

2020 VOTERS GUIDE



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The League of Women Voters: Celebrating 100 Years

The League was officially founded in Chicago in February 1920, just six months before the 19th amendment was ratified and women won the vote. Formed by the suffragists of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the League began as a “mighty political experiment” designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters.

In her address to the National American Woman Suffrage Association’s (NAWSA) 50th convention in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1919, President Carrie Chapman Catt proposed the creation of a league of women voters to “finish the fight” and aid in the reconstruction of the nation. And so a League of Women Voters was formed within NAWSA, composed of the organizations in the states where woman suffrage had already been attained.

Since its inception, the League has helped millions of women and men become informed participants in government. In fact, the first league convention voted 69 separate items as statements of principle and recommendations for legislation. Among them were protection for women and children, rights of working women, food supply and demand, social hygiene, the legal status of women, and American citizenship. The League’s first major national legislative success was the passage of the Sheppard-Towner Act providing federal aid for maternal and child care programs. In the 1930s, League members worked successfully for enactment of the Social Security and Food and Drug Acts. Due at least in part to League efforts, legislation passed in 1938 and 1940 removed hundreds of federal jobs from the spoils system and placed them under Civil Service.

During the postwar period, the League helped lead the effort to es-

tablish the United Nations and to ensure U.S. participation. The League was one of the first organizations in the country officially recognized by the United Nations as a non-governmental organization; it still maintains official observer status today.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IN FREDERICK COUNTY

In Frederick, it started with a woman named Ruth Hallo Landman.

An excellent student, she graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Vassar College at age 20, studying anthropology under Ruth Benedict and Margaret Mead. She married another refugee from Germany, Otto Landman, in 1948, and joined him at Yale for graduate study. Landman earned a master’s degree and doctorate in anthropology while her husband earned graduate degrees in chemistry and microbiology. The family moved to Frederick when Otto accepted employment at Fort Detrick as a geneticist.

While living in Frederick, Landman, then a mother of three, helped to found Frederick’s chapter of the League of Women Voters. She served as the chapter’s first provisional president from 1959-1960. She was a “Fort Detrick wife,” one of many women who moved to Frederick County because of their husbands’ work at the Army base. Many of the wives were young mothers and participated in civic organizations to im-

prove the education of their children.

Frederick’s League was formally founded on March 31, 1960.

Men became members in 1974 and Lord Nickens, the noted civil rights leader in Frederick, was the first African-American to join the League. Today, Frederick’s League has approximately 100 members.

One of the Frederick League’s earliest initiatives focused on improving voter services, such as lobbying the county to offer locations beyond downtown Frederick to register to vote. The League continues to emphasize the importance of voting by registering voters at high schools and colleges by publishing a voters’ guide for every election.

In 1973, Frederick Community College’s faculty and the county Board of Education were deadlocked in contract negotiations. The faculty declared a work stoppage and were fired. The League hosted public forums to inform the public, and reached out to the faculty and members of the board. At that time, the Board of Education oversaw the entire public system of education, including the community college. The League conducted a study and determined that Frederick Community College should have its own board of trustees. Its recommendation was accepted.

Victims of sexual assault have access to health care in Frederick in part because of the leadership role the League played in pressuring Frederick Memorial Hospital to change its policies. In 1977, a rape victim had gone to the hospital for treatment but had been denied an examination to gather legal evidence. Instead, she was taken to Washington County.

The denial of care led to months of public opposition with many groups protesting hospital policy. At the forefront of the protest was the League of Women Voters of Freder-

RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

The 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote passed the US Congress in June 1919—with the final hurdle for the 19th Amendment: ratification by the states. As anti-suffrage groups still fought to oppose ratification, suffrage leaders mobilized to continue their pressure campaign in the states. Finally, the Amendment was ratified in Tennessee and officially made law on August 26, 1920.

ick County, which lobbied the hospital’s board and published materials in the local newspaper. The hospital changed its policy and began to provide the specialized training that was required.

Recently, the League focused on issues such as the privatization of Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center and Montevue Assisted Living, changes by county government in land use development policies, immigration and ethics in government.

For decades the Frederick League has monitored public officials for unethical behavior, promoted greater transparency and decried the weak supervision of ethics in politics. It pushed for a stronger code of ethics for public officials.

The League recommended the formation of a nonpartisan Ethics Commission whose members would periodically evaluate the adequacy of the ethics law and distribute information to employees and officials.

— Adapted from an article in *Frederick Magazine* and research by Professor Hoda Zaki

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Ground Rules for Presidential Candidates

Criteria for Participation in VOTE411.org: All presidential candidates who will appear on Maryland's ballot are listed below. The League of Women Voters of the United States, through the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF), established criteria to determine which candidates to invite to respond to questions for the Voters' Guide.

- Candidates qualified for invitations from LWVEF to provide responses to specific questions if they met the following criteria: 1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President; 2. The candidate must have met the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Election Commission's website.

- Responses were limited to a specific number of characters and were truncated thereafter.

- If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

NOTE: In addition, please note that voters cast a ballot for candidates in only one party during the primary season. LWVEF is required to have at least two candidates for President from the same party meet the above criteria before launching a Voters' Guide covering that party. At this time, only

one candidate running for the Republican Party's nomination for President has met the LWVEF criteria listed above. Therefore, no Republican presidential candidates have yet been invited to participate. As soon as any two Republican candidates meet the criteria or the party's national nominating convention occurs, LWVEF will invite the qualified candidate(s).

The list of all candidates who will be on the ballot in Maryland is printed below. Candidates' responses can be found at VOTE411.org.

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF U.S. PRESIDENT

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

Base Salary: \$400,000 per year.

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

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This candidate was the only Republican to meet the criteria for participation by the print deadline,

but no other candidate for this party's nomination qualified.

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This candidate's responses are available on VOTE411.org.

CANDIDATES WHO WITHDREW OR WHOSE CAMPAIGNS WERE SUSPENDED:

Michael Bennet, Michael Bloomberg, Cory Booker, Pete Buttigieg, Julian Castro, Tulsi Gabbard, Amy Klobuchar, Deval Patrick, Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer, Elizabeth Warren, Marianne Williamson, Bill Weld and Andrew Yang.

The League of Women Voters of Frederick County produce this guide in partnership with The Frederick News-Post for use in the upcoming Frederick County Primary Election to be held June 2, 2020.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that works to promote political responsibility through the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League neither supports nor opposes any party or candidate. Nothing in this guide should be interpreted as an endorsement of the League of Women Voters.

The Voters Guide contains only the names of the candidates on the official ballots as certified by local election officials.

All candidates for office were sent identical questionnaires. Candidates' answers appear as submitted and have not been edited by the League or the News-Post. Although the utmost effort is made to ensure accuracy, the League of Women Voters and The News-Post can assume no liability for errors or omissions.

To read all candidate statements, including those not available in this guide, visit www.vote411.org.

PARTY PRIMARIES IN MARYLAND

Party Primaries in Maryland are "closed" primaries. You must be registered to a political party to participate in that party's primary election, though all voters may vote for the non-partisan race of Board of Education.

If you have not previously registered to vote, or wish to register with a party in order to vote in that party's primary, you may do so online until Tuesday, May 27.

MAILING OF BALLOTS

All registered voters will be mailed a ballot in early May and must mail it with a postmark of June 2, 2020 in order to be counted. The postage on the ballot return envelope is already paid; no stamps are needed. You also have the option of

returning it to a Frederick County Vote Center between May 21- June 2. There will be a drop box for you to deposit your ballot at both locations.

ELECTION DAY

Due to social distancing restrictions, voters are highly encouraged to return ballots by mail or to a county vote center drop box. There will only be very limited in-person voting. If you have a disability and need assistance to vote, vote centers will be available from 7 am to 8 pm at:

Talley Recreation Center,
121 N Bentz Street Frederick, MD 21701
Urbana Library,
9020 Amelung St, Frederick, MD 21704

NOTE: Due to candidates withdrawing from the election, your ballot will have more names on it than are currently seeking office. All candidates who will appear on your state's ballot are listed, but only those that meet the criteria shown opposite were invited to respond to the League's questions in this guide.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

District 6

Term: Two years
Base Salary: \$174,000 per year.
Duties: Representatives make laws along with the members of the Senate, and may conduct investigations on issues of national importance. Laws that impose taxes always begin in the House of Representatives. Representatives can recommend that the Senate remove from office a

public official accused of a crime.

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

Website: www.house.gov

QUESTIONS

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?

CANDIDATES:

Republicans and Democrats may vote for no more than 1.

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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Kevin T. Caldwell

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.

ENVIRONMENT: No response received by deadline.

GUN SAFETY: No response received by deadline.

ECONOMY: No response received by deadline.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

STUDENT LOANS: No response received by deadline.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Chris P. Meyyur

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

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 D.C.

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 world's 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.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Maxwell A. Bero

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.

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.

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.

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.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

District 6

David J. Trone

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. 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.

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. 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.

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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Gregory Thomas Coll

GOALS: I 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 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.

IMMIGRATION: I 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 want to attract the best people from around the world.

HEALTH CARE: No, I 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 relation-

ships. 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 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 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 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.

STUDENT LOANS: I 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.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Bridgette L. Cooper

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 boarders, 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.

Nicholas Gladden

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 time's when rape and sex trafficking skyrocketed when a city becomes a sanctuary City now we have Sanctuary states trying to be an enacted. We should follow the federal law and anyone that breaks or prevents prevents a detainee 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

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

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.

Michael Yadeta

No responses received by deadline.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Congressional District 8

Marcia H. Morgan

No responses received by deadline.

Utam Paul

No responses received by deadline.

Jamie Raskin

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

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

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

STUDENT LOANS: Prosecute/eliminate public-private-partnership, robbery; 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; Defense-New.com; U.S. Institute of Peace.

JUDICIAL OFFICES

Frederick County Circuit Court Judge

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

Base Salary: \$174,433, effective July 1, 2021.

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.

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

QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

CANDIDATE:

THERESA M. ADAMS

QUALIFICATIONS: No response received by deadline.

COURT NEEDS: No response received by deadline.

REPEAT OFFENDERS: No response received by deadline.

DISCRIMINATION: No response received by deadline.

PARTY OFFICES

Delegates to the Republican National Convention

Maryland will send a total of 38 delegates to the Republican National Convention. Each of the Congressional Districts will elect three 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 three candidates for delegate and three candidates for

alternate.

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

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?

Congressional District 8

DELEGATE CANDIDATES:

Republicans 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)

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Campaign Instagram: @ebonyjewess

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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 Republican 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)

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QUALIFICATIONS: BS Criminal Justice, 2016 RNC Delegate For Donald Trump, 2016 Author Republican Party Platform~National Security & Defense, Western Maryland Trump-Pence Campaign Coordinator, FCRC 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.

Delegates to Congressional District 8

CANDIDATES:

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

RUTH HORTON MELSON (TRUMP)

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QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION

CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

JEFFREY SHOCKEY (TRUMP)

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QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION

CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

MARGARET S. SHORTEN

QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION

CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

MARK UNCAPHER (TRUMP)

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QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION

CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Alternate Delegates to Congressional District 6

CANDIDATES:

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

BARRIE S. CILIBERTI (TRUMP)

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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>

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No responses received by deadline.

LUANNE RUDELL (TRUMP)

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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.

Alternate Delegates to Congressional District 8

CANDIDATES:

Republicans may vote for no more than 3.

JAMES A. CALDERWOOD (TRUMP)

QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

DAN COX (TRUMP)

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

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

Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/delegatecox

QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

PATRICIA ANN FENATI (TRUMP)

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

QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

Delegates to the Democratic National Convention

Maryland will send a total of 119 delegates and eight alternates to the Democratic National Convention. Voters from each Congressional District will vote for seven to nine delegates per District, for a statewide total of 65 elected delegates. Male and female delegates will be selected separately. Congressional district-level delegates will be selected based on the proportion of the vote won by the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged.

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

Congressional District 6

FEMALE DELEGATE CANDIDATES:

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

BARBARA GOLDBERG GOLDMAN (BIDEN)

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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.

NANCY J. KING (BIDEN)

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Campaign Phone: (301) 275-2914

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.

KAREN LEWIS YOUNG (BIDEN)

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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.

VENATTIA W. VANN (UNCOMMITTED)

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QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA:

No response received by deadline.

WITHDRAWN OR SUSPENDED:

Suzanne Sable Beall (Yang)

Candidate Withdrawn

Mary Bierman (Bloomberg) Campaign

Suspended

Ismatu F. Daramy (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Sophie Ehrlich (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Jessica Fitzwater (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Elise F. Goldstein (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Aesha Greer (Sanders) Candidate Withdrawn

Maureen D. Grayzeck (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

Martha L. Kahn (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Maria Lane (Buttigieg) Campaign Suspended

Angela R. Lowry (Sanders)

Candidate Withdrawn

Mary Ellen Mitchell (Buttigieg)

Campaign Suspended

Adrienne Oleck (Gabbard) Candidate Withdrawn

Lily Qi (Buttigieg) Campaign Suspended

Arlene Proebsting (Bloomberg)

Campaign Suspended

Elizabeth S. Stiefvater (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

Tarolyn C. Thrasher (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Linda Wagner (Sanders) Candidate Withdrawn

Myrna Whitworth (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

Congressional District 8

FEMALE DELEGATE CANDIDATES:

Democrats may vote for no more than 3.

TRACEY FRIEDLANDER (BIDEN)

QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA:

No response received by deadline.

SUSAN R. HOFFMANN (BIDEN)

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QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA:

No response received by deadline.

HELEN ROZSICS KERR (BIDEN)

QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA:

No response received by deadline.

Congressional District 8

FEMALE DELEGATE CANDIDATES:

DAWN KRUSEMARK (BIDEN)

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QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA:

No response received by deadline.

EMILY SHETTY (UNCOMMITTED)

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Campaign Twitter: twitter.com/EmilyShetty

QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA:

No response received by deadline.

WITHDRAWN OR SUSPENDED:

Dana M. Alzouma (Gabbard) Candidate Withdrawn
Kristen Ballantine (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn
Liz Barrett (Buttigieg) Campaign Suspended
Julie Blum (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn
Ysela Bravo (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn
Brandy H. M. Brooks (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn
Alyssa L. Cain (Gabbard) Candidate Withdrawn

Lorig Charkoudian (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Stephanie Cheng (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Kathryn Cohen (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Lisa Cookson (Klobuchar) Candidate Withdrawn

Karylena Maria Cruz (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Ana J. Curtis (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Linda Fuller (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Raezel S. Geiser (Buttigieg) Campaign Suspended

Carrie Goux (Bloomberg) Campaign Suspended

Terrelyn S. Greszler (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Susan K. Heltemes (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

Laura Henderson (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Elena Hung (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Beyhan M. Ibici (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Mary Virginia Ingram (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

Cheryl C. Kagan (Bloomberg)

Campaign Suspended

Renee J. Kotz (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Avital Li (Sanders) Candidate Withdrawn

Shaw Li (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Caren W. Madsen (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

Yaheiry Mora (Sanders) Candidate Withdrawn

Mairi Nicola Morrison (Gabbard)

Candidate Withdrawn

Stefani Olsen (Sanders) Candidate Withdrawn

Jill Ortman-Fouse (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Jennifer Peyton (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Alyssa Picard (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Sanjida Rangwala (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Elly I. Rostoum (Sanders) Candidate Withdrawn

Peggy Sand (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Patricia L. Sims (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Jennifer Stein (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Susan Turnbull (Buttigieg) Campaign Suspended

Mary D. P. Wagner (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

Jheanelle Wilkins (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Teresa Saavedra Woorman (Buttigieg)

Campaign Suspended

Joyce C. Yang (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Delegates to the Democratic National Convention

Congressional District 6

MALE DELEGATE CANDIDATES:

Democrats may vote for no more than 4.

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 80s and not capable of giving a 2nd term.

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 elec-

tion. This candidate will become the Democratic nominee for President of the United States.

LARRY KASECAMP (BIDEN)

QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA:

No response received by deadline.

DEVANG SHAH (BIDEN)

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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

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)

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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.

Congressional District 6

MALE DELEGATE CANDIDATES:

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.

WITHDRAWN OR SUSPENDED:

Gabriel Acevero (Sanders) Candidate Withdrawn

David A. Anderson (Gabbard)

Candidate Withdrawn

Mumin A. Barre (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

Bobby Bartlett (Sanders) Candidate Withdrawn

Ronald A. Beattie (Steyer) Campaign Suspended

Andrew Duck (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Brian Gaither (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Brian K. Grim (Buttigieg) Campaign Suspended

Raef Haggag (Sanders) Candidate Withdrawn

Jason Ray Hutchison (Bloomberg)

Campaign Suspended

Csanad Petru Ignat (Yang)

Candidate Withdrawn

Nickolas A. Jackson (Yang)

Candidate Withdrawn

Daniel Jacoby (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Mark Jafari (Klobuchar) Candidate Withdrawn

Roy D. Jaquez (Gabbard) Candidate Withdrawn

Barry Kissin (Gabbard) Candidate Withdrawn

Jason A. Malott (Buttigieg)

Campaign Suspended

Manuel Martinez Salgado (Buttigieg)

Campaign Suspended

Joseph Merchlinsky (Yang)

Candidate Withdrawn

Jim Michaels (Bloomberg) Campaign Suspended

Kirill Reznik (Buttigieg) Campaign Suspended

Benjamin Smith (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Nicholas L. Smith (Steyer)

Campaign Suspended

Jayson L. Spiegel (Bloomberg)

Campaign Suspended

Vaughn Stewart (Sanders)

Candidate Withdrawn

Philip Sunshine (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

James Vaccaro (Gabbard) Candidate Withdrawn

Mudit Verma (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Camber A. Vincent (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Delegates to the Democratic National Convention

Congressional District 8

MALE DELEGATE CANDIDATES:

Democrats may vote for no more than 4.

consistency is very appealing to many Midwest voters. Bernie is the best chance of beating Trump.

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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.

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Congressional District 8

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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.

EVAN GLASS (WARREN)

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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!

TOM HUCKER (UNCOMMITTED)

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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.

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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 experi-

ences in a variety of settings and an appreciation of public servants.

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QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

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QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA: No response received by deadline.

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Benjamin Robert Howard Cole Beaury (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Ronald E. Cohen (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Ari Michael Feuer (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

Kade Friedlander (Bloomberg)

Campaign Suspended

Scott Evan Goldberg (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Richard H. Goodwin Jr. (Gabbard)

Candidate Withdrawn

Henry K. Ho (Yang) Candidate Withdrawn

Juan Carlos Iturregui (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Ashwani Jain (Buttigieg) Campaign Suspended

Samuel J. Lieberman (Klobuchar)

Candidate Withdrawn

Peter MacGahan (Gabbard)

Candidate Withdrawn

John Maslin (Gabbard) Candidate Withdrawn

Joseph McCarthy (Buttigieg)

Campaign Suspended

David Moon (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Danny I. Moreno (Sanders)

Candidate Withdrawn

Bob Muehlenkamp (Sanders)

Candidate Withdrawn

Thomas Mulczynski (Buttigieg)

Campaign Suspended

Frederick A. Olowin (Yang)

Candidate Withdrawn

Camden Raynor (Warren) Candidate Withdrawn

Martin Russell (Gabbard) Candidate Withdrawn

Jeffrey Zane Slavin (Bloomberg)

Campaign Suspended

Andrew Vermilye (Bloomberg)

Campaign Suspended

Cameron Walkup (Warren)

Candidate Withdrawn

Benjamin Matthew Wolff (Buttigieg)

Campaign Suspended

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

Frederick County Board of Education

DUTIES: Members of the Board of Education determine and enforce policies that govern the Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS). Among other responsibilities, the Board of Education appoints the Superintendent of Schools; initiates, reviews, and discusses educational issues; prepares and requests annual capital and operating budgets; and receives funding from county, state, and federal sources.

TERM: Four years; no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide in a nonpartisan election.

QUESTIONS

1. What background and experience do you bring to this position?
2. What are Frederick County's two most pressing education issues and how would you address them?
3. What can be done to ensure more diversity in school administration and teacher staff? How can a more diverse staff ensure successful outcomes for all students?
4. How should FCPS address the needs of students who are not college bound?
5. How do you feel about the current testing protocols? Do they reveal information that will be useful for their education?
6. What are your views on class size as it affects educational outcomes vs. dollars spent?

CANDIDATES:

Voters may vote for no more than 3.

ANDREA PILON ARTMAN

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1. I am a graduate of public schools including my childhood education in Carleton, MI and obtaining MS & BS degrees in Bioengineering from U. of Toledo. My success in this position will be supported by the professional experiences I've gained in the implementation of regulation & policy as well as my experience as a business owner in Frederick Co. I have kids in FCPS where I am treasurer of OES PTA.

2. The health and well being of our students. Educator, Administrator, and support staff pay as well as their health and well being. We need to appropriately support the adults that are supporting the growth and development of our children.

3. The diversity of the staff will not happen without direct intentionality. Increasing diversity is harder than other transformations due to barriers like unconscious bias. Therefore, it is important to have a robust transformation plan that will explicitly address the impact of unconscious bias in decision making related to hiring. It is important for our children to see themselves in their mentors

4. FCPS has great programs in place for those that are not college bound. They are working to expand these programs which I believe is essential to support all students within the County. I would like to see programs strategically located to ensure that all members of the community have access to these programs that are already very robust. Expansion of additional certificates is also of interest.

5. We have to comply with state & federal testing requirements; however, I believe it is important to continually evaluate the use of the testing at FCPS & how it is being used to ensure the whole child is being educated. I don't believe teaching "to the test" is the best way to utilize the testing, but it takes strength and courage to transform education when the stakes of funding are so high.

6. Funding the space needed to support smaller class sizes and finding/retaining additional highly trained professionals isn't always possible. While personalized attention is extremely important at all ages, I believe it is most important in younger aged classrooms (PreK-3rd) as this is where large discrepancies are being overcome. Followed by a continued staged implementation after the

3rd grade.

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1. In my personal and professional life, I am a lifelong advocate for people with disabilities. I have worked as a special education teacher and as a nonprofit administrator. In recent years, I've worked in higher education, coordinating a new alternative testing center and leading diversity and inclusion initiatives. I have a Masters in Special Education and a Masters in Public Administration (MPA).

2. We continue to underfund our schools. In 2019, Frederick ranked 23rd out of 24 Maryland counties in per pupil funding. I will lobby our local and state elected officials to increase educational funding. We also have a lack of trust between FCPS and many residents. I will address this through increased transparency, weekly listening sessions and maintaining relationships in underserved communities.

3. Many studies indicate the positive effects teachers of color have on educational outcomes for students of all backgrounds. I advocate increasing our recruitment efforts at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), holding focus groups with underrepresented FCPS staff to better understand their experiences, and encouraging all students to consider careers in education.

4. I am impressed by the work occurring within our Career and Technology Center (CTC), which prepares students for important careers, including some that do not require college. A challenge has been that the seats are limited, and that interest in the program is growing. We should explore expansion of the CTC, either on the Community College campus or in a location in the northern part of the county.

5. Many students and families feel overtested and stressed from standardized exams. However, the state of Maryland and the federal government require many of these exams; reducing them is not within the scope of our Board of Education. When analyzed across our school system, standardized exams provide important data on overall student achievement and current progress in closing the achievement gap.

6. I support smaller class sizes, and I will work with my colleagues on the board to, at a minimum, maintain class sizes at their current levels. Many studies have correlated smaller class sizes with stronger educational outcomes. Maintaining or reducing class size is one important way

in which we can work to close the achievement gap and increase educational outcomes in Frederick County.

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1. As a parent, a non-profit leader, and a strong advocate of public education, I bring my collaborative spirit and experience in educational advocacy, equity, and partnership development to the BOE. I support our public educators and staff and work to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, can access resources and programs in an equitable environment where they can thrive.

2. Education funding to ensure all educators possess the resources that they need to be successful inside and outside the classroom (addressed through advocacy and participation at the state and local level to update the funding formula); access to comprehensive career and college readiness for all students (expand CTC programming to reach more students).

3. Educators who reflect the racial, cultural, gender, & learning abilities of their students make learning accessible to improve student achievement. We need to ensure that our pay scale/benefits are competitive to attract & retain high quality & diverse employees while also reducing class size, offering training and support, and professional development & advanced degree certification.

4. We expand life skills/social emotional development programs for students in elementary and middle schools. We also build on our successful career training model and expand existing CTC programs for greater access of high school students to vocational/technical training while decreasing the perceived stigma attached to vocational programs. Expanding partnerships with local businesses is critical.

5. While testing tools allow educators and districts to evaluate achievement, current testing protocols do not align with the realities of the school calendar and force educators to "teach to the test" rather than meeting students at their current level of need. Our education system should focus more on content mastery, experiential learning, and real-world application rather than on over-testing.

6. Smaller class sizes allow educators to build meaningful relationships with students & encourage academic achievement, social/emotional learning, and offer more

personalized instruction. Investing in smaller class sizes to encourage student achievement is both necessary and attainable within FCPS' planned 2021 budget.

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1. I am a retired Frederick County Public Schools teacher, serving 17 years. I was appointed to the Board of Education by the County Executive in January of 2019 to complete the term for Ken Kerr. In addition, I logged over 1000 hours as a parent volunteer with FCPS while my two children were in school and I served on many committees and as an officer in Parent/Teacher organizations.

2. We should consider the whole student when allocating funds and developing services. We have focused a great deal on the academic student and increasing test scores but need to consider mental health issues and how student are coming to our classrooms. We need to look at the education we provide through an equity lens, ensuring that we put all of our students and schools on an equal field.

3. The Board and Human Resources are working to recruit a diverse population of teachers and administrators. Some progress has been made, but we can do more. I think it is important for our increasingly diverse student population to be able to see themselves reflected in the leadership in our schools. I think this will improve attitudes in learning for all our students.

4. We need to look to build our CTC program and perhaps have satellite campuses for Career and Technology throughout the county. Our programs at CTC are very successful; we just need to be able to make them available to more students.

5. I am not sure what standardized testing can tell us about the success of our schools. I would like to see us focus more on teacher-developed assessments and performance assessments.

6. I believe that smaller classes are better for both the students and the teachers. A smaller class size allows for greater one-to-one instruction between teacher and student.

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1. For over 15 years, I have served as an educational leader in and out of the classroom. As an Science Educator w/FCPS I earned the Lions Club Teacher of the Year & Frederick Co. Character Counts Award. With Johns Hopkins Univ-APL I served as Asst. Director of the (MESA) program, providing growth opportunities in STEM for students in Maryland & the nation, earning awards for innovation and service.

2. Issues facing FCPS include: the need for increased funding to serve our growing community and the need for initiatives to promote active student engagement in order to improve student experiences and outcomes. To address these issues I would support funding increases and champion programs that actively connect our students' learning to the world, empowering them to make an impact on the world now!

3. Diverse staffing is a powerful tool for success. When

students have positive interactions with teachers from diverse backgrounds the students gain an appreciation for not only their content, but for the teacher; a lesson that imparts compassion for others. I would work with FCPS to increase the recruitment of diverse teachers from universities who have an established record of diverse candidates.

4. In supporting students who will be entering the workforce, military or a trade profession upon graduation, we should provide opportunities for them to obtain necessary skills & certifications that will make them valuable to employers. Building off the successful pattern of our CTC program, we should identify cost-effective options for professional coursework certifications in every school.

5. Assessment has a place in education. Yet at present, our students are subjected to an overabundance of standardized testing. While some exams provide students opportunities for scholarships and assess future readiness, there are some exams that bear no weight on a student's given curriculum or forward progression towards graduation. We must be careful not to over burden our students with testing.

6. Smaller class sizes have continuously been linked to higher student achievement. It is important to consider other options before increasing class sizes, as doing so will negatively impact overall student wellness and success. As a member of the Board of Education, I will wholeheartedly support measures that ensure appropriate sized student to teacher ratios in classrooms. It is worth the investment.

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1. I have lived in Frederick County since 1996 and have over 20 years of teaching experience as a respected professor and faculty leader at Frederick Community College where I focus on student success with special emphasis on underrepresented students in STEM fields. Also, I operate a farm and small business, am a parent to a FCPS 2nd grader, coach youth baseball, and am a volunteer firefighter/EMT.

2. First, big changes are coming at the state level. We need leaders to navigate those changes at the local level to ensure the best educational opportunities are available to all students in Frederick County. Second, we need to recruit and retain the highest quality teachers and staff. I will work with county and state legislators along with other stakeholders to ensure we have resources to do this.

3. We should allocate resources to attract and retain new hires by clearly articulating our commitment to diversity; having mentoring programs, great professional development and working conditions, student loan forgiveness programs; and more. An FCPS workforce that mirrors our local demographics will boost academic outcomes and success rates of ALL our students.

4. Expand workforce, apprentice, and trades programs! FCPS should be guided by the Livable Frederick Master Plan, which emphasizes preparing students for trades and careers that do not require a college degree. We need to increase enrollment capacity and physical space at the CTC, expand partnerships with businesses on apprenticeship programs, and explore more dual enrollment career programs at FCC.

5. Test data is useful for setting benchmarks, studying comparisons with others who take the same tests, and identifying problems or gaps. Testing data, however, should only be part of evaluating our students and programs. Test bias against poor test takers, English language learners, students with disabilities, and other disadvantaged students is a concern. Test data is just one tool in our toolbox.

6. Evidence suggests smaller class sizes lead to better outcomes especially for low-income students, English language learners, and earliest grades. However, blanket class size reduction may not be the most cost effective approach when spending educational dollars. More competitive salaries and better work environments should also be considered as ways to positively impact student outcomes.

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1. For almost 30 years I have worked, coached, mentored, volunteered, and lobbied on behalf of young people. I have volunteered for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Heartly House and Frederick Health Hospital. I served as an assistant boys' basketball coach at Urbana and Oakdale High Schools' for the past 13 years and I am currently the Board Chair for the Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County.

2. Socioeconomic Achievement Gap - We need to expand existing services such as CTC, LYNX and Social & Emotional Learning programs. We also need to identify students who need social & academic help sooner and get them the services they need. Teacher Salary - Attract and retain the best talent by increasing the teacher pay scale in order to make Frederick County competitive with our neighboring counties.

3. Expand our scope of teacher recruitment outside of our geographic area and build teacher recruitment teams which are made up of diverse members. We need to be prepared to offer contracts when outstanding talent is identified.

4. We need to offer entry level Career Tech Education at all of the county's Middle and High Schools. Students need to be introduced early to career opportunities. Enlarge the current Career Tech Center in order to accommodate more students and expand programs through apprenticeships with local companies that allow students to graduate with trade certifications and matriculate into professions.

5. I believe that we have allowed current testing protocols to become the dominant force within our schools, at the detriment of our students and teachers. We have reduced imagination, creativity and critical thinking. While testing has a place in education and should be used to measure individual student progress, it should not be the dominant factor which drives our teaching and curriculum.

6. There are a number of studies that link smaller class size in K-8 classes to improved academic performance in the future. When students are provided more individualized attention earlier, it improves self confidence and sets a foundation that allows students to work independently in later grades. By focusing on students earlier, smaller class size provides a positive return on investment.

