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About the Voters’ Guide and the League Of Women Voters (LWV)

This Voters’ Guide, published by the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Montgomery County, can help you make decisions when you vote in the November 2018 General Election. LWV is a nonpartisan organization of women and men that promotes informed participation in government. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The LWV sent questions to all candidates requesting responses before our print deadline, August 31, 2018. The answers in the Voters’ Guide appear exactly as written by the candidates. Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. Some candidates may have withdrawn after the print deadline.

The League’s vote411.org website has responses to additional questions not printed here due to space limitations. It also has responses received after our print deadline as well as responses received from write-in candidates who filed with the State Board of Elections. Use vote411.org to compare the candidate responses for all federal, state, and county races on the ballot for your address.

NOTE: Because of the large number of offices and candidates, we could not include all questions and answers in this print edition of the Voters’ Guide. All questions and answers from all candidates are available at vote411.org and on our website lwvmocomd.org. You may view and print a copy of this guide and the additional questions and responses not in this printed guide from our website at lwvmocomd.org. Portions of this guide have been translated into Spanish and are available on our website.

About the General Election

The General Election ballot will include the following:

- Winners from the Democratic and Republican primaries
- Candidates from the other political parties recognized in Maryland (Green and Libertarian)
- Candidates who are not affiliated with a party
- State and county ballot questions

All registered voters, regardless of their political affiliation, may vote for any candidate on their ballot. Depending on where you live in the county, your ballot will list candidates for U.S. Congress, Maryland Legislature, and Montgomery County Council for your particular districts. Check your voter registration card or sample ballot sent to you by the Board of Elections to find your specific districts.

Maryland law allows a voter to write-in a candidate’s name for the General Election offices. Write-in candidates who filed with the State Board of Elections (SBE) are listed at all polling places and at www.elections.state.md.us. Responses from write-In candidates may be found at vote411.org and at lwvmocomd.org.

Get Ready To Vote

You can learn about the issues and candidates’ positions from the League’s printed and on-line Voters’ Guides at lwvmocomd.org, at vote411.org, and from candidate forums and websites. Use that information to choose for whom you want to vote. You can mark your sample ballot that is sent to all registered voters by the Board of Elections about three weeks before the election. 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 General Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 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. If you are a first-time voter in Maryland, you should bring identification that shows your current address, such as a driver’s license, paycheck, or utility bill.

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

In Maryland, registration is permanent as 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:

- Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 9:00 pm: Deadline to be registered or to change your party affiliation
- October 25–November 1, 2018: If you missed the October 16 deadline, you may register 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.

We recommend you check the accuracy of your voter registration information before October 16 by:

- Looking at your voter registration card
- Using the online Voter Lookup at voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch
- Calling the Board of Elections at 240-777-8500

If your registration does not have your current name or address, 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.
Register At Early Voting Centers

If you miss the October 16 registration deadline and are qualified, you can register and vote the same day at any County Early Voting Center from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm, Thursday, October 25 – Thursday, November 1.

To register you must:

- Be at least 16 years old; however, to vote you must be 18 years old on or before the General Election, Tuesday, November 6, 2018
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a resident of Maryland
- Not be under court-ordered ineligibility to vote due to mental disability

- Not have been convicted of buying or selling votes
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or, if so, have completed serving any prison sentence

To register at Early Voting Centers, bring a Maryland driver’s license, identification card, learner’s permit, or other proof of residency, such as a paycheck, utility bill, or other government document with your name and address.

If you are already registered, you may change your name or address, but not your political affiliation at Early Voting Centers.

Three Ways To Vote

1 VOTE EARLY at a convenient time and location for you. The Early Voting Centers are open from 10 am – 8 pm, Thursday, October 25 – Thursday, November 1. 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 Recreation 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 at home or away. No reason is needed. Follow the three steps outlined below. Note: If you are issued an absentee ballot and do not return it, but choose to vote instead at Early Voting or on Election Day, you will have to use a provisional ballot.

APPLY: Print an application for an absentee ballot from https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html, call 240-777-8550 to have one mailed to you, or visit the Board of Elections.

RETURN APPLICATION: Return the completed application to the Board of Elections by mail, by fax (240-777-8560), or in person by October 30 to have your absentee ballot mailed or faxed to you, or by November 2 to print it from the website. Absentee ballots can be picked up at the Board of Elections through General Election Day, Tuesday, November 6 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 AT YOUR ASSIGNED POLLING PLACE.

On General Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, go to your local polling place. Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm. Early Voting Centers are closed on Election Day except for Praisner and Mid-County Recreation Centers that serve as local polling places.

If you are unsure of your polling place, check the back of your sample ballot or visit voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch. Check before you go to avoid being sent to another polling place.
The following pages describe the offices on the ballot and list the candidates and their responses to questions asked by the League of Women Voters. Responses are shown exactly as provided by the candidates. Additional questions and answers for some offices may be found at vote411.org or lwvmocomd.org.

Check vote411.org or lwvmocomd.org for responses from candidates that may have been submitted after the print deadline and for responses received from write-in candidates.
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.

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.

How Elected
Elected statewide as a team.

Term
Four years. Limit of two consecutive terms.

Salary
Governor: $180,000 per year; Lieutenant Governor: $149,000 per year

Website
msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/html/01govf.html

Questions to the candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor:

- 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?

See pages 6 for candidate responses. Responses are shown exactly as provided by the candidates. No edits of any kind have been made.
Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor

See page 5 for details about the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Responses were limited to 400 characters. Responses are shown exactly as provided by the candidates.

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Budget

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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?
On the Ballot
Maryland Comptroller

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

How Elected
Elected statewide.

Term
Four years. No term limit.

Salary
$149,500 per year.

Website
msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/html/03compf.html

Questions to the candidates for Maryland Comptroller:

- QUALIFICATIONS: 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.

Vote for no more than one (1) candidate.

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<td><strong>Qualifications</strong></td>
<td>I believe the top tax collector, auditor &amp; 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 &amp; another masters degree in information systems. I have private, federal &amp; state work experiences in financial management systems, tax, accounting &amp; audit.</td>
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<td><strong>Revenue System</strong></td>
<td>I will update information systems statewide for usability and security, and promote tax credits and other incentives such as energy star, solar panels, etc. I also will reduce interest and penalties for people who are being proactive &amp; voluntarily reporting additional income the state would normally not have time to audit; coming clean should never be penalized. What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency and fairness of the collection of Maryland taxes?</td>
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<td><strong>Board of Public Works</strong></td>
<td>I want spending to be more spread across Maryland, for all to enjoy the amazing nooks and crannies of our beautiful state. Safety is my number one priority in public works - safe roads for motorists, law enforcement, cyclists, pedestrians, businesses and our delicate environment. The prior history of contractors completing projects in time, safely, and within budget should also be reviewed. 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?</td>
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<td><strong>Other Priorities</strong></td>
<td>I think it is unfair to tax retirement income. If we remove it all together we would increase our property and sales tax base, hence bring up our net revenues. I will also increase transparency across the comptroller office, not just in the general ledger, but also in how the state audits and comes to final resolution with tax payers. I will loving enforce the law equally for all. Please describe any other priorities you have for this office.</td>
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<td><strong>How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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Vote for no more than one (1) candidate.
On the Ballot
Maryland 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.

How Elected
Elected statewide.

Term
Four years. No term limit.

Salary
$149,500 per year.

Website
msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/attorney/html/06agf.html

Questions to the candidates for Attorney General:

- 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 the protection of consumers?

Vote for no more than one (1) candidate.

Candidate
Party
Website
Qualifications
How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?
Administration of Justice
What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency and fairness of the collection of Maryland taxes?
Litigation
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?
Discrimination
Please describe any other priorities you have for this office.

Craig Wolf
Republican
wolf4ag.com
I am a former state and federal prosecutor, counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, business leader and decorated Soldier/Veteran. I have also been a volunteer EMT/Rescue Diver. I have a lifetime of public service and management. I believe the AG should focus on public safety, not politics and partisanship and should focus on issues of importance to all Marylanders regardless of party.

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.

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 should respect the law and hold corporations fully accountable for misconduct.

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.

Brian E. Frosh
Democratic
brianfrosh.com
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.

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 jacked 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 reduce recidivism.

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 affected.

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.
Questions to the candidates for U.S. Senator:

- **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?

See pages 10 for candidate responses. Responses are shown exactly as provided by the candidates. No edits of any kind have been made.
Candidates for U.S. Senator

See page 9 for details about the office of U.S. Senator.

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**Tony Campbell**

**Republican**

campbell4maryland.com

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.

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.

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.

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 also is at risk and should be priority of the national government.

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.

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

**Ben Cardin**

**Democratic**

bencardin.com

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 is a human right. We should have seamless 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 and most recently several hundred US senators and adults. I support an increase in the federal minimum wage.

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 labor rights, environmental provisions & anti-corruption provisions.

The president’s unwillingness to confront climate change will cost our federal resources to combat 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.

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

Opioid addiction and abuse is a public health cri- sis. 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.

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.

I also support ending the income tax, in order to attract entrepreneurs and job creators. Anyone who wants to come to America to work and create jobs should be welcome. No one who comes to America should get a cent of welfare.

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

I support equal pay for equal work, and other measures designed to accomplish this goal. I believe deeply that America should be a place where everyone can work hard and get ahead.

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

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

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

I would support permanent residency status. 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.

I support bipartisanship, 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.

The president’s unwillingness to confront climate change will cost our federal resources to combat 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.

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

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

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

**Arvin Vohra**

**Libertarian**

votevohra.com

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

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

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

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

I support equal pay for equal work, and other measures designed to accomplish this goal. I believe deeply that America should be a place where everyone can work hard and get ahead.

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

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

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

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On the Ballot

U.S. Representative in Congress

Districts 3, 6, and 8
(see Candidates on pages 12 - 14)

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.

How Elected
Elected districtwide. Each of the 435 Representatives is elected to a two-year term, serving a specific district. Maryland has eight Representatives based on the population in the 2010 census. Montgomery County is represented by three Congressional Districts – 3, 6, and 8. Representatives must be at least 25 years old, have been citizens of the United States for at least 7 years and be residents of the state they want to represent.

Term
Two years. No term limit.

Base Salary
$174,000 per year.

Website
house.gov

Questions to candidates for U.S. Representative:

- 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?
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- 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?

Vote for no more than one (1) candidate.

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Candidates for U.S. Representative – District 3

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Economic Policy

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Immigration

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Environment

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

Other Priorities

What other issues are priorities for you?

Charles Anthony

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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David Lashar

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

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

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

Force Congress and the President to debate and decide the hard decisions on the budget by adopting a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget. Make small adjustments over the coming decade to rates of growth in entitlement programs to preserve their financial solvency for those who are currently under 50 years of age. Promote open, reciprocal trade that is firmly but sensibly negotiated.

Embrace immigration as a source of dynamism for our society and our economy. Embrace our many heritages that compose our one country. Practice lawful immigration that is administered humanely. Provide a path to citizenship, with both its rights and its duties, for the so-called DREAMers. Revive and expand the use of work permits for workers. Cooperate with Mexico and Central America.

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

Restore political power to all voters with a constitutional amendment that puts an end to gerrymandering; that creates competitive districts that represent genuine communities across the country. Create turnover and responsiveness in Congress, requiring term limits. Break the duopoly.
Candidates for U.S. Representative – District 6

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### Health Care
What changes in federal healthcare policy do you advocate and why?

- **Amie Hoeber**: 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.

- **David Trone**: 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.

- **Kevin T. Caldwell**: There is no one silver bullet solution to our healthcare system. I would advocate returning the power of choice via a market-based health care system. I believe that we the consumers of health care know our needs far better than a group of DC bureaucrats. Any plan that takes power from the millions and places it in the hands of the few is not in our best interest as consumers.

### Economic Policy
What policies will you support to strengthen the national economy, such as those affecting international trade, taxes, labor rights, and infrastructure?

- **Amie Hoeber**: 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 in the enforcement of existing laws. I will promote both.

- **David Trone**: 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.

- **Kevin T. Caldwell**: The biggest gap we face in inequality is the unequal application of our laws & the unequal protection afforded by them based on income, political connections or office held. Gov. has become the greatest offender of our rights at every level. It is my promise to protect all citizens.

### Immigration
What changes, if any, will you support in immigration policy?

- **Amie Hoeber**: 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.

- **David Trone**: 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.

- **Kevin T. Caldwell**: 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.

### Environment
What are the most pressing environmental challenges and how will you address them?

- **Amie Hoeber**: 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.

- **David Trone**: 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.

- **Kevin T. Caldwell**: I have a physics background so I understand the basics of science. I believe the key to being a good steward of our planet is to put the power of choice back in the hands of the people and for our needs far better than a group of DC bureaucrats. Any plan that takes power from the millions and places it in the hands of the few is not in our best interest as consumers.

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What other issues are priorities for you?

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- **David Trone**: 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.

- **Kevin T. Caldwell**: I will encourage real scientific research not the politically driven pseudoscience for political gain. I have a physics background so I understand the basics of science. I believe the key to being a good steward of our planet is to put the power of choice back in the hands of the people and for our needs far better than a group of DC bureaucrats. Any plan that takes power from the millions and places it in the hands of the few is not in our best interest as consumers.
George Gluck
Green / District 6
gceongluck.com
I’ve lived in Maryland since 1967 and my (grand) children have been raised here, most in CD6. I’ve been politically active here for more than 2 decades, feel well prepared to represent, and will propose and promote legislation that will benefit, the vast majority of those of us who live here in CD6. I have also promised to employ citizens from the 4 parties recognized in MD and those unaffiliated.

We have some of the best healthcare available anywhere in the world, but it is not accessible to all our citizens and, for those who can access it, is far too expensive. Each year, we have hundreds of thousands of medical-related bankruptcies, unlike other western countries, who have none. We need a universal healthcare, single-payer system modeled after those of other western countries.

“Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.” These are the words of the Equal Rights Amendment, proposed in 1971. I would propose the word “sex” be replaced by “race, gender, religion, disability, or poverty.” To implement this amendment, it would be necessary to support policies which aid our courts and law enforcement.

R. Kennedy: GNP... counts warheads and armored cars for the police to fight the riots in our cities... does not include the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials.” I prefer “GHappiness”: sustain able and equitable socio-economic development, environmental conservation, preservation and promotion of culture and good governance.

As an immigrant myself: I. Assume DHS’ Vifey Employment Eligibility (E-Verify) system is used by all employers and prosecute those who hire ineligible employees. 2. Devise a path to citizenship for law-abiding, undocumented workers and their families presently in the US. 3. Strengthen our visa system to continue to allow immigrants from around the world to bolster our economy and culture.

As I recently testified before the MD Dept. of the Environment, we need to leave as much carbon as possible under ground. I suggested that, if they permit the natural gas pipeline near Hancock, they at least force the pipeline owners and gas suppliers place enough money in escrow to cover two extra -time leakages. This would pay for recovery of the local environment and the health of local citizens.

1. Public financing for public office (corporations are not people and money is not speech). 2. Expand our democracy by enacting ranked choice voting (RCV), to encourage more choices for primary and general election voters. 3. Lower tuition for public colleges/universities to the equivalent of that I paid for Brooklyn College in the mid 1960s: $50 per semester. 4. Restrengthen “Dodd-Frank.”

John Walsh
Republican / District 8
johnwalshforcongress.com
I was a Political Science Major at Brown University; worked for a Republican Congressman in DC; elected to City Council, Planning Board and Zoning Board in Lebanon, NHI. I have a diverse business background that combines entrepreneurship, creativity, client services and management with several domestic and international patents. Small Business Leader of the Year in Montgomery County in 2003.

At one point in my life, I was an Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor with the US Postal Service, resolving individual complaints of discrimination and developing and implementing Action Plans to overcome biases in recruitment, hiring and promotions. I’ve audited offices where discrimination was thought to exist. I support expanding auditing and additional penalties for discrimination.

You mean before we are all replaced by robots? We need to invest in next generation technologies and train people for this new fields and support these industries with incentives. We need to keep inventing and pioneering. We need to make sure that as capital returns from overseas and as corporations keep more and more of their earnings, that work capital returns from overseas and as corporations keep more and more of their earnings, that work capital returns from overseas and as corporations keep more and more of their earnings, that work

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.

Nothing is more important to me than delivering effective and prompt service for the 800,000 people who use the service. Nothing is more important to me than delivering effective and prompt service for the 800,000 people who use the service. Nothing is more important to me than delivering effective and prompt service for the 800,000 people who use the service. Nothing is more important to me than delivering effective and prompt service for the 800,000 people who use the service.
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- **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?

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### Robert Drozd

**Party / District:** Republican / District 14  
**Website:** drozdformaryland.com

I’m a military veteran with 3 decades leading organizations, an educator at undergraduate and graduate levels, and a 1st generation American. I’ve honorably represented our nation across 9 states and throughout Europe, and held the robust change of nuclear weapons. Collectively, this far exceeds my opponent’s life experience as a rising-career-politician. I am a servant-leader, NOT a party-servant.

I endorse much of the MCJEE 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.

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.

Unlike most candidates, I use mass transit daily for work, so I know first-hand its impacts on quality-of-life. 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 mass public and individual private options. I will promote opportunities for private-public partnerships.

### Kevin Dorrance

**Party / District:** Republican / District 14  
**Website:** None provided

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 regulations/permit process. I am aware of legislative red tape 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

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 then there other choices must be available.

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.

Public transportation, highways and local roads are all important. Just concentrating on one form of transportation does not meet the needs of all citizens. Feeding 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.

### Craig J. Zucker

**Party / District:** Democratic / District 14  
**Website:** craigzucker.com

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. I strive to provide top-notch constituent service, ease the tax burden on Maryland families, and ensure that Montgomery County receives its fair share of money.

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.

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.

Easing traffic congestion, fixing Metro, expanding clean energy and ensuring our roads are safe 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.

### Michael A. Ostroff

**Party / District:** Republican / District 14  
**Website:** facebook.com/ostroff4delegate

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.

In no particular order: 1. School safety (including health and safety of students; better review of the qualifications of teacher, paraeducators and substitutes, etc). 2. Accountability and oversight of the school funding and expenditure process. 3. A review of the administration/teacher pay differential. 4. Accountability of academic performance.

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 industry, and promote more competition to reduce the costs.

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.

### Patricia Fenati

**Party / District:** Republican / District 14  
**Website:** None provided

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 regulations/permit process. I am aware of legislative red tape 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

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 then there other choices must be available.

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.

Public transportation, highways and local roads are all important. Just concentrating on one form of transportation does not meet the needs of all citizens. Feeding 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.

### Anne R. Kaiser

**Party / District:** Democratic / District 14  
**Website:** annekaiser.com

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 put 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.

Every child deserves a high quality education, no matter their zip code. I am committed to improving pre-K-12 education policy.

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.

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.
### Education

#### What education policies would you support and how would you fund them?

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 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.

### Health Care

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

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.

### Transportation

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Harvey Jacobs
Republican / District 15

As real estate and small business attorney, representing individuals and small businesses over the past 34 years in MD, I intend to bring Common-Sense to the decision-making 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.

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 farther and earmark 10% of those lockbox funds for school safety.

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.

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 remove the state and county from the budgeting process and 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.”

Marc A. King
Republican / District 15
kingin18.com

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. 8 years 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 contractual arrangements.

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 Governor’s efforts to create a Lock Box on casino taxes that are there to support education and are not raidied by the Legislature for other spending.

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.

My focus is on I-270 and I-495 improvements to ease the communting burden. New lanes and other infrastructure improvements. This should be funded by the beneficial partnership so that the burden for paying for these projects is not on the backs of Maryland tax payers.

Lily Qi
Democratic / District 15
lilyqi.com

As an immigrant who came here by choice, I know the value of opportunities and why we must 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 community leadership across cultures, I will be able to focus on the right legislative priorities to move us forward.

I support universal Pre-K and enhanced career and technical training in our public schools to grow 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 demographics of today’s Montgomery County, I am confident we can see a better education system for all students.

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

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.

Bill Day
Republican / District 16
billday.org

I’m a Bethesda resident, dedicated husband and father with children in local schools, a small biz owner, a local attorney, a MSU soccer coach, and a Navy veteran. As a small biz owner in my town, 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.

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.

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 Intervention 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.

If D6 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 growing Upcounty area by accommodating the traffic that will increase with arrival of new businesses in Bethesda and Rockville I will work with the Hogan Administration to improve traffic congestion.

David Fraser-Hidalgo
Democratic / District 15
fraserfor15.org

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 government cannot solve all the problems of society. Working together with my colleagues, we have passed a number of important bills by building coalitions across the aisle, including banning fracking.

I believe we need to take the recommendations of the Kremer Commission to 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.

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.

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 it use but also our neighbors that use the roads by reducing traffic.

Marcus Alzona
Republican / District 16
marcusalzona.com


As a graduate of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, and of the Head Start program in Bethesda and Montgomery County, in their work towards solutions impacting all of humanity.

We should all support the efforts by Governor Hogan and Lt. Governor Rutherford to fight for solutions to the heroin and opioid crisis and ultimately save lives. As a cancer survivor, I support the research of the National Institutes of Health and all the biotech non-profits and start-ups based here in Bethesda and Montgomery County, in their work towards solutions impacting all of humanity.

Susan C. Lee
Democratic / District 16
susanleeforsenate.com

As a Senator and Delegate, I worked to pass laws to support K-12 education funding, Pre-K, affordable college, clean environment, gun safety, affordable healthcare, mass transit, bioscience and cybersecurity; experienced human trafficking, human abuse and violence; abortion and identity theft. Building on my track record, I can continue to do more for my constitu- ents and all Marylanders.

I continue to support increased funding for public school K-12, construction, transportation, 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 supplement education funding & a new Interagency Commission for School Construction to obtain more funds.

As a legislator, I have worked to pass laws to ensure Marylanders have affordable healthcare and prescrip- tion drugs; create the Reinsurance program; allow Physicians 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 do even more.

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 infrastruc- ture that also created jobs. I will continue to work to ensure Maryland has a safe and efficient transporta- tion system & infrastructure.

Ariana Kelly
Democratic / District 16
delegatearianakelly.com

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 Economic, Housing and Community Development, Joint Committee for Children, Youth & Families, and President of the Women Legislators.

I support ensuring access to high quality education for all 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.

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.

I support Maryland’s full commitment to $1576 mil- lion a year in dedicated funding for VIMaha from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund. I am co-sponsor of the Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act (HB 372). I am also supportive of enhancing WMA's 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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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 Westmont Montgomery County Citizens’ Advisory Board and an officer on the board of the Bethesda Urban Partnership.

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.

I 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 the Metro, even as we work to improve Metro’s maintenance and transportation network improvements such as Bus Rapid Transit and the Corridor Cities Transitway. We should continue funding primarily from the Transportation Trust Fund.

**Website**

[markorman.com](markorman.com)

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

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Nominated for The House of Delegates, 2002 and 2010. Elected as Romney delegate to the RNC Convention, 2012. Elected to the MoCo GOP central committee 4 times. Appointed by Presidents Reagan/Bush and Bush/Bush/Gayle. Member of Children and Youth Commission; Member of the Gaithersburg Senior Council; Member of Board of Director, BECII Condo Assoc. Member of Saint Raphael’s Catholic Church

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 2 types of high school diplomas: academic, general and commercial as in trade school. Less emphasis on sports; more on the academics. Religious Release half days to allow religious instruction.

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**Candidates for State Senator - District 19**

**Ben Kramer**
Democratic / District 19
benkramer.org

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. 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 advice 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.

How should they be funded?

**Helen Domenici**
Republican / District 19

No response provided by print deadline. See vote411.org for any late responses.

**Dave Pasti**
Republican / District 19
pastifordelegate.com

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.

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.

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.

I do support widening 270 with reversible toll lanes. I am open to the BRT, but concerned about whether people would use it. Cell phone use while driving is also a big concern. We need stricter penalties for those who have cell phones in their hands while driving. It will cut down on accidents and the flow of traffic.

**Candidates for Delegate**

**David Jeang**
Green / District 19
davidjeang4md.wordpress.com/

Having trained with Common Cause as a citizen lobbyist, and studied under congressman Jamie Raskin’s Democracy Summer Internship, I have a solid grasp on the machinations of drafting and passing legislation in the state. My active involvement in various civic and civic associations have also set a strong network of communication with my local legislators and constituents whom I will represent.

Public college with free or near free tuition, increased vocational training as an alternative to 4 year colleges, and strong job-embedded professional development, are communicated.

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

**Charlotte Crutchfield**
Democratic / District 19
voteforcharlotte.com

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**Bonnie Cullison**
Democratic / District 19
cullisonformaryland.com

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.

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.

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 microinsurance 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.

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.
Maryland’s most significant health challenges are skyrocketing insurance premiums and substance use disorders. I support Hogan’s work to reduce premiums by stabilizing insurance markets and expanding insurance options. Using NIH evidence, I support expanding treatment options for addicts and oppose legalizing recreational marijuana, which will only worsen the addiction crisis.

I support Hogan in funding District 19’s diverse transportation needs: perpetual, dedicated funding for Metro, widening and tech improvements for I-270 and I-95, surface road improvements and maintenance, the Purple Line, and sensible Bus Rapid Transit projects. The Transportation Trust Fund and public-private partnerships are appropriate funding sources for these efforts.

Jheanelle Wilkins
Democratic / District 20

I have worked as a regulatory attorney, and have represented refugees as part of my pro bono practice. I have served in the White House Domestic Policy Council for President Obama and as the Policy Director for Congressman Jamie Raskin’s 2016 congressional campaign. I’ve also served on the boards of the Action Committee for Transit and the Montgomery County Renters Alliance. 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) reduced higher education tuition. I would pay for these programs by (i) increasing the income and estate tax on millionaires; (ii) taxing legal marijuana, and (iii) fixing the casino fund.

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, we should regulate prescription payer system and to serve as a model for the rest of the country.

As your state senator I have built relationships around 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

David Moon
Democratic / District 20

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.

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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.

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.

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 Marylanders in an additional term. I have a strong record of championing issues like our environment, improving schools, and healthcare access.

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.

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.

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.

Lori Gorgio
Democratic / District 20

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 Groupwork 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.

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.

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. 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.
### Candidates for State Senator

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<td>Verelyn Gibbs Watson</td>
<td>Republican / District 39</td>
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<td>The most important qualification a public servant can possess is perspective. I have been educated at HBUs 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. 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. 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 it is starts is key. Completing upcounty infrastructure projects that are already funded but constantly delayed would be my priority. One example is the Guilien Road Widening Project. It seems that often times priorities for elsewhere in the county require the needs of those in the upcountry areas to take a back seat. I think completing projects that have already been funded and will benefit us is just common sense.</td>
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<td>Gabriel Acevero</td>
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<td>gabrielacevero.org</td>
<td>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 frontline of progressive fights such as criminal and juvenile justice reform, marriage equality, the Dream Act, automatic voter registration and environmental conservation. 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 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. 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 per passenger-mile 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).</td>
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### Candidates for Delegate

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<td>Lesley J. Lopez</td>
<td>Democratic / District 39</td>
<td>lopezformaryland.com</td>
<td>As an educator, non-profit leader, union workplace leader and Congressional staffer, I have spent years working to better the lives of women, working families and immigrant families like my own. That’s who I’ll be as a legislator. As a survivor of domestic violence, I know how policy—early childhood education, low or no cost community college, student loan repayment options, and “community schools”—would fund the measures by taxing marijuana as it becomes legalized. In short, we have no idea how much the ACA 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.</td>
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<td>Kirill Reznik</td>
<td>Democratic / District 39</td>
<td>Reznikformaryland.com</td>
<td>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 a strong advocate for reducing the cost and time to get a high school diploma, college education, and eventually moving towards tuition free higher education. 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. I believe in an all of the above approach. Potential highway expansions must be coupled with mass transit options, including expanded MARC, Corridor Cities Transitway, statewide BRT, and an additional extension of Maryland 83 through Frederick County. Ultimately, we cannot build our way out of traffic congestion with roads, and mass transit and remote work options are a better long term solution.</td>
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Questions to candidates for Montgomery County Executive:

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- **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?

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- **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?

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Due to space limitations, only responses to four questions are printed. Responses to the remaining four questions may be found at vote411.org.
Robert Dyer
Republican

RobertDyer.net

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.

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.

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.

Our impotent Council has failed to attract a single major corporate HQ here in 2 decades. We have a net loss of 2000 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.

Chris P. Fiotes, Jr.
Republican

None provided

I spent 10 years working in the US Senate and learned firsthand not only the legislative workings but, most importantly, how working across party lines and interests can get things accomplished. Additionally, I have owned my own development business for the past 25 years and understand balancing budgets and the impact of taxes and the local economy on small businesses and jobs.

Montgomery County has a culture of diversity and inclusion that can be reinforced by the County Council by consulting with diverse groups, seeking input and feedback, reaching out to diverse communities to staff various positions and ensuring that we do not tolerate divisiveness in any form.

Penny Musser
Republican

None provided

No response received by print deadline. See vote411.org for any late responses.

Evan Glass
Democratic

EvanGlass.com

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 instil a accountability so that government programs are helping our residents and communities.

I will be the watchdog to ensure our government gets things done right.

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.

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.

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.

Will Jawando
Democratic

willjawando.com

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, of my experience in our schools to running the country’s largest career exposure program, I have a record of public service stretching from Long Branch to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

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 level — seniors, workers and low-income residents.

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.

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.

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 businesses. Streamlined inspections and regulations that don’t sacrifice health or public safety, & lower hurdles to opening businesses. Encourage organic growth of locally-rooted enterprise.

Hans Riemer
Democratic

hansriemer.com

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.

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 is a top priority. My record: Raising the requirement on developers to set-aside more affordable housing MPDUs; 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.

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 thinning urban areas are key.
Shelly Skolnick
Republican
None provided

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 can-
didate for County Council At-Large where my constitu-
ents are all residents of Montgomery County.

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.

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 the $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.

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 work-
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ers or less than $500,000 annual revenue.

Gabe Albornoz
Democratic
GageForCouncil.com

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.

Our diversity is among greatest strengths. 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.

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, MDPU 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.

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, environ-
ment, secondary education, and that we maintain a high quality of life. Beyond that, we should focus on policy that supports businesses.

The role should not be to promote crony capitalism through supporting large tax breaks to a company like Amazon who everyone knows will leave after their tax breaks expire. The county should also get out of the alcohol business, to help restaurants. I think it is fair to assume that if the county can adequately reduce traffic congestion our county will be more attractive to businesses.

Andrew Friedson
Democratic / District 1
andrewfriedson.com

I’ve focused my career in public service on bringing people together to solve problems and improve how government works, scrutinizing billions in public con-
trasts to ensure transparency and accountability, re-
structuring Maryland’s 56B 329 College Savings Plans, providing programming for the County’s at-risk youth, and helping launch new statewide savings accounts for Marylanders with disabilities.

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.

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 op-
tions: including greater investments and prioritization to increase funding to the Housing Initiative Fund, establishing a countywide MHPD standard of 15% for all new construction, and an overall increase in hous-
ing supply to hold down costs.

We must start by supporting our existing 12,500 small businesses and helping them grow, and capitalize on our core assets that make Montgomery County attrac-
tive 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.
Candidates for Montgomery County Council – Districts 3, 4, 5

See page 26 for details about the office of Montgomery County Council. Responses were limited to 400 characters. Responses are shown exactly as provided by the candidates.

**District 3**

**Sidney A. Katz**  
Democratic / District 3  
sidneykatz.com  

How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this position?

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?

What role, if any, should the county government play in encouraging economic development and job growth?

**Diversity**

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**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?

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**District 4**

**Nancy Navarro**  
Democratic / District 4  
nancynavarro.org  

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**District 5**

**Tom Hucker**  
Democratic / District 5  
tomhucker.com  

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.

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.

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.

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.

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No other candidates on the ballot
Questions to the candidates for Judge of the Circuit Court:

- 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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On the Ballot
Judge of the Circuit Court, Circuit 6
(see Candidates on pages 30 - 31)

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 of the 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 is 70.

Salary
$159,433 per year.

Website
montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/

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<td>James A. Bonifant</td>
<td>electsittingjudgesmcs.com</td>
<td>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. 38-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. 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. 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.</td>
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<td>Jeannie E. Cho</td>
<td>electsittingjudgesmcs.com</td>
<td>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. 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 must 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. 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.</td>
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<td>Jill Reid Cummins</td>
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<td>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. We are committed to providing fair, efficient, effective justice for all regardless of gender, race, cultural background, religious beliefs and/or sexual orientation. We must 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. 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.</td>
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<td>electsittingjudgesmcs.com</td>
<td>Appointed Judge Mont County Circuit Court Nov 2016. AA Mont college; BS, MS University. and JD American SpecialAgent 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).</td>
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<td><strong>David W. Lease</strong></td>
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<td>Current Judge, Circuit Court for Montgomery County. UM, Psyh., '88; U. Balt. Law, '91, summa cum laude. Extensive 26-years of trial and appellate practice in complex civil &amp; criminal matters. Co-founder of Smith. Lease &amp; Goldstein. Active in the Md. State &amp; Mont. Co. Bar Ass'ns. Board Member, Voices for Children, Mont. for 16 years (President 2 years). Mont. native, graduated Woodward H.S.</td>
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<td><strong>Kevin G. Hessler</strong></td>
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<td>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. 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.</td>
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<td><strong>Margaret Marie Schweitzer</strong></td>
<td>electsittingjudgesmcs.com</td>
<td>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. 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.</td>
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On the Ballot
Judge, Court of Special Appeals

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

How Elected
When there is a vacancy on the Court of Special Appeals, the governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office, with the consent of the State Senate. Once appointed, the appellate judge holds the office until the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. At that time, the sitting judge runs for an uncontested election for a ten-year term based on his or her record.

At large judges are listed on all Maryland ballots

Voters are asked to vote Yes or No to continue the judge in office. No one is permitted to run against the judge. If the incumbent judge is approved, the judge faces another “retention election” every ten years to continue in office. If the incumbent judge is rejected by the voters, the post becomes vacant, and the governor makes a new appointment.

Term
Ten years, no term limit. Mandatory retirement at age 70.

Salary
$168,633 per year.

Website
courts.state.md.us/cosappeals

Questions to the candidates for Judge, Court of Special Appeals:

- 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?

Vote YES or NO for continuance in office for both candidates.

At Large Candidates

Candidate | Donald E. Beachley | Matthew J. Fader

All Judicial candidates were invited to respond but provided no answers by the print deadline. Check vote411.org or lwvmocomd.org for responses submitted after the print deadline.
Montgomery County 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/

Questions to the candidates for Montgomery County State’s Attorney:

• 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.

John McCarthy
Democratic

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.

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

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.

Priorities

1. Reduce gun violence particularly homicides and armed robberies.
2. Expand protection of our senior population which will grow to 260,000 individuals in MC by 2020.
3. Explore solutions to address Opiate epidemic that confronts Montgomery County and entire State.
4. Implement creative alternatives to incarceration while maintaining public safety.

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.

No other candidates
Montgomery County 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

Questions to the candidates for Montgomery County Clerk of the Circuit Court:

- 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?

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Barbara H. Meiklejohn
Democratic

facebook.com/barbarameiklejohnforclerk

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.

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.

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.

Questions to the candidates for Montgomery County Register of Wills:

- 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?

Vote for no more than one (1) candidate.

### Dolores Reyes
**Republican**

My years of experience as a concerned citizen, voter and taxpayer has sufficiently prepared me to successfully run for and operate the Register of Will’s 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.

To ensure effective and efficient operations of the Register of Will’s 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.

### Joseph M. Griffin
**Democratic**

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

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.

To ensure effective and efficient operations of the Register of Will’s 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.

I will lobby for legislation allowing the Register of Will’s 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.
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/

Questions to the candidates for Montgomery County Sheriff:

- **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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### Jae Hwang

#### Republican

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.”

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. I will seek constant input from all individuals and ensure that exceptional service is provided to you.

### Darren Mark Popkin

#### Democratic

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.

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.
Questions to candidates for Montgomery County Board of Education:

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

- **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?
### Candidates for Montgomery County Board of Education – At Large, District 1

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<td>As an MCPS parent, I have been an education advocate in MCPS for 4 years, having served on the Special Education Advisory Committee, the MCPS Special Education Committee, the boards of three schools’ PTAs, and work groups and panels. I’ve been awarded a Maryland PTA Lifetime Achievement Award, an MCPS Special Education Committee Outstanding Parent Award, and a President’s Volunteer Award. Use accurate data (1) for CIPs 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. Tackle large classes, which make targeted instruction increasingly difficult. Lower lead levels in water. Addressing the achievement gap, including a pilot program for individual student learning plans, while expanding programs such as ACES, Linkages to Learning, and restorative justice practices to address the school to prison pipeline. Expanding access to public Pre-K (e.g., Head Start). Increasing effective educational opportunities for students with learning differences and/or special needs.</td>
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<td><strong>Maria Blaeuer</strong></td>
<td>mariaforboard.com</td>
<td>I am the parent two current MCPS students and an MCPS graduate, I am a former PTA officer, and I have been practicing education law on behalf of families for the past 10 years. I volunteer on the board of small charter school that serves at-risk students, I have trained families, teachers and administrators on special education law and have experience working with federal education grants. Two things - first we must plan for growth, and not react to growth. If we are reacting, we are too late and some of our students are already getting less than they deserve. Second, we must work together as a county for increased state support of education. We have had tremendous population growth, without a proportionate revenue increase; we need additional state fund for capital projects. I believe that schools should be healthy places for students physical and emotional. I support increasing the amount of school psychologists and social workers available to students, and seriously thinking about how we think do school discipline in MCPS to look at the child, school’s, family’s and community’s needs holistically and ways to prevent student’s time away from instruction.</td>
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<td>I am a lifelong educator who has taught English as a second language, STEM focusing on hands-on science, &amp; truant boys. I work as Dir. of Community Engagement for Montgomery College &amp; previously w/ the County Executive. I know Montgomery County very well. I’ve been a leader on closing the achievement gap &amp; in my local PTA. I’m an MCPS parent &amp; Latina immigrant who understands our changing county. I will cultivate better working relationships with the County Council so that school capacity is prioritized when new development is planned. We must think creatively about using non-traditional spaces for education where appropriate and promote on-line courses and dual enrollment at Montgomery College. Finally, we must fight for more and innovative state funding to address our aging buildings. School climate is key to school safety, &amp; staff &amp; student leaders influence this. Schools should support peer-to-peer student initiatives on bullying &amp; school violence. We need more partnerships w/ mental health organizations to support all students &amp; especially those at risk of gang involvement &amp; substance abuse. I would increase dialogue &amp; understanding between police &amp; our adolescent students. I currently manage partnerships county-wide &amp; know that we have several established models such as the Linkages to Learning programs &amp; Wellness Centers that are successful. These are effective for families &amp; students. MCPS should also fully adopt a “Community School” approach—where a school facility serves the entire community after school hours through partnerships with nonprofits.</td>
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<td>I am a lifelong educator who has taught English as a second language, STEM focusing on hands-on science, &amp; truant boys. I work as Dir. of Community Engagement for Montgomery College &amp; previously w/ the County Executive. I know Montgomery County very well. I’ve been a leader on closing the achievement gap &amp; in my local PTA. I’m an MCPS parent &amp; Latina immigrant who understands our changing county. I will cultivate better working relationships with the County Council so that school capacity is prioritized when new development is planned. We must think creatively about using non-traditional spaces for education where appropriate and promote on-line courses and dual enrollment at Montgomery College. Finally, we must fight for more and innovative state funding to address our aging buildings. School climate is key to school safety, &amp; staff &amp; student leaders influence this. Schools should support peer-to-peer student initiatives on bullying &amp; school violence. We need more partnerships w/ mental health organizations to support all students &amp; especially those at risk of gang involvement &amp; substance abuse. I would increase dialogue &amp; understanding between police &amp; our adolescent students. I currently manage partnerships county-wide &amp; know that we have several established models such as the Linkages to Learning programs &amp; Wellness Centers that are successful. These are effective for families &amp; students. MCPS should also fully adopt a “Community School” approach—where a school facility serves the entire community after school hours through partnerships with nonprofits.</td>
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<td><strong>Judy Docca</strong></td>
<td>None provided</td>
<td>Judith R. Docca, B.A., Penn State, Romance Language and Literature; M.A., George Washington, Romance Language and Literature; Ph.D, George Washington, Educational Administration. Teacher of Spanish and French; Human Relations Coordinator; Assistant Principal, Montgomery Blair High School; Principal, Argyle Middle School. Member, Board of Education for three terms. Founder, MCBASE The Council Te Council needs to set aside land for new school buildings when development is approved. I advocate re-purposing commercial buildings especially for special programs and middle schools. Continue to advocate for more of our share of State capital funding (MCPS is 17% of Maryland’s population and receives only 12% State capital funding). Continually update in Health Curriculum clear information re opioid / heroin abuse. Work closely with Parent Advisory Groups, along with MC Council PTAs, to establish a recovery school(s). Establish regularly-scheduled meetings with MC police officers, school staff members and PTA on how to identify evidence of gang membership, cyber bullying and potential suicide. Continue and enhance partnerships with Montgomery College, Universities at Shady Grove and UMD—including in post-graduate courses in career / technology certification and medical. Continue to encourage university employees and members of the military service to train for teaching certification.</td>
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My top three priorities are: 1) Closing the opportunity gap; 2) Hiring for more diversity and supporting our present employees in working conditions and compensation; 3) Making sure all students have equitable access to college, career / technology, advanced placement, international baccalaureate programs and supporting rigorous programs in safe and well-maintained schools.
### Candidates for Montgomery County Board of Education – Districts 3, 5

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<td><strong>Lynn Amano</strong></td>
<td>lynnmano.com</td>
<td>- Coordinated advocacy to increase funds - Choice programs for underserved schools - Explore cost-reducing alternatives (existing buildings, new construction) - Work with Parks and Planning and (County Council members for smarter planning.</td>
<td>I am a 17-year MCPS parent and education advocate at all levels, with unique experience in both high-achieving and high-FARMS schools. As PTA leader, Neighborhood leader, campaign volunteer and MCPS committee member (boundary, site selection, construction, achievement gap) I have proposed options and creative solutions to stall de facto segregation and address equity in our schools.</td>
<td>I managed research concerned with resource allocation and improving outcomes for students at risk. I was also Program Manager for the National Assessment of Educational Progress, responsible for the overall administrative management and reporting of results as the “Nations Report Card.” These experiences have given me a national perspective on issues relevant for the Board’s consideration.</td>
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<td><strong>Brenda Wolff</strong></td>
<td>brendawolff.com</td>
<td>- 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.</td>
<td>MCPS can expand wraparound programs like Linkages to Learning and Wellness and after-school 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.</td>
<td>Student achievement is impacted by their sense of security as well as their belief about being welcome in the school community. I support open and honest communication between schools and the community. I also support strengthening background checks on school employees and well as periodic rechecks, cameras in the buildings and buses, and participation in available nationwide databases.</td>
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<td><strong>Patricia O’Neill</strong></td>
<td>patoneill.org</td>
<td>- 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, G/T, CTE, AFJROTC, Special Needs.</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>MCPS and the County Council should look toward developing more effective partnerships to deal with issues that they both encounter that impact students and families such as Pre-K and health. An example of a joint effort that expands opportunity for students and exposure to various careers is Summer RISE. I support expanded public-private partnerships, especially after-school programs. The first is accountability. We need to ensure that our money is being spent on programs that work. The second area is universal Pre-K starting with our most vulnerable students. This will directly impact the achievement gap. I want to ensure equitable opportunities without regard to zip code. The third area is facilities. Students need safe spaces conducive to learning.</td>
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On the Ballot

Ballot Questions

In November, county voters will be asked to mark their ballots FOR or AGAINST two amendments to the Maryland Constitution and three amendments to the Montgomery County Charter. The proposed amendments are presented to voters as questions on their ballots.

Ballot questions may come from a group of citizens who collect the required number of signatures on an issue they wish to present to voters for a decision. The state legislature or county council can also propose a change that requires approval by the voters, such as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution or a change to the County Charter.

The amendments are written in legal language because, if approved, they become part of a law, state constitution, or county charter. Voters often find it hard to understand the meaning of the amendments and whether to vote for or against the question.

The text for each of the five proposed amendments that will be on the November 2018 ballot is boxed, followed by an explanation of each issue.

All Montgomery County voters can vote FOR or AGAINST the two State Constitutional Amendments and the three Montgomery County Charter Amendments.

Vote FOR or AGAINST each question.

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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 357 of the 2018 Legislative Session)

Requiring Commercial Gaming Revenues that are for Public Education to Supplement Spending for Education in Public Schools

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

FOR the Constitutional Amendment

AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:
- It ensures that gaming revenues are directed to public education as intended and approved by voters.
- It addresses concerns that the state was using gaming revenues to substitute for education funding that was already required by law, rather than increasing the total amount of education funding.
- It creates a “lock box” to ensure that gaming revenues are in addition to other public education funding and cannot be used as a substitute for already required funds.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:
- The amendment would reduce the state’s flexibility to use gaming revenues for other state programs.
- The amendment would eliminate the use of gaming revenues to fund capital projects at community and public colleges.

A vote FOR Question 1 means the Maryland constitution would be amended to specify that revenue from gaming be added to other state funding for public education and cannot be used as a substitute for other required education funding.

A vote AGAINST Question 1 means the current provision in the Maryland constitution would remain in effect, under which gaming revenue is used for public education, but those funds may be in place of other mandated state funding for schools.
Ballot Questions – State Constitutional Amendments

See page 40 for an overview about Ballot Questions.

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 855 of the 2018 Legislative Session)

Same-Day Registration and Voting at the Precinct Polling Place on Election Day

Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to allow a qualified individual to register and vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day. The current law requires voter registration to close before Election Day.

(Amending Article 1, sections 1 and 2, and adding Section 2A to the Maryland constitution.)

FOR the Constitutional Amendment  AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment

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

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

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

Arguments FOR the amendment:
• Voting is a fundamental right that should not be lost due to failure to comply with a registration requirement.
• Same-day registration and voting already takes place during early voting. On-the-spot validation of a voter’s documentation is conducted before the voter is allowed to vote. These procedures could also be used for same-day registration and voting on Election Day.
• Fourteen other states allow same-day voter registration and voting on Election Day and have not reported problems.

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

A vote FOR Question 2 means that the Maryland constitution would be amended to allow the legislature to enact a law permitting people to register to vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day and vote the same day.

A vote AGAINST Question 2 means that the Maryland constitution would not be amended, and people would need to register to vote before Election Day.
**Ballot Questions – County Charter Amendments**

See page 40 for an overview about Ballot Questions.

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**Question A**

Charter Amendment by Act of County Council

**Redistricting Procedure – Composition of Redistricting Commission**

Amend Section 104 of the County Charter to remove party central committees from the process for selecting the Redistricting Commission that is appointed by the Council every ten years to review the boundaries of Council districts, and providing that the Redistricting Commission must:

- be composed of 11 County residents who are registered voters;
- include at least one, but no more than four members of each political party which polled at least fifteen percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for the Council in the last preceding regular election;
- include at least one member from each Council district.

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**Current Law:** The Redistricting Commission has nine members, chosen by the County Council. Every ten years after the national census, the Council must choose a new Redistricting Commission. The Central Committees of each political party that polled at least 15% of the total vote cast for all candidates for the Council in the preceding regular election (currently the Democratic and Republican parties) each submit a list of eight candidates. The Council chooses four from each list. Each list must contain at least one individual who resides in each Council district. The Council also chooses a ninth member of the Commission.

**Proposed Change:** The amendment increases the size of the Redistricting Commission from nine to eleven registered Montgomery County voters. It allows the Council to appoint voters registered as Unaffiliated or with a recognized “third” party (currently Green or Libertarian). The Democratic and Republican Central Committees will no longer nominate candidates. Registered voters may apply to be on the Redistricting Commission without having to be pre-screened by the central committees. The amendment gives the Council more flexibility in the number of Democrats and Republicans to appoint - “at least one but no more than four members each” - rather than four each as currently required. The Redistricting Commission would still have to include at least one member from each Council district.

**Origin of the Ballot Question:** The Charter Review Commission recommended this change so voters of Montgomery County will be more fairly represented on the Redistricting Commission. In 1968 when Section 104 was added to the Charter, most voters registered as Democrats or Republicans. Today 22.5% of voters register as Unaffiliated with any party or with a “third” party (Green or Libertarian), but they cannot serve on the Redistricting Commission.

**Arguments FOR the amendment:**
- Opening membership on the Commission to all county voters, including those registered as Unaffiliated, Green or Libertarian in addition to Democrats and Republicans, more accurately reflects the current Montgomery County electorate.
- More political diversity on the Commission may result in more moderate voices, less partisanship and more willingness to compromise.
- Removal of the Democratic and Republican Central Committees from the nomination process may result in Commission members with a county-wide rather than partisan orientation. Central committee nominees may put too much value on the interests of their parties.
- The Redistricting Commission is the only Council-appointed or County-appointed commission that limits membership to partisan political groups such as Democrats and Republicans.

**Arguments AGAINST the amendment:**
- The central committees may perform a useful role in screening party members for membership on the Commission.
- The self-nominated Commission members may not reflect the views of the Democratic and Republican Central Committees.
- Together, Democratic and Republican voters represent the largest share of the Montgomery County electorate (Democrats 58% and Republicans 18%) and should have a dominant voice in redistricting decisions.

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**A vote FOR Question A means** the County Charter would be amended to enlarge the Redistricting Commission to eleven registered voters and create the opportunity for Unaffiliated or “third party” (currently, Libertarian and Green) voters to be members of the Commission. It also removes the role of the Democratic and Republican Central Committees in nominating Commission members and allows the Council more flexibility in the number of Democratic and Republican members to appoint (at least one but no more than four each).

**A vote AGAINST Question A means** the County Charter would not be amended. The Redistricting Commission would continue to consist of nine members, with eight members (four Democrats and four Republicans) chosen from lists of nominees provided by the Democratic and Republican Central Committees.
Ballot Questions – County Charter Amendments

See page 40 for an overview about Ballot Questions.

Question B
Charter Amendment by Act of County Council

Property Tax Limit – Votes Needed to Override

Amend Section 305 of the County Charter to require an affirmative vote of all current Councilmembers, rather than the specific nine votes currently required, to levy a tax on real property that will produce revenue that exceeds the annual limit on property tax revenue set in that section.

FOR the Charter Amendment  AGAINST the Charter Amendment

Current Law: The County Council is composed of nine members. Currently, "an affirmative vote of nine, not seven, Councilmembers" is required to approve an increase in the real property tax rate that is above an increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). If there is a vacancy on the Council, there would be fewer than nine Councilmembers and no way to raise the real estate tax rate above the CPI increase during the period of the vacancy, even if all the Councilmembers supported the change. Current law does not cover situations in which the Council has fewer members than the specified nine.

Proposed Change: The ballot language recommends changing "an affirmative vote of nine, not seven, Councilmembers" to "an affirmative vote of all current Councilmembers." Replacing the specific number of nine with "all current" Councilmembers would permit the Council to approve a property tax increase above the CPI increase no matter how many members are on the Council, as long as all of them agree.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The Charter Review Commission proposed this change. The current provision requiring "an affirmative vote of nine, not seven, Councilmembers" was approved by voters in 2008. Before that time, an increase in the property tax above the CPI increase required only a supermajority of seven Councilmembers. The current language makes it impossible for the Council to increase property taxes above the CPI increase without the unanimous approval of all nine members.

Arguments FOR the amendment:
- If the amendment is passed, the votes of all Councilmembers would still be needed to raise the property tax above the CPI increase, even if a vacancy reduced the number of Councilmembers.
- The proposed amendment does not change the intent of the 2008 referendum approved by the voters. The vote to raise the property tax above the CPI increase still requires approval by all Councilmembers.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:
- A vacancy on the Council occurs only rarely, and may be filled fairly quickly by appointment.
- The language of the proposed amendment may be unclear in that "current Councilmembers" is not defined.

A vote FOR Question B means the County Charter would be changed to require the support of all Councilmembers to approve a property tax increase above the CPI increase, rather than the currently specified nine members. It would allow the Council to approve such a property tax increase if there are fewer than nine Councilmembers. The current charter states that such a tax increase requires the support of nine members, even if a vacancy reduces the number of members below nine.

A vote AGAINST Question B means the County Charter would not be changed, and the current language requiring a vote of nine Councilmembers to approve a property tax increase above the CPI increase would be retained. If there are fewer than nine Councilmembers, the Council would be unable to approve a property tax increase above the CPI increase until a change is made to the Charter or the Council has nine members again.
Ballot Questions – County Charter Amendments

See page 40 for an overview about Ballot Questions.

Question C
Charter Amendment by Act of County Council (section 401 of the County Charter)

Merit System – Councilmembers’ Aides

Amend Section 401 of the County Charter to permit each Councilmember to have one or more aides as non-merit employees, rather than the one confidential aide currently permitted.

FOR the Charter Amendment

AGAINST the Charter Amendment

Current Law: Each Councilmember is permitted to have only “one confidential aide” who is not covered by the merit system rules for county employees. Other Council staff are employed under the merit system that governs the human resource management of county employees, and includes rules for hiring, discipline, dismissal, appeal rights, salary and benefits.

Proposed Change: The new language would allow a Councilmember to hire more than one aide outside of the merit system. It also removes the word “confidential” in the text describing the aides, to make it consistent with current practice. This provision applies to the staff who work directly for an individual Councilmember. Each individual Councilmember typically employs a staff of four or five, consisting of a Chief of Staff and Legislative Aides.

Origin of the Ballot Question: The Council proposed this amendment to give Councilmembers flexibility to hire one or more aides quickly rather than going through the more time-consuming merit process. The merit system rules, designed to ensure fair treatment of applicants and employees, can slow the hiring process, and delay making necessary staff changes. In addition, the merit system’s categories of qualifications may not adequately describe the skills, knowledge and abilities that Councilmembers require in their personal staff.

Arguments FOR the amendment:
• The change would allow Councilmembers to hire and dismiss their personal staff without delays that may result from following the merit system rules.
• Each Councilmember could choose the applicant best suited to work with him or her rather than one who fits a category described in the merit system rules.
• It would eliminate the word “confidential,” an outdated term.

Arguments AGAINST the amendment:
• The non-merit aides would not have the protections that the merit system provides, such as rules about suspension, demotion, dismissal and appeal rights.
• Hiring outside the merit system may create an appearance of hiring based on connections and political affiliation rather than on merit.
• Hiring outside the merit system could result in less diverse staff.
• Councilmembers may choose to hire all or most aides outside the merit system.

A vote FOR Question C means the County Charter would be amended to allow Councilmembers to hire more than one non-merit system aide.

A vote AGAINST Question C means the County Charter would not be amended and Councilmembers will remain limited to hiring one non-merit aide.
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