



Montgomery County, MD

Voters' Guide

*Expanded version with all candidate responses
except candidates for U.S. President*

2020 Primary Election

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

This guide contains the candidates' responses to all of the questions on issues asked by the League, for all offices on the 2020 Primary Election ballot except U.S. President (see pages 6-8). The responses were downloaded directly from Vote411.org exactly as entered by the candidate, without any changes. This same information is available in an interactive online format at Vote411.org.

This guide is offered as a **supplement** to the *Voters' Guide* that was printed as a tabloid newspaper and available on the www.lwvmocomd.org website as a pdf. A few copies are available through the LWV Montgomery County office – please call 301-984-9585 or send an email to lwvmc@erols.com. Because of the COVID-19 emergency situation that closes many of our usual distribution points (libraries, recreation and regional centers, etc.), most of the print copies were mailed to newly registered voters in Montgomery County and the League's distribution list.

Because of the large number of candidates for offices on the ballot, we found it necessary to abbreviate the information in the print version in order to keep it to a manageable, readable, and affordable length. The following guidelines were used for both the English and Spanish print editions:

- For Presidential candidates, we print only the candidate names that will appear on the Maryland ballot, with web and social media sites, when available. The League of Women Voters of the United States through its Education Fund (LWVEF) set the criteria by which presidential candidates are invited to participate in VOTE411.org or LWV Voters' Guides (e.g., candidates having made a public announcement and meeting minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds). LWVEF also requires that a candidate has partisan opponents meeting this criteria **or** has active partisan opponents on the state ballot in order for any responses from a party's candidate to be included in a voters' guide. Please see further explanations with each party's candidates on pages 4 and 5. The responses from candidates who met LWVEF criteria are available at Vote411.org.

- For Congressional and Board of Education candidates, we printed the responses to a majority of the questions and directed the reader to Vote411.org and our website lwvmocomd.org to read the candidate responses to the remaining questions.
- For candidates running for delegates to the National Political Party Conventions, we printed a listing of all candidates by party with their designated Presidential candidate preference and directed the reader to Vote411.org and our website lwvmocomd.org to read the candidate responses to the questions posed.

For the 2020 Primary Election, we offer three ways to obtain information about the voting procedures, offices and candidates:

1. Online, interactive guide - vote411.org. Enter your address to find information on the candidates who will be on your ballot. Some candidates supplied responses in Spanish, but see below for more complete Spanish information.
2. Printed easy-to-read *Voters' Guide* – available as a viewable/printable PDF on our website lwvmocomd.org and as a tabloid newspaper from the LWV Montgomery County office.
3. *Guía de Votantes* – available as a printed Spanish tabloid insert in *El Tiempo Latino*, May 8, 2020 and as a viewable/printable PDF on our website lwvmocomd.org, with voting information, office descriptions and the Congressional, judicial and Board of Education Spanish responses as supplied by the candidates or translated by *El Tiempo Latino* at the candidate's request. An “Expanded” *Guía de Votantes* is available as a Spanish Word PDF on our website lwvmocomd.org. It is the companion to this English document, with all of a candidate's responses in Spanish (except for Presidential candidates).

Offices and candidates in this guide are listed in the same order in which they will appear on your ballot. In the Maryland Primary, you must be a registered as a Republican or Democrat to vote for that party's candidates, and your ballot will contain that party's candidates only with the non-partisan candidates for Board of Education. Voters registered as Unaffiliated or with any other party will receive a ballot containing nonpartisan Board of Education candidates only. Maryland law does not allow write-in candidates for the Primary Election.

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Offices on the Ballot and Candidate Responses

U.S. President

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

TERM: Four years. Limit of two terms.

BASE SALARY: \$400,000 per year.

Questions

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

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

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

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

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

Republican Candidates

Republican may vote for no more than 1

LWVEF requires that at least two candidates for President from the same party meet their criteria (see page 1). The following two Republican candidates for U.S. President appear on the Maryland primary ballot.

Donald J. Trump

Campaign Website: www.donaldjtrump.com

Campaign Facebook: facebook.com/DonaldTrump

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/realdonaldtrump

Other Instagram: instagram.com/realdonaldtrump

Bill Weld

Campaign Website: www.weld2020.org

Campaign Facebook: facebook.com/govbillweld

Campaign Twitter: [@govebillweld](https://twitter.com/govebillweld)

Campaign Instagram: instagram.com/govebillweld

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Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

All of the Democratic candidates for U.S. President listed below appear on the Maryland primary ballot. The Democratic candidates who met the LWVEF criteria and provided responses to the League's questions are marked with an asterisk (*). Candidates who have withdrawn or suspended their campaign are indicated with a hash mark (#). However, since there are not two active candidates on the Maryland Democratic Party primary ballot remaining in the race (see page 1), candidate responses can be found at **vote411.org**.

Michael Bennet #

Campaign Website: www.michaelbennet.com

Campaign Twitter: @MichaelBennet

***Joe Biden**

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/joebiden/>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/JoeBiden

Campaign Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/joebiden/>

Campaign YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/joebiden>

Michael Bloomberg #

Campaign Website: www.mikebloomberg.com

Campaign Twitter: @mikebloomberg

***Cory Booker #**

Campaign Website: www.corybooker.com

Campaign Twitter: @corybooker

***Pete Buttigieg #**

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/petebuttigieg1/>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/PeteButtigieg

Campaign Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/pete.buttigieg/>

Julian Castro #

Campaign Website: www.julianforthefuture.com

***Tulsi Gabbard #**

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/TulsiGabbard/>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/TulsiGabbard

Campaign Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/tulsi/>

Campaign YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBTNyrZoiTweJ1PZsJgdWTA>

***Amy Klobuchar #**

Campaign Website: amyklobuchar.com/

Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/amyklobuchar/

Campaign Twitter: @amyklobuchar

Campaign Instagram: www.instagram.com/amyklobuchar/?hl=en

Campaign YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCZZ4_LJnkeGnbiqQPKYDTaA/featured

Deval Patrick #

Campaign Website: www.devalpatrick2020.com

***Bernie Sanders #**

Campaign Website: berniesanders.com/

Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/berniesanders/

Campaign Twitter: BernieSanders

Campaign Instagram: www.instagram.com/berniesanders/

Campaign YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCH1dpzjCEiGAt8CXkryhkZg

Tom Steyer #

Campaign Website: www.tomsteyer.com

***Elizabeth Warren #**

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ElizabethWarren/>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/ewarren

Campaign Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/elizabethwarren/>

Campaign YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrj-0FxK19tgUR2EbHkBBGg>

Marianne Williamson #

Campaign Website: www.marianne2020.com

***Andrew Yang #**

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/andrewyang2020/>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/AndrewYang

Campaign Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/andrewyang2020/?hl=en>

Campaign YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriluQZpMi6gEt_2P7xKCww

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U.S. Representative in Congress

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

Term: Two years

Base Salary: \$174,000.

How Elected: Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland has eight of the 435 Representatives, based on the state's population in the 2010 Census. Montgomery County is represented by three Congressional Districts – 3, 5 and 8. To verify your correct district, check your registration entry at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> or your voter registration card.

Website: www.house.gov

Questions

GOALS: Why are you running for this office?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

District 3 – U.S. Representative in Congress

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Charles Anthony

No responses received by deadline.

Thomas E. "Pinkston" Harris

No responses received by deadline.

Reba A. Hawkins

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/rebahawkins2020

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GOALS: I want to be an advocate for the Baltimore Maryland region by: promoting macro-economic growth development, and promoting legislation that defends middle class values and Constitutional rights, securing federal funds to rebuild and construct new infrastructure, and create a culture of accountability, transparency, and respect for the rule of law.

IMMIGRATION: I support the full-enforcement and expansion of all e-verification and I-9 compliance laws that holds employers accountable, the permanent denial of citizenship to criminal illegal aliens, and the denial to undocumented persons social welfare programs and assistance. Congress needs to fix our broken immigration system that honors Americans and those that properly participate in the legal process.

HEALTH CARE: The ACA has serious fiscal challenges and this must be remedied in a bipartisan effort. Americans need access to safe drinking water and nutritious food as preventative medicine. Debt-swaps, tax-relief, restrictions on PPO/HMO/EPO monopolies, & pro-bono programs need to be introduced to reduce runaway costs and health professionals changing careers.

ENVIRONMENT: The government should reverse its preference for the fossil fuel sector and for corporate polluters. The EPA must be de-politicized and empowered to protect the air, water, and vital environmental standards. We must make our country as green as possible promoting sustainability, recycling, and renewable energy and eco-friendly development.

GUN SAFETY: We need a national database wherein all gun purchases are vetted. All persons guilty of using a gun for a crime must be denied the right to buy or own a gun for no less than 10 years. We must make harsh examples of persons who commit violent crimes with firearms.

ECONOMY: The income disparity in the USA can be brought to heel by the introduction of economic reparative programs for Blacks and other impoverished Americans. Our poor people deserve the same support that illegal aliens receive from the Office for New Americans and DACA all over America.

DISCRIMINATION: We must end all discrimination against women via the effort of a vocal minority to eliminate their Title 9 protections and immunities. Homeland Security must be empowered to fight racial domestic terrorism and other extremists. Last, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 must be fully defended and implemented.

STUDENT LOANS: We must end the student debt crisis by allowing Americans to file for bankruptcy, to amortize their debts by performing community services, and/or fully waiving the debt just like our "too big to fail" businesses, trading houses, and banks were allowed to do. America cannot grow if it's young who represent the future are debt slaves!

Joshua M. Morales

No responses received by deadline.

Rob Seyfferth

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GOALS: To serve the interests of the country, state and the 3rd Congressional District by providing everyday life experience to the job of legislating!

IMMIGRATION: Enforcement of our borders and our laws. However, I do support a path to citizenship based on service in the military, foreign service or civil service or the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps. For others, a path to legality, but not citizenship.

HEALTH CARE: Eliminate and replace it with a state based plan to allow the states to design and implement their own plans according to their own needs with support from the Federal government.

ENVIRONMENT: I believe we can use the tax code to make financially rewarding for private firms to use clean fuels and being good stewards of the environment.

GUN SAFETY: Expand mental health checks and firearms safety certification.

ECONOMY: Use the tax code to make it profitable to raise employee wages

DISCRIMINATION: Current legislation is appropriate; however, we do need more aggressive enforcement of current laws.

STUDENT LOANS: Abolish them and allow them to be discharged through normal bankruptcy procedures.

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Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

Joseph C. Ardito

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Campaign Instagram: @joeardito2020

Campaign Email: joe@joeardito.com

GOALS: I am running to represent Maryland's 3rd congressional district because our current representative has served 7 terms (nearly 14 years!) and I believe that is enough—we must have term limits. While I have lived in the 3rd district, I have neither seen nor heard from our representative. The time for absentee representation is over. We deserve passionate, engaged, and energetic representation.

IMMIGRATION: The unconscionable cruelty exhibited by the US towards immigrants and refugees must come to an immediate end. In Congress, I will protect the DREAMers by codifying DACA and ensuring a path to citizenship. It is time for the US to implement humane policies that safeguard the lives of our fellow human beings, many of whom are escaping circumstances most of us are not capable of comprehending.

HEALTH CARE: We must either protect and continue to improve the ACA by adding a public option and trying harder to make it work for all Americans, or we must have Medicare available to all of us. The current health care system in this country is an abomination. Its complexity and corrupt, profit-driven private insurance company-benefitting model, at the expense of human life, is criminal and must end.

ENVIRONMENT: The US should be the world LEADER in addressing the global environmental crisis. The federal government's current position on global warming is pathetic, dangerous, and inexcusable. Once in Congress, I will pass legislation that will help eliminate our reliance on fossil fuels, which are responsible for polluting our atmosphere and contribute directly to the global environmental crisis.

GUN SAFETY: The NRA will not bully me. We can defend the Constitution AND enact sensible gun laws that can save the lives of our children and loved ones. We must ban assault weapons, conduct universal background checks, restrict magazine size, provide for a waiting period, impose criminal penalties on individuals who do not restrict access to firearms, and institute robust national mental health counseling.

ECONOMY: The federal minimum wage has been \$7.25/hr since 2009. Before that, it was \$5.15/hr. These numbers are real—and they are indefensible. The minimum wage must be raised—incrementally over time—to at least \$15/hr. Research has shown that even slightly higher wages decrease rates of suicide and crime. Increasing the minimum wage to a more humane amount will have far reaching and positive effects.

DISCRIMINATION: Federal anti-discrimination laws must be updated to explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression. For example, transgender women of color are a highly vulnerable population and are considered disposable in this society. We must implement anti-discrimination initiatives in public schools nationwide to stop these human rights abuses.

STUDENT LOANS: I know firsthand how burdensome student loan debt is. I support federal legislation to relieve the 43 million borrowers of their collective \$1.4 trillion in student loans owned by the US Department of Education. The suffocating debts incurred in the pursuit of education are an unjust tax on the continued growth, evolution, and ingenuity of America's students and the future of our country.

John M. Rea

No responses received by deadline.

John Sarbanes

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GOALS: I am running to strengthen our democracy by ending the influence of big money in politics, protecting the right to vote and ensuring that public officials work for the public interest. To make progress on the most pressing issues we face, we first need a political system that responds to the many, not the money. Too many Americans feel shut out by Washington; we need to bring them back in.

IMMIGRATION: I oppose the Trump Administration's immigration policies including zero tolerance/family separation, restricting asylum, ICE operating in sensitive locations, the public charge rule and efforts to end DACA and TPS, among others. We need an immigration policy that protects economic interests while providing a path to citizenship and a humane, legal framework for people to come to the United States.

HEALTH CARE: I am a strong supporter of the ACA and believe that we must stop and reverse years of Republican sabotage, which has increased costs and limited access to health care. I also believe we can expand on the ACA's successes, including by passing a public option or a single-payer, Medicare for All system – both of which I support – and passing H.R. 3 to reduce the costs of prescription drugs.

ENVIRONMENT: Climate change is the existential crisis of our day. The federal government must lead the effort to reach net-zero carbon emissions that includes a just transition for all communities, including our most vulnerable. We must rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement, reverse course on Trump’s deregulatory agenda, and promote green technology that moves the nation towards a healthier, sustainable future.

GUN SAFETY: I have voted to close loopholes and strengthen our background check system. I also support an assault weapons ban, banning large capacity magazines, a national system for extreme-risk protection orders, mandatory safe gun storage, raising the purchasing age for certain firearms and prohibiting persons convicted of hate crimes from buying guns.

ECONOMY: The key to addressing income inequality is fixing our democracy so that economic power does not equal political power. We need to reverse decades of tax cuts for the wealthy and big business and reinvest those revenues in our people – including by reducing the financial burden of health care, housing and education. We must focus on economic justice and building wealth in marginalized communities.

DISCRIMINATION: I strongly support important civil rights legislation like the Equality Act, the Paycheck Fairness Act, the End Racial Profiling Act and the NO BAN Act. I also support building on criminal justice reforms like the First Step Act. I authored H.R. 1, which would expand access to the ballot, particularly for racial minorities and persons with disabilities, who face additional barriers to voting.

STUDENT LOANS: I authored the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program to provide debt relief for individuals who work in public service. I introduced the What You Can Do For Your Country Act, which strengthens PSLF and ensures its proper administration by the Department of Education. I oppose the Trump Administration’s attacks on student borrowers and believe we must better protect them from predatory lenders.

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District 6 - U.S Representative in Congress

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Kevin T. Caldwell

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CaldwellforAmerica>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/Caldwell4MD6CD

GOALS: To offer my fellow citizens (my country) the opportunity to have a Rep.who will perform their most basic duty, protecting you from those who would use your Government against you. To defend the ideas & principles that my father (Vietnam), my wife & I (Post 9/11) have served & sworn to protect. I am running because I understand that my freedom is directly related to yours.

IMMIGRATION: Secure our borders. End sanctuary cities for violent criminals. Protect Americans by ensuring those who come into our country mean its citizens no harm. After securing the nation, we must focus on dealing with those who have been in the country already.

HEALTH CARE: I would end the Affordable Care Act. We need to move this sector of our economy back to market-based solutions. We must allow the consumers to control the \$3.6 trillion spent on health care, not Gov. officials & special interest. Like all resources, either we decide through our choices their cost & allocation or others decide for us.

No other responses received by deadline for remaining questions.

Chris P. Meyyur

Campaign Website: <http://www.meyyur2020.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/chrismeyyur>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/chrismeyyur

GOALS: I care about our future as a nation. I run to act on the issues that will help the middle class and to end hostilities in Asia and bring troops home. Invest eight trillion dollars on domestic priorities. My priorities are bringing the cost of college education down and wipe out portions of student debt and bring tax burden of families making less than 300K. Strengthen public education.

IMMIGRATION: No change is needed.

HEALTH CARE: ACA needs to be revised and improved. My goal is bringing a third medical school to Maryland. I envision a large medical university and VA hospital closer to Fort Detrick and National Cancer Institute in Frederick. I will strive to remove various barriers to improve the healthcare delivery.

ENVIRONMENT: Clean air, land and water is essential for us and future generations to come. I will support following actions. Chesapeake Bay Regional Authority will be established to mitigate and clean our land and waterways and restore the ecosystems with 5 billion dollar investment over a decade.

GUN SAFETY: I am very sensitive on this topic as my son's friend and his sister and mother were murdered by his father. Second Amendment Rights must be protected and also we need to come together with an understanding and consensus on measures to prevent mass killings.

ECONOMY: The worst case of income gap is homeless working people and homeless veterans. I will introduce variable minimum wage based on data points with the e-verify process.

DISCRIMINATION: There are 6 billion people live in the world and they are different in so many ways. We could solve the bias with mutual respect and understanding rather than by legal force. I will make Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) waived if aggrieved party decides so.

STUDENT LOANS: Will bring the cost of college education down and wipe out portions of student debt. Out of State tuition will be abolished across the board in Public Universities with federal reimbursement. Rural Americans will be recognized and designated as a diversity population for Affirmative Action in college admission. 529 plans will be federal and state tax exempt allowing parents to save tax free.

Neil C. Parrott

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/ParrottForCongress/>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/neilparrott

Campaign Instagram: [instagram-parrottforcongress](https://www.instagram.com/parrottforcongress)

Campaign Email: neil@neilparrott.org

GOALS: Washington DC is a mess. District 6 needs a representative who lives in the District and who will work to improve our community and our country. I care about our nation and want to ensure that our children, that future generations, will have the same opportunities and freedoms that we enjoyed. Instead of playing political games, I'll work for you to bring common-sense, practical solutions to DC.

IMMIGRATION: Existing immigration laws need to be followed. Lack of immigration enforcement and a porous southern border have led to suffering from gangs like MS 13 who terrorize our District, opioid and fentanyl deaths, and increased human trafficking. Sanctuary cities need to be stopped, the border wall needs to be constructed, and companies who take advantage of illegal aliens should be heavily fined.

HEALTH CARE: The Affordable Care Act is anything but affordable. Since passing, health insurance, health care, and prescription drug costs skyrocketed. The quality of care has also degraded; when did you last see a real doctor instead of a PA? Our country can do better by repealing and replacing Obamacare by using free market solutions that will bring costs down and increase quality of care.

ENVIRONMENT: The primary world polluter is China. They dump over 96% more plastic into the ocean than the US and contribute the largest percentage of the worlds CO2. Given that, the US should not sacrifice our manufacturing jobs to countries that do not have effective environmental laws. Trade laws as a negotiating tactic to get China and other countries to pollute less.

GUN SAFETY: Access to firearms is guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment. Our country has a violence epidemic. A major cause of the problem is that we no longer adequately treat the mentally ill as we should. Instead, they often live untreated until they commit an act of violence. Jails have been turned into our new insane asylums. Our jails should be for the career criminals who terrorize our communities.

ECONOMY: The American experiment has worked and is working. Our economic system is based on the government valuing property rights and providing a fair playing field so that everyone has the chance to succeed. Our system allows people to pursue their own individual goals, where incentives are provided to invest, to take risks, to work hard, or to acquire new skills.

DISCRIMINATION: Martin Luther King indicated that, “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” It’s time for government policies to embrace this concept. For example, merit should be used to decide who receives government contracts and to decide who is accepted into AP classes.

STUDENT LOANS: Education. As a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, I manage a college scholarships program. When 1st year students apply, I ask them to read finance materials and to write a paper about the effect of college debt. Unfortunately, schools aren’t teaching our students proper financial literacy, and this year I’ve introduced a bill to require financial literacy to be a part of the curriculum.

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Democratic Candidates

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Maxwell A. Bero

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

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/beroforcongress

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Campaign Email: campaign@maxwellbero.com

GOALS: I believe that real, progressive change, such as the Green New Deal and Medicare-for-all, is both possible and necessary in our country. The 6th District is my home; I grew up here, I live here, and I work here. I’m tired of not seeing my representatives in Congress fight for real progressive change, and want to do my best to deliver real change for my district.

IMMIGRATION: I support simplifying the path to citizenship and invest in widespread English education for all immigrants, to make it easier for immigrants to integrate into, and partake in, American society. We need to end the policy of separating families at the border; our country should not be in the business of building walls and turning people away, but rather welcoming people from all backgrounds.

HEALTH CARE: I support implementing single-payer Medicare-for-all. While the current Affordable Care Act helps some people, it does not go far enough to guarantee comprehensive health care to all citizens. Health care should not be tied to one’s job; no one should make a career decision based on insurance coverage. The government should provide comprehensive health coverage to all citizens.

ENVIRONMENT: The federal government needs to come together to pass the Green New Deal, and make environmental protection and addressing climate change a priority across the entire country and economy. The US should also take a leadership role on the world stage by rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement and working with other countries to address climate change on a global scale.

GUN SAFETY: I support increasing background checks and red flag laws to prevent dangerous people from being able to own and purchase guns. I also support reinstating the assault rifle ban and limiting the size of magazines available to consumers, and expanding voluntary buyback programs, so people can voluntarily get guns off of their streets and out of the hands of criminals.

ECONOMY: I support raising the federal minimum wage to \$15, and then tying the minimum wage to the rate of inflation, so that the economy does not expand faster than the wages of the working class. I also support a wealth tax and a new progressive tax bracket for those making over \$10 million a year, to ensure that our wealthiest citizens are not hoarding wealth at the expense of our poorest Americans.

DISCRIMINATION: I support any and all legislation that makes any discrimination illegal, and fully support the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. All citizens should feel secure in their ability to get and hold a job, have housing, and live their daily lives without fear of harassment and discrimination.

STUDENT LOANS: I support legislation that ensures a free path to a 4-year degree is available to all Americans, which would include a free 2-year associate's program at local community colleges.. I will also support a student loan forgiveness plan that immediately eliminates all individual student loans less than \$50,000, and progressively reduces loan amounts above that.

David J. Trone

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GOALS: I'm running for reelection because we need people in Washington who think long-term and are committed to helping America's most vulnerable. While we have made strides towards this goal, we must do more to end the opioid epidemic, reform our criminal justice system, and ensure every child receives a quality education. I'm committed to remaining in this fight for people.

IMMIGRATION: Immigrants are vital to maintaining the success and spirit of our nation. I support comprehensive immigration reform, and I was proud to help the House of Representatives pass H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act, which would protect our Dreamers and those granted Temporary Protected Status. I will continue to work to against inhuman and cruel policies such as travel bans and family separation.

HEALTH CARE: The ACA helped millions of people access care, and it has played a crucial role as a step toward universal coverage. While we work to stop the Administration from sabotaging it, we also need to work to build a healthcare system that lives up to our values and guarantees healthcare as a human right. I support allowing every American to buy into Medicare, creating a public health insurance option.

ENVIRONMENT: I'm proud to be endorsed by the Sierra Club, and I am honored to serve on the Foreign Relations committee, which is dedicated to crafting international environmental policy. Climate change is real, and we must act to combat this urgent threat before it is too late. House Democrats have acted to pass, the Climate Action Now Act, which requires the federal government to remain in the Paris Agreement

GUN SAFETY: Thoughts and prayers from politicians do nothing to reduce gun violence. Action from Congress, like H.R. 8, does. We need to enact common sense gun legislation, including universal background checks, closing the gun show loophole, banning bump stocks and military-style assault weapons. We also need to take the power back from the gun lobby. The lives of all Americans are too important to risk.

ECONOMY: The Trump administration's tax cuts for America's most wealthy do nothing to improve the lives of working Americans. We need to reverse the Trump tax cuts and write a more equitable tax code to ensure that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share. I was also proud to support the Raise the Wage Act in Congress, which would raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

DISCRIMINATION: I am a proud co-sponsor of the Equality Act, which provides non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people in the areas of employment, housing, credit, and education among others. This is just one of the many bills passed by the House that is sitting on the Senate Majority Leader's desk. It's time for the Senate to take a vote and ensure that we protect the rights of our minority communities.

STUDENT LOANS: I took out student loans to help finance my education, and as the only Member of Congress from Maryland serving on the Education and Labor Committee, I'm committed to reforming our education system and reducing student debt. We need to protect programs like the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program so that graduates who enter a career in public service don't wind up with crippling debt.

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District 8 - U. S. Representative in Congress

Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Gregory Thomas Coll

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GOALS: I, Gregory Coll, am happy to announce my run for U.S. Congress Maryland District 8 to represent the people. Work in Washington is at a standstill, I, Gregory Coll, want to stop the distractions and keep focus on the key issues impacting Americans including: employment, budget, healthcare, education, environment, military and defense, gun violence, and the national space policy. www.gregorycoll.com

IMMIGRATION: I, Gregory Coll, want to promote and welcome legal immigration and put a stop to illegal border crossings. Passing legislation to up the legal immigration caps, and making it simpler for legal immigration processing is key; especially when the individuals have studied in the U.S. and have employment sponsored support. I, Gregory Coll, want to attract the best people from around the world.

HEALTH CARE: No, I, Gregory Coll, believe patients should come first in U.S. healthcare. Healthcare systems run by governments are inefficient, reduce standards of care, and diminish patient and physician relationships. Healthcare based in free market principals, promotes competition, drives down costs and gives the power to patients and physicians. Flexible Spending Accounts unspent money should roll over.

ENVIRONMENT: Our environment needs to be conserved and maintained for future generations. I, Gregory Coll want to study and address environmental concerns, stop pollution, and stop over-stressing our natural resources, especially marine resources like fisheries. I, Gregory Coll, believe climate change is real and needs to be addressed rationally and with an associated risk and return posture.

GUN SAFETY: I, Gregory Coll, want to support local police stop criminal activity and crack down on illegal possession of fire arms, without sacrificing law abiding citizens' rights to bear arms. For more information please visit www.gregorycoll.com.

ECONOMY: I, Gregory Coll, believe in equal rights, equal justice, and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, religion, or disability. Stopping bias based programs will help eliminate discrimination. For more information please visit www.gregorycoll.com.

DISCRIMINATION: I, Gregory Coll, believe that the cost of college education is on an increasing trajectory, has been rising ahead of inflation year after year, and needs to be more affordable for students. Cooperation between industry, government and higher education institutions will allow more resources for education and lower tuition for students, reducing student loan debt. Please visit www.gregorycoll.com.

STUDENT LOANS: I, Gregory Coll, believe that the cost of college education is on an increasing trajectory, has been rising ahead of inflation year after year, and needs to be more affordable for students. Cooperation between industry, government and higher education institutions will allow more resources for education and lower tuition for students, reducing student loan debt.

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GOALS: This is my second time running for office in District 8. I received my B.M. from East Carolina University, and MBA from Strayer University. I am a single parent, I work over 40 hours per week for a small business in Montgomery County, I am an entrepreneur and classical singer. I have a passion to serve others, and will bring added value to my constituents and as a Representative.

IMMIGRATION: My father's family came to the United States, with a love for their county, yet still seeking more opportunities. My goal is to reduce the red tape and the amount of time it takes to process paperwork that will help immigrants become citizens of the United States. The entire process needs to become more efficient and effective regarding securing our borders, and the road to U.S. Citizenship.

HEALTH CARE: I have seen both sides up close. When it was introduced the first time I did not have healthcare, and I went without it so my daughter could have it. I was grateful that I could finally be covered. Spend more on preventative health treatment, reduces the rising cost of prescription medications, eliminate negative predatory practices by insurance companies creates an increase in pricing.

ENVIRONMENT: Reducing pesticides that affect our health creating which impacts our health care costs, work together with other states to find effective ways to reduce global warming. This also includes the impact of technology, our carbon footprint and gaining a global perspective on how counties can work together to reduce negative environmental concerns.

GUN SAFETY: Working together with groups such as the NRA, state and local lawmakers. 1 out of 4 people will be know someone who has been affected by gun violence. We need to look at all of the loopholes that are already there and fix those. We need to have input from responsible gun owners and understand that we have to compromise in order to produce policies to reduce gun violence.

ECONOMY: Better paying jobs, paying people their worth, access to education and better paying jobs.

DISCRIMINATION: Educate businesses on what it looks like, and how it negatively affects, communities, workplaces, income gap in our society. A person has no control over what race they are, what gender they are when born or their disability, but our initiatives need to be focused on being responsible regarding how we introduce polices and the steps we need to take.

STUDENT LOANS: Limiting funding for loans for students (only get what you need). Repaying loans while in school if possible. Creating opportunity for people to reduce student loans in a variety of areas, such as volunteering, assisting law makers, and offering creative incentives for students who make payments towards their loan debts. Pay loans back based on the income and household expenses.

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GOALS: For a multitude of reasons but in district 8 we have real problems and we have elected officials who refuse to see or listen to their constituents.

IMMIGRATION: Sanctuary cities and the crime it gets implemented with due to the policies of the federal government are not followed. We see numerous times when rape and sex trafficking skyrocketed when a city becomes a sanctuary City now we have Sanctuary states trying to be enacted. We should follow the federal law and anyone that breaks or prevents prevents a detainer hold should be placed under arrest.

HEALTH CARE: I agree with the Affordable Care Act

ENVIRONMENT: I believe we do have a problem with the environment but I do not believe he have any answers to the problem. we need more subsidies for companies moving to Green energy and zero carbon emissions.

GUN SAFETY: gun violence as result of overexposure to media and psychological problems. But lets not for get the technology we have nowadays that we didn't have before and how it results to bullying. Bullying is a huge factor in school shootings and if we can stop bullying we might be able to stop a lot of school shootings.

ECONOMY: We need to be able to give people the opportunity at a reasonable college or a reasonable loan to start a business. Not everyone is going to do well going to college some people would like to go to trade schools and we need to be able to give them that opportunity.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

STUDENT LOANS: I believe we need to have a cap on the percentage on loans especially if they're federally guaranteed loans. 6% to 8% on college loans and 3-4% on trade school loans.

Patricia Rogers

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GOALS: I am running because we need more women in Congress. When women lead, things get done and partisan issues become solved instead of becoming problem.

IMMIGRATION: I do not want to see sanctuary cities in Maryland that violate federal laws and protect criminals and drug dealers instead of protecting local residents. I want to see comprehensive immigration reform that is fair to all immigrants applying to come to our country. I would like to see the immigration bill S.874 that Sen. Lindsey Graham introduced in 2019, law.

HEALTH CARE: We cannot throw the baby out with the bath water. I will vote to continue the ACA but work on how and what states do with federal funds to make healthcare more affordable on the exchanges in regards to Medicaid and Medicare and private insurance premiums.

ENVIRONMENT: I do not support federal regulations to address environment issues because all they do is create more regulations that interrupts business. We need to focus on the private sector to fill that role as stewards of the environment and invite the community they serve into the role of earth stewardship. The free market will then empower consumers and regulate companies privately.

GUN SAFETY: I support background checks for citizens purchasing firearms to separate lawful gun owning citizens from criminals who seek to do evil.

ECONOMY: I will continue to support the current White House policies that have led to more jobs than there are workers to fill them with policies like the opportunity zones and international trade initiatives that are bringing corporations back to the United States, thus raising income for all across gender and race.

DISCRIMINATION: I would review our current "Civil Rights Act of 1964." However, the private sector has yet to catch up. Nonetheless, the consumer will decide the fate of companies whose policies are not aligned with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by choosing where to buy and from whom.

STUDENT LOANS: I would support tax breaks for companies and nonprofits who offer loan payback for their employees after several years of vested interest in their employer.

Shelly Skolnick

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GOALS: To reduce gridlock in Congress, I believe more moderates should be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. As a moderate Republican, my campaign motto is Make America Fair To All (MAFTA). For example, I am proposing changes to make our taxes more fair by having social security retirement benefits tax free at age 70; and waiving the employee social security payroll tax at age 70.

IMMIGRATION: The immigration system must be fair to those people who wait to enter the U.S. legally. I would provide a path to citizenship for the "dreamers" who came to the U.S. illegally as minors. However, for adults who entered the U.S. illegally as adults, they would only have a path to green card status -- but no path to citizenship, unless they honorably served in the U.S. military.

HEALTH CARE: I would add two public options to the Affordable Care Act. One option is to allow any U.S. citizen to purchase Medicaid coverage. The other option is to allow any U.S. citizen to purchase Medicare coverage. These voluntary options provide more choices without taking away private insurance. Also, these purchase options do not create unfair taxes.

ENVIRONMENT: The federal government should provide tax and patent incentives for the discovery and use of new technologies to reduce global warming. High priority should be given to the generation of electricity and the development of new electric vehicles.

GUN SAFETY: I support a universal background check before a gun is purchased. Also, I support the finger print technology that only allows the gun owner to shoot the gun, to reduce accidental shootings; and to reduce gun thefts.

ECONOMY: I support a three tier federal minimum wage system. A \$20/hour minimum wage for organizations with annual revenue/budget of at least one billion dollars. A \$15/hour minimum wage for adults working for organizations with annual revenue/budget of at least one million dollars, but less than one billion dollars. An \$8/hour minimum wage for minors and organizations under one million dollars.

DISCRIMINATION: I support adequate funding for the federal agencies to vigorously enforce the federal laws against the forms of discrimination mentioned in the question. Although not listed in the question, I also support vigorous enforcement of the federal laws against age discrimination.

STUDENT LOANS: I would change the \$30 billion Pell Grant program, to increase the maximum annual benefit to \$10,000. However, it would not be a free benefit. The student would need to perform voluntary services (such as a volunteer firefighter or teacher aide) for a state or local government agency.

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No responses received by deadline.

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Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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No responses received by deadline.

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GOALS: To provide the best possible constituent services to the people of Montgomery, Frederick and Carroll Counties; To restore the government as an instrument of the common good and social progress; And to defend the Constitution and Bill of Rights, strong democracy, and the rule of law.

IMMIGRATION: We need to end the cruel and inhumane treatment of children and families at our border and stop funding the president’s dangerous and profligate border wall; restore protections for refugees and asylum seekers; and pass HR 6, the Dream and Promise Act, to provide a pathway to citizenship for DREAMers and families that have lived here for years due to disaster or conflict in their home countries.

HEALTH CARE: I have consistently fought to defend the ACA and the lifesaving coverage it provides to millions of individuals with preexisting conditions. While I work to protect the ACA, I strongly support moving towards a single-payer universal healthcare system that does not exclude anyone and saves hundreds of billions of dollars spent on insurance bureaucracy.

ENVIRONMENT: We must reorganize the federal government to effectively confront this civilizational crisis. I support policies to transition to a green economy, invest in clean energy technologies and help fossil fuel industry workers retrain for new jobs. My colleagues and I are also working on a plan to revitalize America’s ailing infrastructure in a way that advances our urgent environmental goals.

GUN SAFETY: I support a universal background check; a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; and barring violently dangerous people from possessing or purchasing firearms; and will not rest until we hold the gun industry accountable for its role in deadly firearm-involved violence. I worked and voted to pass several bills out of the Judiciary Committee including HR 8, HR 1186, HR 1236 & HR 2708.

ECONOMY: We need to reverse the GOP tax scam that gave massive corporations outrageous tax cuts while increasing taxes on middle-class families. We need to support working families by raising the minimum wage—and all wages by promoting the right to organize and bargain collectively, lowering healthcare costs, providing paid family leave, promoting debt-free college and expanding affordable housing.

DISCRIMINATION: On the Judiciary and Oversight Committees I’m working to expand voting rights; protect freedom of religion while stopping the new argument that businesses have a religious right to discriminate against LGBTQ Americans; protect equal employment rights; stop sexual harassment; and include the disabled. We need strong laws to block violations of civil rights and civil liberties of the people.

STUDENT LOANS: I support efforts to provide relief to the millions of Americans struggling with student loan debt, including HR 2186, HR 770, HR 2648, and HR 1070. Also, as Representative of tens of thousands of dedicated public servants, I am working to defend and strengthen the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

Lih Young

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GOALS: Reformer/advocate/activist. Promote fairness/freedom/justice/peace; productivity/accountability/cost-effectiveness. Identified “socio- economic-political- election- 21 media- budget- legislation- system problems”; local- global; testify/recommend to officials, law enforcement, 3 branches. TV programs producer speaker; field/studio. Expertise, commitment: intensive/extensive/diversified civic servi

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

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

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

GUN SAFETY: Equity/equality/safety/productivity: affected by income/resources/environment; noise; stress; health, food; sleeping, learning facilities; brutality, torture; misdiagnosis; unjust injection/medication/poisonous food/ accidents/murder; in jails, detention, hospitals, rehab centers; most are silenced down/concealed. USA mass incarceration is on top among nations, but no human rights violations?

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

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

STUDENT LOANS: Prosecute/eliminate public-private-partnership, robberism; agencies, law enforcement; 3 branches, local-fed-global; media, funding, nonsense studies, legislation; civic non-profit, women, minorities, churches “think tanks”, educational institutions; conferences; National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, Medicine; defense, Army (AUSA); C4ISRNET; DefenseNew.com; U.S. Institute of Peace.

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Judge of the Circuit Court – Sixth Circuit

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

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

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

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

Questions

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

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

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

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

Candidates

Democrats and Republicans may vote for no more than 4.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I worked in the legal field for over 24 years. I have represented adults and children in family cases, am mediation trained, and have taught family law and litigation at multiple educational and professional levels. This experience is ideal for developing great listening skills, strong instincts, empathy, legal acumen and strong decision-making abilities.

COURT NEEDS: Education and broadening perspective are significant challenges. I am on the Judicial Education Subcommittee of the Judicial Council for Maryland's Judiciary where we work to develop educational programs that focus on identifying and combating bias, understanding human development, learning cultural differences and appreciating the value of non-traditional solutions.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: The courts must support intergovernmental cooperation and partnerships to supply substance abuse and mental health treatment for offenders, work release programs, vocational training, and reentry services for adults and youth.

DISCRIMINATION: We must acknowledge the existence of implicit and explicit bias and understand the myriad ways bias impacts us in our interactions, daily choices, values, belief systems and our decision-making, and we must support and participate in educational programs that teach us different perspectives.

David A. Boynton

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QUALIFICATIONS: For the last 16 years as a judge, and prior to that, for 17 years as a prosecutor and 3 years as a trial lawyer in private practice, I have handled thousands of criminal, civil, family and juvenile cases. That experience, along with that gained from raising a family and community involvement has provided me with the knowledge, wisdom, judgement and compassion needed to serve as a judge.

COURT NEEDS: Ensuring easy court access and managing increasing caseloads create big challenges. To facilitate access, our court provides free child care to litigants, knowledgeable and helpful support staff, free legal advice regarding legal procedures, and foreign language interpreters. Growing caseloads require policies that streamline procedures and provide opportunity for early resolution of cases.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: Where appropriate, the rate of recidivism can be reduced by recognizing and addressing the root causes of most criminal behavior. Addiction treatment services, medical and mental health services, job training and educational certificates, and other important life skills can be provided in Drug Court, Mental Health Court and community-based court supervision in the form of probation.

DISCRIMINATION: The risk of bias influencing the outcome of court cases can be reduced by selecting the right applicants to serve as judges. Adhering to a stringent application, vetting and appointment process is vital to identifying those who possess the highest legal qualifications as well as the understanding of and sensitivity to ethnic, racial, cultural, gender, socio-economic and other diversity issues.

Christopher C. Fogleman

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an Assistant Public Defender for 3 years and an attorney in private practice for 30 years, I have represented a diverse group of people who often were at the lowest point of their lives. This experience has well prepared me to be a judge, where I often see people confronting possible jail time, seeking compensation for financial losses, or experiencing the breakup of family relationships.

COURT NEEDS: The court system is challenged by the increasing number of litigants who cannot afford an attorney to assist them with the judicial process. The court system needs to ensure a fair and balanced judicial process for all litigants regardless of whether they are represented by counsel. Also, access to the courts must be enhanced for non-English speakers and persons with disabilities.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: Specialty courts, like drug courts and mental health courts, play an important role in addressing recidivism. Our drug and mental health courts have had success in reducing recidivism. I am one of three judges assigned to our mental health court. Judges should also consider the offender's potential for rehabilitation, consistent with public safety, in their sentencing decisions.

DISCRIMINATION: After they have been appointed, judges participate in the New Trial Judges Orientation program, which includes a focus on bias. Each year thereafter, judges attend a judicial conference which also includes programs addressing bias. This judicial education helps reduce the risk that bias will influence the outcome of judicial proceedings. Judges must always be aware of potential implicit bias.

Thomas P. Johnson, III

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QUALIFICATIONS: Solo practice since 1993; Licenses DC, MD & LA. Handle cases in administrative, federal and state court proceedings

COURT NEEDS: The Court needs temperate judges. Judges with no implicit or explicit biases.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: Juvenile repeat offenders Courts must evaluate the mental health of the individuals. It is important for adult individuals with substance abuse challenges.

DISCRIMINATION: As a male judge of color. I have no explicit or implicit biases; no economic or gender biases. We are all the same. I will be fair and respectful to all who come before me.

Michael Joseph McAuliffe

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a trial lawyer in Montgomery County for 32 years. I have tried hundreds of civil, criminal and family cases ranging from homicides to divorces, and from medical malpractice cases to workers' compensation claims. In the course of this career, I have represented individuals, families and small businesses. This career has shown how to make sure people receive justice in our courts.

COURT NEEDS: So many litigants seek help from our Courts but do not have lawyers helping them. Many feel overwhelmed. Our Courts do not exist just for the wealthy, or just for English speakers. Montgomery County has created centers for free advice on legal procedures, provided interpreters, and provided childcare to needy litigants. Every judge encourages self-represented litigants to use these resources.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: We often see recidivism related to drug addiction, alcoholism and mental health issues. Montgomery County judges formed the Drug/Alcohol Court and the Mental Health Court to deal with these underlying issues. We give people the opportunity to take control of their lives and change destructive behaviors. We all benefit from these programs, which are being copied around the state.

DISCRIMINATION: Bias can destroy people's faith in the judicial system. The best way to deal with it is through strict vetting of judges. We need judges who have dealt with serious matters throughout their professional lives and shown the highest levels of fairness, ethics and professionalism. In addition, hearings in Court are open to the public and are recorded so that we have a solid record of what happens.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been practicing law for over 28 years. I am a litigator with significant experience representing clients in trial and appellate courts. Some of my cases have established precedents in Maryland. I am an army veteran, a winner of Maryland's Top 100 Women Award (3X), and a winner of the Leadership in Law Award and the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee Community Service Award.

COURT NEEDS: Racism, sexism, and classism are the greatest challenges facing Maryland's court system. The system is getting worst. Maryland incarcerates a higher percentage of its young black men than any other state in the country. (See my website.) Women's voices are routinely ignored, to their detriment. Regardless of your race or gender, the higher your class, the more likely you are to receive mercy.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: To reduce recidivism, people have to be given the tools they need to succeed. Sometimes the difference between success and failure comes down to something small but necessary (education, economic opportunity, substance use treatment, transportation). The courts cannot provide these services but they can help connect people with agencies and nonprofits that provide the resources they need.

DISCRIMINATION: Leadership will reduce the risk that bias will influence the outcome of legal proceedings. My military commander had a zero-tolerance policy towards any type of discrimination. He internalized equality and we, in turn, learned to internalize it too. Because he saw us as equals, we saw each other as equals and we did not discriminate against each other. It sounds simple but it really works.

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Delegates to the National Political Party Conventions

DUTIES: Convention delegates elected in the primary are part of the state delegations who officially elect their party's Presidential candidate at the national conventions, along with the party's Congressional members, Governor and some party officials. Presidential nominees are not elected directly by the voters in the primary. Rather, voters in each state choose delegates to represent them at the national conventions.

HOW ELECTED: Both party ballots list candidates for delegates to the Democratic or Republican National Convention and the Presidential candidate each one supports. See below for party specific details.

Questions

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

SELECTION CRITERIA: What factors are most important in determining whom you will support for president?

Republican Party National Convention Delegates and Alternates

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

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

District 3 - Candidates for Delegates to the Republican Party Convention

Republicans in this district may vote for no more than 3.

Kory Boone (Trump)

No responses received by deadline.

Harry Ralph Jackson Jr. (Trump)

No responses received by deadline.

Shannon Wright (Trump)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://@wrightforBaltimore>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/PSW4U

Campaign Email: info@wrightforbaltimore.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 10+ years of experience with policy analysis with community implications, issue-specific policy advocacy and successful campaign strategy and management. I held these positions: 2016 Trump RNC Delegate, MDBRC Co-Chair, Baltimore City Central Committee Chair, MDGOP 3rd Vice-Chair. My experience gives me the ability to value and uphold the process we use to select our elected representatives.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I will support the candidate that I believe will best uphold the platform of the Republican party so that we safeguard the values we all profess as a part of the very fabric of our great nation.

Chris Yates

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/citizensforchrisyates>

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring lifelong experiences from multiple careers. As a Navy Academy graduate, I spent 34 years with the Navy retiring as a Captain. Retired from Defense Intelligence Agency after more than 2 decades. Was the 2014 and 2018 Republican candidate for Delegate District 13. And finally was elected Delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention representing Legislative District 3.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I look for a person with a demonstrated track record in supporting principles for a small limited government, strong military, free market capitalism, energy independence, closed borders, entitlement reform, decentralize education and returning control to the local communities, reaffirmation of the 1st and 2nd amendments and upholding of our Constitution.

District 3 - Candidates for Alternate Delegates to the Republican Party Convention

Republicans in this district may vote for no more than 3.

Megan Ann Carpenter (Trump)

No responses received by deadline.

Anne Koutsoutis (Trump)

No responses received by deadline.

Anne White (Trump)

No responses received by deadline.

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District 6 - Candidates for Delegates to the Republican Party Convention

Republicans in this district may vote for no more than 3.

Wendell R. Beitzel (Trump)

QUALIFICATIONS: I was a Trump Delegate to the GOP national convention in Cleveland in 2016. Proudly cast my vote for Donald J. Trump to be the next president of the United States.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I supported President Trump to be president the first time and plan to do so in this upcoming election also.

Marie A. Fischer (Trump)

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/mariefischer4md>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/ebonyjewess

Campaign Instagram: [instagram.com/ebonyjewess](https://www.instagram.com/ebonyjewess)

Campaign Email: marie@parentnotpolitician.org

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a very active member of the Republican party for the past four years taking on various leadership roles. I have been the 3rd Vice President for the Maryland Federation of Republic Women since 2017 and the currently the President of the Republican Club of Frederick County. I have proven I can represent the constituents of CD6 to work to re-elect President Donald Trump.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The most important factor for me is that a President, especially one up for re-election, has fulfilled or in full faith, attempted to fulfill what was promised when they initially ran for office. Donald Trump has proven he keeps his campaign promises in putting American citizens and legal immigrants first. He is working for the American people and not the special interest groups.

Joeylynn Hough (Trump)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/joeylynnhough>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/Joeylynn_hough

Campaign Instagram: [Joeylynn_hough](https://www.instagram.com/Joeylynn_hough)

Campaign Email: Jo@joeylynn.com

QUALIFICATIONS: BS Criminal Justice, 2016 RNC Delegate For Donald Trump, 2016 Author Republican Party Platform~National Security & Defense, Western Maryland Trump-Pence Campaign Coordinator, FCRCC Member/Treasurer-Member/Chairman 2014-present, 2nd Vice-chairman of Greater Frederick Republican Women's club, Campaign Worker - Senator Hough & Rep. Mooney, Freedom Works Coordinator, & Faith & Freedom Coordinator.

SELECTION CRITERIA: President Trump has a strong stance on National & Border Security, Pro 2nd Amendment, Veterans, Illegal Immigration, Pro-Life Issues & Economy.

District 6 - Candidates for Alternate Delegates to the Republican Party Convention

Republicans in this district may vote for no more than 3.

Barrie S. Ciliberti (Trump)

Campaign Facebook: <http://@barriefordelegate>

Campaign Email: barrieciliberti@yahoo.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I served in the House of Delegates from 1995-1999. I have been involved in local politics and politics at the University level. I am confident a combination of this skill set makes me a qualified candidate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The ability to lead this nation with a sound economic policy that creates jobs and wealth for the overwhelming majority of Maryland residents. In addition, an individual who places America above all "America First", in relation to the European Union and other nations.

Jerry DeWolf (Trump)

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

Campaign Facebook: [http://http://www.facebook.com/Jerry DeWolf](http://http://www.facebook.com/JerryDeWolf)

No responses received by deadline.

Luanne Ruddell (Trump)

Campaign Email: luanneruddell@yahoo.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Garrett County Republican Central Committee, Chair; Garrett Country Republican Women's Club, President; Early supporter of President Trump; Christian Values; Maryland Commission for Women

SELECTION CRITERIA: Economy, Border Control and deport illegal criminals, Religious Liberty, Healthcare, Gun Rights and Right for Life

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District 8 - Candidates for Delegates to the Republican Party Convention

Republicans in this district may vote for no more than 3.

Ruth Horton Melson (Trump)

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No responses received by deadline.

Jeffrey Shockey (Trump)

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/@jshockey1

No responses received by deadline.

Margaret S. Shorten

No responses received by deadline.

Mark Uncapher (Trump)

Campaign Facebook: <http://markuncaphermdgop>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/@mark_uncapher

No responses received by deadline.

District 8 - Candidates for Alternate Delegates to the Republican Party Convention

Republicans in this district may vote for no more than 3.

James A. Calderwood (Trump)

No responses received by deadline.

Dan Cox (Trump)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/dancox4delegate>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/delegatecox

No responses received by deadline.

Patricia Ann Fenati (Trump)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/patfenati>

No responses received by deadline.

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Democratic Party National Convention Delegates

Democratic voters in Maryland will elect 52 of the 102-person Maryland delegation, apportioned by Congressional District (CD). Montgomery voters will help select 23 members of the delegation: four female and four male delegates in CD 3, three female and four male delegates in CD 6 and four female and four male delegates in CD 8. The elected delegates will fairly reflect the presidential preference of the district voters for candidates receiving a 15% threshold. The Democratic National Convention is scheduled for August 17-20, 2020 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

District 3 - Candidates for Female Delegates to the Democratic Party Convention

Democrats in this district may vote for no more than 4.

Pamela Beidle (Biden)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/senatorpambeidle>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/PamelaBeidle

No responses received by deadline.

Cheryl Bost (Biden)

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/bostcab

No responses received by deadline.

Sharon Brackett (Warren)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/sharonbrackett27>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/SharonBrackett

No responses received by deadline.

Carole Brown (Warren)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/carolebrown>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/carolebrown

Campaign Instagram: [carolebrownesq](https://www.instagram.com/carolebrownesq)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an attorney for more than 40 years. Went to Rutgers law school, same time as Elizabeth. I am lifelong Democrat, past president of D33 Democratic Club. Active with MOMS DEMAND ACTION and Women's Democratic groups in Maryland. Website www.carolebrownlaw.com

SELECTION CRITERIA: Sen WARREN understands MONEY, the good and the bad. She will fight against corruption and for a fair and dynamic tax system that will serve working families. I read her book and support all of her plans and programs. She will roll up her sleeves and get things done. She is a fighter. No nonsense woman. We desperately need the grit, wisdom, and leadership of WOMEN. Elizabeth will the BEST PRESIDENT

Sonia M. Feldman (Sanders)

Campaign Email: soniaf1020@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: In 2004 I was a founding member of Mothers Opposing Bush: a group of 20,000 women formed in response to the invasion of Iraq. I campaigned actively for Obama and Sanders. In 2017 I formed a grass roots organization in Annapolis, MD called Action Annapolis, which focuses on informing voters—particularly in underserved communities—on issues such as affordable housing, health care, and immigration.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I look for a candidate who understands that real change comes from the bottom-up, rather than the top down, and who knows that their duty is to serve the needs of the majority of American people, rather than corporations. With grass roots support, we have the best chance of shifting down-ballot representatives resulting in a senate that is more representative of the majority of Americans

Camille Guevara Fesche (Bloomberg)

QUALIFICATIONS: The delegates you send to Milwaukee need to be able to fight for Maryland. I am well qualified because I am a native Marylander and widely connected throughout the state. My job has prepared me because it requires frequent public speaking, skilled negotiations, and effective advocacy. Finally, I worked on Mike Bloomberg’s first campaign for mayor of New York City and in his administration.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Most importantly we need a president who will do a great job leading our country. I worked in Mike Bloomberg’s administration when he served as mayor of New York City. His leadership was defined by a clear vision and a steady hand through crisis. He hired intelligent well-qualified deputies to carry out this vision. Finally, I believe Mike Bloomberg is best positioned to win in November.

Gabrielle Mona Glendening (Biden)

No responses received by deadline.

Heather M. Hatfield (Gabbard)

Campaign Website: <http://Tulsi2020.com>

QUALIFICATIONS: I have extensive event planning and management experience; I have a master's degree in business and volunteer experience with a national non-profit.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Position on diplomacy and ending war on drugs.

Shelly Hettleman (Biden)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/DelegateShellyHettleman>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/shellyhettleman

Campaign Instagram: Shellyhettleman

Campaign Email: shelly@shellyhettleman.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served in elected office since 2015, have won election twice, and worked on a variety of different campaigns throughout my career. I was elected to be a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2016, on behalf of Hillary Clinton, and worked hard on her campaign in Maryland and in Pennsylvania. I am prepared to work with fellow Democrats to elect a Democrat to be the next President.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I am running as a Biden delegate and am pledged to support him, but if he were not a contender for the position, I would support whomever would have the best prospects of beating Donald Trump. I am committed to working hard for the Democratic nominee because defeating Donald Trump is so important to the health and wellbeing of our country.

Chrissy Holt (Sanders)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/ChrissyHoltActivist>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/ActivistChrissy

Campaign Email: chrissyholt18@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: A vote for Bernie and me will change America now. I am a mom, wife, business woman and a strong advocate in the progressive movement especially for Medicare for All. I am a former State Senate candidate, a leader in the Maryland Progressive Healthcare Coalition, co-chair of the Healthcare Task Force for Progressive Maryland, Maryland for Bernie Steering Committee, and leader in AACO Our Revolution

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Bernie because he speaks the truth about the plight of working Americans like no other presidential candidate in either party. He is unwavering, incorruptible, and will not side with corporation's profit over people. He's a real humanitarian and socialist. If socialism means making everyone pay their fair share taxes to have healthcare, clean planet, education & justice, then Go Bernie!

Deeba Jafri (Warren)

Campaign Email: deebajafri001@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been involved in local issues for the past decade and just recently became a U.S. citizen to vote in the 2018 election. I helped in many local campaigns but most of all in Calvin Ball's for Howard County Executive, As a citizen I believe that our democracy will only survive if we are active participants. Running for delegate was the next natural step.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I am running as a committed delegate for Elizabeth Warren, so I will follow the instructions that come from her team. If at some point at the convention the decision is left to me then I will support the candidate who has the policies that will lead us to a more equitable society.

Sarah Kathleen Calvert Jewell (Warren)

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/sarahjewell>

Campaign Instagram: [skcjewell](https://www.instagram.com/skcjewell)

No responses received by deadline.

Tasnuva Khan (Sanders)

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/tasnuvamm

Campaign Email: DelegateTas@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a community organizer and activist empowers me to represent my community and our shared values. As a Muslim American woman, an immigrant, healthcare professional, and mother, I am committed to uplifting the voices that remain unheard. My life experience allows me to envision our society through a lens of justice for all. I am ready to make an impactful contribution to this party.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support the candidate who is most consistent and true to progressive values. One who must be committed to fighting for economic justice, human rights, a responsible foreign policy, common sense gun laws, climate action, affordable healthcare and higher education, and against voter suppression. Our next president must be willing to challenge the status quo and enable a better future for us all.

Audrey D. Lengbeyer (Yang)

No responses received by deadline.

Nancy C. Lineman (Klobuchar)

Campaign Facebook: [http://Facebook.com/Nancy Lineman](http://Facebook.com/NancyLineman)

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/nlineman

Campaign Email: nlineman@yahoo.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been active in Maryland Democratic politics for more than 20 years. I have experience in women's health as former executive director of Maryland NARAL; knowledge of the criminal justice system from being a prosecutor; and I have educated/lobbied our state legislators on issues ranging from: the needs of foster kids; the economics of child support and the value of community colleges.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Our candidate must appeal to proud Democrats as well as Independents and some Republicans. I look to the candidate's experience, organizational strength as well as to an overall realistic message of hope. Our candidate can't just point out the significant shortcomings of President Trump, but must put forward concrete, realistic ideas/policies to widen the path into the middle class and beyond.

Mikkyo McDaniel (Uncommitted)

No responses received by deadline.

Donna S. McDowell (Steyer)

Campaign Email: donnasmcd68@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a retired lawyer and teacher. Over the years, I have also volunteered as an activist for numerous candidates and organizations. I worked as a volunteer for Obama for President during both terms, including in voter protection in Virginia during the 2008 campaign. I have served on various Boards and Committees devoted to tackling Climate Change and other environmental issues.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Tom Steyer for President because he is the ONLY candidate for whom Climate Change is his number ONE priority. In addition, Mr. Steyer has worked tirelessly over the past ten years to "take on big corporations and win." He has pledged to give away the bulk of his wealth to good causes; his Youth Voter Campaign helped turn the House blue. He will take on Trump and win.

Maggie McIntosh (Buttigieg)

Campaign Website: <http://www.delmaggie@msn.com>

No responses received by deadline.

Jessy Mejia Terry (Warren)

No responses received by deadline.

Cheryl Ann Menke (Klobuchar)

No response received by deadline.

Tracy E. Miller (Klobuchar)

Campaign Email: Quita@comcast.net

QUALIFICATIONS: I serve on the Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee, am a Klobuchar surrogate, and former president of the Central Baltimore County Democratic Club. In addition, I am past president of the Baltimore County League of Women Voters (and still active member) and advised the Towson University College Democrats.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I want someone who can get legislation passed in this divided Congress (even more so when it no longer is divided), a moderate who is not polarizing, and someone who can handle the debate format well.

Carmina Perez-Fowler (Buttigieg)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a positive, results-driven, and highly motivated bilingual professional (English/Spanish) with over 24 years of leadership experience in the private and public sectors with a passion for the political process. I also have strong communication skills as an advocate, author, lecturer, and teacher.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Honesty. Commitment. Passion. Ability to inspire others. Vision. Transparency.

Dawn M. Popp (Warren)

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/Dawnpopp

Campaign Email: dpmom23@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As an early supporter of Elizabeth Warren, I've volunteered for the campaign since May 2019, including hosting local events, phone banking, knocking on doors locally, and traveling to South Carolina to knock on doors and talk to voters there before their February 29 primary. If elected as a delegate, I will be a strong and committed representative of the Warren campaign at the convention.

SELECTION CRITERIA: For me, the most important factor is finding the candidate who can beat Donald Trump so definitively that no amount of foreign interference or cheating by Trump can succeed. This requires choosing a candidate who can unify our party and build a strong coalition between various constituencies including progressives, moderates, people of color, the LGBTQIA community and people with disabilities.

Lisa G. Radov (Buttigieg)

Campaign Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/Lisa G. Radov>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/radovlg

No responses received by deadline.

Allison H. Restauo (Sanders)

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/ahurstrestauo

No responses received by deadline.

Christiana Rigby (Warren)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/christianarigbyhoco>

Campaign Twitter: [twitter.com/twitter.com/Christianarigby](https://twitter.com/Christianarigby)

Campaign Instagram: [christianarigbyhoco](https://www.instagram.com/christianarigbyhoco)

No responses received by deadline.

Grace C. Siu (Yang)

No responses received by deadline.

Jen Terrasa (Warren)

No responses received by deadline.

Mica Varga (Buttigieg)

No responses received by deadline.

District 3 - Candidates for Male Delegates to the Democratic Party Convention

Democrats in this district may vote for no more than 4.

Patrick M. Armstrong (Biden)

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/armstrong.patrick.m>

No responses received by deadline.

Michael Narine Baney (Sanders)

No responses received by deadline.

Nathan S. Betnun (Patrick)

No responses received by deadline.

Damon C. Blackman (Warren)

No responses received by deadline.

Richard Bruno (Sanders)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/rabruno>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/richardbrunomd

Campaign Instagram: @richbrunomd

QUALIFICATIONS: I had the privilege of speaking at a Bernie Sanders town hall in 2015 with my patient who was able to overcome his health conditions after getting on Medicare. I then accompanied Sen Sanders on a tour of the Canadian healthcare system with another US physician and nurse practitioner. I have represented thousands of physicians in my leadership roles and would be honored to be a Sanders delegate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: We need a president with integrity and persistence. No other candidate has fought as long and as steadfastly for social progress as Sen Sanders. As a family physician who cares for uninsured people in Baltimore, I see the need for a Medicare for All system (that Sen Sanders has proposed) that would immediately create more equitable, economical, and efficient healthcare for every person in America.

Jason Benjiman Carney (Gabbard)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/TulsiGabbard>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/TulsiGabbard

Campaign Email: infor@tulsi2020.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked my entire life in the private sector and watched as my taxes continue to rise while government services and healthcare continue to decline. Tulsi Gabbard has put her finger on the pulse of the problem, bad foreign policy and wasteful military spending. Tulsi Gabbard wants to stop the wasteful regime change wars and focus more on domestic issues like healthcare and the environment.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Tulsi Gabbard is a combat veteran and has served as a U.S. representative in congress. She is uniquely qualified and more importantly is fighting the issues that matter the most to people like me. As President, Tulsi Gabbard will stop the senseless regime change wars, implement single-payer healthcare, build a green economy, and improve the integrity of our electoral system. Peace and Prosperity!

Kevin A. Carter (Yang)

No responses received by deadline.

Joseph P. Corbett (Gabbard)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/TulsiGabbard>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/tulsigabbard

Campaign Instagram: @tulsigabbard

Campaign Email: infor@tulsi2020.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a retired Federal employee who has seen so many senseless wars and bad policies carried out by too many presidents and the Congress, I totally support Tulsi Gabbard for president. As the first female combat veteran to run for president, including serving in Iraq, she is ready to be president and commander in chief from day one. Her #1 priority, stop the wars and spend the money at home.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Tulsi Gabbard is running to serve the interests of the people - not the interests of the rich and powerful, Big Pharma, war profiteers, and foreign governments. She will stop wasting your tax dollars on regime change wars, the new Cold War and the nuclear arms race, and invest in healthcare, education, protecting our environment, and rebuilding our infrastructure. Prosperity through peace!

William D. Dusold (Klobuchar)

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/wdusold>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/wdusold

No responses received by deadline.

Roel Manuel L. Evangelista (Klobuchar)

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/amy4americamd

Campaign Email: manuel@topvirtualstaffing.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Ever since I was a child, I have been active with politics in my home country, the Philippines. I have seen dictatorship and puppet leaders. That is unfortunately what we have right now in the White House. I am looking forward to fight this and Amy Klobuchar is the leader that we need to get the Midwest votes. This is not a popularity contest but who will lead these points.

SELECTION CRITERIA: It is hard to vacillate from one extreme to another. Though Sanders is winning right now, but we need to make sure that we get things done as Amy Klobuchar has shown that she has worked and passed bills supported by both parties. And again, we need these midwestern votes to win. But meddling from foreign powers will be the biggest problem so winning the midwest is our biggest chance.

Marshall Perry Johnston Everett (Yang)

No responses received by deadline.

Mark Feinroth (Biden)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am committed to support Joe Biden as the nominee of our party for President and fortunate to have an extensive background in the Maryland democratic party. I was an elected Maryland delegate to the 2004 party convention supporting John Kerry and served as the Kerry campaigns floor whip. I have also served as an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation under Governor Glendening.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Joe Biden and will only consider another candidate if the Biden campaign releases its delegates. I favor the moderates running for President including Biden, Sen, Klobuchar and Mayor Buttigieg.

Josh Friedman (Klobuchar)

No responses received by deadline.

Richard Geiwitz (Gabbard)

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/richardgeiwitz>

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a retired university staffer, who has worked as a police officer, police dispatcher and news reporter among other “regular people” jobs. I see Tulsi Gabbard as someone who is focused on real people.

SELECTION CRITERIA: As someone of ordinary standing, I think Tulsi Gabbard as president will be more concerned about people I know. Instead of selling out to Wall Street, she’ll focus on Main Street. She’ll favor education and health care, not billionaires. Her military background gives her a personal knowledge of expensive foreign wars. She walks among us real people and will serve us well.

Max Green (Warren)

QUALIFICATIONS: While only 28, I have spent 11 years organizing and volunteering for the Democratic Party, attending the last two DNCs and serving in various elected partisan positions. I am a passionate progressive activist who believes in the power and value, above all else, of our democratic system and the vote of each citizen. I understand and take seriously my duty and role as a pledged Warren delegate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Addressing wealth inequality, providing healthcare for all Americans, and restoring the power of and faith in our democracy are the most important responsibilities that our next President will undertake. The role of America as a global force for good and beacon of liberty and justice is at risk. The President must understand this and commit to restoring our power and example globally.

Anwer Hasan (Biden)

Campaign Instagram: Anwer Hasan

Campaign Email: anwerhasan@hotmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served in several capacities Delegate for Obama in 2012 Chairman Maryland Higher Education Commission Chairman Commission on Middle eastern American Affairs President of Maryland Muslim Council and Howard County Muslim Council Commissioner Maryland Aviation Commission Served on Governor, Mayors and County Executive Transition Teams

SELECTION CRITERIA: The person who could beat Donald Trump in General Election

Mohammed B. Khader (Warren)

No responses received by deadline.

Brian M. Kwesiga (Buttigieg)

Campaign Website: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/bkwesiga/>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/bkwesiga

QUALIFICATIONS: Served as election judge for Anne Arundel County Board of Elections, elected youngest President and CEO Ugandan North American Association (UNAA), largest & oldest Ugandan diaspora organization in the world. Over 10 years of experience in aerospace and defense with MS Systems Engineering, BS Electrical Engineering & BA International Studies, from Southern Methodist University (SMU), Dallas, Texas.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I will support someone who respect for the constitution of the United States, believes in the inherent dignity and equality of all human beings and whose policies reflect America’s diversity. Someone who has a vision for uniting the country; the experience, judgement, and temperament to keep America safe while also restoring its respect and standing across the globe by rebuilding its alliances.

Noel Levy (Uncommitted)

No responses received by deadline.

Eric Luedtke (Warren)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/ericformaryland>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/ericluedtke

Campaign Instagram: [delegateericluedtke](https://www.instagram.com/delegateericluedtke)

Campaign Email: eric@ericluedtke.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a lifelong Marylander, educator, and advocate who has worked in a number of positions in our community to implement our shared values of justice, equality, and opportunity. For the past decade, I have had an opportunity to serve in the Maryland House of Delegates, where I currently serve as the House Majority Leader.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I believe that in selecting our Democratic nominee for President, we must first look to who can do the best job. I believe Senator Warren possesses the right balance of vision and effectiveness. In particular, as an educator, I believe she has the best plan to improve our nation's public schools, and to ensure that equality of opportunity is more than a watchword.

Quinyardo Renard McClain (Yang)

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/quinyardo

QUALIFICATIONS: Background My experience began in 1992, as an atypical political career Army service member. During my career, I did not have the luxury to express my opinion in regards to the various political legislation that impacted the lives of every person living in America, as well as abroad who was impacted by our elected officials. My service in the United States Army span from 1992-2016.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Americans need quality and affordable healthcare options Education System Climate Change I support the urgent need for real and meaningful climate change. Law Enforcement/Judicial Process and Adjudication Communities of color are over-policed and underfunded Guaranteed Income Dr. King wrote that the best way to end poverty is to provide a “Guaranteed Income” pegged to the median income of America

Josh Medlock (Yang)

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/josh.medlock.7>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/josheng210

No responses received by deadline.

Neal J. Naff (Buttigieg)

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I am pledged to support Mayor Pete Buttigieg. Pete has the intelligence, temperament, and character to lead in the new era that must come next.

William T. Patton Jr. (Gabbard)

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/williampatton>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/wtpatton

Campaign Instagram: [william.patton](https://www.instagram.com/william.patton)

QUALIFICATIONS: I was a candidate for the Montgomery County Council in 1998. I am an overly informed political junky who has read many books about recent American History. Specially, America's post-1945 imperialism, our government's involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy and other CIA malfeasance. Having been "woke" to the evils of the Military Industrial Complex is a curse, believe me.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Our next president needs to end all of our nonsensical foreign wars and bring our troops back home from the 758 military bases which the U.S. has in over 90 countries throughout the world. Furthermore, the "defense" budget should be cut by at least 30 percent. Doing so will save nearly \$1 trillion which could be used to expand Medicare. Tulsi Gabbard will take on the war state and make this change

Todd Reynolds (Warren)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am running to be a pledge delegate for Elizabeth Warren to the Democratic National Convention. If elected, I commit to vote for Elizabeth Warren to get the nomination. I have experience through my work at the teachers union in building coalitions that advance egalitarian priorities (listed below).

SELECTION CRITERIA: As a former teacher, making sure we give enough resources for our students to be successful in their education is of special import to me. A candidate who has shown she can be effective at closing the gap between the wealthy, privileged few and the rest of us (particularly those who are the least fortunate) is my other main priority.

Shahan Rizvi (Sanders)

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/thepeopleforshahanrizvi>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/shahansays

No responses received by deadline.

Mike Rogers (Uncommitted)

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

QUALIFICATIONS: As a current legislator at the state level, I think I bring a unique perspective on creating legislation at the federal level. As a career military officer, I clearly understand the leadership aspects of the position.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Views, on healthcare, environment and foreign policy.

Evan L. Serpick (Warren)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been actively involved in the electoral process, as a voter, a volunteer, a canvasser, and an organizer since I turned 18 and I'm eager to take my participation to the next level as a Warren delegate at the Democratic National Convention.

SELECTION CRITERIA: A sound progressive agenda, plans to enact it, and intelligence to respond to emerging threats and opportunities.

Will Smith (Buttigieg)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/willsmithformaryland>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/willsmithjr

No responses received by deadline.

Keanuu Smith-Brown (Sanders)

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Campaign Instagram: [President_KSB](https://www.instagram.com/president_KSB)

Campaign Email: mdforbernie@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a former 2016 Bernie Sanders delegate, I have a needed understanding of the commitment and loyalty needed when serving on behalf of my Congressional District 3 constituents and the candidate in which I pledge my vote to at the Democratic National Convention. Experiencing the processes of representing in a high stake convention, I bring true leadership and courage to a more severe 2020 election.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Ridding our country of Donald Trump, a bigoted, divisive, racist, and disgraceful president, is a top priority, but now is the time we bring a new vision for the United States. Our country has never met the standard of true equality and equity, which allows all people to succeed regardless of their circumstances. Bernie Sanders is the only one who will win the election and bring pivotal change.

Devin F. Tucker (Warren)

No responses received by deadline.

Roberto Veloso (Biden)

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/robveloso

QUALIFICATIONS: I am an attorney in Annapolis, Maryland. I have had a diverse legal career and have a long history of civic and community engagement. My work providing principled leadership, advice and counsel to start-ups, government, research institutions and non-profits on legal, ethical and policy issues makes me uniquely qualified to serve as a DNC Delegate for Maryland's 3rd Congressional District.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The most important factors to consider when determining whom to support for president are: (1) ethical character; (2) empathy for the common person, the disenfranchised and the powerless; (3) the experience and ability to honorably lead our military and diplomatic corps; (4) the ability to work with others regardless of party affiliation; and (5) the ability to inspire and lead one united country.

Peter W. Ward (Buttigieg)

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QUALIFICATIONS: My 23 years of military service (1996-2019) leave me with a strong sense of responsibility to our democracy and all of its people. Now that I am a public high school math teacher, my sense of responsibility is further heightened through relationships with so many promising young women and men.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Like many voters, I have felt some anxiety about correctly choosing the Presidential candidate with the best probability of winning the general election. It is up to us to rescue our democracy from the current President and his enablers. I am supporting Mayor Pete Buttigieg because his centrist views and unassailable intelligence and integrity will unite voters of good conscience.

John Nelson Wells (Klobuchar)

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Campaign Email: JNWForAmy@WellsAnalytics.net

QUALIFICATIONS: As Co-founder of Blue Wave Maryland with 115 activist groups I have a close working relationship with Democratic Party. I worked actively in the 2018 election to support both my local district candidates and the Ben Jealous Campaign. My extensive work as a Citizen Lobbyist has given me excellent relationships with a wide number of our elected Maryland Legislators.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Ability to win, experience in governing, pragmatic, but also progressive views on social and political issues, ability to work with the US Congress and Senate. Passion for social justice, and an excellent problem solver. Open-minded, willing to compromise, but determined and persistent once a clear path has been identified. A "Practical Visionary" who attracts like-minded staffers and colleagues.

Bill Woodcock (Klobuchar)

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/billwoodcock>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/billwoodcock17

Campaign Instagram: [billwoodcock17](https://www.instagram.com/billwoodcock17)

Campaign Email: billwoodcock17@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been involved in Maryland Democratic politics for over 30 years, from experiences in the Young Democrats of Howard County and Maryland to serving on the Howard County Democratic Central Committee. Professionally, I am a leader and a consensus builder. In what promises to be a historic Democratic National Convention, I believe the qualities will serve me well in serving the 3rd District.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The way of thinking and vision of America championed by President Trump represents an existential threat to everyday American life. While he represents this way of thinking, it is bigger than him. We must come together behind a candidate who will beat Trump by a convincing margin, and by so doing, consign Trumpism to the graveyard of outdated political thought, where it belongs.

Robert Yochem (Bloomberg)

No responses received by deadline.

District 6 - Candidates for Female Delegates to the Democratic Party Convention

Democrats in this district may vote for no more than 3.

Suzanne Sable Beall (Yang)

Campaign Website: <http://bit.ly/2SACLzf>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/ss_beall

QUALIFICATIONS: Suzanne is widely recognized for her bipartisan approach, and has earned the reputation as a trusted liaison between the business community and Capitol Hill. She has established relationships with Members of Congress, especially with the moderate coalitions. She has been quoted by national publications and has been a notable public speaker to the business community on matters across the country.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I strongly believe that everyday Americans seek a Presidential leader who can build consensus across the aisle, which will provide permanent solutions to our nation's top priorities. Candidates who are able to find common ground on affordable health care, transportation, and job security will make long-lasting progress on the "kitchen table" issues families and individuals care about the most.

Mary Bierman (Bloomberg)

QUALIFICATIONS: Attorney, federal regulatory practice in a private law firm (34 years); tutor for Literacy Council of Montgomery County; campaign canvassing volunteer, Jennifer Wexton for Congress (D-VA); member of local Democratic grassroots political organization; Maryland resident for 32 years.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I'm running as a delegate supporting Mike Bloomberg because the most important factor is nominating the candidate who is most likely to beat the current President in the general election. Mike Bloomberg has the resources and ability to get it done. In November, Democrats should "Vote Blue No Matter Who."

Ismatu F. Daramy (Yang)

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Campaign Instagram: Ismatu.Daramy

No responses received by deadline.

Sophie Ehrlich (Warren)

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Campaign Email: sophieehrich@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been with Team Warren since the launch of the exploratory committee. I have worked hard for the campaign as an organizing fellow in NH, as a Campus Leader at Boston University, and as a "road warrior" in Ames, IA. I have knocked hundreds of doors and made thousands of calls because I see the impact Elizabeth has made with the CFPB, her work as a Senator, and as a candidate for president.

SELECTION CRITERIA: When looking for a candidate to support, I look for someone with experience, dedication, and a true, genuine interest in the American people. I want someone that will not only fight to be president but fight to put progressive values into action. Elizabeth Warren is my top choice because she has been fighting to improve the lives of everyday Americans since long before she became a Senator.

Jessica Fitzwater (Warren)

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JessicaFitzwaterforFrederick>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/jessfitzwater

Campaign Email: Jessica@jessicafitzwater.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a mom of two, music teacher, and member of the Frederick County Council. I have a reputation for being a collaborative, critical thinker who listens and approaches issues with an open mind. My track record on affordable housing, social justice, and the environment show that I am committed to Democratic values. I hope to use this experience and passion as a delegate to the DNC.

SELECTION CRITERIA: We need more women and people of color driving our policy decisions. Public education, criminal justice reform, fighting corruption, and climate change resiliency are critical to our future. Elizabeth Warren is a progressive with a plan who recognizes these priorities. As a public school teacher, fighter for consumer protection, and dedicated lawmaker, she has committed her life to public service.

Barbara Goldberg Goldman (Biden)

Campaign Facebook: <http://BarbaraGoldbergGoldman>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/BarbGoldbGoldm

QUALIFICATIONS: A loyal Dem & small business owner with extensive professional, volunteer & leadership experience in public, private & nonprofit sectors. I have a deep understanding of, and decades-long direct involvement in federal, state, & local political arenas, programmatic disciplines & public speaking. I have been a representative & surrogate for elected officials & candidates at all government levels.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Experienced! Working knowledge of & experience w/ America's domestic & foreign interests. Strong, steady & proven leadership skills. Patriotic, pragmatic, honest, sound judgement, broad minded, compassionate, wise & humble. A visionary who seizes challenges & opportunities & will unify Dems, & work across the aisle w/o partisan politics compromising the integrity of representing ALL Americans.

Elise F. Goldstein (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I work in the health and racial equity field. In 2019, my organization, the Center for Urban and Racial Equity developed a 2020 Racial Justice Scorecard. CURE assessed candidates on how policy positions would affect communities of color. While I was not involved with scoring the candidates, my role helping to shape the scorecard design helped me learn more about each candidate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I look for leaders who will fight for people in communities that have been marginalized and for the working class--and who will listen to people in those communities and create policies in partnership with them. I currently support Elizabeth Warren because of this. In the event of a brokered convention, I would support whichever candidate best embodies that approach to policymaking.

Maureen D. Grayzeck (Klobuchar)

Campaign Email: mgrayzeck2016@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a life-time supporter of the Democratic process, I have knocked on doors, phone banked, distributed literature, and worked on many local and presidential campaigns. Now, in Frederick, I helped manage the local Democratic office in the 2016 and 2018 elections. Nothing is more important than making our world a better place by electing good leaders who behave with decency and common sense.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Amy Klobuchar, from the Heartland of America, is the best candidate to unite our country. She has assisted the passage of more than 100 Bills through Congressional gridlock. Amy is a strong leader with a calm manner to guide us through these turbulent times. Amy will bring dignity back into the White House; she will honor the Constitution; and will restore faith in our government and institutions

Aesha Greer (Sanders)

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Campaign Instagram: [aesharg](https://www.instagram.com/aesharg)

No responses received by deadline.

Martha L. Kahn (Yang)

QUALIFICATIONS: A long-time resident of the district, my experience as a citizen concerned about the destruction of our democracy and the fate of our nation has prepared me for the duties of this office.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Important criteria: (1) has good judgment, informed by science and data, not ideology; (2) supports UBI to maximize the reduction of poverty and income inequality, while minimizing government bureaucracy and interference; (3) supports Democracy Dollars to squelch the influence of big money in our elections, without infringing on free speech.

Nancy J. King (Biden)

Campaign Email: njk107@aol.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been an elected member of the Maryland Legislature for almost 18 years. In that role I spend a major amount of my time listening to the people that live in my area, learning about and representing what they believe is important to the well being of our area.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Over the last year I have looked carefully at the candidates for President. I look for the person that can bring balance back to the country, can represent the democratic values we hold dear. I also look for a person that I believe is electable country wide. I don't believe it is enough to just be a nice person, the candidate for President has to be someone the country will unite behind.

Maria Lane (Buttigieg)

Campaign Email: mlane4pete@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Member of Maryland for Pete. I've helped organize debate watch parties and outreach at events in the Frederick area. I run @UnidosPorPete on Twitter. Co-moderator of Latina(os) for Pete on Facebook. Helped with Spanish translations for the campaign's website. I bring my perspective as an immigrant, a Latina, a mom, and a millennial and I would be so honored to represent Team Pete. Soy miembro de Maryland for Pete.

SELECTION CRITERIA: We need a leader in this polarized era who will unite the country around the values that make us proud to be American. Pete Buttigieg will accomplish that with his politics of inclusion and belonging. He's a pragmatic progressive. He has executive and military experience and he brings a fresh perspective to tackle the issues of the 21st century. It's time for a new generation of leadership!

Angela R. Lowry (Sanders)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have held multiple leadership roles as a student, including both on-campus as the president of the AAUW, as well as on a statewide level as my college's representative, but the primary reason I believe I would make an excellent delegate for the DNC is that I am very passionate about the progressive issues at hand and my heart is with the American people.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Some issues I prioritize include a Green New Deal, Medicare for All, College for All, and Immigration Reform. I believe our country needs to move forward in a progressive manner and we must elect a president who is willing to make it happen and transform our country for the better. I will support a candidate who is brave enough to stand for what is right, even if that means standing alone.

Mary Ellen Mitchell (Buttigieg)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have had an interest in presidential politics since grade school, and have a college degree in elections and voting behavior. I've worked in the nonprofit world all of my career and have championed causes such as seniors and healthcare, education and affordable housing. I would be honored to represent Frederick County at the national convention as a delegate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I look for someone who is trustworthy, ethical, intelligent and calm mannered. Our President must be able to represent us well and advocate for peaceful solutions and build partnerships internationally. At home the President must be able to make decisions in a thoughtful process that includes consideration of future implications and results.

Adrienne Oleck (Gabbard)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/TulsiGabbard>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/tulsigabbard

Campaign Instagram: @tulsigabbard

Campaign Email: infor@tulsi2020.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As an immigration attorney, I meet too many struggling families here in Maryland. I support Tulsi Gabbard for President because she relates to us - the people. Her #1 priority is to stop regime-change wars and spend the money at home on families. I respect Tulsi's service in Iraq & Kuwait, her intelligence, her passion for the environment and her compassion for her fellow Americans.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I find Tulsi Gabbard compelling because she is the first female combat veteran to run for President. She served the people of Hawaii as a state delegate at 21 years old! Public service is in her heart. Tulsi does not represent the rich or the powerful. She will stop wasting our tax dollars on unnecessary wars and instead invest in healthcare, education, the environment and infrastructure.

Arlene Proebsting (Bloomberg)

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No responses received by deadline.

Lily Qi (Buttigieg)

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Campaign Email: info@lilyqi.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a Maryland State Delegate and a former Montgomery County government official, I have a holistic understanding of the issues that matter to our super-diverse communities. As an immigrant who came here by choice, I know what really makes America great. My campaign in 2018 made history by bringing many new voters into the Democratic Primary process, which is what DNC needs to do to win elections.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I'm looking for a candidate who can: 1. Energize new voters and speak to a broad spectrum of potential voters to win the election; 2. Inspire the best in American people as candidate and President. 3. Find practical solutions to the toughest challenges facing all humanity and make sure America leads on climate change, technological transformation and expanding opportunities for all.

Elizabeth S. Stiefvater (Klobuchar)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an active voter since I was first eligible to vote. I read up on candidates' positions and the issues affecting our county and its citizens. I am able and willing to travel to the Democratic Convention to carry out the responsibilities of a delegate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I consider experience and wisdom to be important when choosing a presidential candidate. I also look for candidates who believe in equality and caring for those who cannot care for themselves, and whose policy ideas reflect those beliefs.

Tarolyn C. Thrasher (Warren)

QUALIFICATIONS: In the past I've work on local campaigns and I've volunteered on the Democratic Central Committee Advocacy team. I'm currently the Women Democratic League Board of Director, and a current student of Emerge Maryland a political training for Democratic women. I believe in grass root when it comes to reaching the people in the community. Being involved politically is not about me it's about people.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The most important factors is being a voice more for the people and less for that 1%. We have so many issues in our country that need to be addressed. The military veterans being treated fairly, due to the fact that I'm a military spouse whose husband suffers from PTSD. The reduction of recidivism and the growth of the economy for the middle class, and protecting immigrants.

Venattia W. Vann (Uncommitted)

No responses received by deadline.

Linda Wagner (Sanders)

QUALIFICATIONS: Being a retired RN has given me a unique inside look at our need for Medicare for All. I have assumed a leadership role for voter registration in our community by working with varied groups within our community. I have canvassed, phonebanked, hosted debate watch parties and participated in rallies and community events for Bernie Sanders and other Democratic candidates.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Senator Sanders has brought us all together to fight for each other. He is fighting to have Medicare for All as a right, to have a healthy planet while addressing climate change, and ending crushing student debt with free college tuition. He has also worked on getting money out of politics. He has fought for the working class and poor for 30+ years with honesty and integrity. Not Me. Us!

Myrna Whitworth (Klobuchar)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a Democratic Party volunteer and activist for most of my adult life. I currently serve as Chair of the Western Maryland Democratic PAC and from 2010 to 2018 was Chair of the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee. I have experience in all facets of campaigning from developing strategy to knocking on doors.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Amy Klobuchar is a proven winner with grit who will stay true to her Democratic principles as she goes toe to toe with Donald Trump. She is a formidable opponent who demonstrates the best in this country. She supports progressive change in healthcare and education, but is a pragmatist who understands change comes in stages and requires broad coalitions to be successful.

Karen Lewis Young (Biden)

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/kmlcmky

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have volunteered in 8 election campaigns (including 2 presidential elections) and ran for office 4 times. I served as President Pro Tem of the Board of Aldermen in the City of Frederick and I am in my second term in the MD House of Delegates representing district 3A. As a veteran member of the Health and Government Relations Committee, I have developed a strong knowledge of health care policy.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Electability, particularly in the swing states, is one of the most important factors to me. We need a candidate who has the best chance of defeating Donald Trump. In addition, the candidate's policies on health care, climate change, the economy, and foreign policy are very important. We need to restore the soul of America, and our reputation abroad, with a proven, experienced, consensus builder.

District 6 - Candidates for Male Delegates to the Democratic Party Convention

Democrats in this district may vote for no more than 4.

Gabriel Acevero (Sanders)

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/gabrielacevero

No responses received by deadline.

David A. Anderson (Gabbard)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/tulsigabbard>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/TulsiGabbard

Campaign Instagram: [tulsigabbard](https://www.instagram.com/tulsigabbard)

Campaign Email: info@tulsi2020.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As an employee in higher education, and graduate with degrees in Public Policy and Workplace Diversity, I am immersed in the review of policies and proposals across the political spectrum. My training and education have provided specific insight used to understand and forecast the feasibility and probable outcomes of candidates' platforms and positions.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Tulsi Gabbard will lead change that benefits the individual and not a small group of special interests. Tulsi's positions focus on restructuring U.S. policies that have pushed us into costly foreign wars and military buildups. Her desire to create a better educational system, focus on environment, and rebuilding infrastructure, produce a strong foundation for a prosperous future.

Mumin A. Barre (Klobuchar)

Campaign Email: mumin.barre@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: My experience in community, civic and political involvement dates back to about 3 decades. After I served as a Democratic Party Precinct official in MD Legislative District 39 for 10 years, I was elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018 to serve on the Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee. I am a resident of Congressional District 6 (District 39) and a moderate progressive Democrat.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Amy Klobuchar for President. She is a moderate progressive, has a record of bringing Democrats, Independents and moderate Republicans, and winning elections. The majority of the voters can relate to her background and life experiences as well as agree with her platform on solutions for the most critical issues that we face; healthcare, immigration reform, climate change, and the economy.

Bobby Bartlett (Sanders)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/VoteBobby>

Campaign Email: bobby@bobbybartlett.com

QUALIFICATIONS: If you support a future free from corporate domination, you want me at the convention. In 2018, I ran for the statehouse against machine politics and big money interests, and have worked with groups like Our Revolution to elect candidates up and down the ballot. I also have excellent relationships with over a dozen other likely Maryland delegates, and can work with them to build a consensus to win

SELECTION CRITERIA: I will support the candidate who will fight like hell to reverse the trends of climate change and oligarchy, the candidate who has the best chance to defeat Donald Trump in November with a diverse coalition of hard working men and women standing up for a better future. My vote is pledged to Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Ronald A. Beattie (Steyer)

Campaign Email: Ronbeattieny@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have long been involved in community organizing as President of my Chamber of Commerce, President of the Board at a major museum.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I'm supporting Tom Steyer because he has a proven success record in life and he has the right skills to become a pragmatic leader and bring Washington back to reasonable and pragmatic solutions.

Joseph Brecker (Biden)

QUALIFICATIONS: As a lifelong Democrat, I have been volunteering, campaigning, and voting for Democratic candidates in every election since 1976.

SELECTION CRITERIA: An individual who supports equality for all. Someone that has historically reached across party lines. One that wants to build on, improve, and strengthen the Obama Care. An individual who would rebuild the trust around the world with our allies and bring respect back to the office of the President. Understands global warming is NO HOAX Joe Biden does what a Leader does He Inspires a Nation!

Christopher DeVore (Warren)

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/DeVro2010>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/csdevore

QUALIFICATIONS: I work with legislation and policy each day and specialize in health care. When I take a step back to survey the field of Presidential Candidates, I listen to what is being said, but I look in to their policy plans. The devil is in the details.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The level of detail in their policy proposals. Too many people make decisions based on what is being said without looking deeper into the proposal itself. I also charisma and age. They have to be able to inspire others and they shouldn't be into their 80's and not capable of giving a 2nd term.

Andrew Duck (Warren)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a Democratic activist for more than 15 years with the following accomplishments: -Democratic nominee, U.S. Congress, Maryland's Sixth District in 2006 and 2010 -Active in organizing the Western Maryland Democratic Summit -Member, Frederick County Democratic Central Committee -Frederick County Democrat of the Year in 2012 -Board Member, United Democrats of Frederick -Veteran

SELECTION CRITERIA: Elizabeth Warren understands the challenges facing our country, and has the plans to address them. (<https://elizabethwarren.com/plans>) Key items: -2% wealth tax on persons worth >\$50 Million -Medicare For All without raising taxes on the middle class - Eliminate college debt -End Washington corruption -Create <10 million green jobs -Invest in rural America -Universal child care -and more

Brian Gaither (Warren)

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No responses received by deadline.

Jerry S. Garson (Uncommitted)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked for many Democratic Candidates over the last 30 years. I have also attended 8 conventions and have worked for the Democratic National Committee at 3 of these conventions. In addition I have attended the last four conventions as a guest. I have spent 4 years on the Montgomery County Board of Elections between 2007 and 2011 and for the last 16 months I was the President of the Board.

SELECTION CRITERIA: If I am elected as an uncommitted delegate to the Democratic Convention. In July I will help pick the best candidate, who I think can win the November election. This candidate will become the Democratic nominee for President of the United States.

Brian K. Grim (Buttigieg)

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

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/BrianKGrim

No responses received by deadline.

Raef Haggag (Sanders)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/raefmusic>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/raefmusic

Campaign Instagram: [raefmusic](https://www.instagram.com/raefmusic)

Campaign Email: raefmusic@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 8 years teaching in Montgomery County's public school system, have lived in Maryland most of my life, and have a deep sense of care for the direction of my state and country. i want to represent my district as someone who cares about America and its future.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The president of the United States of America should value the working class of this country, not take special interest money, or be influenced by corporations and those with a lot of wealth. The President should should seek universal health care for all citizens. The President should be eager to be involved in diplomacy and end endless wars abroad.

Jason Ray Hutchison (Bloomberg)

No responses received by deadline.

Csanad Petru Ignat (Yang)

No response received by deadline.

Nickolas A. Jackson (Yang)

No response received by deadline.

Daniel Jacoby (Warren)

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

QUALIFICATIONS: No delegate is going to change the platform or convention rules. Therefore, delegates should spend the time networking, sharing experiences and ideas on how to get more Democrats elected. I bring years of campaign experience in three states, and unique tools to share, and can bring back ideas and methods so that we can increase Democratic representation both here and across America.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Elizabeth Warren as my first choice for President because she brings a wide range of seriously progressive plans to her campaign, the toughness to push those plans into action – and, of course, the persistence to keep going when things get tough. Democrats need a truly progressive nominee in order not just to win the election but also to govern. Senator Warren fits our needs precisely.

Mark Jafari (Klobuchar)

No response received by deadline.

Roy D. Jaquez (Gabbard)

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

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/tulsigabbard>

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/TulsiGabbard

Campaign Instagram: @TulsiGabbard

Campaign Email: Info@tulsi2020.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 14 years in the US Military as a Combat Corpsman, fulfilling numerous roles during my tenure both on and off of the battlefield. I believe that my ability to change with the environment and maintain mission success puts me at an advantage to be able to take on this new and important role as Delegate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Honesty, integrity, and fortitude. Someone who has consistently put Her values of her constituents forward in her voting record. Someone who has a broad experience in different roles that would put her at an advantage for understanding what will be expected of her day one in office, and not left scrambling for opinions of the status quo that's led us to the state our Nation is in today.

Larry Kasecamp (Biden)

No responses received by deadline.

Barry Kissin (Gabbard)

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QUALIFICATIONS: Life-long peace activist, age 68. Beginning with Vietnam I have organized against every one of our wars since. I ran for Congress in 2006 on a platform that prescribed slashing the military budget and devoting our resources to fulfilling human needs. I have been published widely on subjects such as fraudulent pretexts for imperialistic wars and the corruption of our military-industrial complex.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Our entire political-economic system is in urgent need of overhaul. Our rapacious oligarchs now control our economy, our politics, our mainstream media, to a large extent, our culture. The next President must understand the need for systemic change, must have real integrity, must genuinely care about fellow human beings, and be courageous enough to confront the oligarchs and their lackeys.

Jason A. Malott (Buttigieg)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an active member of the Democratic Party all of my life and have worked tirelessly for candidates both locally and nationally through the years. I have also campaigned successfully for myself as I was elected the Register of Wills for Washington County in 2010 and have been reelected in 2014 and 2018. I want to have a vote on the Democratic Party platform and the future of the party.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I sought out a candidate who I believe will bring as many people together in a coalition that will be diverse and will work for stability in these turbulent times and have a vision of a better future beyond the corruption and coarseness of our current politics. Pete Buttigieg is a veteran and he has served as Mayor. I believe in his vision of inclusiveness and working together for the common good.

Manuel Martinez Salgado (Buttigieg)

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QUALIFICATIONS: My personal story is a perfect example of achieving the American Dream. I am an immigrant who came to this country with nothing but hopes and dreams. I was able to pursue a college education thanks to federal grants, scholarships, student loans, and big sacrifices from my hard-working parents. But due to Donald Trump's dangerous policies and bigotry, the American promise is starting to fade away.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Mayor Pete because I believe that in order to solve the big challenges facing America, whether it is access to affordable healthcare, climate change, inequality, etc., the first thing we need to do is to unite as a country. While other candidates in this Primary Race are making their entire campaign about fighting, Pete has a vision of unity and finding common ground.

Joseph Merchlinsky (Yang)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived, and raised my children, in our community for over 25 years as an engaged citizen. I had a long career as a digital communications engineer which taught me to analyze complex problems and find practical cost-effective solutions. I also have public policy training and have worked in the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I feel it is most important that our next president bring an innovative approach to addressing wealth inequality in our country. Progressive positions on universal health care and a livable minimum wage are crucial, and a determination to measure the health

of our economy through the lens of inequality and not simply GDP growth is long overdue.

Jim Michaels (Bloomberg)

QUALIFICATIONS: Associate Director and Attorney, Federal Reserve Board (34 years, retired); former federal regulator for consumer protection (23 years); private law practice (3 years); member, Montgomery County Advisory Committee on Consumer Protection (currently); Maryland resident for 32 years.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The most important factor in pledging to support Mike Bloomberg is nominating the Democratic candidate who is most likely to defeat the current President. Mike Bloomberg has the ability to obtain support from a broad base of voters across the political spectrum. He's willing and able to invest the necessary resources to compete and win in November.

Kirill Reznik (Buttigieg)

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a State Delegate since 2007 I have a strong connection to, and understanding of, my constituents in District 39. Representing my constituents at the Democratic National Convention will expand their voices, and the voices of all of the people of CD-6, in order to help select the next President of the United States.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I believe that whomever the Democrats select will be vastly superior to the current Republican Incumbent. However, Mayor Buttigieg presents the intelligence, intellectual curiosity, humility, and flexibility that is necessary to be an effective, collaborative, and transformational President. His military experience and local government experience is also critical to my support of his candidacy

Devang Shah (Biden)

QUALIFICATIONS: Throughout my career, I have advocated for and connected with fellow Marylanders through being a Montgomery County-based immigration attorney for 27 years and Maryland Democratic Party Asian American and Pacific Islander Chair. I also co-founded the Maryland Democratic Business Council to promote the rights of small business owners across Maryland - all of which prepared me for this role

SELECTION CRITERIA: Our next President must be someone with vast experience in leading for everyone rather than a select few in order to unify this nation in our desire for the United States to again be a place of opportunity for all. Our next President must also be dedicated to keeping the needs of the American people first and thus work across the aisle to create concrete policy change for those who need it most.

Thomas G. Slater (Biden)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a long time activist supporting Democratic candidates and have attended every Democratic convention since 1972. I was a delegate for Ted Kennedy in 1980 and for Obama in 2012 and served on the Rules Committee at the 2008 convention for Barack Obama. When not serving as a delegate I have been a volunteer assisting delegates and alternates as well as the Maryland Democratic Party.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Obviously the person I support for president has to be committed to the basic principals of the Democratic Party. In addition, our candidate for president has to be one that can defeat Donald Trump. The Trump presidency is one of the greatest dangers to the republic that we as a nation have faced. If re-elected Trump may do irreparable damage to the United States as we know it.

Benjamin Smith (Yang)

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No responses received by deadline.

Nicholas L. Smith (Steyer)

QUALIFICATIONS: I support Tom Steyer for President. He is a calm-mannered, thoughtful, and compassionate man, with extremely successful leadership skills. He would be an excellent candidate to defeat the current President.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Steyer could defeat the current President.

William P. Spencer II (Yang)

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Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/wspencerII>

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Campaign Instagram: [wspencerii](https://www.instagram.com/wspencerii)

QUALIFICATIONS: As a business consultant with Apple I worked with automation scripts and large network systems in order to help both private and public entities streamline workflows. I saw first hand what automation and AI were going to revolutionize. As we continue forward we need people who understand technology and can help us harness it to improve everyone's lives.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Someone who will use the data that is collected globally to improve our lives as a whole. Creating a cyclical economic system that supports a UBI and creates jobs. Harnessing sustainable energies to benefit our communities. Creating a healthcare system that improves your health and doesn't bankrupt individuals.

Jayson L. Spiegel (Bloomberg)

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No responses received by deadline.

Vaughn Stewart (Sanders)

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an attorney and a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, I know how to persuade others and forge compromises. In the event of a contested convention, the worst possible outcome would be party bosses picking an uninspiring, weak nominee in a back room. I will fight hard to ensure the people's will is respected in Milwaukee.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I'm most concerned with the candidates' policy positions and their ability to beat Donald Trump in November. To evict Trump from the White House and secure a Democratic Senate, we need a Democratic nominee who will inspire record levels of turnout. And to deliver tangible results, we need a President who will prioritize regular people over corporate interests.

Philip Sunshine (Klobuchar)

Campaign Website: <http://amazon.com/author/philipsunshine>

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/phil.sunshine.3760>

QUALIFICATIONS: In 20 years in government and 20 years in the private sector, I became an expert in ethics and leadership values. I know how the government can work well for everyone. I worked at DOJ, NASA and NSF. As NSF's Inspector General (acting), I evaluated whether grants for science were used properly. As General Counsel of a law firm, I helped guide the firm, and advised attorneys about ethical rules.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I will support the candidate who is able to win, especially in swing states in the Midwest, and who is best able to persuade our politicians, and all of us, to end the partisan nonsense, and, instead, make forward progress on important issues. The candidate should be kind-hearted, experienced in Washington and able to rely on already-existing relationships with other leaders. I.e. Amy Klobuchar.

James Vaccaro (Gabbard)

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QUALIFICATIONS: Lifelong antiwar social democrat. Supporting Tulsi Gabbard an active soldier and congresswomsn. She is a strong voice for ending regime change wars which not only kill innocents abroad but reduce our ability to provide for our own citizens. She supports Universal single payer health care Reliable voting w/paper hand counted ballots And much more

SELECTION CRITERIA: Ending all regime change wars Support true democracy around the world Universal single payer healthcare Verifiable paper ballot elections Stop funding terrorist act 2015-2019 Eliminate student debt Repeal bankruptcy limitations Tax wall Street speculation

Mudit Verma (Yang)

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No responses received by deadline.

Camber A. Vincent (Warren)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a 17 year old student, a senior in high school, and I would love nothing more than to become a delegate to the DNC. I have spent my high school career working as hard as I possibly can to make changes in my community through civic engagement, ranging from organizing walkouts and sit-ins to testifying in front of the county council. I work hard and will do what it takes to represent you.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Elizabeth Warren is an amazing woman, a brilliant politician, and above all, a queen. The DNC provides an unparalleled opportunity for me to learn, hear from, and meet the best and brightest political thinkers of our time, and I wouldn't want to go for anyone other than Elizabeth Warren. This is an amazing chance for me, and I hope you will help me to win my very first election by voting for me!

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Democrats in this district may vote for no more than 4.

Dana M. Alzouma (Gabbard)

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QUALIFICATIONS: My family has lived in Rockville over 15 years, and since 2007 I have helped several presidential campaigns. I have been following Tulsi's career since 2015; she has a proven track record of working with people of all political persuasions to find real solutions. Her military service and time in Congress means she will be ready to be Commander in Chief on Day 1.

SELECTION CRITERIA: We need leaders who will work for the people instead of wealthy donors and lobbyists. Before supporting any candidate I follow the money. In this election I am supporting Tulsi because she has shown her ability to stand up to special interests, including those heavily invested in endless wars. Tulsi places the people and real solutions ahead of politics and her own personal gain.

Kristen Ballantine (Yang)

Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/kristenballantine>

QUALIFICATIONS: I am running as a pledged state delegate to the Democratic national convention to become more civilly engaged because I believe in Andrew Yang's campaign and vision for America in the 21st century.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The candidate's platform must focus on making government more effective and serve its citizens with policies that focus on improving the welfare of its citizens. The candidate must be a unifier and not demonize or pit one group of Americans against another. The candidate for president must be able to solve problems and formulate the best solutions that would be the most beneficial to all citizens.

Liz Barrett (Buttigieg)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an engaged citizen and an advocate, particularly on issues of poverty and homelessness, education, and LGBTQ equity. I was first elected to the Frederick County Board of Education in 2014 and was re-elected in 2018. Through this public service, I have had the opportunity to understand better the varied needs of our region. I believe in a patriotism that includes everyone and builds belonging.

SELECTION CRITERIA: It is exciting to support a campaign that represents my deepest values and priorities--committed to shaping a republic where we all belong, where the voices and contributions of our immigrant community are valued, where education and service are championed, and where the nation comes together to tackle the climate crisis. The vision of a Buttigieg administration is bold and inclusive.

Julie Blum (Warren)

No responses received by deadline.

Brandy H. M. Brooks (Warren)

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No responses received by deadline.

Ysela Bravo (Warren)

QUALIFICATIONS: Formerly an HR manager for a 400-person defense contractor, I have since been active in my community by serving as PTA president, substitute teacher, a volunteer, radio show co-host trying to help bridge the liberal-conservative divide and community leader in rallying support for women's rights, our environment and racial justice. I ran for state delegate in 2018 in D4, a conservative stronghold.

SELECTION CRITERIA: We need more than a candidate. We need a leader. The candidate must be trustworthy, and have a solid understanding of how government works; be curious, and able to admit missteps and adapt. Our candidate must speak for the millions who feel unheard - someone who will give a voice to those who cannot afford to buy influence. We need a champion of the environment and true equity.

Alyssa L. Cain (Gabbard)

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/tulsigabbard

Campaign Instagram: @tulsigabbard

Campaign Email: infor@tulsi2020.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As an Army veteran and military spouse, I support Tulsi Gabbard for president. I believe that her service as a combat veteran has given her valuable experience and perspective that has readied her to be commander in chief from day one. My personal values line up with her #1 priority - stop the wars and spend the money at home.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I believe that Ms. Gabbard is running to serve the interests of the people rather the rich and powerful. She is thoughtful and diplomatic. She is capable of looking at a problem from different perspectives, and has a strong sense of integrity. She also knows when to stand her ground, and she speaks candidly and sincerely. These qualities to me are extremely

important when considering a candidate.

Lorig Charkoudian (Warren)

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No responses received by deadline.

Stephanie Cheng (Yang)

No responses received by deadline.

Kathryn Cohen (Yang)

No responses received by deadline.

Lisa Cookson (Klobuchar)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a 20-year resident of Montgomery County, a wife, mother and business leader, actively engaging with all members of our diverse and varied community to foster individual and company growth. I started volunteering while at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee until now through our current elections, and I want to continue this work by representing the voters of District 8.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I believe that understanding all sides of an issue, and aligning through compromise, is always a winning position. Amy is able to reach across the aisle to do exactly that. She understands issues through the lens of the common working American while understanding she will need to build consensus and alignment to get us where we need to be. Amy for America!

Karylena Maria Cruz (Warren)

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No responses received by deadline.

Ana J. Curtis (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I come from a family of immigrants and understand that immigrants contribute to and sustain our economy. I am an attorney with career experience in protecting labor and employment rights, including the rights of migrant agricultural workers and Federal employees. I have also worked to protect clean water rights and our environment from industrial polluters.

SELECTION CRITERIA: All people should have access to quality health care. The candidate must be committed to building a fair economy, beginning with equitable tax rates. Workers must be paid a living wage. The candidate should reject the damaging role that corporate lobbyists and campaign contributors play in our civic, legislative and legal processes. The civil and civic rights of all citizens must be protected.

Tracey Friedlander (Biden)

No responses received by deadline.

Linda Fuller (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am the right Delegate for Elizabeth Warren. As a retired U.S. Navy Captain who has practiced Psychiatry for over 40 years, I bring my expertise and ethical standards into this role. As an African American female and single parent who was raised in a family with economic and health challenges, I have experienced many of the disparities facing a large segment of our population. Choose me.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Now more than ever, America needs a President with character, wisdom, experience, mastery of policy, and unwavering commitment to call out Corruption and ensure the Rule of Law. Elizabeth Warren is this person we can be proud of who will also stand up for the middle class while promoting health care for all, affordable higher education, criminal justice reform and solutions to the climate crisis.

Raezel S. Geiser (Buttigieg)

QUALIFICATIONS: As a Grassroots Volunteer Organizer for Pete Buttigieg in Maryland, it's been wonderful to engage with voters about Pete. During my time organizing meetings, canvasses and phone books in support of Pete, his supporters never fail to bring me joy and a sense of belonging! I want nothing more than to share with that joy and belonging with America as I cast a nominating vote for Pete Buttigieg.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Pete Buttigieg is the best candidate to ensure that the core American values of Freedom, Security and Democracy are a right of every American. Pete's plans for healthcare, climate, and economic opportunity for all are the best in the Democratic field. Pete is a progressive that I would be proud to have as my Commander in Chief leading America on the world stage modeling a Democratic government.

Carrie Goux (Bloomberg)

No responses received by deadline.

Terrelyn S. Greszler (Yang)

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No responses received by deadline.

Susan K. Heltemes (Klobuchar)

QUALIFICATIONS: An engaged Democrat since college/coming to MD as a presidential campaign worker. I have been: precinct official; Local/State Central Committee member; founder of D18 Breakfast Club; manager/volunteer/organizer for federal/state/local campaigns. MD Young Dem of the year & other Democratic awards. Active in community/President of U of MN Alumni Assn. I work to motivate/engage all Dems!

SELECTION CRITERIA: Integrity/intelligence/experience/ability to work across party lines to achieve legislative priorities for all Americans is critical! Ability to attract voters from red and

blue states and then to govern as the President of all Americans. Empathy, a sense of humor and humility, are factors sorely needed today to bring all Americans back to one UNITED States of America. Amy for America.

Laura Henderson (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an enthusiastic Warren supporter, Democratic party leader, community and political activist, elected (with 46,000 votes) At-Large member of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, and an international development professional. I'm a seasoned canvasser, campaigner, trainer and Shepherd's Table Board member and I would bring great energy and drive to my role as a Warren delegate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Someone who can beat Donald Trump and is working for the following: gun control, immigration reform, universal healthcare, criminal justice reform, paid family leave and quality and affordable education for all. I'm also looking for a presidential candidate who is working to tackle: climate change, corruption, and Wall Street's stranglehold on our economy.

Susan R. Hoffmann (Biden)

No responses received by deadline.

Elena Hung (Warren)

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No responses received by deadline.

Beyhan M. Ibici (Yang)

No responses received by deadline.

Mary Virginia Ingram (Klobuchar)

No responses received by deadline.

Cheryl C. Kagan (Bloomberg)

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QUALIFICATIONS: My 1st Democratic Nat'l Conv was 1980, when I was on Sen. Ted Kennedy's prez'l campaign staff. Since then, I have attended all or part of nearly every Convention. As an activist and State Senator (D/17), I am focused on both the details of our platform and our plan to win in November. My historical perspective, national network, and state leadership role would make me an effective Delegate in WI.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Every 4 years, I seek the most progressive, pragmatic, experienced, and electable presidential candidate. Once Sens. Kamala Harris & Cory Booker dropped out, I evaluated the remaining options. Mike Bloomberg has exec experience and a record of leadership on guns, climate change, health care, and choice. His resources and grass roots organization will help us defeat Donald Trump & restore sanity!

Helen Rozsics Kerr (Biden)

No responses received by deadline.

Renee J. Kotz (Warren)

No responses received by deadline.

Dawn Krusemark (Biden)

No responses received by deadline.

Avital Li (Sanders)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have lived in Maryland's 8th District since I was born, and have a deep love for my community here. We are a strong and diverse district, and I will be proud to represent us at the Democratic National Convention. I will stand for our common interests and fight for what is best for all of our neighbors in the District without compromise.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I will vote primarily according to how the people of District 8 vote; I will not go against the will of the people, even in a second round of voting. I believe that this election is a chance for our Party to rebuild itself and our democracy, and I will wholeheartedly support a vision that restores political agency and transparency to the people of this country.

Shaw Li (Yang)

No responses received by deadline.

Caren W. Madsen (Klobuchar)

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No responses received by deadline.

Yaheiry Mora (Sanders)

No responses received by deadline.

Mairi Nicola Morrison (Gabbard)

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Campaign Instagram: [tulsigabbard tulsi.to.insta](https://www.instagram.com/tulsi.to)

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QUALIFICATIONS: Oxford and Wellesley educated: Tulsi's motto "Service above self" mirrors the motto of the latter namely "Non Ministrare, Sed Ministrare." I am simply bowled over by this 38 year old woman with a gravitas far beyond her years. Her stint as a combat veteran with two tours of duty in Iraq shaped her unique foreign policy linking the end of regime change wars to our pressing domestic needs.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I can only support a candidate who supports moving away from US imperialism, ending wasteful regime change wars, and plowing this peace dividend into our own communities - health care, education etc as well as somebody who has spoken out against the persecution of Assange, Snowden, Manning etc. and in favour of protection of our civil liberties.

Stefani Olsen (Sanders)

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QUALIFICATIONS: A lifelong Democrat, I organized volunteers for many Democratic candidates in college, and volunteered in Democratic presidential campaigns throughout my adult life. I've lived in Montgomery County for the last 17 years and devoted the last 4 years to learning about the challenges and concerns of our community. I will fight for a platform and candidate that represent ALL OF US - Bernie Sanders.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Bernie Sanders is the nominee with the enthusiastic grassroots support that is critical to beating Trump. As President, Sanders will restore the environmental and consumer protections eroded by the Trump administration. President Sanders will base his administration's priorities on the needs of ALL OF US, not just the top 1%.

Jill Ortman-Fouse (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I served on the MoCo Board of Education from 2014-18, representing the Board on various state and local advisory committees. I advocated for policies and legislation that best support students and families. Overseeing the 14th largest school system, in addition to other lead roles, has provided me with a unique perspective on the challenges our families from a wide diversity of backgrounds face.

SELECTION CRITERIA: My experience working on behalf of children through seniors from all walks of life has taught me a lot about the power structure in our country and what needs to change. There are too many barriers to opportunity that prevent people from reaching the American dream. We must have elect a president that understands those challenges and has plans to address them. That candidate is Elizabeth Warren.

Jennifer Peyton (Yang)

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No responses received by deadline.

Alyssa Picard (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I'm the director of the AFT higher education division & run our student debt clinic program. As an organizer & negotiator, I've helped build winning campaigns for the rights of LGBTQ people, disabled workers & international scholars, for affordable child care, & in

defense of affirmative action. I speak policy wonk, but my secret weapon is coaching people to consensus in work for common goals.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I will support a candidate who intends to use the powers of government to remove every conceivable structural barrier to the full participation of all people in our common life, and who has a plan to win.

Sanjida Rangwala (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a precinct official with the MD Democratic Party since 2017. I've canvassed and phone-banked extensively, including most recently meeting presidential primary voters all over the country through phone-banking for Senator Warren. I also have experience evaluating political candidates for endorsement through work with a local advocacy website (Greater Greater Washington).

SELECTION CRITERIA: I look foremost for leadership qualities - an openness to different perspectives, a willingness to change with new information, but also a steely determination to stick to your well-informed convictions, and a clarity and consistency of vision. A leader also looks first to the needs of those who are the most vulnerable or marginalized, including non-citizens, LGBTQ, and disabled folk.

Elly I. Rostoum (Sanders)

No responses received by deadline.

Peggy Sand (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: Building community and consensus has long been at the heart of my personal and professional life. I was housing director at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for 10 years, and now help nonprofits and local governments prepare for and execute leadership transitions. I have been a leader in the PTSA at Sligo, Eastern and Blair public schools and served on several nonprofit boards

SELECTION CRITERIA: My experience as an executive search consultant gives me insight into what it takes to be both a great candidate and president. Elizabeth Warren scores highest on both scales. She marries in-depth knowledge and a proven track record with comprehensive plans to make government work for everyone. She connects with voters and has the moral clarity to overcome the crisis facing our democracy.

Emily Shetty (Uncommitted)

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No responses received by deadline.

Patricia L. Sims (Warren)

No responses received by deadline.

Jennifer Stein (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have been involved in fighting for gun violence prevention in my community since 2013. Since 2017, I have been a volunteer leader with the MD Chapter of Moms Demand Action, spending countless hours working to pass gun sense legislation, and am currently the State School Safety Lead. I also have worked tirelessly for the election of gun sense candidates, helping to flip the US House in 2018.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I believe Elizabeth Warren is the candidate most likely to be able to achieve her progressive agenda, given her many achievements to date. She has never wavered in her support of gun violence prevention, women's reproductive rights, public education, environmental, and consumer protection policies. Elizabeth has integrity and is a fighter who can take on someone like the current president and win!

Susan Turnbull (Buttigieg)

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QUALIFICATIONS: Served as one Maryland's Democratic National Committee Members for 19 years including service as Vice Chair of the DNC, Chair of the DNC Women's Caucus and as Chair of the Maryland Democratic Party. I have attended seven national conventions and was a voting delegate in 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008. In 2016 I was Deputy Director of Radio Row at the Philadelphia Convention.

SELECTION CRITERIA: It is time to turn the page on the divisive nature of politics in our country and in our party. It is time to Win the Era. Should I be elected to represent Maryland Democrats in 2020, I would look to a candidate that is prioritizing protecting our democracy, our most at risk populations and our climate. In 2020 we need to have an honest dedicated leader who will bring people together and lead.

Mary D. P. Wagner (Klobuchar)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been teaching US History and Government for 27 years. Now I teach AP US Government & Politics to intelligent, motivated, curious students. I have extensive knowledge about government procedures and attending the Democratic National Convention would enhance my understanding of the process involved in choosing a president. I would be thrilled to participate in the process myself.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I believe that the most important thing we need in a president is someone who can work with all types of people. If our nominee is too liberal, he or she will not be able to negotiate with people on the other side of the aisle, and we will have four more years of frustration. We need a candidate who can work with others, choose reasonable goals, and get things done.

Jheanelle Wilkins (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: Having worked in various legislative and campaign offices in Maryland has given me the opportunity to hear and see how different policies and issues affect constituents, neighbors, and voters. As vice-president of the Montgomery County Young Democrats I have been advocating for issues that bring more equity to all Marylanders. As a naturalized citizen, I believe I am representative of my community

SELECTION CRITERIA: The most important factors when determining the candidate I support for President have to do with how policies will affect the everyday lives of Americans. I am most concerned with our healthcare system, equitable educational opportunities, equal justice for all, immigration reform, and how we value our small businesses which are the backbones of our communities.

Joyce C. Yang (Yang)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've had the pleasure of serving on an Asian American Advisory Board at Harvey Mudd College for one year and helped get ballot petition signatures as a volunteer with the Andrew Yang 2020 campaign, reaching out to undecided, conservative, and libertarian voters in Iowa and New Hampshire by phone. These experiences taught me powerful ideas can overcome polarization and prepared me for this role.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I will vote for a candidate who understands the issues facing the American people, who has a willingness to work with opponents to achieve a common goal, and who is a champion for the powerless in the country, supporting a Universal Basic Income. The country needs a thinker who will address the threat of automation and ensure that each American can reap the gains of the 21st century economy.

District 8 - Candidates for Male Delegates to the Democratic Party Convention

Democrats in this district may vote for no more than 4.

Benjamin Robert Howard Cole Beaury (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an queer man with medical disabilities I've learned the resilience to be an advocate in legal, economic, and environmental justice for LGBTQI, Disabled, BIPOC, and immigrant communities. I am driven to keep growing, learning, and amplifying the voices of minority leaders. When we address unequal access to education, transit, and mass food apartheid we can have Justice for All.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Attack corruption head on! Think of an issue most dear to you. A solution's decided federally in DC, but constantly gets rewritten to appease corporate interest. It gets revised again and again, where money holds more power and influence and eventually we cease to exist. So, if a candidate says they have a solution to your problem, ask them, "What are you going to do about the influence of money?"

Liam F. Berry-Drobnich (Sanders)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have experience fighting for democratic causes like gun control and human rights. I spent the summer volunteering for Virginia state house races helping the Democrats gain control of the Virginia house. I was also in a program lead by Congressman Jamie Raskin over the summer which gave me valuable experience in advocacy. I believe I can be a powerful new progressive voice at the convention.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Senator Sanders for president because he has the best chance to defeat Trump. Bernie in my view is the only person in this race that will be able to form a coalition large enough to win. Bernie has strong appeal in states like Michigan and Wisconsin where we need to win. His honesty and consistency is very appealing to many Midwest voters. Bernie is the best chance of beating Trump.

Alan S. Bowser (Biden)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a longtime Democratic Precinct Chair in Silver Spring (@ Sligo Creek Elementary School), and a member of the District 20 Caucus and the Greater Silver Spring Democratic Club in the 8th Congressional District. I have proudly served as Chief of Staff for two Democratic elected officials--Montgomery County Councilmember-at-Large Duchy Trachtenberg & Maryland State Delegate Pamela Queen.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Joe Biden for President because he has the best chance to win the Presidency and bring our Nation together. With experience as Vice President for President Obama, he will be ready on Day One, with realistic plans for expanding health care, strengthening schools, fighting climate change, and promoting social justice. He will bring integrity, honesty and decency back to the White House.

Ronald E. Cohen (Yang)

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Jordy R. Diaz (Sanders)

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an active member of my community, I have worked hard to advocate on behalf of the people I represent. I have helped draft laws and testify on bills that will benefit all of us. I believe that Bernie Sanders will be the best candidate to defeat Trump and represent the working-class people. As a student, I will do all I can to represent young voices in the Democratic National Convention.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support a candidate that builds a campaign around grassroots organizing and stands for all of the people. I believe that Bernie Sanders is the only candidate that will stand up to the large interest groups that control Washington. I support Bernie because he will protect the Latino community from Donald Trump and his threats of Deportation.

Joseph P. Esposito (Bennet)

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No responses received by deadline.

Ari Michael Feuer (Klobuchar)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I bring a young person's perspective to a position often held by political insiders who have been around a long time. I have a passion for Maryland politics and a passion for working to defeat Donald Trump. I am excited to be a delegate for Amy Klobuchar because I know she can do just that.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I want a candidate who believes in the American people, who believes in equality of opportunity, and who believes that America should not isolate herself from the world. I also want a candidate who can prosecute the case against Donald Trump and who has proven she can win voters who voted for Trump. Amy Klobuchar is that candidate.

Kade Friedlander (Bloomberg)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a proud Democrat serving as an At-Large member of the Montgomery County Council, where I represent all 1.1 million residents in our community. Prior to my election, I was a CNN journalist covering Congress and presidential campaigns. I also served as a board member of Equality Maryland, the state's largest LGBTQ+ advocacy organization, and helped pass marriage equality here in Maryland.

SELECTION CRITERIA: First and foremost, we must elect a Democrat in November. The current occupant of the White House is unfit for office and has done tremendous harm to the rule of law, the country and the world. Our nominee must protect our climate, end gun violence, and promote economic and social justice. My #1 priority is to support the Democratic nominee - whomever he or she is - and defeat the president!

Scott Evan Goldberg (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: The job is to select the Democratic nominee for President of the United States. If there's a contested election, after voting for Elizabeth Warren on the first ballot, if she is no longer a candidate I'd support the person who 1) would most likely defeat Donald Trump in the General Election, and 2) be the best President.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The #1 factor is which candidate can win in November. After that, we take a look at the whole picture: a vision for the future, a history of being an able manager, someone who shares our values, the ability to navigate the politics of Washington, and a person who can be a leader in restoring civility among Americans who simply disagree on issues.

Richard H. Goodwin Jr. (Gabbard)

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QUALIFICATIONS: As an entrepreneur who has seen so many senseless wars and bad policies carried out by too many presidents and the Congress, I totally support Tulsi Gabbard for president. As the first female combat veteran to run for president, including serving in Iraq, she is ready to be president and commander in chief from day one. Her #1 priority, stop the wars and spend the money at home.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Tulsi Gabbard is running to serve the interests of the people - not the interests of the rich and powerful, Big Pharma, war profiteers, and foreign governments. She will stop wasting your tax dollars on regime change wars, the new Cold War and the nuclear arms race, and invest in healthcare, education, protecting our environment, and rebuilding our infrastructure. Prosperity through peace!

Henry K. Ho (Yang)

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QUALIFICATIONS: For 30 years I've brought people together to improve the lives of MD families as a state lawmaker, a county councilmember, an environmental advocate, and a community organizer. I've helped lead campaigns to elect Pres. Obama & other Democrats. I've built coalitions to raise the minimum wage, strengthen civil rights, fight climate change & to improve health care. I know how to organize to win.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I am uncommitted because the most important factor is that we support our nominee and defeat Donald Trump. We MUST defeat him to protect our democracy, our middle class & our environment. Our nominee needs to unite & inspire Democrats while attracting independents & disillusioned Republicans. If selected, I would support the candidate in the strongest position to take back the White House.

Juan Carlos Iturregui (Warren)

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Milton L. Jones (Biden)

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Samuel J. Lieberman (Klobuchar)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a retired engineer from NATO and from the US civil service (Naval Research Laboratory).

SELECTION CRITERIA: The candidate is a very articulate and energetic person. In view of her age and opportunities she has managed to serve in the legislature in Hawaii, four terms in the US House and serve in the army overseas in a war zone rising to the rank of major. Inasmuch as she advocates disengaging from wars that seek regime change she does so with a degree of experience and real authority.

Joseph David Maka (Yang)

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QUALIFICATIONS: A "cradle" Republican at birth whose party moved away from me as I aged, I found a new home as a registered Democrat. I have supported Democratic candidates since Barack Obama's presidential run in 2008. I am an advocate for Tulsi Gabbard's 2020 presidential campaign because Tulsi will provide principled, poised, and articulate leadership in the highest office of this land.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Tulsi Gabbard is running to serve interests of the People -- not interests of the rich and powerful, Big Pharma, war profiteers, and foreign governments. She will stop wasting your tax dollars on regime change wars, the new Cold War, and the nuclear arms race. Instead, she will invest in healthcare, education, protecting our environment, and rebuilding our infrastructure. Prosperity through peace!

Joseph McCarthy (Buttigieg)

QUALIFICATIONS: As Senior Associate Dean at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government I had many years of experience recruiting and evaluating graduate students on several criteria: 1) potential for public leadership, 2) dedication to public service, 3) professional and intellectual achievements and 4) empathy for others.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Important presidential candidate criteria: 1) superior intelligence and knowledge, 2) government experience at the executive level, 3) deep commitment to the public good, and most important of all: 4) a presidential temperament manifested by a calm demeanor and sound judgement (which are not necessarily a function of age).

Richard L. McCarthy (Uncommitted)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I've supported Pete Buttigieg since January 2019, hosting watch parties, on the Grassroots Fundraising Team, as volunteer lead in my congressional district, and volunteered full time in Iowa for five weeks before the caucuses. I have the time, resources and commitment to attend the convention, and I'm committed to voting for Pete. I am a veteran and on the board of a local arts nonprofit.

SELECTION CRITERIA: I support Pete Buttigieg because he is calm, honest, down to earth, focused on fixing our democracy, and can appeal to people on both the left and the right. His experience as a Mayor showed that he can work with people across government to get things done. He would be the most progressive president ever elected. His plans for health care and racial justice are what this country needs.

Matthew Murguia (Uncommitted)

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QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 30+ years as an HIV policy analyst and government ethics officer. My mind is trained to look at information and quickly determine its relevance. I had to be diligent, honest and scrupulous in following and enforcing guidelines. There was no room for going rogue.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Ability to win; integrity; consistency; honesty; a lifetime of experiences in a variety of settings and an appreciation of public servants.

Frederick A. Olowin (Yang)

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Camden Raynor (Warren)

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a retired salesman i developed a rapport with who ever I met . I was able to understand the needs of those I met and find the right fit for them as a customer . I will do the same as a delegate offering understanding and a willingness to help wherever needed

SELECTION CRITERIA: Integrity and experience .The candidate must live up to the statements and promises they make on the campaign trail . They must have the experience to fulfill the tasks of the president of the united states .As commander in chief they must be familiar with the machinery of the military and be able to command an army .They must also have the skills of diplomacy ;able to talk with foreign leaders.

Jeffrey Zane Slavin (Bloomberg)

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QUALIFICATIONS: Lifelong MoCo Resident/Mayor&Council Town of Somerset 18 years/CoChair-Bloomberg MD 2020/Obama Delegate 2012/ Frm Vice Chair MD Dem Party/ Frm Board, MoCo African Am Dem Club/Campaign Chair Sen Susan Lee/ Natl Bd Dem Municipal Officials/Finance Cmt Rep Jamie Raskin/Lifetime Member MoCo NAACP & Nat Council of Negro Women/Adv Council Asian Amer LEAD/Leadership Montgomery&MD grad/frm Bd Nat LGBTQ TF

SELECTION CRITERIA: Mike Bloomberg was a terrific Mayor/did a lot of good things. Mike is a great friend of the LGBTQ+ community and embodies other values I hold dear. He practices Tikkun Olam, the belief that it is each human's job to make the world better--he has done this through service and giving. He's working against gun violence, for a greener America and to end income inequality. He would be a Great Prez.

Andrew Vermilye (Bloomberg)

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Benjamin Matthew Wolff (Buttigieg)

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Marc J. Zwillinger (Biden)

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Montgomery County Board of Education

Duties The Montgomery County Board of Education is responsible for the direction and operation of the public school system. Members of the Board of Education determine and enforce policies that govern the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). The Board's responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: selecting and appointing the superintendent of schools, adopting operating and capital budgets, establishing curriculum guides, and establishing school boundaries.

How Elected: The Board of Education is composed of two at large members who may live anywhere in the county and five members who must reside in the districts that they represent. The terms are staggered, with one at large and two or three district members being elected every two years. Elections for Board of Education members are non-partisan. All voters, regardless of the district they live in or party affiliation, may vote for one at large candidate and one candidate from each district. The two candidates receiving the most votes for at large and District 2 will appear on the General Election ballot.

Term: Four years, no term limit.

Salary: \$25,000 per year.

Website: montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/

Note: Only At Large and District 4 candidates will appear on the Primary Election ballot. Candidates for Districts 2 will not appear on the Primary Election ballot as only two candidates have filed in this District. Both of these candidates will appear on the General Election ballot in November.

Questions

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

OPPORTUNITY GAP: What approaches do you support to provide equitable countywide student access to experienced teachers and administrators and a diverse set of programs?

BOUNDARY CHANGES: What factors do you think are most important in considering changes to school boundaries?

FUNDING: Which recommendations by the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education should be given the highest priority?

SCHOOL SAFETY: How would you address school safety issues such as gun violence, gang problems and bullying?

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: What programs do you propose to address vocational preparation and opportunities for non-college bound students?

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: How will you obtain and use community and parent/student views in making Board decisions?

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities?

Board of Education At Large

All voters may vote for no more than 1.

Mitra Ahadpour

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am an MCPS parent, a results-oriented executive addressing complex health policy issues, and an accomplished primary care physician who listens deeply. I will bring to the board fresh ideas, evidence-based decision making, and collaborative partnerships with a wide variety of community stakeholders. I chair several committees and task forces at my daughter's school and meet students regularly.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: We need to understand and reduce inequalities so that all students have the opportunity to flourish. We should have metrics for the system to best understand the learning conditions necessary for all students to thrive, and the outcomes those conditions can bring about. There are plenty of best practices to draw from to improve equitable education outcomes, using a whole student approach.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: Fostering inclusion, diversity, equity and civility benefits all students. Multi-faceted policies are needed in transparent collaboration with students, parents, educators and community members to address this complex issue. Simply collecting and using raw numbers to examine boundary lines does not begin to give us a complete picture of the realities of our community and neighborhood schools.

FUNDING: I am supportive of all the Kirwan Commission recommendations; this is an amazing opportunity to close the opportunity gap. There is need for a whole student approach that includes high quality early learning, school climate that is conducive to learning and well-being, and improved family engagement by removing any linguistic or cultural barriers.

SCHOOL SAFETY: The ability of students to learn is impacted by their surroundings. There are several safety issues such as mental health, substance use, bullying, and gun violence which can be addressed through the implementation of evidence-based programs. A safe and supportive school environment is critical to the success of our children. We must have consistent administrative support for these programs.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: With students at the center of all our decisions, together, we can implement innovative initiatives to prepare them for life. It is important to expose students to a wide range of post-secondary opportunities; improve Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics programs; provide mentors; encourage internships; and build deep partnerships within our talented community of partners.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: We need an increase in transparency and communication to determine the will of our community stakeholders, with critical and ongoing input from students, parents, educators and members of the broader community. There are many creative approaches to use to get input from these stakeholders. We also need to ensure that student governments are consistently included, and have an ongoing voice.

PRIORITIES: My top 3 priorities are: Transforming our educational norms for all students to be successful through evidence-based best practices; end the drug use in MCPS that is impacting students' physical, mental, social, and intellectual well-being; and support for local schools with innovative strategies to foster inclusion, diversity, equity and civility that benefits all students.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Given that this election is heavily focused on the future of MCPS boundaries and the possibility of moving children for socioeconomic diversity, my childhood experience is powerful. I was both a FARMS-eligible kid, and changed schools 3 times against my will. Additionally, my career in financial analysis has prepared me to manage the growing budget needs of MCPS.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: I am a firm believer in educating children in their neighborhood schools because the social networks and accessibility are critical to families. MCPS has some amazing examples of innovative programs that were very effective at closing the achievement gap (like Broad Acres, and others), and I think we need to look at how to incorporate those lessons.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: Number one consideration is to have kids in the schools that are closest to their homes, where possible. Where it is not possible due to capacity issues, we need to look at ways to either grow capacity or build more facilities to achieve that goal. Some modest boundary adjustments are understandable if it is in the spirit of neighborhood schools.

FUNDING: I am a firm believer in the advantages of early childhood education, and hope Kirwan will make that a priority.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I would start with facilities that all have a high standard in security features. The temporary classrooms at many schools are not secure, and some of the older facilities do not have many of the modern safety features. For gangs and bullying, I think that has to be dealt with in a meaningful way. Our schools have to be safe environments for children to learn.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: My father was a metal trades teacher at a high school for a number of years when I was a kid. My brother is an electrician, so I have deep respect for the trades. I believe every school should have a program that employs professionals with real-life experience to prepare kids interested in this path.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I have been quite successful at this on social media, and plan to continue to connect with the community in this way when I am on the Board. Additionally, I enjoy engaging with communities in public forums. Community involvement is one of the areas the current Board has not handled particularly well, in my opinion.

PRIORITIES: 1) Return Board accountability to parents and the community 2) Work tirelessly to find innovative ways to close the achievement gap - in neighborhood schools 3) Bring my financial expertise to the Board to come up with creative ways to help weather any revenue environment

Anil Chaudhry

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QUALIFICATIONS: Child of educators. Both parents retired from the NYC BOE. 1st generation immigrant. Educated in public schools and colleges. Military veteran with combat duty. In Iraq, my civil-military team established a provincial police force and school system. Public servant. Run a national program supporting audits of \$75B in annual trade revenue. Family man. Married with three children in MCPS schools.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: 1. Make closing achievement gaps a county-wide responsibility 2. Provide safe, orderly learning environments for students and educators 3. Use test data and other research on students' performance to inform instruction 4. Leverage community diversity 5. Use meaningful data driven input from all local families, communities, and educators 6. Provide school choice for children in failing schools

BOUNDARY CHANGES: proximity - zone students for the schools closest to their homes quality of life - optimize use of logistical assets and reduce transit times quality of community - limit split articulation and provide compact feeder patterns diversity - build flexibility to reduce community opportunity gaps sustainability - optimize the usage of existing facilities stability - ensure school assignment stability

FUNDING: 1. Expand publicly funded full-day pre-K. 2. Expand number of Family Support Centers that provide access to wraparound services to low-income families in areas of concentrated poverty. 3. Redesigned career and technical education (CTE) pathways that lead to industry-recognized workforce credentials at high school graduation. 4. Establish independent oversight boards.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Improve staffing ratios to allow for the delivery of a full range of mental services and effective school–community partnerships; Develop evidence-based standards for district-level policies to promote effective school discipline and positive behavior; Fund continuous and sustainable crisis and emergency preparedness, response, and recovery planning and training that uses evidence-based models.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: We need to ensure our educators and school counselors are trained to provide non-judgmental information on military service, national service year programs, hands-on employment, apprenticeship programs, technical schools, trade schools, and gap year programs to allow students to make choices other than college without feeling like a failure.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: 1. Leverage common social media platforms to provide consistent, coherent, and concise communications with parents, community members and educators. 2. Use common technology platforms to provide greater weight to feedback linked to real identities of local stakeholders such as mcps ID's or local addresses 3. Provide more resources to school based newspapers, blogs, and student led communications

PRIORITIES: 1. Make closing achievement gaps a county-wide responsibility through transparent community driven decision making 2. Provide community based safe and orderly learning environments for students and educators including libraries and community centers 3. Use test data and other research on students' performance to inform instruction and defund programs with limited impact on educational outcomes

Sunil Dasgupta

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a first-generation immigrant and a parent of 3 MCPS students. I have 20 years of classroom teaching and policy research experience, 11 of them teaching MCPS graduates. I have worked with budgets, financial reports, and data. I have been an MCCPTA committee chair and PTA president and am the founder of an annual countywide Mental Health and Wellness Forum for students/families.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: We need to reduce class size/staff ratios by hiring more teachers, staff, and counselors. We should consult with teachers and staff to bring more training, diverse content, and an inclusive school culture for all. We need to keep staff and programs in schools currently facing pressures of under-enrollment, expand hiring to encourage diversity, and consider the possibility of higher pay.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: I have studied and written articles investigating this complex issue. After decades of massive demographic and population change—and 100 overcrowded and 99 under-enrolled schools—boundary changes are inevitable. We can guarantee predictability and adjacency of school assignments by developing a regular, transparent, and fair process of systemwide review and adjustments. <https://bit.ly/2SMdVv7>

FUNDING: We have to prioritize pre-k expansion, then academic support and wraparound services including counselors, high quality and diverse teachers, and career pathways for students. Achieving these goals really means hiring more teachers and staff. This election itself is about governance and accountability, the last Kirwan recommendation. I want a BOE that is able to govern MCPS more effectively.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Address physical security by reducing portable use, adding entrance vestibules, and cameras that work. Long-term, use educational approaches, not more police officers inside schools. More counselors, trauma-informed, restorative practices, teacher diversity, and ultimately teacher/staff ratios so students actually have a trusted adult in the building. Rebuild the home and school partnership.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: Reducing class size allows more specialist courses to run with fewer students right in assigned home schools. Start early in middle school with robust courses such as in coding—a career choice that doesn't need a college degree. More student media and early childhood career pathways. We need effective internship coordinators to develop relationships with local organizations to place students.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I will have a direct and open relationship with families, students, teachers and staff, and reach out to under-represented groups. The onus is on BOE members to get out more, not to wait for public hearings alone. BOE should develop a regular process of addressing constituent requests. Personally, I plan to visit each cluster annually and regularly hold informal "office hours" with stakeholders.

PRIORITIES: Expand hiring to address class size/staff ratios. Rebuild the home and school partnership. Invest in the health and safety of our students and staff, including mental health and wellness. But we have to find the money and have strong leadership on the BOE. The county and the state will provide new funding and we should rebalance capital and operating budgets to free more resources.

Paul Geller

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OPPORTUNITY GAP: Reward outstanding teachers, staff, and principals with incentives to thrive long-term at Title I and Focus Schools. Evaluate and correct inequitable access through policy changes and union agreements. Provide more professional development opportunities. To support students, add counselors, school psychologists; provide fun extracurricular programs such as STEM, field trips, and language classes.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: Important factors are: how over/under enrolled an existing school is; benefits of neighborhood schools and how some provide wraparound services; proximity; changes desired by stakeholders; diversity; and addressing facility utilization by allowing school choice for students in schools at or above 105% of capacity to attend a nearby school at or below 95% of capacity without a boundary change.

FUNDING: Kirwan Commission recommendations must be wholly enacted for true success. I would place extra emphasis on: expanding pre-K availability; elevating the teaching profession and high quality we desire with pay on par with other degreed professions; allocating greater resources for struggling and differently abled students; and college or career readiness for students by the end of 10th grade.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We should expand the availability of high quality, free or low cost, extracurricular activities and school media center accessibility districtwide before and after school so students have a place to be and a positive experience. I would create programs in partnership with MCPS-TV showing/addressing the effects these issues have on society, featuring students and teachers sharing their experiences.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: We must do a better job of publicizing non-college track programs, and expand the offering of cyber security, plumbing, electrical, automotive, medical, construction, and other courses to additional high schools. We also need more partnerships with businesses that hire employees in these fields, as well as trade unions, to establish/expand apprenticeships and job opportunities for our graduates.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Will seek the input of students, teachers, administrators, staff, families, and communities by visiting schools and meeting with stakeholders countywide, as I have done since 2013, as well as via email, text, social media, snail mail, and telephone. Will aggregate this invaluable feedback and utilize it to inform decisions (policy, program, curriculum, construction,...) made with my BOE colleagues.

PRIORITIES: Academics: ensure all students are academically challenged, encouraged, and supported to achieve their best regardless of background or financial status; college and career ready by end of 10th grade. Construction: save money by renovating schools and adding solar power wherever possible; opening bidding to all qualified/capable contractors. Testing: reduce testing; increase teacher planning time.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a kid who grew up in a poor immigrant family, I experienced the opportunity gap first hand. It lent me powerful insights on the effects of the opportunity gap and a unique perspective on how best to address it. Through my roles as an education and transportation advocate, I gained valuable insights into communication, community engagement, state legislative process, and MCPS operations.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: I support approaches that consider geographic diversity, automatic access to advanced courses based on grades. To ensure access to experienced teachers, we must first retain teachers, to that end, I would support preference to the promotion of teachers who taught in high need schools, competitive pay, and tuition assistance.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: Boundary study, in essence, is a trade study between various factors. Which factors are more important depends on the objectives of the study and context. I typically consider facility utilization and geography to be the most important. As over-utilization and geography have an overwhelmingly negative impact on a school's operation, safety, security, and most importantly, on students well-being.

FUNDING: All Kirwan Commission recommendations shared the same level of urgency. If I had to pick one as the "highest priority", I would go with the expansion of Pre-K. It is one of the best equalizers of student performance. Furthermore, Montgomery County has already begun this work, so it is important to support it.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Community building, engagement, and trust-building with families are key. Clear, unfeathered, reporting procedures for students and families, coupled with legal and/or disciplinary consequences for responsible adults are also critical. On issues such as student mental wellness and vaping, awareness, education, and active intervention are key. I would also advocate for relevant legislative actions.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: I would propose future-ready programs that prepare our kids for careers of tomorrow. We need to expand programs such as the Aviation and Aerospace program at Magruder High School. Our kids receive an FAA Part 107 Drone Operator certificate after this program. In addition to traditional trade programs, we should establish data science, AI, and entrepreneurial programs.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: In addition to the regular cluster, constituent, and stakeholder meetings, I would obtain community input by hosting regular focus group students and teachers, as well as low-key coffee at regular location and time as a relationship. Regular social media “Ask-Me-Anything” (AMAs) with appropriate ground rules is another method that I would consider as well.

PRIORITIES: Address the opportunity gap and ensure that the same upward mobile path available to me as a child is available for future generations. We can do so by ensuring: 1. access to future-ready, inter-disciplinary STEAM curriculums and programs for ALL kids. 2. seek ways to increase teacher autonomy and support. 3. evaluate and implement innovative education and operational practices

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QUALIFICATIONS: Years of experience in nursing, law, public health & teaching prepare me to address the array of issues confronting our school system. My deep knowledge of MCPS gained from ten years of substantive MCPS advocacy means I will be ready to serve on day one. Having prioritized student & family engagement, I know the wisdom of students, teachers, parents & staff is essential to all MCPS decision-making

OPPORTUNITY GAP: Place experienced, highly effective teachers & administrators in the most challenged schools. Ensure all academic & other opportunities are truly accessible to all students – looking at geographic placement across the county, transit as a resource, & as a last resort online access. Implement the community schools model at schools where poverty level (FARMs as proxy) exceeds 37% (countywide FARMs)

BOUNDARY CHANGES: System-wide, at all levels, MCPS enrollment about equals MCPS capacity yet we have massively under- and over- enrolled schools. We need a commonsense reboot to end that imbalance and use our capital dollars more effectively. We also need more equitable schools- no more pockets of poverty where FARMs rates greatly exceed the countywide rate of 37%.

FUNDING: All 5 policy areas are mission critical. I would prioritize High Quality and Diverse Teachers and Leaders, and More Resources for Students to be Successful. Those address the need for instructional excellence in every classroom, ensuring teachers have the tools they need to support diverse learning needs, and the importance of all students seeing themselves reflected in their school's staff

SCHOOL SAFETY: School climate and student safety & well-being go hand-in-hand. All teachers & staff need substantive training in trauma-informed practices to ensure our schools are warm, welcoming spaces in which all students & staff feel safe & valued, and no one falls through the cracks. Mental wellness services need to be readily available, & self-care needs to be intentionally included in every school day

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: MCPS has great CTE programs concentrated at Edison and next Fall Seneca Valley, as well as scattered at many other high schools. Students are earning valuable industry certifications & getting professional experience. We need to ensure all students are aware of & can access any program of interest regardless of their home high school. Not just non-college bound - all students can benefit from CTE

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: BOE decisions must be infused with substantive stakeholder input – teachers, staff, students, parents. Each has unique wisdom about MCPS that must be understood in order to make the best decisions. A regular process of meeting, engaging, information-sharing, & civil discussion is key. The BOE must proactively ensure that all voices are heard, not just the loudest, most organized, or most angry

PRIORITIES: 1. Student Voice - operationalize real processes to bring the wisdom and experience of students to the table for every MCPS decision. 2. Open Data- MCPS must transparently share data so that all stakeholders see and know the same things at the same time, & can bring collective expertise to the problem-solving process. 3. Consistency – of programs, opportunities, and quality across all schools

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QUALIFICATIONS: Every step of my professional career has begun with families asking me to teach, help, mentor, and protect their children. My unique professional experience both in and out of the classroom, as well as in spaces where policy is developed and implemented, has prepared me for this role at this specific time. The main thing, though, is that I did all of that work before running for office.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: I support enhancing cultural competence, providing comprehensive support for students, consistent outreach to families, extended learning opportunities, community schools, providing resources to classrooms that support learning, and recruitment and retention of qualified staff.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: We have to factor in how specific, measurable, accessible, time-oriented, and realistic the changes that we are proposing are. Are we burdening students and families with extended travel times? Are we prepared from a staffing standpoint? Have we considered all options before making boundary changes? And can our desired outcomes be reached? All of those are things I'd consider important.

FUNDING: The Kirwan Commission had a lot of recommendations that would fundamentally put a dent in the Opportunity Gap, but I'd give highest priority to expanding prekindergarten for low-income families, increasing teacher salaries, revamping high schools to offer students training for well-paying jobs right after graduation, establishing more community schools and expanding special education services.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Investing in mental health professionals and dedicated support staff, while providing professional development to staff members on how to recognize and respond to behaviors that are a natural part of a child's development, is a first step towards addressing school safety issues. Every child has a right to learn and be safe by doing so, but we cannot criminalize our youth with more law enforcement.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: Expanding computer vocational programs, similar to what the High School of Computers and Technology does, is a program that could provide more vocational preparation for students. Incorporation construction, barbering, cosmetology, and automotive programs worked really well at the high school I worked at last year, and allowed the students to work in industries they deemed enjoyable.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I will pledge to host bi-weekly community meetings all over the County during times that are convenient for all parents, and I will do this before making any Board decision. It is important that you, as an elected official, are available and accountable to the people that are trusting you with their vote. I will, also, utilize social media and surveys to make sure we have the input we need.

PRIORITIES: My top three priorities are to close the achievement gap, recruit and retain quality teachers and administrators, and to assist in developing culturally-competent curriculum and instruction that allows us to really make sure every student receives the quality education their parents have invested in from MCPS. Every child, regardless of zip code, deserves exactly that.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a recent (2012) graduate of Montgomery County Public Schools, I know our successes and challenges firsthand. Including my bachelor's and master's degrees, I spent 19 years as a public school student. My lifetime of benefiting from public education makes my candidacy for Board of Education a natural fit. I'm proud to be endorsed by Delegate Kumar Barve and former delegate Andrew Platt.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: I agree with Superintendent Jack Smith that simply considering race has not worked to narrow the opportunity gap. If students are lumped into broad categories, their needs cannot be adequately met. Like all people, children are multi-faceted. Efforts to ensure opportunity for all students should be informed by more detailed data collection of students' performance.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: The boundary analysis is long overdue. I appreciate that the consultant's analysis -- per Board of Education policy -- is considering linguistic, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity in addition to proximity and capacity. The benefits of diverse schools are not superficial; they are tangible and long-lasting. If elected, I will consider the consultant's report heavily in my decision-making.

FUNDING: The Blueprint for Maryland's Future took effect on my birthday last year -- a welcome birthday gift! It makes important investments in pre-kindergarten, teacher salaries, and special services for schools with high poverty rates. The Kirwan recommendations can be fully funded: several bills have been introduced in the 2020 Maryland General Assembly session to generate significant revenue.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Bullying and other social issues among students shouldn't be dismissed as inevitable. Students have understandably expressed frustration at being assigned different counselors in different years of high school. Developing a relationship with one counselor is valuable in establishing trust and in securing a quality recommendation letter for college. I will work to increase continuity in counseling.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: MCPS can reduce the stigma around career/technical programs by more visibly presenting them as viable options early in each child's education. Familiarity with options well in advance may help families avoid the notion that anything besides college is a last resort. As the three-year action plan on career readiness finishes, MCPS should strive to meet specific program demands of county residents.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Listening is a natural part of having volunteered politically for 12 years. Since January 2008, I've enjoyed countless conversations with students, teachers, and parents across Montgomery County about education issues that affect them personally. I bring a thoughtful, open-minded approach of fully taking in and acting on stakeholders' concerns. I look forward to hearing from you!

PRIORITIES: three connected issues: I will constantly be looking out for students' physical and mental well-being. Health affects so many aspects of their lives, including ability to focus in class. / I will work to make sure in-school administration is accommodating of LGBT students' and teachers' needs. / As a card-carrying NAACP member, I am dedicated to fighting white supremacy in all its forms.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I believe in order to be successful as a school board member one must have the desire to help people. And that is what I have been doing all my life. From the neighbor who I helped get more business when I was barely a teenager to the countless families I have had the privilege of helping make their dreams of home ownership a reality, I will do the same for our students - help them succeed.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: To increase equity, diversity and access to all our students I would provide incentives to teachers who are bilingual and want to teach at schools with high needs. I would also provide additional support and resources to those schools so that our students are succeeding both in academia and in life.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: When considering school boundary changes we need to look at several factors - school utilization being the most important in my opinion. Many teachers are currently teaching classes that are overcrowded and receive little to no help. This leads to students becoming disengaged and bored at school and teacher burn out. Let's use our buildings in the most optimal way to help our students learn.

FUNDING: I would give high-quality early education the highest priority because I believe it is the one recommendation that will close the opportunity gap and increase diversity in the long-run.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Each school needs to foster a culture of respect and civility and this starts from pre-kindergarten. I would encourage our educators to start working with our students at an early age in creating safe and welcoming environments in the classrooms and the school. I would also promote public service announcements that highlight the character traits that we want to see in our community.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: MCPS has done a great job in providing vocational and technical programs for students who may not be considering college right after high school. I would like to expand these programs to include careers in marketing, technology, and entrepreneurship.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I believe that it is crucial to include the voices of students/parents and the community in the decision making process. Ultimately the students/parents will be most affected by the policies we implement and we need to be sensitive to their needs and concerns. In order to get input from students/parents and the community I plan on holding regular meetings throughout the year.

PRIORITIES: My top three priorities as a school board member are to increase diversity at all levels of the school system, build alliances and strategic partnerships with the community at large, and create more growth and entrepreneurship opportunities for all our students.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As the founder of a local tutoring company, I am keenly aware of the challenges that our students face. I see too many students in high school who struggle with basic math and lack proper reading and writing skills. It is not the students' fault. It is not even the teachers' fault. The board is currently too busy playing politics with our education system while our students are falling behind.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: Right now, there is a vicious turnover of teachers going on at lower-performing schools. The least experienced teachers often end up in the most challenging classrooms, and we wonder why many teachers leave within a few years. The incentives to have the most experienced teachers teach at lower-income schools simply aren't working. Let's strengthen those incentives and add more programs.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: Redistricting is not the answer. 1) Forcing students to leave their friends and teachers behind will take a heavy emotional toll on them. 2) Many families, including minority families, used their life savings to buy homes so their children can attend a different school. Forcing them back into schools they moved away from is wrong. 3) Let's change the way the schools are run, not the students.

FUNDING: Free pre-K education for lower income families. Studies consistently show that students who start earlier, end up going farther in education. Children start learning at a very young age, so let's foster that curiosity so that students are more prepared for school when they enter kindergarten. Not to mention, providing free pre-K will also reduce the financial burden on lower-income families.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Bullying happens every day in every school around the county. While bullying may be hard to detect, bullying often leads to serious, long-lasting effects. Incorporating activities to educate students on the harms of bullying while continuing to train the teachers on how to spot and prevent bullying can help address that issue. We can also provide a heavier security presence to tackle gun violence.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: How do you tell a student that they are not college bound? When do you know? All students want to go to college, even if some can't. As a result, I advocate for school sponsored vocational internships by partnering up with trusted local business. This way, students can focus on getting college ready at school, while exploring different career paths outside of it.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Parents should be involved in decisions like redistricting. However, I'll also say what may not be as popular. Parental and student pressure on teachers has led to a runaway grade inflation. The board eliminated final exams and created an absurd grading system that literally discourages hard work to pander to parents and students. When it comes to education, we should listen to teachers more.

PRIORITIES: 1. Bring back academic rigor by strengthening the curriculum and fixing the broken grading system. 2. Test all students for learning difference at an early age. 3. Get politics out of education and bring common sense back in.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I have had the great honor and privilege to support MCPS in a variety of volunteer positions during the past eleven years, beginning the very first day my son entered the school system. I've volunteered and served alongside educators, administrators, parents, and students.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: I believe that the foundation from which to address the opportunity gap for under-represented minority students begin in elementary school. All students in elementary school should be provided with the same opportunities to access curriculum that will prepare them for a range of rigorous courses by the time they reach high school.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: I believe the following factors are equally important when considering boundary modifications – proximity, school capacity, and building utilization, and diversity.

FUNDING: I believe access to early childhood education should be given the highest priority. Studies have shown early intervention and access to Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten for children in underserved communities have positive outcomes and establishes a solid foundation for success later in school.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I strongly believe that the first initiative needs to expand our focus on mental health. We need to remove the stigma associated with mental health and ensure students have access to mental health counseling. I think it's also important to train our educators to recognize when bullying behavior is occurring and how to appropriately manage the classroom safety.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: I believe the Career and Technical Education currently taught in MCPS, is an outstanding program that offers an alternative pathway for students who may not want to pursue post-secondary education. Being able to obtain industry certification in a career lincreases a student's chance to success beyond high school.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: A parent's participation is crucial in their child's educational success. Therefore, I believe community engagement and involvement is vital. I would hold townhall forums, conduct surveys, and other outreach methods to ensure the greatest reach and participation possible.

PRIORITIES: My top priority is to rebuild trust among our community and the BoE by supporting and implementing transparent processes and practices in BoE deliberations and policy making decisions. My second priority is to invest in all our MCPS staff and educators. My third priority is to ensure that the BoE provides the best possible education to all of its students.

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QUALIFICATIONS: As a current board member, I am proud of the work we are doing to address disparities in student outcomes by closing gaps in opportunity and achievement. We continue to make progress, but there is still work to do. I believe my experience on the board since 2016 coupled with my leadership as the board president will be an asset as we advocate for resources to ensure the success for all students.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: The board has been committed to equity and excellence. We believe this can only be achieved when all students have equitable access, opportunities and resources. We now have five two-way immersion schools, expanded access to AP & IB, free SAT/ACT or Licensure tests, expanded access to PreK, investment in smaller classes, dual enrollment w/ Montgomery College earning an AA degree and so on.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: Every factor is being considered in the analysis. It is a fiscally responsible approach to have the board review the entire district when considering new schools and additions. Our student enrollment has grown by more than 25,000 students since 2010 and we expect 11,000 more students over the next six years. This boundary analysis will give us a better overview and inform decisions in the future.

FUNDING: As president on the board, I have had the opportunity to testify before Chair Kirwan and members of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. The board supported HB1300 and the funding it would provide to support improving access, opportunity, learning for all children and the new ways to improve the success of educators. We recommended adding funding for non-teacher personnel.

SCHOOL SAFETY: It is important that students/staff feel safe and secure in their learning and work environment. MCPS has procedures on emergency preparedness in the event of an attack of some sort or if someone has a weapon. The board supported the "Be Well 365" initiative because it promotes being healthy, being kind and being you. Students are equipped with tools to build academic and social resilience.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: MCPS has developed new career readiness programs that combine strong academics with real-world professional experiences. This expansion will allow students to be ready for the workforce. Thomas Edison High School of Technology is unique among our 25 high schools offering a variety of programs with hands on learning. In the fall, Seneca Valley High School will be another career readiness hub.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: As a board member, I am able to engage with external stakeholders through testimony at public hearings, during public comments at monthly business meetings, via emails, community meetings, etc. I am also informed as a parent of two MCPS students. The lived experiences of my daughters and their classmates help me understand the impact of my decisions. Each lens is important and informs the other.

PRIORITIES: Continue addressing the disparities in student outcomes by closing the gap in opportunity and achievement. Continued expansion of access to full-day Prekindergarten. Continued efforts to diversify our workforce with emphasis on recruitment, retention and increasing our own pipeline of talent.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a citizen, taxpayer, homeowner, and parent of two small kids. I have spent my whole life in public service. I currently serve in the National Guard, so this would be another part-time job in the public interest for me. With a \$2.8 billion education budget representing the bulk of MoCo's outlays, we have to get this right.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: I am advocating the implementation of an Open Seat Lottery Option (OSLO). This would mean that at every overcapacity school, the parents would be given lottery spots equal to the number of open seats at nearby undercapacity schools. This way, you could resolve the capacity mismatch (10,000 kids in overcapacity schools and 10,000 empty seats), while no one has to leave a school they like.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: With an OSLO, families would be given a choice that they don't already have, while avoiding some of the harsh blowback (including expensive litigation) prompted by families being forced to leave schools they like. I have yet ever to meet a parent who resented being given more choice about their children's schooling. This is an immediate and cost-free resolution of the boundary issue.

FUNDING: Pre-kindergarten has such well-documented benefits to cognitive development that it should be funded as a top priority. DC has it. Why don't we? It is also important that we adequately fund college- and career-readiness programs to ensure that our high schoolers are prepared for life after graduation.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Educators, administrators, counselors, and all other adults in educational institutions must to be empowered to support students in need, be they the targets of bullying or gang activity or those in the act of harming others. It is important to ensure adequate reporting mechanisms so that issues can be addressed early on before situations deteriorate and endanger the community.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: MCPS has to accommodate both the college- and non-college bound student populations, and a critical element of that is adequate support for vocational training. It is essential to provide a pathway for students who are not planning on attending college (at least right away) to acquiring practical job skills as well as industry-recognized credentials.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: With respect to boundaries, the Open Seat Lottery Option will actually provide critical insights into families' sentiments about schools by empowering parents and students to make choices; it will be illuminating if one school turns out to be much more popular than another nearby school with a comparable student body. Beyond that, outreach such as community fora and surveys are critical.

PRIORITIES: The Open Seat Lottery Option will advance the interests of all stakeholders by giving families a choice they did not already have without requiring anyone to leave a school they like. Two-Way Language Immersion should be expanded to more than five out of 135 elementary schools to exploit MoCo's tremendous language diversity. MCPS should also focus on ensuring access to technology at a young age.

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QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong resident of Montgomery County. I have been active on several boards, committees, and issues in Montgomery County. Working in radio my whole career has allowed me to work collaboratively with others on a daily basis and interact with the public.

OPPORTUNITY GAP: We need to maintain the best teachers and staff.. Did you know that nearly half the teachers in MCPS leave in their first three years? Training and keeping the best teachers leads to the best chance for students to succeed. Also, we need more access to special programs and vocational programs across more schools.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: I believe the most important factors in terms of boundary changes are: geographical location and fixing overcrowding in the schools that need it. I do not believe in putting a child in a school far away from their home. That means more travel time to and from school, being pulled from a school where your friends are, and not knowing what school you'll go to in the future.

FUNDING: I agree with many recommendations by the Kirwan Commission. I support expanded pre-K to 3 and 4 year olds. I also support curriculum changes to better prepare students for real world jobs, as well as more resources for special education. My concerns are who is going to pay for this since it will cost \$4 billion. Will the bigger/wealthier counties like Montgomery County bear a bigger burden?

SCHOOL SAFETY: Gang activity is a real problem in our area. We need to start in middle school with outreach and prevention programs. Also more cooperation between MCPS and Montgomery County police is needed to keep gang activity from expanding.

VOCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES: I am a big advocate of expanding vocational programs across Montgomery County (If you look at my website www.VoteSteveSolomon.com you'll see it's my top issue listed!). We need to prepare students for jobs in the real world. What we have done at Edison high school with electrician, plumbing, and automotive programs is wonderful. We need more programs like this around the county.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I believe that students and parents want their Board of Education members to give them real answers and solutions to their problems. I would encourage more notice/comment sessions from the public. I have attended PTA meetings to hear what parents are thinking and what they are really concerned about.

PRIORITIES: My top three priorities are 1) Expanding vocational and technical programs to more schools 2) Keeping our schools local 3) Revising our Snow Day policy - MCPS should decide in the morning if they're open, closed, or on a 2 hour delay and stick with it, they should not change their mind at 8am, something that affects thousands of parents.

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