuring that the Office of the Clerk has highest level of integrity and customer service. 3. Advocate for community-serving priorities such as increasing juror pay, public education, & supporting criminal justice reform

AREAS OF NEED: The Office of the Clerk urgently needs new management, according to staff, residents, and practicing attorneys. Greater accountability, transparency, innovation, representation and diversity are essential. The Court House needs greater engagement with the Montgomery County community. Our County has changed, our Court House has not.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I started with the judiciary as a cashier in 1975 and was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court in 2014. I have learned the court system from the bottom up, and I am the only candidate with knowledge of the daily operations of the Circuit Court. I serve on the MDEC, Rules, Forms, Juvenile Law, and Expungement committees. Experience matters, and I have over 42 years of experience within the judiciary.

PRIORITIES: I plan to continue preparing for the implementation of Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC), a statewide paperless computer system, continue with community outreach and education, including our current internship program and job fairs, and also, to advocate for my court staff to have the best possible resources to perform their duties timely and efficiently for the citizens of Montgomery County.
AREAS OF NEED: The biggest area of change will be the implementation of MDEC. The Court will be going away from the paper case file and going to a paperless system. This will not only be a big change for the public and attorneys, but also for the employees. I have already begun the training processes, and under my continued leadership, the change from paper to paperless will be a smooth transition.

Montgomery County Register of Wills

**Duties:** The Register of Wills assists the public with administrative processes concerning estates of deceased persons and safeguards wills of living persons. The Register helps the public to prepare required forms, maintains a permanent record of proceedings, collects Maryland inheritance tax on estates and probate fees, tracks estates, and refers delinquent matters to the Court.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

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

**Salary:** $114,500 per year.

**Website:** [registers.maryland.gov/main/montgomery.html](http://registers.maryland.gov/main/montgomery.html)

**Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples:

**PRIORITIES:** What are your top three priorities?

**AREAS OF NEED:** What changes, if any, are needed to ensure effective and efficient operation of this office?

**Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Dolores Reyes

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My years of experience as a concerned citizen, voter and tax payer has sufficiently prepared me to successfully run for and operate the Register of Wills office. Prior experience is not necessary to run for a public office. A person can be a dishwasher, former convict or a trash collector and possess the qualifications necessary to be a public servant.

**PRIORITIES:** My priorities are after winning the election: (1) to educate the citizens of Montgomery County about the duties and responsibilities of the Register of Wills; (2) to work with other County Officials and the Board of Elections with efforts to identify and remove deceased people off the voter rolls.

**AREAS OF NEED:** To ensure effective and efficient operations of the Register of Wills office, I will be more responsive to all County citizen needs as they relate this is office. Most people in the County are not aware of this office or knowledgeable about the services it provides. This need to change and if elected I will change it.
**Democratic Candidates**
Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

**Joseph M. Griffin**
**QUALIFICATIONS:** President Md Register of Wills (ROW) Assoc- 6 years National College of Probate Judges, Board- 6 years Board of Advisors for Md Local Government Investment Poll– 6 years Legislative Chair for Md ROW, Md ROW Automation Comm member Probate/Judiciary Subcomm to the Rules Comm Member Estates and Trusts Section of Md Bar Comm with ROWs, Orphans’ Court Judges, Attorney General Office and Comptroller

**PRIORITIES:** 1st priority is providing efficient, professional and caring service to the public. The people we assist are experiencing a loss of a loved one. The staff must be knowledgeable and understanding. 2, Must adapt to the growing, aging and increasingly diverse population to maintain excellent service for all. 3, increase automation whereby improving availability of information and eliminating paper.

**AREAS OF NEED:** I will lobby for legislation allowing the Register of Wills and Orphan’s Courts to accept E-filings whereby saving time, money and space. Continue to enhance the Register’s on-line services to include an interactive website which will allow employees to assist with completion of forms and filings on-line in order to bring services to the public rather than having the public come to the services.

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**Montgomery County Sheriff**

**DUTIES:** The Sheriff carries out court orders, delivers summonses, and executes bench warrants as the enforcement arm of the Court. The office transports and supervises inmates, ensures courthouse safety, and deals with court actions in the areas of child support, domestic violence, evictions, fugitives, and extradition. The Sheriff does not perform police or corrections functions because Montgomery County has separate County Police and Corrections Departments.

**How Elected:** Elected countywide.

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

**Salary:** $156,464 per year

**Website:** [montgomerycountymd.gov/sheriff/](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/sheriff/)

**Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.:

**PRIORITIES:** What are your top three priorities?

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**Republican Candidates**
Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

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**Campaign Twitter:** twitter.com/jaeforsheriff
QUALIFICATIONS: As Sheriff, I will continue to work tirelessly for everyone to make this County safe for all, without fear, favor or prejudice of any kind. I will be guided by the core principles which have brought me fulfillment and success as a police officer, as an Army officer, and above all as a proud American: "Integrity and Leadership in the service of my County and my Country."

PRIORITIES: The status-quo is not good-enough. To meet the challenges of the 21st century criminal, we must have a 21st century Sheriff’s Office at the cutting edge of technology and law enforcement tactics. Most importantly, the Sheriff must stand united with the people he is elected to serve and protect. As the Sheriff, I will seek constant input from all individuals and ensure that exceptional service.

Democratic Candidates

Darren Mark Popkin
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Campaign Phone: (240) 277-3533

QUALIFICATIONS: As Sheriff since 2010, I have efficiently managed a diverse agency with 185 employees and a $23 million budget. Rising through the Sheriff’s Office ranks, I commanded all major divisions. As co-chair of the Police/Sheriffs’ Joint Legislative Committee, and past President of the Md. Sheriffs' Assn., I have established expertise on local, state and federal criminal and civil law enforcement issues.

PRIORITIES: I will continue providing fair and impartial civil and criminal law enforcement services using a diverse work force; enforce new civil laws designed to identify and prevent felons and extreme risk individuals from unlawfully possessing firearms; and extend the Family Justice Center’s domestic violence reduction program and promote education that encourages healthy teen interpersonal relationships.
POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES

DUTIES: Voters participate in governing the national, state, and local party in their selection of members of the county party central committee. The county central committee sets local party policy and assists local candidates and chooses representatives to the state central committee. The state party committee, in turn, sets the state party’s policies, assists state-wide candidates and selects Maryland’s representatives on the national party committee. The national party committee sets the rules for nominating candidates for President and assists candidates for federal office. In Maryland, party central committees fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of the party resigns or dies in office.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

SALARY: None.

WEBSITE: Montgomery County Republican Central Committee
https://www.mcgop.com/centralcommittee, Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee
https://mcdcc.org/

Montgomery County Republican Central Committee

Republican Central Committee - At Large
Members of this party may vote for no more than 8.

Gus Alzona
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Campaign Email: augustusalzona@gmail.com
Campaign Phone: (301) 660-8863

QUALIFICATIONS: Certified Public Accountant, Realtor, Consultant. EURASIA, Trademark Entertainment, MCI Communications Corp, Computer Sciences Corp, Federal Reserve Board, Equitable Trust Bank, DC Public Library. Sacred Music Minister. Life Member: Gun Owners of America, National Rifle Assn. Member: Maryland Assn of CPAs, National Assn of Realtors, Maryland Assn of Realtors, Greater Capital Area Assn of Realtors.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Based on my knowledge and experience as a longtime volunteer conservative grassroots activist, as well as elected party official (Republican Central Committee, 1998-2002, 2006-2010, 2014-2018), I think that primary voters should have more say than establishment party leaders or corporate lobbyists in the nomination of our candidate.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Closed primaries help minimize the influence of outside special interest groups and malicious trolls. Membership has its rights and privileges. Voters should actively participate in local, state and/or national party politics or risk being ruled by a despotic elite, regardless of political party or even ideology.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Help recruit and elect local and state candidates, as well as reelect Governor Hogan and President Trump. Raise and spend enough money to win where and when it counts. Insure all our local precincts are covered during primary and general elections. Get out the vote. Rally our conservative base as well as bring in new blood using targeted outreach efforts. A rising tide floats all ships!

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Candidates must be politically and professionally qualified for
the job. While diversity and ideological issues may be relevant, the most critical criteria is whether or not the nominee is the most qualified candidate for said vacancy and can pass a financial as well as criminal background check. Being a person of high moral character would be nice as well.

Sharon L. Cohen  
**Campaign Website:** None provided.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served on the Montgomery County Republican Central Committee for two years, having been appointed to represent LD 15 when a vacancy occurred. I serve on the Board of the Central Committee. In two other roles for my county party, I Chair a committee that deals with updating our website and database systems and I also serve as the liaison to our county teenage Republican clubs.  
**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** The RNC will be proposing process changes in the coming months. I'd like to hear what those proposals are and the rationale behind them before taking any specific stance at this time.  
**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I am opposed to open primaries. Appealing to voters outside of the party is a different matter. Discussing issues and working together to pass measures such as the Term Limit Ballot initiative in 2016 (that is work on like-minded issues) is the way to appeal to all voters.  
**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** Elect Republicans to the County Council, Maryland General Assembly and to the US Congress.  
**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Experience, effectiveness, and support for Party positions.

Patricia Fenati  
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**Campaign Facebook:** [http://Fenati for MD Delegate Dist 14](http://Fenati for MD Delegate Dist 14)  
**Campaign Twitter:** twitter.com/PatriciaFenati  
**Campaign Email:** fenati@verizon.net  
**Campaign Phone:** (301) 253-5205  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was a telecom consultant to large businesses. I was Co-owner of a small business and own rental property with retail space, I have seen small businesses struggles to get through the regulation and permit process. As a 40 year MD resident I have traveled the roads, sent my children to schools here and paid taxes. I am aware of the problems in the state.  
**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** None, I believe the people in a party should make the chioce of who they want to run in their party.  
**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I believe in the two party system. People should work to fix the problems within the parties and I believe they are fixable.  
**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** The party should empower the individual. The party should press for fiscal responsibility. The party should encourage dialogue and reasonable discussion.  
**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** The parties should encourage hard workers who are willing to think for themselves. I look for integrity and honesty in a candidate. I believe in power of the people and the importance of the individual. I look for candidates who share my values. Living
in Damascus, I am also looking for a candidate who will respond to the up-county issues

Michael Higgs
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Ann Guthrie Hingston
Campaign Website: None provided.
QUALIFICATIONS: I am an active volunteer as a leader of 2016 Montgomery County Voters for Term Limits ballot committee, a Republican Central Committee member and LD-16 Chairman. For 40 years I managed private foundations for at risk youth and served as a Federal official appointed by Presidents Reagan, George HW Bush and George W Bush. I am a Georgetown Univ. graduate who served in the Senior Executive Service.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Gerrymandered Congressional districts with parts of the county in three different districts weakens the impact of county votes for nominating the President and delegates to conventions. We need nonpartisan redistricting. The Republican party process of electing delegates to National Conventions with men and women competing on the ballot as equals, not by gender, is exemplary.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Many Unaffiliateds do not vote in general elections so why would they vote in primary elections? Some chose to be Unaffiliated because they reject the dominant party, its “insiders” and interest groups, others for professional reasons, and most because they feel uninformed about issues and candidates. Push the media to cover local government and give candidates and parties free media time.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Without elected officials it is difficult for the Republican party to be heard by the county government when it determines its agenda or policy solutions. The party must focus on communications and expertise to recruit quality candidates and engage in public dialogue that reaches county residents. The county is home of many national policy experts who could contribute, if asked.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Candidates should be from the same political party as the official vacating the seat and be nominated by the county central committee using criteria of experience, intellect and competence to serve the best interests of citizens.

Lori Jaffe
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Lorraine Kuchmy
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Dennis Brent Melby
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Campaign Phone: (301) 926-9551
QUALIFICATIONS: I’ve been elected many times, 4 times alone to the city council in Friendship Heights, always as a non-partisan, never as a Republican. I’ve been in politics for over 45 years and was a campaign chair for our first-and last Republican County Executive, Jim Gleason. We need to reach out to Democrats and all our neighbors in order to have a real two-party system in Montgomery County.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No changes, it’s got to be the most popular woman or man the party has. The voters, the people are the ultimate judge of their leaders, not the rulemakers of either party.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Indeed voters who have not yet chosen a party should be able to choose one at the primary, and ask for a ballot from that party. Folks who have already chosen, Democrats, Green, etc. should vote for the candidates offered by their party.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Individual freedom, fiscal responsibility, honesty and political competition. We need to give Democrats a real reason to choose the best candidates, not just the candidates identified as Democrats. That’s how Governor Hogan was elected. We should always do the right thing, not just the thing expected by the party leadership.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Are you kidding? We haven’t elected a Delegate, Senator or Councilmember for like 2 decades! Let’s get that hurdle crossed first and then we’ll talk about how to replace them with qualified women and men.

Adol T. Owen-Williams II
Campaign Email: the2andonlyadol@hotmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Having previously served in this position for several terms over the past few decades, I have witnessed what actually has proven to be beneficial to the Republican Party, and what has not; it will be my ardent duty and desire to promote what has worked, and use all legal means to rid the party of any fraud, corruption, and degeneracy which has high jacked, and proven to be deleterious to the GOP.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I’m a firm believer in the old adage, IF IT AIN’T BROKE DON’T FIX IT!! The "Inside The Beltway Powers That Be" who appear to vehemently oppose our current Blue Collar President have NEVER been elected to the Presidency. Prior to the 1st 2016 Primary Debate I studied all17 nominees, although I was fond of 7 of them, I eventually recognized the ONLY one who could win in a race FIXED against the GOP.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Opening the Primary to outsides will ONLY allow the opposition to enter our Primary and vote AGAINST the best candidate, so as to promote the weakest and least qualified candidate to run against their candidate; it is for that reason that I adamantly oppose unaffiliated candidates voting in the GOP Primaries.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Cleaning House and focusing on raising money and winning again. Self promoting megalomaniacs such as Michael Higgs, Dwight Patel, and Mark Uncapher have wormed their way into positions where they have vulgarly abused said positions so as to commit crimes against other Republicans, not explain why years of GOP Funds are not accounted for, and in some instance pursue underage boys. THIS MUST STOP!

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Character and adherence to the Conservative Values should, & will, be the primary measuring stick when deciding who should be a replacement for a vacancy. The GOP can NOT have any more Michael Higgs, Dwight Patel, or Mark Uncapher infiltrating the
GOP, engaging in psychotically abusive conduct, and causing the GOP any further expensive litigation. We MUST return to the Good Old Days of Yesteryear!

Dwight Patel
Campaign Website: http://www.politicalarchitects.com
Campaign Facebook: http://facebook.com/DwightWizard/
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/dwightNATION
Campaign Instagram: @dwightnation
Campaign Email: dwight@politicalarchitects.com
Campaign Phone: (240) 479-9507
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been serving on the MCGOP Central committee since 2011. I am currently the 1st Vice Chair. One of my innovations was going from no sample ballot to doing a sample ballot for every General Election since 2012. I have been writing columns to help our candidates at http://politicalarchitects.com/dr-politics/
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: None, we have a primary system that works.
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I oppose opening the GOP Primary up to unaffiliated voters.
PRIORITY FOR PARTY: I'd like to grow the number of registered Republicans in Montgomery county and the State. I'd also like us to focus more on fundraising we need to increase our the amount of money we are raising for the county party.
FILLING/VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I am fine with the GOP Central Committee's sending recommendations to the Governor and then Governor Selecting the best candidate from the names given by the GOP Central Committee.

Mark Uncapher
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/mark_uncapher
No response received by deadline.

Republican Central Committee - District 14
Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 5.

Kevin Dorrance
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Samuel Fenati
Campaign Facebook: http://SamFenati
No response received by deadline.

Joseph P. Gillin
Campaign Instagram: www.linkedin.com/josephgillin
No response received by deadline.
Rick Hansen  
Campaign Website: [http://www.rickhansen.us](http://www.rickhansen.us)  
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/@rickhan  
No response received by deadline.

Anne Koutsoutis  
Campaign Website: None provided.  
No response received by deadline.

**Republican Central Committee - District 15**  
Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 5.

**Dan Cuda**  
Campaign Website: None provided.  
No response received by deadline.

**Del Lamiman**  
Campaign Facebook: [http://facebook.com/dellamiman](http://facebook.com/dellamiman)  
QUALIFICATIONS: Have had leadership positions in the Republican Party and campaigns since 1958. Candidate for House of Delegates. Hogan-Rutherford Transition Team. Was a Mayor and led civic, community and religious organizations. Currently Legislative District 15 Chairman. Past President Montgomery County YR’s, U of Maryland and State of Maryland College Republicans. Legislative Assistant, Maryland Senate.  
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: No major changes. Compress Primary season  
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: No to open primary - to much opportunity for mischief. Intelligent Republican campaigns in Montgomery County are all about appealing to voters outside the party.  
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Precinct organization, Fund raising, Candidate recruitment and support  
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Ability to do a great job, and get reelected.

**William Sharon Richbourg**  
Campaign Website: None provided.  
No response received by deadline.

**Bradley St. Rohrs**  
Campaign Website: None provided.  
No response received by deadline.

**Reardon Sullivan**  
Campaign Website: None provided.  
No response received by deadline.
Republican Central Committee - District 16
Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 5.

Marcus Alzona
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Paul S. Foldi
Campaign Website: http://www.linkedin.com/in/paul-foldi-a44b772/
QUALIFICATIONS: Having served for 10 years on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee working for Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) as well as being a proud supporter of our former Congresswoman Connie Morella and current governor Larry Hogan, I support their common sense approach to governing and leadership as the right way to go.
No other responses received by deadline.

Leslie Grizzard
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Christopher Dexter Haas
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Larry Lesser
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Gail Weiss
Campaign Website: None provided.
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been extensively involved in local political organizing for a number of years and have most recently culminated that experience with a fabulous success of working at the center of Term Limits in MoCo which passed with nearly a 70% approval. I am certain I know what needs to be done to bring political competition back to MoCo and I know how to do it, including who else to call upon to help.
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I’m not sure I understand this question. The Republican party has a very democratic nomination process. The last election demonstrated that the Democrats do not have a democratic process. They might want to work on that.
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I have lots of ideas that I’ll work to implement, but have no intention of airing my playbook publicly. But let’s just say that it would help all Unaffiliated as well as disaffected voters and even Democrat voters if there was a much more robust political competition in Montgomery County, and that is the goal I will work towards achieving.
PRIORITY FOR PARTY: Create a robust and professional presence of the GOP in Montgomery County.
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would look for someone who was motivated by democracy and liberty as laid out in our Constitution, and not by partisan ideology.

Republican Central Committee - District 17
Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 5.

Harry Burnett
Campaign Website: None provided.
QUALIFICATIONS: I think USA first. Experienced at life. Thanks
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Give it time, Mr. Pres has ever louie against him all ready.
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Tell them the truth.
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Champagne
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: How brave they are. You asked!

Deborah Lambert
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Campaign Phone: (301) 785-7151
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a member of the MCGOP Central Committee for the past six years. During this time, I have supported their programs and contributed ideas to in order to help elected Republicans to public office in Maryland.
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Shorter campaign period
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I believe that there are many ways to inform voters about the Republican Party, such as getting to know them at community events, etc. However, I support closed primaries as a mechanism for people to identify which candidates most clearly represent the best qualities for the party's nominee for public office.
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Cut taxes and spending Explore innovative policies that don't require new layers of bureaucracy Fulfill campaign promises or pick another career Counter the public perception of "country club Republicans" by communicating political beliefs sincerely, not via soundbites and boilerplate.
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: General support for Governor Hogan's policies and accomplishments during his first term Increase school safety and security; Support for vouchers, charter schools, home schooling increase business-friendly policies, cut overbearing regulations Widen traffic lanes on I-270 and BW Parkway

Aron K. Schwartz
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Chris Thoms
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.
Josephine J. Wang
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been on the GOP CENTRAL COMMITTEE since 1986 and elected to the AtLarge position with almost 10,000 votes.
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Same: we have the Electoral College
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Independent voters should be allowed to vote in the Primary.
PRIORITY FOR PARTY: Thé Party needs to grow and attract ppl of various backgrounds.
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Vacancies should be filled with the Party recommendation even in the case of sudden death. No obstruction by either party as in the case of Senator Norman.

Republican Central Committee - District 18
Members of this party in this district may vote for no more than 5.

Alexander Alan Bush
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Vincent Frederick DeCain
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Dolores Reyes
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Campaign Email: votedoloresreyes@gmail.com
Campaign Phone: (240) 472-9282
QUALIFICATIONS: My 45 plus years of experience as a concerned citizen, voter and tax payer has sufficiently prepared me to successfully run for and operate the Register of Wills elected office. There are no specified experience for a person to run for public office. A person can be a dishwasher, trash collector or a former convict and possess the necessary qualifications to be a public servant.
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I would not change the current process for nominating a candidate for President. The current process is sufficient.
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: The unaffiliated voter(independent voter) is interested in the issues. In my opinion most of these voters are smart to educate themselves about issues that are important to them. I would not change their voting strategy.
PRIORITY FOR PARTY: My priorities for the party are twofold: (1) to stop one party rule of Montgomery County and (2) to have a fair and balanced county body of elected officials to serve the citizens of Montgomery County.
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: My primary criteria for filling vacancies in the General Assembly or other offices is for the person selected to have a strong desire to serve the people of the County. A person that is dedicated to the betterment of tax payers in the County will work selflessly to serve the community.
Tom Rodriguez  
Campaign Email: trod926@gmail.com  
Campaign Phone: (561) 212-9530  
QUALIFICATIONS: I've previously served as a Town Councilman in the Town of Kensington. During this time, I chaired the Greenscape and Events committees and served on the Development Review Board. I'm a current At-Large member of the Montgomery County Republican Central Committee, serving on the Finance committee. I've also worked and consulted on several Maryland GOP campaigns.  
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The Republican Party of Maryland currently awards all convention delegates to the winner of the statewide primary vote. I support this process. Unlike the Democrat Party, with their decidedly undemocratic reliance on superdelegates, the Republican Party is far more responsive to the will of their voters in nominating a candidate for president - a principle I'm proud of as a Republican.  
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I do not support opening party primaries to unaffiliated voters. If unaffiliated voters want to choose which candidates run as party nominees in a general election, they should either join a party or start one of their own.  
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My single biggest priority as a Republican Central Committee member is working to reelect Governor Larry Hogan in 2018. Second, is to work towards electing Republicans at every level throughout Montgomery County. We're overtaxed, over-regulated, and in desperate need of commonsense solutions to our county's education and infrastructure challenges.  
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: The most important consideration when filling a vacancy in the General Assembly is nominating a candidate with a proven track record of working to improve our community.

Jean Alexandra Tuttle  
Campaign Email: s.alexandratuttle@gmail.com  
Campaign Phone: (301) 654-1027  
QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the Montgomery County Republican Central Committee since 2014. I worked as legislative liaison with the Maryland Federation of Republican Women and General Assembly, alerting members when state legislation of interest comes up. Regularly emailing my precinct. I work also to get Republicans elected, so we can end one party rule in Montgomery County,  
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I would not make any changes to our current system at this time.  
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Unaffiliated voters are essentially 'left out" of that part of the election process and understand that many feel that neither party represents their views. I do my part by reaching out to them in my district discussing issues affecting them and seeing where there may be common ground. I do know that many are not happy with the current level of representation at both the county and state level.  
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Simply put, helping Republicans get elected from Montgomery County to the county council, state legislature and Congress, where there are only Democrats. We have 'one party rule' which really isn't good for Marylanders, where there is only one voice be it Democrat or Republican There is little impetus to compromise or 'strike a balance' on many
pieces of legislation, when one party is in control.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Experience, although not a career politician is important - legislators should not be in office in perpetuity - we now have term limits in Montgomery County (MC). In MC we have been hit hard by property tax increases at 8.7 percent in 2016 and there was still a $120 million dollar shortfall for FY 2018 -we want people who will be good stewards of taxpayer money at all levels of government.

Linda Willard  
**Campaign Email:** lindajordanwillard@hotmail.com  
**Campaign Phone:** (301) 655-0460  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have experience at the national and local level that will prepare me for the Central Committee: as a candidate for delegate to the RNC (endorsed by Gov Kasich) in 2016; as a fundraiser for presidential and Senate candidates; and in outreach and events for the Montgomery County party. I also have a strong policy background and drafted federal environmental laws during my legal career.  
**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** The current process by which the Party nominates its Presidential candidate, while not perfect, works and should not be changed in any fundamental way.  
**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I am in favor of opening Republican and Democratic primaries to unaffiliated voters. It would yield more centrist candidates more likely to work together for their constituents. A party focus on more inclusive issues such as school safety, infrastructure, and economic growth would also bring more outsiders into the party.  
**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** My priority for the party is to strengthen its numbers and its outreach. There are roughly 135,000 registered voters in Montgomery County. There are more than twice that amount of unaffiliated voters. It is imperative that we reach out and join forces with independent voices if we want to take our proper role as leaders in the service of our community.  
**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I believe that demonstrated commitment to our community and, where appropriate, the party, should be used to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly or other offices. The opportunity to serve in public office is about service. We need people who truly want to serve their neighbors.

Republican Central Committee - District 19  
Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 5.

Jeffrey Brown  
**Campaign Website:** None provided.  
No response received by deadline.

Donald Irvine  
**Campaign Website:** None provided.  
No response received by deadline.

Alirio E. Martinez, Jr.
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Sheldon Sacks
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Martha Schaerr
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Frederick G. Seelman
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Patrick Spaulding
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Republican Central Committee - District 20
Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 5.

Jamie Greedan
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Republican Central Committee - District 39
Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 5.

John Philip Cabrera
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Candice Clough
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Gregory Decker
Campaign Website: None provided.
QUALIFICATIONS: Appointed to Central Committee in 2013, elected in 2014, served on Exec Board and as Org Chair from 2014 thru 2017.
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Nominating process should remain closed. We have a 2-party
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: The priority for the Republican Party is to educate the electorate, including unaffiliated voters, on what we stand for; Individual Liberty and Responsibility.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: The priority for the Republican Party is to educate the electorate, including unaffiliated voters, on what we stand for; Individual Liberty and Responsibility.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Priority for new members is “What will you DO?”

Al Phillips
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Ramana Raju Sarikonda
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee

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HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

WEBSITE: Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee https://mcdcc.org/

SALARY: None.

Democratic Central Committee - Female At Large
Members of this party may vote for no more than 4.

Marjorie Goldman
Campaign Website: None provided.

QUALIFICATIONS: I am running for re-election to a third term on the Montgomery County Central Committee. I have lived in Montgomery County for over 25 years and have been active in a wide variety of community, nonprofit and civic organizations both professionally (as a fundraising consultant) and as a volunteer. I have also actively worked on many political campaigns both in leadership and grassroots roles.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Presidential elections are often the first point of engagement for many volunteers into the political system. I believe that the nomination process should be transparent so that all voices are heard. I also think that there should be additional outreach...
into communities that are traditionally underrepresented in the delegate selection process.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** Our first priority should be to register more voters and increase voter turnout regardless of party affiliation. Voter registration is should be easily accessible, including effective communications outreach to underrepresented communities. We need to reach prospective voters where they live and work - community centers, points of government service, faith-based and community/government centers

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** Voter engagement is essential; we must work to educate voters, energize the community and elect strong candidates. My experience is that most voters first get involved in the political process during presidential election cycles. Our goal should be to convert that enthusiasm and energy to off-year cycles and local issue-related initiatives.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** As a member of the MCDCC, I think that is incumbent on us to choose the best person for the job. The selection process cannot be made in a vacuum. We need to engage and listen to the voters and consider the diversity of the community. This includes facilitating collaboration with civic organizations in order to engage and interact voters.

Laura Henderson  
**Campaign Website:** None provided.  
No response received by deadline.

Martine Laney  
**Campaign Website:** None provided.  
No response received by deadline.

Marie Kathleen Mapes  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I joined the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee in July 2017 with the purpose of strengthening the Democratic Party’s connection to voters. I am leading the new outreach campaign and we just knocked over 5000 doors across the county. I also lead the MoCo LGBTQ Dems Club, am a scientist working in solar energy, worship with an interfaith group, and coach my daughter’s soccer team.  
**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** 1.) Update the DNC’s rules to include people who identify their gender as nonbinary for the 2020 presidential race. Currently delegates to the Dem Nat’l Convention are required to identify as male or female, which leaves nonbinary Democrats with no choice for participation. 2.) Enact the Unity Reform Commission recommendations to reduce unpledged delegates to support the grassroots' voice  
**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** As the Voter Contact Committee Chair, I have led the MoCo Democratic Party’s “deep canvassing” outreach campaign initiated in summer 2018. The people we talked to were not only registered Democrats, but also unaffiliated voters. I would continue the efforts to reach out to unaffiliated voters show that the Democratic Party is responsive to the issues that are important to them.  
**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** 1.) Diversity: Increase the diversity of the pool of Democratic
candidates and outreach to voters from diverse communities 2.) Resistance: Incorporate the priorities and energy of grassroots Resistance groups into the Democratic Party 3.) Integrity: Strengthen the ability of the Democratic Party to fundraise at small dollar levels and broaden the Party’s donor base

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: 1.) Diversity: if the candidate is able to credibly represent marginalized communities 2.) Resistance: if the candidate has a record of substantive work advancing progressive issues to hold the line at the local level against the Trump Administration 3.) Integrity: if the candidate has a record of showing broadbased grassroots support and is not beholden to any particular sources of funding

Michelle Ngwafon
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QUALIFICATIONS: I’ve worked in the party a couple years now. As an organizer in 2014, as a Community Outreach Rep for one of our Congressmen, and with many organizations working throughout the county to promote the democratic platform. This includes MoCo Young Democrats (of which I’m now President), Association of Black Democrats (former secretary) and others. I’ve learned a lot about what I want from my party.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The changes need to be made before the nomination process. We need to do more to reach out and promote a diversity of candidates. No one likes feeling like their options in democracy are limited. Our parties "lack of bench" is creating a frustration in the base. Let’s do more to encourage new and different people to get involved. Inclusion requires intentionality.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I think before opening the primary we need to do better at getting folks to the primary. As a nation we need to do more to get folks to vote in general whether within the party's primary or during the general. Civic engagement needs to start in the schools so people see voting as a part of their life and not an option. From there we can move to opening primaries up to all voters.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Moving from discussing diversity to working on inclusion. Our party is diverse because of the issues we fight for. We are not inclusive. Inclusivity takes intentionality and drive. It means supporting and going out of our way to work with people who reflect their communities. Right now the dem clubs and elected officials do not reflect the majority minority county we are. Let’s change it.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Is the person involved in the district they wish to serve? Are they knowledgable about their community? Are they able to separate their personal views and the interest of their constituents? Do they work well with others? Are they planning for running for this seat in the next election? Can they do the job?

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No response received by deadline.

Democratic Central Committee - Male At Large
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QUALIFICATIONS: Member of MCDCC from 2007-present; MCDCC Chair 2014-16; Executive Committee member for 5 years. I served as Mayor of Washington Grove for three terms and on the Town Council for six years. I organized precincts as Chair for more than 20 years, and served as Chair of the D-39 Caucus. During my 20-year career as a public school teacher, I served as school union liaison. Science background.  
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The Democratic Party has rules in place that guarantee diversity in all areas. The 13% superdelegates not elected include Democratic elected officials from Federal, State and local governments, the leadership of state Democratic parties, and former presidents, and Federal officeholders. I feel this is appropriate.  
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Unless Maryland votes to hold open primaries, I do not believe unaffiliated voters should vote in party primaries. The point of the party primary is to nominate candidates from their party. The general election gives the opportunity for those choosing not to belong to a party to vote. Open primaries have a history of party cross-voting to disrupt one party or the other.  
PRIORITY FOR PARTY: Priorities for the National Democratic Party should be policies to create jobs that can support families. My priorities for the MCDCC are increasing voter turnout, fostering inclusiveness/cultural diversity, making sure our elected officials represent each of the diverse communities in the County, and involving more Democrats in the decision-making process when setting planning election goals.  
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: When legislative vacancies occur, I assess candidates on experience at all levels of political involvement, from precinct leadership to working within diverse communities. Experience in the legislative process and understanding how to cooperate with those with different viewpoints is critical, as well as understanding cultural differences. Above all, they must be honest and caring.

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No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the MCDCC since Dec 2010, first as an appointed member then as an elected member after the 2014 elections. I have extensive experience with the committee and have been an active member on several committees, and currently chair the Rules committee. My experience on the committee aside, I have relevant campaign experience working in both Primary and General elections in Montgomery.  
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I feel strongly that the process for electing the Democratic nominee nationally could be reformed. I understand the value of the super delegate process, and feel it functioned as intended in 2016. However, there must be a more democratic process
to address the same issue. The process works, however it looks atrocious to modern eyes. Maybe a wider pool of super delegates will help.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: As much as I like to trail blaze, which I do very much, I also like some of the old school tactics of the party like closed primaries. I do agree that it is a growing reality in our jurisdiction that many left leaning voters are being disenfranchised in the primaries. The party should be reaching out to them and I fully support same day registration.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Mid term and non election year voter outreach, decentralization of the party power base and focusing our efforts on giving groups and active voters the support to lead party efforts.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I say that the hardest part of being on the committee are the appointments. As a member you aren’t voting for or against policies, you are voting on party activists. It is very hard, I have made several tough votes. I look for a candidate that best centers all the interests of the people. I try to focus on who will function best in the role and who holds all the tenants that Democrats believe in.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a registered Democrat since 1979 and a resident since 1981. As an employee of Montgomery County Public Schools, I have dedicated the past 32 years of my life to public service. I have been an active member of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee for the past six years. My motivation has and will continue to be a desire to give back to the serve my community.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: The current Democratic Party nomination process for the office of President is very complicated. I believe the nominee should be democratically chosen by the largest and broadest possible cross section of voters in every state. This would mean eliminating caucuses and holding primaries in all states. Maryland also could improve by eliminating super delegates and making the process more transparent

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I would be in favor of those who are registered as independent, non-partisan, or a non-recognized political party to choose one and only one, of the available recognized party ballots to vote. Currently, unaffiliated voters would not have a chance to participate in the primary. Data shows more unaffiliated active registered voters (142,655) than active registered Republican voterss (114,939).

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: In simple terms, the priorities of the Democratic Party include defending civil rights, voting rights, job creation, education, and immigration reform. It includes protection of the environment, affordable health care, renewable sources of energy and transparency in government.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Selecting a candidate is based on several criteria: • Must meet qualifications—i.e. live in the district they will represent • Knowledge of democratic party values, issues, and priorities • Connection to and two-way communication with the community they will represent • Leadership qualities • Communication skills (including listening) • Ability to think strategically • No conflicts of interest
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QUALIFICATIONS: Justin Chappell is a voice for the voiceless, marginalized and most vulnerable in our community. He is an LGBTQ & disability rights advocate from a multi-racial family, neighborhood association president, Montgomery County Renters Alliance board member, and former vice chair of Montgomery County Board of Social Services. He has experience with labor organizing, tech, fundraising & public policy.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Our presidential nominating process must be fair, unbiased, and Maryland’s very diverse democrats should have a stronger role in our party’s presidential nomination. All candidates should release their taxes to reveal potential conflicts, reducing the influence of money in politics, and superdelegate party leaders must not overrule the democratic will of voters in primaries.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: We should support same day voter registration, automatic voter registration, and opening primaries to unaffiliated voters. Our democratic party must do better convincing unaffiliated voters to join our party and support our candidates. We must go door to door, town hall to town hall, and person to person to engage voters around real ideas they believe will benefit their real lives.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Our democratic party must be inclusive, welcoming, compassionate, and successful. We must use technology to quickly communicate with voters, recruit and track volunteers, process online donations, and engage voters. We must register and engage voters in upper Montgomery, down county, east county, and throughout our county, including renters who are over 35% of Montgomery County’s population.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Voters should directly chose their elected officials. If short-term appointments are done to keep government functioning, then Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC) members should resign before seeking an appointment by MCDCC to another office. Otherwise MCDCC members would retain too much power to help their supporters and punish their opponents.

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QUALIFICATIONS: The position is all about supporting and growing the local Democratic Party. I have been working on campaigns for 30+ years in non-traditional ways, where I have had to develop strategies to reach voters who do not reflexively vote in each election for Democrats. I believe I can bring a fresh approach to attract the young and old progressive voters the party needs to maintain our majority.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I believe the process needs to be as open and democratic as possible. Democrats especially should be committed to embracing democracy because it reflects our values and it is the best way to get the strongest candidates who appeal to the
most voters. I believe in open primaries. I believe super-delegates should not count in nomination race -- though they may have role if there is no clear winner.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** Passing automatic registration and same-day voting in 2018 was a big step forward in creating greater access for residents who want to vote. However, it leaves out too many unaffiliated voters. I do not believe this helps the democratic process or the Democratic Party. Opening up primaries is a way to get candidates with broader appeal, to engage more voters, and that will help our party.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** I want the Maryland party to develop a platform that will define our agenda. If we put our progressive values on paper, we will drive better policy, and it will boost the Democratic brand. I would also like the party to get behind a more democratic process to fill vacancies. I am running for Central Committee because I want shift that power from the County Committee to the voters in the district.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** So long as the Central Committee has this responsibility, I will take it very seriously, to find the most qualified candidate. I am more interested in their values and policy ideas than I am in how popular they may be with Committee members. As a progressive, I will look for candidates who share my values. I will certainly consider diversity factors as well, if I see equally qualified candidates.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** A strong Montgomery County Democratic Party relies on organizing, fundraising, communications and outreach. As an attorney, small business owner, husband and dad, my overall experience has been dealing with many people who all have different perspectives.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** At a minimum, the voters should decide who our nominee is and that means we need to eliminate super delegates.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** Step #1: if we're going to call ourselves a big tent party, then we have to accept that we'll disagree on issues. Many people in this country view things differently on a multitude of policies and we can't go around saying "they're not Democrats" just because others think otherwise.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** Getting organized down to the neighborhood level. We're missing out on a wealth of talented and active people because we haven't reached out to them.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Central Committees shouldn't be selecting elected officials. Until that law is changed I would evaluate the totality of a candidate: life experience, work experience, education, positions on issues, humility and potential for growth.

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QUALIFICATIONS: My experience includes work for AFSCME, and over a dozen Democratic officials and candidates. I served as Montgomery County Young Democrats President for 2 years, and I am now Chair of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee. These experiences show me the importance of grassroots activists, the power of standing up for principle, and the impact communities have when we organize.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I support primary reforms including: the DNC Unity Reform Commission recommendations; abolishing state caucuses; creating rotating regional primaries; enforcement of a “People’s Pledge” to eliminate superpac spending; significantly more and earlier televised Presidential primary candidate debates. For the General, Democrats should work with orgs such as the LWV to abolish the electoral college.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: MCDC with the Maryland Democratic Party has been engaged in a door-knocking campaign since the fall of infrequent voting Democrats as well as unaffiliated voters. We are actively seeking feedback and participation of unaffiliated voters. I personally support allowing unaffiliated voters to register as a Democrat as late as Primary day and still participate in the Primary election.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Increasing Democratic turnout for the general election. Broadening our base by engaging deeply in communities new and old. Revitalizing our precinct operation. Supporting new activist groups and existing Democratic clubs. Educating voters about our elected officials’ achievements. Advocating for reforms at the local, state and national level to increase transparency and participation.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: First, I actively support reforms to reduce vacancy appointments to the General Assembly. While Chair, I pushed for our central committee to successfully endorse HB307 for special elections to fill certain vacancies instead of appointments. Read more at: https://bit.ly/2GV6udJ. I consider the candidate’s commitment, community support, experience, and past electoral success.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Erwin Rose has served as a Montgomery County Democratic precinct official since 2002. He is a Democratic Precinct Chair in Silver Spring and the Secretary of the Democratic District 18 Caucus. He has been a tenant organizer, has an MA in Education, an LLM in Energy Law & Policy, and is the only candidate for MCDCC endorsed by the Green Democrats.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I support eliminating the practice of having party leaders and elected officials serve as unpledged “super-delegates,” who are not required to vote based on the results of Maryland’s primary at the Democratic National Convention, so that all the delegates sent to the Convention by Maryland must support the results of the primary election in Maryland.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I will support campaigns to register new voters and engage with unaffiliated voters. Strengthening the Democratic Party network of area coordinators and precinct officials and building a network of block captains will support this
objective. Advancing policies that improve education, healthcare, transportation, and public safety will increase support for the Democratic approach to governance.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** Increase voter registration and turn-out to elect a Democratic governor. Promote a more inclusive political process. Lead a collaborative effort to develop a progressive agenda with a positive message to inspire voters throughout our county and beyond focusing on jobs and labor policy, tax reform, climate change, education, healthcare, transportation, housing, and sustainable development.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Competence – a demonstrated record of achievement. Character – a reputation for honesty and integrity. Leadership – a proven record of civic engagement. Knowledge – a professional background in public policy and advocacy. Ability to work with diverse constituencies and advocacy groups to develop and advance a progressive agenda and negotiate successfully to pass legislation.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** The challenge the Montgomery County Democratic Party faces is engaging voters and getting them to vote regularly. Most people don't realize the MCDCC even exists. Modern software offers numerous ways to communicate with individuals without the heavy costs of phone banking and canvassing. My expertise in the IT industry provides insight into what can be accomplished beyond traditional social media.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** There should be no question that the one with most votes wins; electing delegates for the party convention is opaque and archaic, and disconnects voters from the process. Second place candidates who obtained a significant vote-share should be given a position of influence such as head of the DNC or possibly vice-president so as to recognize the influence of that wing of the party base.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I believe the party must adopt strict ethical standards that eliminate any questions independent voters have about the integrity of the Democratic Party. This means having independent investigations for any alleged wrongdoing or corrupt acts by elected officials, and banning the acceptance of large donations during or after a campaign.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** My desire is to transform the party into an organization that actually interacts with the majority of its members in a meaningful way. Few voters actually know their elected or precinct officials. The party should provide services to the community so as to engender trust and appreciation. It needs to make a difference in people's lives even when there isn't an election.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I would consider what ethical standards a candidate would be willing to follow above and beyond what is technically legal. I would consider whether their election would add greater diversity to the assembly. Most of all I would expect candidates to do everything they can to reach out to their constituents, build upon the party's outreach efforts, and make themselves accessible.
Democratic Central Committee - District 14

Female Candidates

Members of this party in this district may vote for no more than 1.

Mimi Hassanein
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QUALIFICATIONS: I immigrated to the United States from Egypt over 45 years ago. My curiosity to learn more about my new home led me to get engaged in my local community through the PTA, civic groups, and boards and commissions. I am a Leadership Montgomery and Emerge Maryland graduate. I love connecting people and serving my community.
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I think the party would benefit from more of a grassroots approach.
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I think unaffiliated voters should be able to vote in party primaries.
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My priorities are creating more jobs, addressing immigration issues, and improving education and health care. I'd also like to help small businesses and focus on youth leadership development.
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: The criteria I use is looking for a well rounded person who demonstrates leadership and knowledge about the issues. I'm also looking for commitment to the job and being able to work well with other people.

Male Candidates

Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.

Arthur Edmunds
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Democratic Central Committee - District 15

Female Candidates

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QUALIFICATIONS: I spent my working life as an organizer and activist in the union movement. Like President Obama, I learned how to run effective campaigns by community and worker organizing. I have been active in national politics but have spent most of my political activity working for candidates in District 15.
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I support the work of the Unity Reform Commission of the Democratic National Committee, including converting 60 percent of “super delegates” to pledged delegates; same-day registration and same-day party change; and absentee voting in
caucus states. I prefer primary elections to decide nomination of presidential candidates.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I support the Unity Reform Commission’s recommendation for same-day voter registration and same-day party change. I do not support opening up party primaries to unaffiliated voters. With same-day party change or preference, unaffiliated voters can weigh in on who should be Democratic standard-bearers while the party can continue to represent its members.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** My top priorities are to ensure diversity and transparency at the MCDCC. Fulfilling these goals will lead to recruitment of more candidates who better represent our diverse Montgomery County community. The 2018 elections are attracting many new candidates and voters to the election process. It’s important that the Democratic Party welcome and inspire them.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** The most important consideration for my vote for appointment will be whether a candidate is truly representative of her or his district or jurisdiction. In other words, she or he will need to reflect the views, culture and socio-economic make-up of her or his constituents.

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**Male Candidates**

Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Precinct Chair, Area Coordinator, Member MCDCC, State Central Comm., State Executive Board Member, Regional State Party Chair, Runner for State Party Chairman 2017, Democratic Forum Chair raising 40% of MCDCC revenue and keeping party office open. Responsible for appointing the First Hispanic and Asian to the MCDCC and helped elect 1st Hispanic to State House. Responsible for upcounty council district.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** The President of MCDCC must be an elected member. The president should have to receive 55% of votes and we should have a process where we allow members to vote for as many candidates as they want and then eliminate each with lowest total in a ballot type vote until at least one person has the 55%.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** First, I would appeal to voters outside of the party sending them mailings concerning our activity and philosophy and try to recruit each of them to our part. I believe in an open process such as in Oregon and other states that allows voting. We should have same day voting and allow independents to vote in any primary they choose. My aim would be to maximize voting in every way possible.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** My main priority is to unite democrats of all political philosophies together under one big tent so we all work towards the one goal of electing democrats. In my run for State Party chair both Sen. Cardin and Whip Steny Hoyer called me the progressive voice of our party the last 40 years and Steny said I've done as much for people while out of office as others have done while in office. I agree.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I believe we should have separate elections with all Democrats
eligible to run for the remainder of that term.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have 50 years of volunteer service in Montgomery County, Md. In the 50 years I have served on 40 boards and donated 38,000 hours of volunteer service. I chaired the "voter registration drive " in 2007 for the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee. Under my leadership we reached the 13,000 goal for new voters.  
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I like the process as it is.  
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I would tell them that they can't vote in the primary unless they affiliate with the Democratic party. I have been successful in getting voters to join the Democratic party giving them the opportunity to vote for me.  
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: The 1st priority is to get voters to join the Democratic party. The next priority is to elect Democrats to office.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: The criteria should always be to select the best qualified candidate. The vote should be in an open meeting.

Democratic Central Committee - District 16  
Female Candidates

Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: A progressive entrepreneur and independent thinker I have a passion for and experience in governance and democratic practices. I believe in freedom with responsibility and that a democracy governed fairly has the ability to grapple with and make practical improvements to handling the dynamics of living. I am a lifelong Democrat, experienced chief executive officer and social activist.  
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I have followed the work of the Unity Reform Commission and support the reduction of super delegates. In addition, limits to SuperPACs and secret donors, while encouraging public financing and fundraising through small donor amounts will encourage broader participation. Increase voters' access to polls and expanding early voting. Redistricting apportioned on population.  
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I support opening the party primary to unaffiliated voters, automatic and online voter registration, limits to SuperPACs and secret donors, while encouraging public financing and fundraising through small donor amounts. Increase voters' access to polls and expanding early voting. Redoubling efforts to engage people of color, latino(a)s, newcomers and women.  
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Stand for - the human dignity of all people - our common aspiration for a decent life and an opportunity to grow - Medicare for All - College for All - Criminal Justice Reform - Innovation in kinds of work and job opportunities - Become informed and prepare...
policies for the challenges of big data

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Character Thoughtfulness Diversity Past record

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Campaign website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Male Candidates

Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Throughout my life I have taken an active approach to citizenship. I have demonstrated my commitment to the public interest through my 15 years of service on civic boards, Democratic campaigns, and in our state legislature. I have a master's in health policy from Johns Hopkins and a decade of professional health policy experience that I will draw upon to reduce health premiums for all Marylanders.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: We should move away from the Electoral College towards direct election of the President of the United States. In accordance with this principle, the party's nominating process should reflect the will of the electorate as closely as possible.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Yes. One fifth of our voters are unaffiliated with a Party and therefore cannot participate in most Primary Elections. Let's allow everyone to vote to increase participation in our democracy.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: The overwhelming majority of registered Democrats do not vote in the off year gubernatorial primary election. We need to prioritize reaching out to more registered Democrats on a regular basis.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: The Central Committee should not be in the business of filling vacancies except on its own body. Special elections should be held to fill vacant seats in the state legislature or county council.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've been active in Democratic Party politics since my teen years, serving as a McGovern delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention. I came to the DMV as a polisci major at AU, where I served as President of the Young Dems. I was a Legislative Director, Administrative Asst. and House Banking Committee staffer for three Dem House members. My "elevator pitch": For the Many, not the Few.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I would eliminate "superdelegates" to the Democratic
Convention in their entirely. In 2016, the existence of superdelegates--some of whom were full time lobbyists for corporate interests--was a "thumb on the scale" the woefully out-of-touch establishment wing of the Democratic Party used to hamper the legitimate, grass roots campaign of Bernie Sanders. We’re better than this as a party.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I strongly support grass roots-based activity that challenges corporate power within the party. I'd encourage unaffiliated voters to get off the sidelines and join the fight. Opening primaries to unaffiliated voters, while intellectually appealing, can sometimes aid corporate Dems, as the recent recent defeat of a progressive challenger to right-wing Chicago Democrat Lipinski shows.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** Medicare for all. Economic and social justice for the many, not the few. Stopping voter repression. Addressing global warming and protecting the environment. Sharp reductions in the military budget. Bringing Wall Street under control. Strengthening and enhancing the trade union movement. Ensuring the economy and society are run democratically to meet human needs, not for the interests of a few.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I would favor candidates, particularly women and minority candidates, with strong records of activity in the community addressing the needs of the many, not the few.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I first got involved in Democratic politics nearly 40 years ago, when I volunteered on Senator Paul Sarbanes first campaign. Since that time I have served as a block captain, Precinct Vice Chair, Precinct Chair, District 16 Democratic Club Vice President and ran for State Delegate twice. I hope I can earn your support, as I would like to apply my experience to help get even more people involved.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** I support eliminating Super Delegates from the nominating process. I also think that we should move away from caucuses and have primaries for all of our elections, which will further increase voter participation. I support the principal of one person one vote. As a result, convention delegates should be awarded proportional to overall voter turnout, not a pre-assigned number for each state.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I do support opening the primary to unaffiliated voters, which will increase voter engagement. However, I think the bigger priority should be to change how we elect our House of Delegates. Instead of electing three individuals to represent a large area, we should divide those districts into three separate districts. That would allow candidates to focus on reaching more non-traditional voters.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** We need to focus on ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to have a good life. That means prioritizing policies to: improve public education, increase opportunities for people to earn a good living, make sure everyone has access to health care, and protect our environment.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Members of the General Assembly should be elected by the
public, not appointed by party central committees when there is a vacancy. I support ongoing efforts to make that change.

Democratic Central Committee - District 17
Female Candidates
Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.

Luisa Arevalo
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a responsible reformer with results. My professional background includes: Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) Governor Martin O’Malley (D-MD) Montgomery County Council) Action Committee for Transit (I am Vice President) Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC incumbent) I was a leader in expanding women’s rights and influence throughout Maryland. Washington Post: http://wapo.st/2FOX7
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I was elected in 2012 as President Barack Obama’s Democratic Convention Delegate for Maryland’s 6th Congressional District. In my experience, we need to: 1. Improve cybersecurity 2. Reduce the role of Super Delegates, as opposed to Delegates chosen by voters, so that Democratic voters have a stronger voice 3. Improve transparency 4. Implement nationwide universal voter registration
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: It is necessary to simultaneously reach out to both unaffiliated voters and Democrats. 1. As a mixed ethnicity official, there are innumerable untapped opportunities to increase minority and mixed race participation during and between elections. 2. New voters must be engaged on issues that unite our communities. This includes high schoolers, many of whom are gun violence prevention activists.
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: Building an inclusive growing economy and political environment that works for everyone is at the core of my priorities for the Democratic Party. Innovation, a strong social safety net, economic growth, and full democratic participation with dignity are integral to the path forward. My top priorities are: 1. Making Donald Trump a one term president 2. Making Larry Hogan a one term governor
FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I am well known as the only member of the MCDCC to vet every General Assembly candidate by interviewing them in person. My broad policy background and campaign experience is used to evaluate candidates. I am the only candidate for this seat to defend reproductive rights, stem cell research funding, and LGBTQ rights in General Assembly appointment processes. I succeeded every time.
**Male Candidates**

Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.

Matthew Lee  
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No response received by deadline.

Cameron Rhode  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I’m the only candidate in this race who has served on the MCDCC before. As a former student member, I can mentor current and future pairs of student members as they engage other young people in politics. I’ve greatly enjoyed listening to voters across the county for more than a decade, and I’m excited to use what I’ve learned in my return to the MCDCC.  
**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** Citizens rightly feel that they have too little power in United States politics, and eliminating an unnecessarily complicated scheme of convention delegates and superdelegates can go a long way to address that concern. The success of a candidate for the Democratic Party nomination should be directly tied to the number of votes that candidate receives.  
**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** The Democratic Party should more heavily invest in connecting with unaffiliated voters to broaden the reach of our message. This should be done during and outside election years to demonstrate that the party values all voters. Although I believe that party primaries should be open only to party members, these efforts should keep voters involved year-round and increase turnout in general elections.  
**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** Having studied Spanish for more than 8 years, I plan to organize an MCDCC caucus of Spanish speakers to address issues of accessibility for the 100,000+ people in Montgomery County whose first language is Spanish. I also want to bring more young people into political processes and amplify their voices. Advocacy should be lifelong, not just in times of crisis.  
**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Just as I do when I go to the voting booth, I will closely examine candidates’ experience and endorsements. I will want to know what political or policy work the candidates have done, whether they seem to understand what the office they seek entails, and what organizations and elected officials want them to serve in that role.

Brian Gene Walton  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:** First, and most importantly, I will bring news eyes and energy to the Central Committee. Second, as a licensed attorney I have had the opportunity to work with and review a wide range of Maryland law everyday. I know what works and what does not. Last, as a volunteer for several political campaigns, I know how to select and promote candidates.  
**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** I believe the nomination process should be more fair and transparent. The first step in doing this is to eliminate super delegates. They are, by their nature, undemocratic. I also believe we should encourage same day party registration and that
state parties and the DNC must operate more neutrally and openly.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** I would support a fully open primary and automatic voter registration. I believe these steps, taken together, would dramatically increase unaffiliated participation.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** My first priority is to get money out of politics because I don’t believe other significant changes can be made until that happens. Next I support, in no specific order, universal healthcare, $15 minimum wage, debt free college, criminal justice reform (including ending the for-profit prison system), immigration friendly legislation, tax reform, rebuilding the infrastructure, and gun control.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I will support candidates with strong progressive values and who are not closely connected to corporate America or Wall Street.

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### Democratic Central Committee - District 18

#### Female Candidates

Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.

**Jazmin Moral**  
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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/twitter.com/mcdcc_jazmin  
No response received by deadline.

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#### Male Candidates

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**Aaron M. Kaufman**  
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QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the Central Committee for 7 years. I have worked on 20 campaigns for Democratic candidates. I have lived in District 18 my whole life. I have worked for Democratic elected officials on the Fed/State/Local level and have good working relationships with the various elected officials in the County. I bring a level of diversity to the Committee as a person with a physical disability.  
NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I believe the Super Delegates should be less influential, allowing the "average Democrat" more say in the selection of our party's nominees.  
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I do not support opening the party's primary to unaffiliated voters. I will, if re-elected, continue to focus on getting more unaffiliated voters to register as Democrats so they can participate more fully in the decision making process, stressing to them that by registering as a Democrat they will have a greater say in who represents them and their platforms.  
PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: My priorities for the party are to get those voters who only participate in presidential elections to vote and become engaged in mid-term elections. Further, to ensure that the Democratic Party stands for social and economic justice and is a voice for marginalized members of our society. And, in addition, that the Democratic party truly listens to the
Concerns and aspirations of voters.

**Filling Vacancies in Office:** Diversity (I have voted for three people of color to fill legislative vacancies), community involvement, whether a person has been active in the Democratic Party and whether an individual has a collaborative nature and temperament which is needed in order to succeed in Annapolis.

Michael Tardif  
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**Democratic Central Committee - District 19**

**Female Candidates**

Deirdre Gallagher  
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Qualifications: As a dispute resolver, I’ve spent my career ensuring that peoples’ voices are heard on decisions that impact them. At the core of this is listening. With many citizens feeling disconnected from the political process, the ability to listen can be transformative. I want to bridge the gap between discontentment and engagement for voters; my skill as a listener positions me to do just that.

Nominating the President: The Democratic Party’s nomination process should be reformed to better reflect the will of the people. Superdelegates should be bound to the choice of voters in their state. Caucuses should be changed to enhance voter engagement through same day registration and the availability of absentee ballots. Other ideas should be explored, well-debated, and informed by lessons of the recent past.

Participation of Unaffiliated Voters: As someone committed to electing Democrats at all levels, I support open primaries for unaffiliated voters. Independents comprise 40% of the electorate. Opening primaries will engage them early in the political process. This will, hopefully, help them to feel invested in electing the party nominee and inspire increased voter engagement and turnout, something that is good for our country.

Priorities for Party: My priorities for the party center on engagement, listening, and participation. We need to keep the base energized and committed - and broaden that base through targeted outreach to young people, women, those who feel disengaged...To do so, we must listen to what is important to the base and beyond. And we must increase participation through policies that make it easier for people to vote.

Filling Vacancies in Office: To fill vacancies, I will look for someone from the district in question who best demonstrates the commitment to serve, engage, and represent the community. To better quantify these intangibles, I support enhancing the appointment process to include candidate forums, public meetings, and input from those, such as precinct officials, who are in tune with the needs and concerns of the district.
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QUALIFICATIONS: On MCDCC for 2 ½ years, Past State President of Maryland NOW, and board member of MLAW and MWHC, I represent the Party’s goal of equal opportunity for all Marylanders. Md resident 27 years; law degree - American U.; volunteer Dem campaigns at local, state and national levels in 7 states; supporter of Emerge Maryland; lesbian; featured speaker on lobbying, coalition-building and candidacy issues.

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: Presidential nominations should reflect achievements, not just promises. The challenge for the Party is to reduce the field quickly to a small pool of viable candidates, so the nominee will be able to compete financially in the November election. Then we need to convince supporters of the splinter parties that their only chance to be represented lies with a winning Democratic candidate.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: Party leaders must engage with unaffiliated voters at every opportunity, discussing local concerns in issues forums, doing voter registration, attending PTA meetings, etc. to facilitate participation within the party structure. But we should convert unaffiliated voters, not enable them to shift the direction of the Party by voting in primaries and to divert needed votes in general elections.

_PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:_ The Party’s number one priority must be the election of a Democratic Governor, plus additional education and safety net social services funding, both suffering from declining federal funding. Also, we are losing ½ our current MCDCC members, who aren’t running for reelection, so one goal should be to reelect experienced members to provide stability, direction and support for the newer members.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Since my appointment to the Democratic Central Committee at 2 ½ years ago, we have filled 4 vacancies in the General Assembly, and several vacancies on the MCDCC. It is our duty to weed out the candidates who want to BE the job from those who want to DO the job. Also, we must ensure that candidates reflect the prochoice, feminist, nondiscriminatory beliefs of most Montgomery County Democrats.

Male Candidates
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Steven Cenname
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QUALIFICATIONS: A major responsibility of the MCDCC is registering new Democrats throughout the county and boosting turnout. When I was president of the College Dems at Salisbury University, I helped get SU off of The Princeton Review's list of least civically active
campuses with absentee ballot drives. The MCDCC failed to turn out young voters in 2014, but I believe that my experience will fill this skills gap.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** Superdelegates have to go. For example, Clinton and Sanders tied in the delegate count in New Hampshire in the 2016 primary despite Bernie winning it by 23 points. Regardless of who you supported, it is hard to say that this result reflected the will of the people of NH. If elected, I will support a measure voicing disapproval with the superdelegate process as it reflects very poorly on our party.

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** My strong support for same-day voter registration translates into support for open primaries because it will allow unaffiliated voters to show up to register for our party on primary day. Another step I plan to take is to include unaffiliateds in the primary turnout operation and inform them about the far greater number of choices available to them in a primary when compared to a general election.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** One thing I learned working at The Arc and as the District 19 Precinct Caucus leader is that one of the biggest depressors of turnout is simply not knowing who the candidates further down the ballot are. However, it is more likely in these races that only a couple of votes will sway the outcome. Therefore, my priority is to provide avenues for people to meet their down-ballot choices each election

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** When filling vacancies for any office, I will only consider candidates who are dedicated to fighting for the environment, civil rights, and economic justice. I will also strongly prefer General Assembly vacancy candidates who sign a pledge to not run for election to the seat, so the voters ultimately decide who fills the vacancy without the appointee being granted the advantages incumbency brings.

Harold N. Diamond
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No response received by deadline.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My time as a lawyer, a public relations student (#GoCuse), a volunteer EMT, policy-enger and servant-leader has prepared me to serve you and our community. My time on the American Bar Association's Board, representing over 400,000 lawyers, taught me the importance of finding the middle ground with those who disagree with me without ceding progressive values, as well as how to manage a budget.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** I support a process that is more accessible, transparent and inclusive, but even more so, I believe that the Democratic nominee should be democratically chosen by the broadest possible cross section of voters who can help elect the Democratic candidate for president. We should abolish caucuses and only use primaries, and eliminate "superdelegates"—actual voters should pick our next nominee.
PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I believe that people remember the personal touches more than the print ads in newspapers. Voters, regardless of party, want to have their voices heard. I will work to create a targeted walking campaign that will engage MCDCC members and Democratic candidates to speak with each eligible voter in the County-- not just super-voters, those who always vote Democrat. All voices must be heard.

PRIORITIES FOR PARTY: On a state and county level, I wish to engage more diverse candidates to run for party office across the County and state, and with such a large Spanish-speaking voter contingent, our party materials must be bilingual. Finally, we must push national policies at the local level, starting with bringing single-payer healthcare to Maryland and providing universal Pre-K.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I plan to assess each candidate for a given vacancy on their work ethic, ability to communicate effectively, and their desire to learn. My wife, Jo, and I have a saying that we prefer the hardest working person in a group to be on our team over the smartest person. Hard workers stop at nothing to fight for what they believe in-- that's what we need in our County delegation to Annapolis.

Democratic Central Committee - District 20

Female Candidates

Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.

Pamela Francine Luckett
Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

Male Candidates

Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.

George Neighbors
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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/GeorgeNeighbors
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QUALIFICATIONS: I have volunteered for many groups: *Co-Chair the Precinct Organization across 255 precincts for the Montgomery County Democratic Party *Precinct Leader for Precinct 13-21 in Silver Spring & Takoma Park *Board member & Chair of Shepherd's Table to help those most in need in our community *Created & manage community listserves since 2002 *Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board member

NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT: I support *eliminating super delegates *implementing instant-runoff voting (IRV) where instead of voting only for a single candidate, voters rank the candidates in order of preference *registering all voters through opt-out vs opt-in *passing laws nationwide to vote by mail, and research and pass laws nationwide to vote via the internet in safe, secure and verifiable ways.

PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: I'm running to break down the barriers to entry in
our political systems, empower grassroots leaders, engage with voters, and bring about progressive policy. I want to engage all voters and potential voters to find a way that works for them to learn, participate and vote in their government, and understand the day to day impact of good government in their lives.

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** I’m running to open up the Democratic Party to all who believe in our values, and make it easier to approach, understand and engage in our Democratic and democratic processes. I believe that government and our political parties should be responsive to constituents and that requires engagement by all parties! I will continue to build the Precinct Organization, the grassroots community

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I support leveraging technology for outreach and in-person forums to provide opportunities for input by voters that celebrate and preserve the democratic process, manage costs and continue full democratic representation of all people. We need to be guided by transparency, accountability and engagement with voters.

**Democratic Central Committee - District 39**

**Female Candidates**

Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.

**Suzi Williams Kaplan**

Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.

**Chibuzor M. Nwosu**

Campaign Website: None provided.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I’m ready to serve my party and to fulfill the responsibilities of the central committee. It’s time to give back to the party and community as well as provide support for the goals and objectives as defined by the Democrat party. I don’t want to be part of the problem rather I want to be a relevant part of the solution.

**NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT:** - General Heath and mental status - Credentials - Equity/balance - Experience - Educational and family background - Socio-cultural influence, beliefs and preferences

**PARTICIPATION OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS:** - Create public awareness programs that will highlight the goals and benefit of the party’s objectives - Assure them that their interest is protected with bias and encourage them to join the party

**PRIORITIES FOR PARTY:** - Support investment in early childhood education and create public awareness - Make college affordable for all - Provide affordable health insurance - Defend women’s health - Promote social justice for all - Promote civil rights for all - Promote and support equality in pay and women’s rights - Prevent gun violence - Promote family values

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** - Qualification - Experience/past record - Honesty - Fairness - Family values

**Male Candidates**

Members of this party in this legislative district may vote for no more than 1.
Mumin Barre

Campaign Website: None provided.
No response received by deadline.
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Duties: The Montgomery County Board of Education is responsible for the direction and operation of the public school system. Members of the Board of Education determine and enforce policies that govern the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). The Board's responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: selecting and appointing the superintendent of schools, adopting operating and capital budgets, establishing curriculum guides, establishing school boundaries.

How Elected: The Board of Education is composed of two at large members who may live anywhere in the county and five members who must reside in the districts that they represent. The terms are staggered, with one at large and two or three district members being elected every two years. Elections for Board of Education members are non-partisan. All voters, regardless of the district they live in or party affiliation, may vote for one at large candidate and one candidate from each district.

Term: Four years, no term limit.
Salary: $25,000 per year.
Website: montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/

Questions

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position? Give some examples.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: What approaches would you support to address achievement gaps among students from diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds?

BUDGET: If cuts to the MCPS budget were necessary, where would you make the cuts or reprogram funds?

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: What options do you support for (1) non-college bound students and (2) students who need an alternative path to graduation?

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: What steps would you take to address aging facilities, school capacity, and increased enrollment?

SCHOOL SAFETY: What additional steps would you recommend to address school safety issues such as the opioid epidemic, gang problems, and bullying?

PARTNERSHIPS: How can the Montgomery County Public Schools better integrate county and community services to enhance the educational experience of our students?

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

Note: Only At Large and District 3 candidates will appear on the Primary Election ballot. Candidates for Districts 1 and 5 will not appear on the Primary Election ballot as only two candidates have filed in each District. Both of the candidates in Districts 1 and 5 will appear on the General Election ballot in November.
Board of Education At Large Candidates
All voters may vote for no more than 1.

Ryan Arbuckle
Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/RyanArbuckleMD

QUALIFICATIONS: I have experience dealing with the analysis and evaluation of government policy as well as understand that there are trade offs when it comes to policy decisions. I have academic experience in regards to Education and have conducted research and reviewed research on topics ranging from performance pay for teachers to the impact of supplemental instruction on student performance.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: I would try and incorporate programs that engage the communities of these groups. Involvement of the community as well as programs that involve parents have greater potential of improving the student's progress as well as can be tailored to the specific needs that are contributing to the achievement gap, this also includes providing teachers with the tools and support needed to help the students.

BUDGET: I would focus the cuts on programs/projects that could be curtailed until a later date. For example, I would look at trying to use the facilities that we have where possible and try and make the most of resources that we currently have rather than expanding our schools. While I would strive to ensure we don’t cut the budget, they can occur and aren’t ideal.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: In cases like these, I would support programs that help the students pursue other education (such as trade schools) or that help to support the student's career interests. While I believe education is key to success, college isn’t the only form of education that can be obtained. I would want programs to make students aware of all their options and allow the parents and students to decide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: I would look to try and ensure that the budget each year accounts for repairs and renovations to schools throughout MCPS. Those schools where enrollment had increased the most or were in the most need would be prioritized and would receive improvements over others. I would look at the cost differences between building a new school and renovating the existing building as well when making decisions.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I would want to improve the response and readiness of the teachers, to include the training that they received as well as the resources they have access to. I would want to improve the understanding of the students as well and improve their overall mental health. For example, provide them with education about bullying and how it impacts not just their lives but the lives of those around them.

PARTNERSHIPS: Service to the community is a great way to enhance the educational experience of our students and should be fostered where ever possible. I would want to reach out to local non-profits and see how we could work with them and develop relationships that the students could use both to enhance the community, their education and themselves.

PRIORITIES: Developing a new and more robust curriculum that the teachers and parents support and is providing the students with a better education. Improving the mental health of our students by providing more training for support staff, such as counselors. Improving the training and support that we provide teachers so that we can ensure we are retaining the best educators possible.
Timur Edib  
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QUALIFICATIONS: MPA in Public Policy with a concentration on Education Policy. Served as a Commissioner on the City of Phoenix Excellence in Education Commission where we coordinated over 90 school districts. Legislative Analyst overseeing Department of Education Programs on issues of Truancy, Dropout, Pregnancy, and Delinquency. Former public school substitute teacher and community college adjunct professor.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: I would change the entire paradigm of SSL hours and community involvement. I would engage our retired citizenry, our local businesses, other federal, state, and local agencies, and non governmental organizations to find cooperative opportunities to make sure every student is ready, willing, and able to learn each and every day. Learning has no boundaries. In our schools, all students are equal.

BUDGET: I wouldn't!! I would look to other funding streams. I would work with the health agencies for funding for our health offices, I would look to Department of Labor for help with our career counseling, I would look to local businesses and industry to fund vocational education and open retail, I would look to neighborhood associations for funding of after school activities, and I would seek grants.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I AM SO GLAD YOU ASKED!!! I want to focus on vocational education. I beleive our educational system is to have a citizenry that can support industry. That means vocational skills just as much as it means preparing students for occupations that require college degrees. I want artists, carpenters, coders, CAD technicians, and auto technicians. Students must be allowed to be their own best!

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: This is a where my skill as an advocate matters. The County Council makes these budget decisions. We can only ask for funding. I would use my past experience of empowering neighborhoods to make the Council understand the relationship between excellent and diverse education and increased tax base. Better schools means better employers means better pay, means more tax revenue. The village matters.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We will go back to all of the things we did in MCPS after Columbine!! We will focus on all of our stakeholders (students, teachers, staff, neighbors) being happy with our schools. Every student will be ready, willing, and able to learn every day. meals, clothing, supplies, counseling, and support will be available every day. Again, it is a village thing.

PARTNERSHIPS: Very easily. This is not rocket science, and it is not new. We did it in Phoenix, and I am sure that many other districts integrate services. It is just a matter of leadership and desire. I strongly desire this approach.

PRIORITIES: 1. Vocational Education: Allowing every student to have the resources and support to follow whatever talent and ambition they may have for their future. Opening body shops and retail outlets to increase funding streams and bring experience in small business 2. Make schools safe. It will be 20 years since Columbine. No excuse for bullying today. 3. Critical Thinking skills as a core requirement.
QUALIFICATIONS: Currently as a preschool administrator and teacher, I still hold a first-hand experience and genuine understanding of the relationship between the managing offices and the teachers who work so hard in our classrooms. I appreciate a “boots on the ground” approach to administration where we are hands on with our faculty, staff, and students.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: As a first generation American and a product of our schools, I can understand the struggle in the community. Information to our families using this amazing age of technology to create low cost, effective, and engaging information tools easily understood by our students and families. This will relieve our counselors and teachers to further be trained in cultural competency for our communities.

BUDGET: As a first generation American and a product of our schools, I can understand the struggle in the community. Information to our families using this amazing age of technology to create low cost, effective, and engaging information tools easily understood by our students and families. This will relieve our counselors and teachers to further be trained in cultural competency for our communities.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: The current system of postponing college & career education until high school puts our students at a disadvantage when it’s time to enter the workforce. Many careers now do not need a traditional 4 year path. Career fairs supported by our communities beginning in our middle schools allow children to focus their curiosity in coming years of study, allowing for volunteer & internships opportunities.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: The building & renovation of facilities are costly projects that need to be done efficiently from the beginning to avoid incurring further costs. With the research put in these projects, we should look into new solutions. As a progressive county, I encourage us to be innovative in our construction plans, competitive in our contracts, and a partner with the community & local businesses in funding.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We need to work towards safer schools by using preventive measures. Having information and resources out there, and easily accessible we can educate our community. Educating our families, students and training our teachers will give them the knowledge to work with at risk groups and individuals suffering or in vulnerable situations.

PARTNERSHIPS: We are incredibly fortunate in our opportunities and diversity. We have the chance to tap into some rare resources to benefit our children. We can work with the community for alternative education opportunities, sponsorship in projects, career fairs, and so on. The children can learn from real life experience as well as feel like their neighbors across the county are rallying behind them.

PRIORITIES: Empowering the communities to have an active role in their own education and the education of their children. Ensuring the policies meet the needs of the students by having a purposeful relationship with faculty, staff, students, and families of MCPS. Bringing MCPS into a new era of communication of MCPS.
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ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Providing greater access to public pre-K programs, such as Head Start, is critical. We must also expand K-12 programs, such as Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES), the Minority Scholars Program, and Linkages to Learning. The AVID program at Paint Branch, which supports underserved students in the middle ranges toward a rigorous college bound path, may be a model for expansion.

BUDGET: In the face of cuts to the budget, I would look at ways to improve efficiency and eliminate waste in MCPS as a whole, which we should always be doing. With regard to cutting specific programs, it would be premature to slate programs for elimination absent more research and stakeholder engagement to better understand the effectiveness, or not, of such programs, as well as their fiscal impact.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: We must expand career and technology education (CTE) options and (geographic) access for students. Not all students are on a college path. While I am a college graduate, my parents were not, and both had fulfilling professional lives. My priorities below include expanded access to meaningful educational opportunities for all students with special needs, including non-diploma bound students.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: Use nuanced demographic data (1) for capital plans that better reflect our growing / changing population (so we don’t build new schools that are soon at capacity) and (2) to support our true funding needs in Annapolis; take a cautious approach to non-traditional facilities and engage our parent community on CIP. We must tackle large classes, which make targeted instruction increasingly difficult.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Include safety metrics in MCPS accountability framework. Implement w/ fidelity 2017 Interim Safety Report to prioritize safety while engaging in restorative practices. IRS contains many data-based strategies, using capital, technology, health curriculum, and human resources, to improve safety and promote a positive school climate, e.g., online school dashboards to report bullying and gang activity.

PARTNERSHIPS: Work with local agencies / services and increase community outreach to better understand and unite students with the resources they need to be successful. Linkages to Learning is a program that links MCPS families to community resources pertaining to social, health, and economic needs. Community schools are another consideration. More childcare facilities in MCPS buildings for county families.

PRIORITIES: Significant progress closing the achievement gap, including expanding programs I listed above and funding to achieve equity. Expanding access to public Pre-K. Increasing effective educational opportunities for students with learning differences/special needs, with
greater access to appropriate settings, supports, accommodations, and differentiated instruction across a continuum of delivery models.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a Board Member for Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) I am well-qualified to serve as a MCPS Board Member. I have a strong commitment to public service and I am committed to improving the quality of education all students receive.  
ACHIEVEMENT GAP: The achievement gap does not represent a failure of our public school system and certainly does not represent a failure on the part of the classroom teachers; the achievement gap represents a failure on the part of some parents in particular communities to adequately prepare their own children to succeed. Many parents need to do a better job and accept greater responsibility for their own children.  
BUDGET: MCPS does not lack funding and cuts are not necessary. According to the 2016 MD State Public Education Audit there are millions of unaccounted for and improperly used MCPS dollars. If elected to the MCPS Board I will bring honesty and transparency and accountability to the budgetary and spending process.  
COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Currently less than 5% of MCPS graduating students who are not college bound receive any internship experience or vocational training. If elected to the MCPS Board I will work to establish a much more robust and dynamic internship and vocational training program through partnerships with the many, many fantastic regional, national, and global companies headquartered here in Montgomery County.  
SCHOOL BUILDINGS: The County Council has not done an adequate job in ensuring property developers are assessed the proper impact fees to cover the needs for additional school capacity. If elected to the BOE I will work closely and cooperatively with the Council and Executive to ensure new development projects accrue the necessary dollars to address increased school enrollment.  
SCHOOL SAFETY: These are issues which require the attention of the BOE, the County Executive and Council, and most importantly the parents in order to solve. The current BOE's decision to reduce disciplinary standards was a mistake and that should be reversed. Health and wellness should be a much stronger part of MCPS academic curriculum. Students should rely less on social media and more on real world matters.  
PARTNERSHIPS: BlackRock Center for the Arts, the Public Libraries, Fillmore Silver Spring, and the Mansion at Strathmore are just a few of the wonderful Montgomery County and community assets students should use to increase their educational experience. The County's diversity and vast services are strengths and represent excellent opportunities for students grow intellectually.  
PRIORITIES: Strengthening academic requirements and expectations; expanding the Gifted and Talented and Magnet programs; increasing internship and vocational training opportunities are my three top priorities.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I’ve spent 26 years in education building relationships with students in my own classroom and as an administrator in middle and high school. I’ve had the opportunity to provide algebra curriculum to at risk youth who wouldn’t have received the curriculum otherwise. Throughout my tenure, I’ve forged partnerships with stakeholders in order to provide students with resources that they need.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: I am in favor of the ESY programs that are being implemented at two elementaries next year. This provides students with more time for learning. This also decreases the time for the summer slide. We also need to build upon our current efforts to engage and motivated students by curricula in which they see themselves reflected and that is aligned to their psychosocial stage of development.

BUDGET: I would make cuts in programs that are underperforming. I would look at data collected through stakeholder voice, growth, enrollment, interest and assessment data. I would be looking for areas within the programs that could be restructured, so that the entire program would not have to be eliminated. I would also look at partnerships that we could form to help support the areas that have been cut.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: I support learning opportunities for students that are real world applicable like the programs in consortium schools. These consortiums expose students to options outside of college. These consortiums also meet the needs of learners who need an alternative path to graduation. These experiences provide students the opportunity to be successful and prepared for life after high school.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: First, I would look at redistricting to help with equity of school populations and resources provided. Then, I would look at each school, not just based on age, but on quality of the school building itself to determine what improvements and renovations can be made. Finally, I would look at construction of new buildings with alternative supplies that still exceeds our quality standards.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I recommend support at the system, school, and student levels. I want to work to increase the number of social workers, or other clinically trained providers, employed by MCPS. Also, increase staff capacity to identify signs of trauma, stress, anxiety, and depression. We also need work to identify and expand current best practices that strengthen students’ ability to effectively regulate stress.

PARTNERSHIPS: We need to provide more career pathway programs across the county in order to provide access for all. We also need to look at school that currently have the Middle Years Programme in order to reach out to the communities and see how students can spend time in the community and use the resources to enhance their educational experience in order to make the learning more applicable and meaningful.

PRIORITIES: Support for Social-Emotional Health: Students deserve safe and healthy learning environments. Effective Allocation of Resources: Students deserve schools that are optimally resourced to deliver the most effective instruction. Curriculum Reform: Students deserve challenging curricula aligned to their developmental and social needs.
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QUALIFICATIONS: Two decades of experience in community engagement and education where I have built deep relationships with county leaders & community groups. MCPS Latino Student Achievement Action Group Chair, Director of Community Engagement for Montgomery College, Latino liaison for Montgomery County, Woodlin ES PTA Board, MCCPTA curriculum committee, science education teacher training, TESOL, & alternative ed.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP: Early care & education from 0-5 years of age. Increased participation in rigorous classes for all students. Recruiting & retaining the best teachers and principals. Small class sizes. Well implemented dual language programs. Training for staff on bias & its effect on student achievement. Partnerships for mental health & other safety-net needs. Effective parent engagement & language access.

BUDGET: We must use data to make difficult decisions. I would examine the data and make cuts on programs that are not showing desired results.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: Promoting technical education. Students should be able graduate with an industry recognized certificate in a high demand field which will help them get employed. They need better guidance on how to access technical programs at Montgomery College to continue their career path. Students should also have GED and additional online options as alternative paths to graduation.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: We must have a more collaborative working relationship with the County so that school capacity is prioritized when new development is planned. We must think creatively about using non-traditional spaces for education where appropriate. Finally, we must increase State funding for school construction and ensure that casino revenues are being used for education as they were intended to.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School climate and culture is very important and is set by school leaders. Schools should support peer-to-peer student initiatives so that students are part of the solution. More counselors and partnerships with mental health organizations are needed to support our students. We also need better coordination between School Resource Officers and County Police in communication and training.

PARTNERSHIPS: We have several established models such as the Linkages to Learning programs and Wellness Centers that could be taken to scale. Community School models are also promising where the school facility serves the entire community after school hours through partnerships. Staff must be identified to coordinate the partnerships and ensure they are achieving the desired results.

PRIORITIES: 1. Addressing the opportunity gap. We must strive to graduate 100% of our students. 2. Rigor for all: Schools must meet the needs of everyone with rigor — from special education students to the newly arrived English-language learner to the gifted and talented student. 3. Recruiting & retaining the best teachers and principals that also reflect our community. Our students deserve the best.
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**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
- Doctorate degree in Education (College of William & Mary; k-12 emphasis)  
- 5 years as a community college educator; earned social justice teaching fellowship  
- 10 years of leading advocacy at two high-profile national community development nonprofits; expert in affordable housing & community development  
- National advocate for arts education & civic engagement—especially in low-income communities

**ACHIEVEMENT GAP:**  
MCPS ranks last statewide in time devoted to phys. ed. & recess. This is especially harmful to low-income and minority children—as pediatricians and other experts emphasize. There is a clear link b/w movement & student achievement & emotional well-being. My academic research highlights a MD school that is the national model for addressing the achievement gap; the key: kids learn while moving.

**BUDGET:**  
- Empower teachers to make more decisions, eliminating the need for mid-level administrators; schools domestically and internationally have had success tapping 'teacher leaders'. It works.  
- Then, I would marshal resources toward getting MCPS's fair share of state school construction funding. Current allocations are vastly unfair to MCPS—especially considering our school enrollment growth.

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:**  
1) MCPS needs to celebrate career and technical education as a viable and worthy choice. It is. And a problem-based hands-on approach to instruction at all grade levels would be a win-win.  
2) Via my academic research and aligned findings, I know that increased hands-on and outdoor based education empowers students who do not excel in traditional classrooms. Invest in such programs.

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS:**  
- School boundary discussions involving the school & county are important, albeit controversial. Insisting that development align with school capacity makes sense.  
- I'd make the case to the county that investment in schools is also an investment in economic development; great schools & school facilities are a key to growing & attracting businesses.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:**  
- In discussing such issues with MCPS stakeholders, I've found student voices particularly compelling. As response to the gun-related tragedy in FL showed, student voices are powerful; we'd be wise to listen. On bullying, for example, there are examples locally & beyond of student-led initiatives showing long-term promise. And I am not surprised.

**PARTNERSHIPS:**  
- MCPS is rather hierarchical; encouraging school-level innovation (e.g. community gardens, or even some social services on-site) will spur integration & efficiencies; I've seen such elsewhere in MD.  
- The county's parks are great classrooms; we should tap such to enhance the educational experience at minimal cost. More hands-on learning will lead to great partnerships—we just need to unleash it.

**PRIORITIES:**  
- Fight for a well-rounded education including arts, humanities, physical education, and more time outdoors--doing so raises test core subject test scores, but it also leads to healthier, more resilient, and civically-engaged lifelong learners.  
- Empower educators--not central office--with decision making.  
- Oversight of the $2.6 BIL operating budget; I'm an expert in public finance.
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ACHIEVEMENT GAP: I support Universal Pre-K, need-based pre-school support, educational supports (ESOL, METS, Counselors), and wraparound services (Linkages, Outreach). Universal screening, parent engagement (through community outreach), and extended day/year and Sat. programs are also helpful. Increasing access to bilingual resources, diversity, and dual-language teachers and staff.

BUDGET: Before cuts became necessary, I would work collaboratively with parents, teachers, elected officials at the state and local level to secure necessary funds (fair share of state and gambling revenue, developer contributions), and reach out to non-profits and businesses to offset costs. Last, I would prioritize services for our most vulnerable students: special needs, ESOL, and high-poverty students.

COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES: 1) I support expanded career and technical training to help non college-bound students earn a living wage. 2) I support alternative education options (Blair Ewing, etc) for students who need an alternative path to graduation, including subsidized access to adult Ed/GED classes beginning at age 16 for those who may need to work or leave school for health reasons.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: • Coordinated advocacy to increase funds • Choice programs for underutilized schools • Explore cost-reducing alternatives (existing buildings, new construction) • Work with Parks and Planning and /County Council members for smarter planning.

SCHOOL SAFETY: • I believe we need more counselors for: early Social/Emotional Learning, to identify/address problems (behavior, addiction), to build trust, and teach/model restorative justice to help prevent behavior problems and bullying. Cultural sensitivity training and trauma-informed counselors and support for addiction recovery in- and out-of-school programs are also important.

PARTNERSHIPS: MCPS can expand wraparound programs like Linkages to Learning and Wellness and afterschool programs. It can collaborate with County Health and Human Services to build relationships with the local community and tie them to available services, including making school space available to compatible programs and providing language-accessible information to parents.

PRIORITIES: • Equity in education: remedy the achievement gap, provide support, opportunity, and access for all students • Address Overcrowding: advocacy, programming for underserved schools, smart spending, better planning • College and Career Readiness for all students:
challenging curriculums at all levels, GT, CTE, AP, IB, Special Needs.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a 20-year veteran on the school Board, having been president five times, and currently chair of the Policy Management Committee, and president, Maryland Association of Boards of Education. I have experienced MCPS as a student, parent and Board member and am proud of our achievements in initiatives in academic achievement despite reduced resources. We have also overcome serious challenges.

**ACHIEVEMENT GAP:** We are increasingly differentiating funding for schools based on individual needs of schools and communities. We must do more by providing individualized support to students based on their specific needs. We must partner with out county and community partners to support students and their families with after-school programs, health services, language classes, etc. We should utilize best practices.

**BUDGET:** We must continue to examine our existing allocation to make sure we are using taxpayers' dollars wisely. We must examine our instructional and business practices for savings and eliminate or redesign what doesn't work anymore. To the extent possible, dollars should be focused on the classroom.

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** MCPS has recently changed its policies to improve access to career and technical education programs. We must focus on the needs of each student to make sure they are prepared for college or career and life. We must review and enhance programs with Montgomery College and Thomas Edison High School of Technology to meet 21st century needs. Each high school must have options for career education.

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS:** We need our fair share of funding from the state construction money. MCPS must have accurate student projection numbers, and non-capital solutions must be used when necessary. Our capacity needs are immense, we must explore alternatives to our traditional modes of construction and of financing, including use of non-traditional facilities that are less expensive than what we currently use.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** This is the time to invest in more mental health services, using productive partnerships with county and state agencies and the community partners. We must invest in facility enhancements for state-of-the-art safety and security classrooms. I am pleased with our work on a recovery school for students suffering from opiate and other drug addiction. MCPS' anti-bullying policy must be enforced.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** We must expand Linkages to Learning and school health clinics. We must work with non-profits to expand supports for students and families. In the 21st century, data-sharing is also crucial. Traditional partnerships such as the NAACP, MCCPTA, Interages, IDENTITY are vital to the success of our students. We must continue to support and nurture them. We should be open to new ideas and partnerships.

**PRIORITIES:** Putting students first. We must ensure that each student is prepared for the world of college and career by ensuring that teachers are well-trained. Eliminating barriers to learning through investment in social, emotional and mental health resources. Being a wise steward of
tax-payers' dollars. We must spend our resources prudently so that our students have what they need in their classroom.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As part of the MCCPTA Health and Safety committee, I have been working for change for a few years now. Health and safety is paramount for future success. I have had kids in the school system for more than 15 years and I have 6 more to go. As a parent in the school system I'm very familiar with the issues kids are facing in the schools and I know firsthand what is going on in the classroom.

**ACHIEVEMENT GAP:** Inspirational and strong teachers can have a life changing impact on a child’s future. I would like to see more incentives for teachers to stay longer, smaller class sizes, and differentiated teaching. We need to also get it right with the curriculum or react faster. It is not ok to announce after 7 years of implementation that curriculum 2.0 has failed.

**BUDGET:** I would like to see more funds going directly to the children. It is important to be budget conscious with how we allocate funds. Projects should be prioritized based on how they enhance the classroom experience. For example, before throwing technology into the classrooms as a panacea, we need to fully research the educational value so that it is truly beneficial.

**COLLEGE ALTERNATIVES:** Honing relationships with the county and community and determining the gaps and needs of the students is a good first step. Setting up more workshops, internships, and more after school work opportunities should also be pursued. I would like to see more course offerings for these students and more of the business community involved with the schools to help support this.

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS:** I would look at our budget to see where we have bloat and where we can reallocate funding.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** There should be no tolerance for bullying. It is critical to make sure students have the mental support they need with the right amount of counselors. We should be bringing in more speakers who are positive role models and have turned their lives around.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Honing relationships with the county and community and determining the gaps and needs of the students is a good first step. Setting up more workshops, internships, and more after school work opportunities should also be pursued. I would like to see more course offerings for these students and more of the business community involved with the schools to help support this.

**PRIORITIES:** 1) Student health and safety is my top priority. Without this a child cannot thrive and live a long and healthy life. 2) Putting children first. Our budget is over 2.5 billion dollars and just about 9% goes directly to the students. 3) Technology and the achievement gap. Overuse of screens and smartphone addiction in the classroom is effecting a child’s ability to reach his or her potential.

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